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Christopher Columbus Park Trellis Lighting Kicks off the Holiday Season

by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com

In its highlight event of the year, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park joined with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Monday night November 19th, to host the 16th annual lighting of the park's signature trellis.

Boston's historic waterfront was transformed into a holiday wonderland when the park's 260-feet of trellis were set aglow with 50,000 blue lights along with decorated trees throughout the park.

On hand to flip the switch were State Senator Joe Boncore, City Councilors Lydia Edwards and Ed Flynn along with FOCCP

President Joanne Hayes-Rines. Entertainment was highlighted by students from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Berklee College of Music vocalist Natalie Daniela Castro, singer Sharon Zeffiro performing a selection of holiday classics, and special guests Santa Claus and Rudolph.

In addition, the Postmaster of Boston Nicolas Francescucci unveiled the new U.S. Postal Service holiday stamp. Refreshments, holiday treats, and giveaways provided by the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, HP Hood LLC, Joe's American Bar & Grill Waterfront and Magic 106.7.



(Photo by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com)

News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

"Trump's Crude Realpolitik"

The above was a November 23rd *Wall Street Journal* editorial concerning the president's public reaction to the connection between the murder of Jamal Khashoggi's by alleged Saudi agents and whether Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was involved in the crime. Trump stated, "Maybe he did and maybe he didn't."

The first thing I thought when hearing the president's quote was that there was realpolitik setting in. Do we care about oil more than justice? Do we see the importance of the Saudis as more important than a mere murder? Khashoggi used to be BFF with the Crown Prince until he wasn't anymore? Khashoggi used to run Saudi newspapers and do the party line until he fell out of favor.

Trump is caught between a rock and a hard place. The Democrats who are about to take over the House want the White House to place sanctions on the Saudis but Trump is trying to keep the Saudis from becoming our economic enemy by cozying up to the Russians and Chinese in trade matters.

Realpolitik is a difficult thing to do. It never looks good on its face. You have got to be Otto Von Bismarck and they don't make those kinds of leaders anymore.

Democrats on the other hand don't care about anything anymore than power. Diplomacy is not one of their strengths.

Clinton Said What!!!

Hillary Clinton now wants European leaders to think about restricting migrant immigration. She now sees the peril of opening the doors of Western Europe to endless immigration. Sounds like she's quoting President Trump over the issue of open borders, doesn't it?

Loved that November 23rd *NY Times* headline, "Clinton Warns Europe of Peril of Open Borders." Even liberals and progressive socialists are with Clinton now.

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VERIZON BRINGING MORE CHOICES TO BOSTON RESIDENTS

Verizon Will Accelerate Small Cell Deployment for Additional Wireless Broadband Capacity, Bring Fios Internet and TV to All City Neighborhoods, and Provide Verizon Smart Communities Products and Services

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Verizon recently announced a new partnership that will accelerate Boston's plan to be one of the most technologically advanced cities in the nation, giving residents more choice. Building on the partnership formed in 2016, Verizon will expand its local wireless network speed and capacity to its local 4G LTE network, expand Fios internet and cable television to all neighborhoods in Boston, and collaborate with Boston on Smart Communities solutions.

"Our partnership with Verizon reflects one goal: to make sure all of Boston's residents have access to the most advanced digital technology both now, and in the future," said Mayor Walsh. "We're making sure Boston is the best digital city in the nation, and through partnerships with companies like Verizon, residents will have better, more affordable options, as we work together to create inclusive growth for our city."

These technology enhancements are in addition to Verizon's original \$300 million investment to build a 100 percent fiber-optic network platform across Boston. The expansion of Verizon's wireless small cell network now almost doubles that investment to nearly \$600 million total. Verizon will also be contributing \$1 million over eight years to the Boston Digital Equity Fund to help support programs that provide affordable access

to broadband to underserved residents.

"The City of Boston has been a tremendous partner for us, and a great leader in building the digital city of the future," said Kyle Malady, Chief Technology Officer of Verizon. "Together we're creating a platform of innovation with the latest technology that will benefit Boston

residents, businesses, universities, first responders and visitors for decades to come."

Under a new 10-year wireless agreement, Verizon will significantly expand its wireless small cell network throughout the city to bring more speed and capacity to its existing 4G LTE network.

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Buon Natale
NORTH END ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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EVEN FUNERALS HAVE ROOTS



Hellenistic Age Urns in Rooms X at the Vatican Museums

“Funus” is the Latin name for rope, cable, or cord. It is also the name that was given to the funeral rites in ancient Rome. Their Latin word funus, and in turn, our English word funeral, are both derived from the burial procession during those ancient times which employed twisted ropes that had been smeared with pitch and used as torches to light the way. Torches were necessary because all Roman funerals took place during the hours of darkness.

The funeral rites in ancient Greece predated those of the Romans and probably set the pattern by which later civilizations conducted themselves during those moments of grief. There is no cynicism attached to the following statements and please remember that I’m calling attention to popular beliefs and customs that go back more than five centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ. Those persons who are truly interested in the roots of many Christian beliefs are requested to compare these ancient customs with those of today.

“Elysium” or the “Elysian Plains,” in Greek mythology, was the place where chaste, moral, righteous, or virtuous people went after death and where there was complete happiness, paradise, and ideal bliss. The ancient Greeks attached great importance to the burial of their dead. They believed that a soul could not enter the Elysian Fields until the body had been properly buried. Apparently, this feeling was so strong that it was considered a religious duty to throw earth upon an unburied body if one happened to be found.

Among the Athenians, children who might have been released from all other obligations toward unworthy parents were still considered morally and religiously bound to bury them. Neglect in providing a proper burial for one’s relative was considered to be a serious charge against the character of any man. The belief was also quite common that the dead had a moral and legal right to a proper burial.

At the moment of death the eyes were closed by one of those present, an “obolus” (small coin) was placed in the mouth and then the mouth was also closed. This coin was intended, symbolically, to be used as payment for Charon’s fare (to be explained later). The body was then washed, anointed with perfumes, and clothed in rich white garments that were burned in the cremation. Laws were passed limiting the number of garments that could be burned. A wreath of flowers was also placed upon the head of the deceased. The body was laid out on an ordinary bed with a pillow that supported the head and back and the feet were turned toward the door. Special vases that contained perfumes were placed beside the body and were usually buried with the coffin or ashes. These vases were very beautiful and were manufactured specifically for funeral purposes. A honey cake was also placed near the corpse. This cake was intended, also symbolically, to be used as a reward for “Cerberus,” the three-headed dog that guarded the gates of Hades, a kind of middle world, which seems to have been the forerunner of our purgatory.

Family members and near relatives gathered around the corpse and wailed or uttered loud expressions of grief.

Many of the mourners even went so far as to beat their breasts, pull their hair, scratch their cheeks, tear their clothes, and sprinkle ashes on their heads. Some families even hired professional singers to lead the mourning chant. The last item to be noted as a part of the death vigil was a vessel of water that was placed near the exit door to the house. This was available so that persons who had been inside could purify themselves from the pollution of death by sprinkling water on themselves.

NEXT ISSUE:
The Greek Procession

MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen.
Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.
N.C.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
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(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI18P5559EA
Estate of
JAMES HENRY McMANUS, JR.
Also Known As
JAMES H. McMANUS, JR.
Date of Death October 16, 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 **James H. McManus, III of Weston, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **James H. McManus, III of Weston, 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 7, 2018.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 13, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/30/2018

Saint Alexander Sauli

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Alexander was born in Milan, on February 15, 1534, to an illustrious Lombard family. His parents were Dominic and Tommasina Spinola Sauli. His father was Marquis of Pozzuolo in the territory of Tortona. Both of his parents were from ancient and noble families of Genoa. This social status offered Alexander a great opportunity for a prestigious and brilliant career. Alexander became a page at the court of Emperor Charles V in Milan at the age of 17.

He joined the Barnabites, which had been recently founded by St. Antony Zaccharia, at the age of seventeen, and studied at the Order’s college at Pavia, which he also endowed with a library and at which he taught philosophy and theology. He was ordained in 1556, at the young age of 22.

Alexander became the confessor for St. Charles Borromeo and Cardinal Sfondrati (later Pope Gregory XIV). He earned a reputation as a zealous preacher while in Pavia. In 1567, at the age of 33, Alexander was elected general of his congregation.

In 1570, Alexander began 20 years of service to the Church as bishop of Corsica in Aleria, becoming known as the “Apostle of Corsica.” He made great efforts to reform the Church there, where the faith seemed all but dead. By personally visiting all of the parishes, he helped to rekindle the life of faith of the clergy and



parishioners. Where the clergy and people were in a state of ignorance, Bishop Alexander would enlighten them, explaining the decrees of the Council of Trent. His friend, St. Philip Neri, considered that Alexander’s reforms had transformed the disreputable Corsican diocese into a model for others.

Pope Gregory XIV appointed him Bishop of Pavia in 1591. The people of Pavia were thrilled to learn that Alexander was returning and gave him a great welcome.

Alexander arrived on October 19, 1591, and began to enkindle a deeper faith in the people, who were suffering famine. He made pastoral visits until he fell ill during one of them. He died on October 11, 1592.

He was Canonized on December 11, 1904 by Pope Pius X. The feast of Saint Alexander Sauli is celebrated on October 11th.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for **MPA Contract No. A197-S5 TERMINAL ROOM RENUMBERING**. The Authority is seeking a qualified multidiscipline consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services to develop a systematic room numbering system for use by all departments within the Authority. These services are expected to be provided at Logan International Airport. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

The consultant shall demonstrate experience in several disciplines including but not limited to Architectural, Survey, Wayfinding, Signage, GIS, and CAD/BIM.

The contract will be work order based, and Consultant’s fee for each work order shall be negotiated; however, the total fee for the contract shall not exceed **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$350,000.00)**.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on **Wednesday, December 5, 2018** on the Capital Bid Opportunities Web page of Massport <http://www.massport.com/massport/business/bids-opportunities/capital-bids> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, and on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Susan Brace at Capital Programs SBrace@massport.com The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about Scope of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a Consultant Briefing to be held at **9:00 AM (ET) on Tuesday, December 11, 2018** at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport’s standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority’s standard agreement can be found on the Authority’s Web page at <http://www.massport.com/massport/business/capital-improvements/important-documents/>. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, FCMAA, NAC, Hon. D.Eng., Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than **12:00 Noon on Thursday, January 24, 2019** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

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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.*

Assunta (Rosa) Di Pietro

May 24, 1933 – November 26, 2018

May She Rest in Peace

Prisca "Assunta" (Rosa) Di Pietro formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully in Pisa, Italy on Monday, November 26, 2018 at the age of 85.

Born in Mirabella Eclano, Italy, she was the beloved daughter of the late Gioconda (Moscato) Rosa and Antonio Rosa. Survived by her husband, Alfonso Di Pietro of East Boston.

Loving Mother of (Maddalen) Marisa Di Pietro of East Boston and Rita Di Pietro of Cenaia (Pisa) Italy. Dear sister of the late



Pasquale "Pat" Rosa and wife Janet and the late Prisco "Joe" Rosa and his wife Mary, all of Revere. Cherished grandmother of Lorenzo Lischi, of Cenaia (Pisa), Italy.

Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews, both in the USA and Italy.

A seamstress by profession, while living in East Boston Assunta worked for many years with her brother Pat Rosa as a tailor at his then business, Frankie's Cleaners in Maverick Square.

4th Annual NEMPAC Messiah Concert

December 12th — Free

North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and the Boston Landmarks Orchestra present their 4th Annual Messiah Concert on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the St. Leonard's Church at 320 Hanover Street, North End, and is free and open to the public.

The concert will be directed by music director Christopher Wilkins and will feature the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, One City Choir, NEMPAC Youth Choir, and Professional Soloists including Teresa Wakim, *Soprano*; Emily Marvosh, *Contralto*; Ethan DePuy, *Tenor* and Junhan Choi, *Bass*.

The NEMPAC Youth Choir, conducted by music director Alexandra Dietrich, will perform a special prelude to the concert. The youth choir includes singers from the St John School Honor's Choir, The Eliot K-8 School Choir, and the NEMPAC Winter Concert Choir.

This concert is sponsored by Lucia Ristorante and the Frattaroli Family in Loving Memory of Mark F. Frattaroli.

Seating may be limited and it is recommended that attendees RSVP online via eventbrite if they are planning to attend at www.nempacboston.org.

If you are interested in participating as a sponsor of this event or to purchase a program ad, please contact Sherri Snow at ssnow@nempacboston.org. If you are a member of the NEMPAC Leadership Circle, no reservation is required for this concert; seating will be reserved for you!

For tickets or information, contact Sarah Vandewalle, NEMPAC Concert Manager, svandewalle@nempacboston.org, or call 617-227-2270.

Note about St. Leonard's Church & Fundraising Campaign:

Through the generosity of a great benefactor, Saint Leonard Parish has received a pledge to match any donations made to the parish restoration fund up to \$1 million dollars. This unique "Matching Donation" Program will last until December 25, 2018. \$355,000.00 has already been matched but there is a vast expense to the maintenance of the two church buildings. Sacred Heart Church is in need of urgent repairs to the façade, as well as a great deal of interior restoration. There have also been many requests regarding the repair and restoration of the organ, choir loft, and original bells at Saint Leonard Church. The success of this program would allow to begin this additional work. St. Leonard's Church community appeals to those who have not yet been able to extend their contribution and to their cherished visitors, to help reach the additional \$645,000.00. Opportunities, such as bricks to be placed in the Peace Garden, stained glass windows, and Stations of the Cross for memorialization of your family and loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office for more details (617)523-2110 and admin@saintleonardchurchboston.org

ABCD Community Heroes Celebration

Raises Funding and Honors Local Heroes



IN IT TOGETHER — The 2018 ABCD Community Heroes Celebration at the Boston Copley Marriott Place Hotel on Friday, October 26, 2018
(Photo by Chris Aduama)

On October 26th, ABCD held its annual Community Heroes Celebration. This first-rate, popular event is an annual fundraising event to pay tribute to the agency's extraordinary volunteers, people who make a world of difference in the lives of the most vulnerable among Boston's diverse neighborhoods. The hero for the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) site was none other than the North End's very own State Representative Aaron Michlewitz. Each awardee gets to bring a special guest, so in attendance as well was State Representative Michlewitz's wife, Maria.

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz as everyone knows is a life-long North Ender, having grown up in the neighborhood with his parents. Listening to him is a living history lesson, as he and many other local residents have seen the transformation of the neighborhood through the years. When he comes to the NE/WE NSC, he always jokes with the seniors that he had many mothers and grandmothers in the neighborhood, so he knew he had to stay out of trouble or his mother would have heard by supper time! State Representative Michlewitz as a young boy played Little League and hung out at "the Gassy" and his love for the neighborhood, especially the seniors and families, not to mention his decades of political experience, have made him the down-to-earth, friendly, hardworking advocate for the neighborhood.

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz has been an outstanding friend of the ABCD North End/West End since 2005, when he was a legislative aide to Speaker Sal DiMasi, and ever since his own election as a representative in 2009. Through the years, he has advocated tirelessly to make seniors' lives better. As a North End neighbor himself, State Representative Michlewitz is well recognized with the seniors in the neighborhood, and has been known to assist personally with snow removal on snow-covered stoops and sidewalks. He can often be seen in the neighborhood greeting residents and asking what they need.

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz says, "As an elected official it is my duty to serve my constituents and help them with any services they may need. Having ABCD as a partner helps me to properly serve my district



L-R: ABCD Sharon Scott Chandler, Exec. Vice President; John Drew, President CEO; Michael Vance, Vice President Field Operations; Maria Stella Gulla, Director NSC; Hero for the ABCD North End / West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Yvonne Jones ABCD Board Chair.
(Photo by Chris Aduama)



State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Maria Stella Gulla, Director
(Photo by Don West/FOTOGRAFIKS)

efficiently and effectively. From hosting events for our seniors in the North End to the Head Start for our South End and Chinatown residents, ABCD and its staff goes above and beyond for citizens of the City of Boston."

Maria Stella Gulla, Director ABCD North End, West End NSC, adds, "I know that I can call on State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and of course the other elected officials for the neighborhoods to bring our center's seniors and families the services they need. It is a huge

benefit to have a connection with someone who has roots to the neighborhood. That is so meaningful for the constituents we serve."

Aaron regularly attends events at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, so seniors should be sure to check out the NE/WE NSC's monthly calendar of events. Through the years Aaron has advocated for the NE/WE NSC including but not limited to a state earmark; the donation of buses for field trips; turkeys and gift cards for the holidays; and last but not least, with sweets and gifts for monthly senior events. He is always a sought after celeb for the NE/WE NSC's annual Buona Sera fundraising event, and pointed the North End/West End NSC additionally in the direction of participating restaurants and celebrity guests to make the evening a success.

Thank you, Representative Aaron Michlewitz, for your much-deserved award and for your tireless advocacy and service to not only the North End but the entire 3rd Suffolk District.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The Christmas season that most wonderful time of the year, is fully upon us! I feel its merriment whenever I take a sip of spicy eggnog, its velvety texture warming me inside with the taste of the holidays. On the first day of Advent, my husband and I will decorate our home for Christmas, setting up our small tree and placing an evergreen wreath on our door. The twinkling lights of these adornments shine through even the darkest midwinter night, while the greenery reminds me that the cycle of life rolls on despite the blustery cold of the season. Christmas carols, ubiquitous on the radio now, compose to soundtrack of my days now, filling them with the sounds of jingle bells. However, the most inescapable symbol of secular Christmas celebrations remains the jolly man in the North Pole himself — Santa Claus! Santa Claus appears everywhere nowadays, from thrones in shopping malls to television ads, from cookie faces to household decorations. Sometimes, Santa Claus manifests as the elegant Father Christmas — a serious-faced man clad in long, intricate robes, holding a staff. More often, however, he is a rotund, merry-faced man with a bushy white beard and a red suit, a bag bursting with gifts slung around his shoulder. Though Santa Claus has become a prominent figure in Christmas commercialism, at his purest form he is a comforting symbol of the mirth, goodwill and kindness which characterize this season. This complex character even has his own holiday on December 6th, a day abounding with Christmas history!

The idea of Santa Claus may seem rather strange, even bizarre. Here is a man who lives in the North Pole, wears red, owns a toyshop run by elves, and hops aboard a sleigh to deliver presents to children on Christmas Eve. Why is this figure so attached to the holiday season? Like most Christmas symbols, Santa Claus derives from both Christian and pagan roots. Some of his characteristics hearken back to the Norse god Odin, who led a wild hunt across the midwinter night sky on an eight-legged stallion. Children would leave carrots out overnight for Odin's horse, similar to the tradition of offering cookies and milk to Santa Claus. Elves also form a major part of Scandinavian folklore, where tales abounded of magical creatures who were especially active during the Twelve Days

of Christmas. Nevertheless, Santa Claus's most immediate ancestor is St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourth-century bishop hailing from Asia Minor, now modern-day Turkey. St. Nicholas became famous for his generosity, eventually serving as the patron saint of children. His association with gift-giving stems from a famous legend in which he secretly made gifts of gold to three sisters too poor to afford a dowry. The very name "Santa Claus" is a corruption of "St. Nicholas," hailing from Dutch settlers who brought the figure of *Sinterklaas* to America. In other countries, such as England, Santa Claus's name is "Father Christmas." This corresponds to his Italian moniker as well, as the jolly man is known as *Babbo Natale* — literally, "Father Christmas." Though the premiere gift-bringer in Italy remains *La Befana*, the kindly witch who circles the world on Epiphany Eve, *Babbo Natale* yields enormous presence there as well, and Italian children write letters to the merry, red-suited man.

St. Nicholas, Santa Claus's predecessor, even boasts his own feast day on the 6th of December. My grandmother hails from the southern Italian city of Bari, which holds the relics of the saint, and as such *la Festa di San Nicola*, or St. Nicholas's Day, endures as one of her most cherished holidays. She still speaks fondly of citywide celebrations on this day, replete with parades and processions, most centered around the Basilica di San Nicola. In other areas of Europe, St. Nicholas's Day functions as a quaint and charming precursor to Christmas, a day devoted to the happiness of children. Children in Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic leave their shoes or boots on the windowsills during the eve of St. Nicholas's feast, only to find them filled with candy and trinkets in the morning. Polish children find small bags of candy tucked under their pillows, while their counterparts in France bake gingerbread and brioche to mark the holiday. My family honors St. Nicholas's Day with customs that awaken my inner child. My husband's parents bless and distribute candy canes on this day, sharing the joy of this nostalgic treat. I bake an eggnog cake for this feast. Silky and warm, studded with golden raisins and topped with a brown sugar streusel, this cake tastes like the Christmas festivities. As its scent fills the

air, I become thankful for the pleasures of home and hearth that form the crux of holidays like St. Nicholas's Day.

Though the modern age seems bent on commercializing Santa Claus, we should pay attention to the true significance of this enigmatic and jovial figure. A combination of Christian and pagan roots, Santa Claus celebrates the values of compassion and kindness. The feast day of his predecessor St. Nicholas honors children and is imbued with the optimism and generosity that characterizes the Christmas season. While it may seem far too easy to impatiently wait for Christmas's arrival, St. Nicholas's Day serves as a welcome reminder that the whole Advent period brims with unique and special holidays that reveal the various facets of Christmas. During the holidays this year, let us make a pact to face life with the same sense of magic and wonder that typifies Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, or *Babbo Natale*. When we look at Christmas with joyous, childlike eyes, we can finally enjoy the true magnanimous spirit of the holidays, making our souls as bright as Santa Claus's smile!

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.

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Docket No. MI18P5510GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of
GENEVIEVE G. DARNELL
of Woburn, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 11/09/2018 by Taci R. Darnell of Woburn, MA will be held 12/26/2018 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 208 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

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

Date: November 9, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/30/18

THINKING
OUT LOUD
by Sal Giarratani

Saying Good Bye to Ray Chavez
Last Survivor of Pearl Harbor

When I was growing up as a kid in the '50s and early '60s, World War II was still very much present in the thoughts of America. As WWI vets were aging and dwindling out of sight, I was still very lucky to have lived downstairs of an 83-year-old veteran who served during WWI and before that as a Rough Rider with Teddy Roosevelt in 1898 during the Spanish American War. I talked with him often about his military adventures and viewed him as an American hero.

Finding WWI Veterans by 1962 was getting more difficult as this population was aging quickly and passing off into the sunset. World War II and Korean veterans were much younger and plentiful. One of my dad's longest and best friends was a guy whose name has now been forgotten by me. However, I can still see him. He sold ice cream up by the Public Gardens and Boston Common on one of those bike vehicles. He seemed pretty upbeat but he still carried his personal scars from December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He walked with a visible limp from wounds to his right leg.

Last year I was in Austin for the Annual Veterans Day parade and observation on the grounds of the State Capitol.

I was honored to both meet and shake hands with the oldest surviving veteran of World War II. He is now 112 years old and still kicking but was unable to attend this year's parade. Still, he was present in the hearts and minds of those like me who were present in Austin this year.

Now word has it that Ray Chavez, the last military survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, has passed at age 106. He served in the U.S. Navy until the end of the war in 1945 and reportedly suffered from PTSD for the rest of his life. He remains to me a real American hero who lived out his life proudly but never forgot the pains of war or all his friends who died on that early Sunday morning. Like my father's friend who had survived the attack and went on to sell ice cream and like my childhood neighbor back in 1962 who was a Rough Rider. None of these guys ever saw himself as a hero of any kind but simply an American doing what he was supposed to do. Nothing more, nothing less!

Saying good bye to Ray Chavez is a constant reminder of the heroes we often fail to see in our midst until they pass. Our job is to see these heroes around us and remember what they did and who they did it for. They are the backbone of America.

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Docket No. MI18P5686EA

Estate of
CAROLEE BELCHER
Date of Death September 20, 2018

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jeannette G. Belcher-Schepis of Watertown, 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 Jeannette G. Belcher-Schepis of Watertown, 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 18, 2018.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 20, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/30/2018

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Docket No. MI18P5757EA

Estate of
RUDOLF I. BUNDE
Date of Death October 30, 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 Andrea L. Bunde of Marblehead, 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 Andrea L. Bunde of Marblehead, 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 24, 2018.

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

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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 26, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/30/2018



On the Aisle

THEATRE NOTES

BY BOBBY FRANKLIN

Seaglass Performing Arts 25th Anniversary Season Winter Concerts

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm
South Congregational Church - Kennebunkport, Maine

Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 pm - Holy Parish Church, Sanford, Maine

Seaglass Chorale's 25th anniversary concert season will begin with its first of two performances of "A Wassail Festival" on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at South Congregational Church in Kennebunkport at 7:00 pm. The concert is a musical feast celebrating twenty-five years of Seaglass. A second performance will take place on Sunday,

December 3rd, at Holy Parish Church in Sanford at 3:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased on line at seaglassperformingarts.org (go to "Concerts and Events" and use your credit card), at Morse Hardware on Post Road in Wells (see Sally Morse), or from any Seaglass Chorale member.

Seaglass Chorale
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St. Francis Hat and Glove Collection

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All items may be dropped off at the Greenway Realty Group office, 155 Endicott Street, Boston, North End. If you cannot get to a store, you can drop off a cash donation to Olivia and we will purchase the items for you.

The North End Friends of St. Francis House thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

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Docket No. MI18P5014EA
Estate of
EDWARD G. CONLEY
Date of Death August 9, 2018
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Daniel E. Conley 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: 11/30/18

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Docket No. MI18P5315EA
Estate of
DONALD E. PEAK
Date of Death October 7, 2018
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Douglas B. Peak of Dale City, VA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Douglas B. Peak of Dale City, VA 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: 11/30/18

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Holiday Open House

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DATE: Saturday, December 1, 2018
WHERE: 25 Parmenter St.
(North End Library)
TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Catholic Schools Foundation
Peter Lynch Scholars



Mariana Hincapie, Gabriel Aviles-Lemus, and Victoria Barriga
inducted by the Catholic Schools Foundation into Ninth Class
of Peter S. Lynch Scholars

serve at the Randolph event
venue.

Guests enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner along with music and dancing. Complimentary tickets are sent to local senior centers and Salvation Army centers throughout the South Shore towns each year. This has been a tradition that the Lombardo Family has hosted since 1971.

On Wednesday, November 7th, At Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Newton, MA, a Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, to induct the ninth class of Peter Lynch (PL) Scholars. The Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Jack Ahern, Fr. Thomas Boudreau and Fr. John Currie. For the 2018-2019 school year, Mariana Hincapie, Gabriel Aviles-Lemus, and Victoria Barriga were each one of 197 elementary students to be inducted into the ninth class of PL Scholars by the Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF). Mariana, Gabriel, and Victoria were joined by PL Scholars from 54 Catholic elementary schools across the Greater Boston Area.

care and concern for others in the school community and beyond.

“You have a Peter Lynch Scholarship because someone sees potential in you,” Mike Reardon said while addressing the Peter Lynch Scholars inductees of 2018. “Because someone sees you as a person in your community who has been called to serve, called to care; just like Peter Lynch has spent the last thirty years caring about each of you.”





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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Hats off to the East Boston High School Jets football team and their coach

John Parziale after a winning victory on Thanksgiving Day at Sartori Stadium! Despite a bitter cold day, Eastie football players plowed over Southie 22-6 at their 100th rivalry meeting game. The game wasn't a nail biter for East Boston fans as Eastie took command from the first quarter, and Southie wasn't able to score until the end of the fourth quarter. East Boston Jets have won ten straight Thanksgiving Day games over their rival South Boston. Congratulations to the entire team for a game well organized and played! ... Former Dom Savio High School teacher and football coach and current Austin Prep Teacher and Football Coach Bill Maradei retired after his final game on Thanksgiving Day 2018, finishing with Austin Prep Cougars winning 14-8 over Shawsheen. Maradei, a popular football coach at the former Saint Dom Savio High School in East Boston, and Austin Prep in Reading enjoyed an impressive career since 1993. Throughout his coaching career, Maradei had more wins than any Catholic high school coach in State history. Thanksgiving Day was his final journey coaching Austin Prep High School Cougars football team to a win. Recently Maradei shared an award with James Mosca as 1978 Sandlot of the Year at the East Boston Athletic Board Annual Awards Night. Maradei lived in Orient Heights with his family before moving to Reading where his career as coach and teacher brought him. Good Luck Mr. Maradei in any future endeavors ... Marijuana is now legal to buy! With the holidays here, be extra careful while driving this holiday season. There'll be lots of parties where revelers will smoke marijuana and drink alcohol. So be smart, stay off the roads as much as possible and be aware there can be drivers high on pot along with those driving under the influence of alcohol or both. So, heads up to party goers and travel-

ers. Be alert and stay safe this holiday season ... Democrats listen up! We want legislation, not investigation! Don't spend our tax dollars on trying to take the president down, you got elected to make laws, not become vigilantes! ... Christmas is closing in, how thrilling, start opening up your wallets, that's what Christmas is all about, giving to charities and making retailers RICH! ... Thanks be to God! Amazon headquarters is not coming to "East Boston's Suffolk Downs." Can you imagine what havoc Amazon would bring to this already overly congested area! To quote Howe Carr: "There is no way our decrepit MBTA, our gridlocked traffic, our over-priced real estate markets, our hopelessly corrupt politics, and our utterly broken public education system could have handled another 50,000 hipsters and all their dependents drifting in." And, taxpayers feel the extra taxes raised by Amazon would only be absorbed by politicians who would raise more money for welfare, free housing, health care, and food stamps for the illegal community. Taxpayers are thankful and relieved that Amazon chose another home, New York and Virginia! ... A huge portion of East Boston is now Hispanic. The English language is all but forgotten in this once Italian, Irish, and Jewish populated city. Hispanic restaurants and businesses are now staples of East Boston. A very small amount of people from European backgrounds are left. Demographic numbers show Hispanic 57.7 percent dominate East Boston while Asian 3.5 percent, white 32.0, and black 2.19 are the minorities. Some yuppies have made their way into East Boston occupying gorgeous high rise harbor view apartments in expensive rent districts, near transportation. Jeffries Point first section, once a depressed area has given way to becoming the che-che place to live! The charm of the First Section, (Jeffries Point) is, it's a close walk to Maverick Station, and some apartments have some water views ... *Till next time!*

North End Holiday Events

Saturday, December 1st

TRADITIONS OF THE SEASON | 9:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. | **The Paul Revere House**, 19 North Square, Boston, MA | Join the Paul Revere House in celebrating the holiday season in the style of colonial Bostonians with 18th century music, culinary delights, and crafts.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT NORTH END LIBRARY | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | **North End Branch of the Boston Public Library**, 25 Parmenter St., Boston, MA — Join the Friends of the North End Branch Library for their annual holiday gift to the North End the Friends Annual Community Luncheon. Enjoy good food and music with friends and neighbors! A 50/50 raffle, too!!

SANTA PAWS | 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | **North End Dog Park** | Hosted by the North End RUFF dog group, bring your furry friends for a visit with Santa!

SANTA SKATE & TOY DRIVE | 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | **Steriti Memorial Rink**, 561 Commercial St., Boston, MA | Join Santa and his North End elves for the annual Columbus Day Committee's Santa Skate and Toy Drive! Enjoy skating, holiday music & caroling, face painting, refreshments, and a raffle. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child (13 and younger). Santa and his friends will be available for photos!

NAZZARO CENTER / VIRGIL'S WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY EVENT | 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | **Nazzaro Community Center**, 30 North Bennet St., Boston | Hot cocoa, cookies, and Christmas Carolers. Bring basic toiletries to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Sunday, December 2nd

TRADITIONS OF THE SEASON | 9:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. | **The Paul Revere House**, 19 North Square, Boston, MA | Join the Paul Revere House in celebrating the holiday season in the style of colonial Bostonians with 18th century music, culinary delights, and crafts.

MAYOR'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR COMES TO THE NORTH END | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | **Hanover and Cross Streets** | Come see Mayor Walsh's Enchanted Trolley Tour and meet Santa and his holiday helpers while enjoying some light refreshments as the tree is lit.

Wednesday, December 5th

WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY EVENT | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | **Nazzaro Center Courtyard** 30 North Bennet St., Boston | Christmas Tree Lighting, Holiday Music & Carolling, Hot Cocoa & Holiday Treats, Ornament Decoration. All ages welcome to attend. Monetary, basic toiletries,

scarves and undergarment donations to benefit the Salvation Army are welcome.

Thursday December 6th

TOYS FOR TOTS FUNDRAISER | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | **2 Battery Wharf**, Boston 02109, at the Divine Design Center | Join The Gilardi Group, a division of Gibson Sotheby's International Realty, and the Divine Design Center for a Toys for Tots Party! Music by DJ Lopi, cocktails and food for everyone. Participants are asked to bring a new unwrapped non-violent toy to the event.

Sunday, December 9th

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CHOIR AT BPM! | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT SAINT AGRIPPINA SOCIETY | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | **St. Agrippina Society**, 459 Hanover St., Boston, MA | Saint Agrippina Society will host its annual Christmas Program for North End kids (only).

47TH ANNUAL NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARADE | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | **Puopolo Field**, Commercial Street | Santa Claus arrives by helicopter at North End Park (Puopolo Field). **CHOIR CONCERT AT OLD NORTH CHURCH** | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | **Old North Church**, Boston, MA | Bring your friends for an evening of magnificent choral music of the season. Suggested donation \$10 per person. Our fabulous choir will perform pieces by American Choral Composer William Billings; A Christmas Cantata, *Uns ist ein Kind geboren* (For Us a Child is Born) by German Composer Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow; and Francesco Durante's *Magnificat*.

Wednesday, December 12th

NEMPAC MESSIAH CONCERT WITH THE BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA | HANDEL'S MESSIAH, PART I—ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT | 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | **Saint Leonard's Church**, 320 Hanover St., Boston MA | Tickets: FREE (tickets may be reserved online) www.nempac.boston.org/tickets | Christopher Wilkins, Conductor | The annual Messiah Concert featuring The Boston Landmarks Orchestra and Choir, NEMPAC Youth Choir and NEMPAC Soloists.

Thursday, December 13th

NORTH END CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | **Filippo's Ristorante**, 283 Causeway St., Boston | North End families and elderly will benefit from the annual North End Christmas Fund Luncheon. \$20pp. Purchased tickets at NEW Health on Hanover Street or by calling 617-643-8105. Admittance by ticket only.

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SCORPION: THE COMPLETE SERIES (24-DVD)
CBS DVD + Paramount

Take a group of misfit super-geniuses, one brainy kid, his beautiful mom, a super spy and you have *Scorpion*. Inspired by the true-life story of hacker Walter O'Brien. This brilliant, quirky team stars Katharine McPhee as Paige, Elyes Gabel (Walter), Jacy Wong (Happy), Eddie Kaye Thomas (Toby), Robert Patrick (Cabe), Ari Stidham (Sylvester), and Riley B. Smith as Ralph. Together they combine brainpower, street smarts, and clashing personalities to defend the world against global threats. Now, all 94 unforgettable episodes (2014-18), plus hours of must-see bonus features, are packed into this collectible box set. A host of special features include: Building Team Scorpion — Deleted Scenes — Unlikely Heroes — Gag Reels — Scorpion: The Comic Book — Geeky Gadgets — Scorp Beats — Mock Me Up — Breaking Brilliance — Dance With Me, and more!

STAR TREK: DISCOVERY: SEASON ONE (4-Blu-ray)
CBS Home Ent. + Paramount

Marking the return of one of the most iconic and influential global television franchises in history, the debut season of *Star Trek: Discovery: Season One*, is available on Blu-ray and DVD. The four-disc collection features all 15 Season One episodes of the CBS All Access original series, with brilliant HD picture and sound, along with a trove of compelling behind-the-scenes featurettes. Welcome to *Star Trek: Discovery* Season One, an odyssey that unfolds a decade before the era of *Star Trek: The Original Series*. Sonequa Martin-Green stars as Michael Burnham, formerly one of Starfleet's most respected first officers — and now its first mutineer. A human raised as a Vulcan, Burnham learned early that "All life is born from chaos." Her defiance of a direct order resulted in an all-out war with the Klingon Empire, and she was sentenced to life in prison — until Captain Gabriel Lorca (Jason Isaacs) recruits her aboard the U.S.S. Discovery. Joining her on this dramatic, epic journey are: First Officer Saru (Doug Jones), Chief of Security Ash Tyler (Shazad Latif), Chief Engineer Paul Stamets (Anthony Rapp), and Cadet Sylvia Tilly (Mary Wiseman). Together, their powers of logic, science and compassion will meld on their quest for victory, survival and ultimately, peace in the universe.

ERNIE KOVACS: THE CENTENNIAL EDITION (9-DVD)
Shout! Factory

Shout! Factory kicks off the 2019, 100th birthday celebration of Ernie Kovacs, television's original genius, with the release of *Ernie Kovacs: The Centennial Edition*. This collection combines the previously released volumes of groundbreaking, rule-breaking, surreal and charmingly silly comedy of the beloved and iconic comedian, Ernie Kovacs. 22 hours of decidedly offbeat entertainment from across his many television shows and specials, all of which showcase an utterly unique sensibility that has influenced such comedy institutions as *Monty Python* and *Saturday Night Live*. The 9-disc set delivers to home audiences a cornucopia of Kovacs' greatest and most memorable "hits," showcasing episodes from his local and national morning shows, episodes from his NBC prime-time show, his five ABC-TV specials, the rare color version of his legendary silent show *Eugene*, three complete episodes of his offbeat game show, *Take a Good Look*. Kovacs' *A Pony for Chris*, is the rarely-seen pilot for *Medicine Man* co-starring Buster Keaton, the only existing filmed solo interview with Kovacs himself, his award-winning commercials for Dutch Masters Cigars, a collection of short films, and much more.

GOD KNOWS WHERE I AM (DVD)
Juno Films+MVDvisual+PBS

The body of a homeless woman is found in an abandoned farmhouse; beside the body is a diary that documents her journey of starvation and the loss of sanity. The well-educated New Hampshire mother suffered from severe bipolar disorder with psychosis, but her story is told with poignancy, beauty, humor, and spirituality. For nearly four months, Linda Bishop, a prisoner of her own mind, survived on apples and rain water, waiting for God to save her, during one of the coldest winters on record. As her story unfolds from different perspectives, including her own, viewers learn about systemic failure to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

THE THIRD MURDER (Blu-ray)
Film Movement

When high-powered attorney Shigemori takes on the defense of murder-robbery suspect Milsumi, he does so with reluctance, knowing that the man already provided a full confession and had been previously convicted of murder thirty years earlier. But as he digs deeper into the evidence and hears Misumi's own conflicting testimony, the once confident Shigemori begins to doubt whether his client could be the murderer after all. *The Third Murder* is a gripping, and morally complex crime procedural that incisively explore the meaning of truth and innocence.

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

KUHNERNERMAN MOVED TO MORNINGS AGAIN

Starting this past Monday morning the *Jeff Kuhner Show* has moved back to his morning drive show on 680 WRKO from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. I think it was a great move and his radio audience will definitely grow. VB now hosts a new show of his own in Jeff's old time slot noon to 3:00 p.m.

I LOVE THE FREEDOM HUT

I think the best conservative radio talk show host is Buck Sexton 6:00-9:00 p.m. The Buck never stops, or I might say the Buck stops, the voice of conservative talk in Boston. Check it out, this 36-year-old conservative is the best. Entertaining, but also very informative!

THE 90 DAY FIANCE IS SO ADDICTIVE

I starting watching this reality show while down in Austin with my nephew Dom and his wife Shafeega and I quickly enjoyed it, especially when we did some binge watching. I got back home to Boston and found it on my TV and now love watching it. I can't wait for Sunday evening to come around! I really love the segment on Colt and Larissa over in Vegas. This was a match truly made in Hell. If they represent the future of America, we have far less to fear from either President Trump or George Soros depending which way you lean.

UMASS BOSTON ALUMNA ELECTED AS MAINE'S FIRST FEMALE GOVERNOR

Janet Trafton Mills, a 1970 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Boston, was elected governor of Maine last night, becoming the first woman to hold the office in the state's history. Mills, a Democrat who has served as the state's attorney general for six years, will replace outgoing Republican Paul LaPage.

TOMMY TASSINARI FETED WITH RETIREMENT PARTY

Kudos to Tommy Tassinari who retired this past August after 34 years in the probation department at the Chelsea Court and the last 6 years as Chief of Probation at the East Boston Court. On Friday, November 16th, his friends and co-workers threw him a retirement party at the Beachmont VFW to show their appreciation for all the work he did in the court system trying to turn lives around and keep them out of court. Many whom he served will never forget all he did for them keeping them out of trouble.

My almost brother-in-law Harry Landry, retired Clerk Magistrate of the Chelsea Court always had great things to say about Tommy. The District Court system and probation department isn't about locking them up but keeping them out of future court appearances. Success is about keeping folks on the straight and narrow and out of lock-up.

Job well done Tommy, well done!

LOVE THIS OLD ACTION FIGURE

Back in the '80s and '90s, Actor Tom Berenger was a great action hero. I hadn't seen him for a long time but recently

STAY STRONG BOSTON FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS



Members of Lucky Engine 13, Engine 1 and Quint 1 at the Central Firehouse in Austin, TX at the corner of Trinity and East 5th Streets send their Christmas greetings to the Hanover Street Firehouse (Engine 8, Ladder 1) once again.



Kudos to Rep. Adrian Madero for continuing the Thanksgiving dinner started by his predecessor Carlo Basile at the Sacred Heart parish hall.

came upon a 2014 western called *Lonesome Dove Church* on one of my movie channels. He may be older and a bit stouter, but he is still an action hero. It was a great movie and I was sucked into it as soon as I clicked on the channel.

If they ever did another movie about Johnny Cash, Berenger is definitely the Man in Black.

TURKEY WITH A SLICE OF FAMILY & HOPE

On Thanksgiving Day we all think of gathering with our families and celebrating our lives together. However, there are many among us who wake up on this holiday like any other day feeling alone. No families to gather with and only dreams of yesterday. In East Boston, everyone gets remembered.

This past holiday, Rep. Adrian

Madero hosted the annual Thanksgiving meal in the basement of the Sacred Heart Church. It was a large gathering once again with plenty of volunteers serving those who had no place to go and celebrate Thanksgiving. Several hundred showed up or had meals delivered to them. No one should feel alone on this day and the many volunteers made sure they didn't with this communal family gathering.

Down by the Post Office on Meridian Street, the ITAM post was cooking up a turkey dinner with all the fixings for veterans who had no place to go and celebrate dinner. This Thanksgiving Day tradition along with the one at Sacred Heart ensures that no one need be forgotten on Thanksgiving Day.



Meanwhile at the ITAM Post, Chefs Michelle DeFronzo and Ricki Erik take a break from the cooking to chat with ITAM Post Commander Tommy Capobianco.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

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. DJs 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 24th.

For many years, Dad played at Santa's Enchanted Village at Jordan Marsh. New York had Macy's 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, Sons of Italy 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 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 1,000 or more songs they could play from memory. If we played a set of, let's say six 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, 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 and/or 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 bartender 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 am, and the club closed at 2:00 am. 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. I guess I was one of these luckier ones. I taught public school during the day and played music at night. Now in my old age, I attend the type of functions I used to play. Most of them are quite fun, but those days gone by ... hey were quite an adventure and I was on top of my game. Oh yeah, another thing, I was young and that made part of the difference.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• Verizon (Continued from Page 1)

The City of Boston will provide Verizon with a streamlined permitting process for the installation of new small cells and Verizon plans to provide a host of Verizon Smart Communities products and services that will enable Boston to achieve efficiencies in areas such as traffic management, safety and energy efficiency.

Verizon and the City of Boston are amending the existing TV license agreement to expand Fios TV services. More than half the homes in Boston now have access to this all-fiber network, and Fios service is available in Dorchester, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, Seaport, South Boston and West Roxbury. The new amendment will enable Fios TV expansion as the fiber network is built in South Boston, South End, Allston, Brighton, Back Bay, Charlestown, East Boston, Fenway and Downtown.

Verizon also announced further plans regarding its long-term lease of more than 450,000 square feet for its technology workforce at The Hub on Causeway. Verizon's presence at the Hub on Causeway will include 16 floors of innovatively designed space, of which, five floors will be reserved for incubators, accelerators, and partners.

Mayor Walsh has been committed to bringing more equity and choice to residents throughout Boston, from launching Boston's first-ever Digital Equity

Fund, which aims to provide support to community-based organizations that help Boston residents fully connect and participate in today's media and information landscape; to bringing Wi-Fi hotspots to the Boston Public Library's lending program; to Boston's Wicked Free Wi-Fi program; to working to protect Net Neutrality rules that ensure a fair and open internet.

The City of Boston's Broadband and Digital Equity efforts improve access to affordable and reliable high speed Internet for households and businesses, expand the availability of high speed Internet in public places, and facilitate ease of access to up-to-date digital tools. Enabling a more competitive broadband marketplace is at the cornerstone of the City's work to ensure that households and businesses can choose among a range of high quality, affordable high speed Internet options.

Mayor Walsh also announced Boston has appointed its new Chief Information Officer, David J. Elges, who will lead the City's efforts to enhance online service delivery, empower City employees with effective digital tools, use data to focus resources where they are most needed, and improve access to technology and broadband across all Boston neighborhoods. Elges will continue Boston's work with Verizon as the City continues to provide more choices and more access for all of Boston's residents.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Anglican Church Going Politically Correct

Many mainstream religious denominations are losing members like quicksand in an hourglass because they have been watering down who they are. Recently, the Archbishop of Canterbury noted that it was time to refer to God in gender neutral terms. They may rewrite the King James Bible in better language. I wonder if the Son of God will remain the SON of

God or will he go gender neutral, too?

Churches ought to be about the Word of God and leave gender neutral bathrooms and climate change to the politicians. Do you wonder why so many Christians have left mainstream Christianity for more traditional Bible-based churches?

End Quote

"Life is short, wrinkles are long."

— Sheila Nevins

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Music and Dancing Provided by DJ Lopi

There will be cocktails and food for everyone.

Participants are asked to bring a new unwrapped non-violent toy to the event.

If you cannot attend, donations will be accepted at Gibson Sotheby's International Realty, 350 Commercial Street, Waterfront, Boston.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots are a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps. The mission of marines from all over the United States (both active and veteran) every holiday season is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in their communities.

Contact Toni Gilardi for more information

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VNA Care’s 13th Annual Heroes in Health Care Gala Raises More Than \$250,000

VNA Care recently honored industry leaders while raising more than \$250,000 during the 13th annual Heroes in Health Care Gala at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. The Gala is VNA Care’s signature fundraising event and has raised millions in essential funding for home health care provided by the 132-year-old VNA of Boston and end-of-life care provided by VNA Hospice & Palliative Care. The Honorary Gala Chairs and Presenting Sponsor of the event were Amy and Joshua Boger. During the Gala, VNA Care presented Heroes in Health Care awards to Agios (accepted by Dr. David Schenkein, CEO); Thomas A. Croswell, President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan; and Dr. Joan Y. Reede, Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership of Harvard Medical School. John R. Greed, president and CEO of Mutual of America, served as Fund the Mission chair. Gala co-chairs were Loriann Meagher and Linda Hope-Springer. Gala Committee co-chairs were Debra Angeloni and Renee Picard Walsh. For more information, visit www.vnacare.org.



Dr. Stefan Gross of Agios and Dr. Joshua Boger, Presenting Sponsor, Honorary Gala Co-chair, past Heroes Honoree



Rev. Ben Perkins and David Brown



John Greed, Gala Fund the Mission Chair and President and CEO of Mutual of America; David Chaffee; Holly Chaffee, President and CEO of VNA Care; Chris Bailey of Mutual of America; and David Rose, Vice President of Human Resources for VNA Care



Gala co-chairs Linda Hope Springer and Loriann Meagher



Ben and Rebecca Conn of Medline Industries, a Benefactor Sponsor of the Gala



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Mike and Jean Maguire of Mutual of America, Trustee Sponsor of the Gala



Dr. Mallika Marshall, Mistress of Ceremonies for the Gala, and Renee Picard Walsh, Gala Committee Co-Chair



Amy Vernava and Chris Atwood, Linda and Mark Doucette



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Rachel Rosenblum, Chief Operating Officer of Atrius Health; Eleas Wilson; and Rita Advani, Chair of the VNA Care board of directors



VNA Care presented Heroes in Health Care awards to Dr. David Schenkein, CEO of honoree Agios; Dr. Joan Y. Reede, Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership for Harvard Medical School; and Thomas A. Croswell, President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan. (Photos by Roger Farrington)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI18D3257DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING

MARIAI KIELER
vs.
JACEK KIELER

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 **Mariai Kieler, 166 Tremont St., Newton, MA 02458** your answer, if any, on or before **December 17, 2018**. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.**

Date: November 5, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/30/18

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

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Docket No. MI18P5419EA

Estate of
CHARLES OHMER COUDERT
Also Known As
CHARLES COUDERT,
CHARLES O. COUDERT

Date of Death September 16, 2018

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Rene J. Coudert of Southport, CT**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Rene J. Coudert of Southport, CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 11/30/18

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Docket No. MI18P5608EA

Estate of
PAUL NISSENBAUM
Date of Death March 15, 2018
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Randi N. Laffey of Tampa, FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Randi N. Laffey of Tampa, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 12, 2018.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: November 14, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/30/2018

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

**Stones Rolling at
Gillette Stadium**

The Rolling Stones No Filter Concert is coming to Foxboro on Saturday, June 8th. Public sale of tickets starts today November 30th at 10:00 a.m.

**Turkey Day at Harvard
Stadium Reminds Me of
Little Big Horn**

Once again Boston English took on Boston Latin at Harvard Stadium in the 135th edition of this Latin-English rivalry. Latin, as bad as they were this past season, beat English by a 20-16 score which is pretty

good for English. I can remember a year ago when guys from English that I was sitting with were actually betting with each other. Not over winning the game, though, but whether English could put anything on the scoreboard. Pretty bad, right!

I believe since I graduated in 1966, English may have won a total of either five or six games total. The mascot is now the Eagle. It used to be the Bulldog. With the way the team has played so often, they should call themselves the Turkeys!



Little Owen Richard Morrison, Sal G.'s grandson seems to like his Texas Longhorns cap which traveled all the way to Boston just for him.

(Photo by Sal Giaratani)

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. L1531-C1, **ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION AUTOMATION AND MAINTENANCE UPGRADES, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018.

The work includes **REMOVE AND INSTALL OWNER SUPPLIED SWITCHGEAR AUTOMATION PACKAGE FOR 480v SUBSTATIONS WITHIN TERMINAL A, TERMINAL E AND THE AIRFIELD LIGHTING VAULT; AND INSTALL ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE (149) INFRARED VIEWING WINDOWS IN EXISTING 480v SUBSTATIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATION THROUGHOUT THE AIRPORT.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018.**

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

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **ELECTRICAL.**

The estimated contract cost is **ONE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,999,000.00).**

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

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

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$10,000,000.00**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

No filed sub-bids will be required for this contract.

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

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

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

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

Run date: 11/30/2018

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. L1198-C1, **HEAT SOURCE: WB: AHU-4 NORTHWEST NODE WALKWAY TO TERMINAL B, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S - Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub-bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018.

The work shall be **LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST NODE OF THE ELEVATED WALKWAYS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL GARAGE, TERMINAL A, AND TERMINAL B, INCLUDING AN AIR HANDLING UNIT IN THE MECHANICAL ROOM ON THE GROUND LEVEL OF THE NORTHWEST NODE THAT PROVIDED HOT AIR TO THE ELEVATED WALKWAY BETWEEN NORTHWEST NODE AND CENTRAL GARAGE. THE UNDERGROUND HEATING LINES SERVING THE AIR HANDLING UNIT WERE DAMAGED AND DISCONNECTED RESULTING IN NO HEATING CAPABILITY FOR THIS UNIT. THE WORK OF THIS PROJECT SHALL REPLACE HYDRONIC HEAT EXCHANGER WITH ELECTRIC HEAT IN THE AIR HANDLING UNIT SERVED BY AN ELECTRIC CIRCUIT FROM CENTRAL GARAGE WITH CONDUIT RUN ABOVE CEILING OF WALKWAY BETWEEN CENTRAL GARAGE AND THE NORTHWEST NODE.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018.**

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

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Assessment Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.**

The estimated contract cost is **\$241,000.00.**

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract, filed Sub-bidders must submit with their bid a current Sub-bidder Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and a Sub-bidder Update Statement. The filed Sub-bidder must be certified in the sub-bid category of work for which the Sub-bidder is submitting a bid proposal.

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Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING \$53,831.00
ELECTRICAL \$62,141.00

The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **TWO AND SEVEN/TENTHS PERCENT (2.7%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

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Leonard vs Duran II - Why Did Duran Quit

When Sugar Leonard and Roberto Duran faced each other in the ring for the first time, it was for the welterweight title being held by Leonard. The fight took place on June 20, 1980 at the Olympic Stadium in Montreal, Canada. It was built up as, and lived up to, being one of the best world championship fights in history. It was supposed to pit the matador, Leonard, vs the bull, Duran. However, things turned out a bit differently as Leonard decided to meet the bull on his own terms and slug with Duran.



The hype leading up to the fight was particularly ugly with Duran at his worst with vulgar language and gestures. He even went as far as making lewd comments about Ray's wife. Today, we look at Duran as an elder statesman of boxing, but it has to be remembered that he was as brutal with his words outside the ring as he was with his fists inside of the ropes. Winning didn't change his tone either. In an earlier fight, after he knocked out Ray Lampkin and was told Lampkin was taken to a hospital Duran responded "I was not in my best condition. Today I sent him to the hospital. Next time I'll put him in the morgue." Hardly the words of a gracious winner.

In spite of all this, Duran was an immensely popular champion in his prime, particularly with his fellow countrymen from Panama, where he was a national hero. He was also a fan favorite in the states because of his non stop action style and amazing knock out record. A Roberto Duran fight was always exciting.

Sugar Ray Leonard also had a huge following. He first made headlines when he won Olympic Gold at the 1976 Games held in Montreal. Ray was an exciting fighter with an infectious style. His fast hands and power punching were a throwback to great fighters such as Sugar Ray Robinson.

The excitement that existed around the first Leonard/Duran fight was amazing. It rivaled a big heavyweight fight in interest. It was one of those matches that drew non fight fans. Everyone was talking about it, and everyone had an opinion on it. On entering the ring the two fighters had a combined record of 98 wins and 1 loss. Duran had many more pro fights than Leonard, 72 vs 27, but Leonard did have a very extensive amateur career. These were two very experienced champions facing one another.

The fight lived up to expectations but with a slight twist. Leonard decided to eschew his boxing skills and instead went toe to toe with Duran. It was not a wise decision on Leonard's part, but it sure made for quite the slugfest. And, though it may have been a strategic mistake, Leonard did show he could stand up to Duran on Duran's terms. While the decision was not controversial, it was close.

After winning the decision, Duran was on top of the world. He returned home and began partying. His weight ballooned and he did no training. Meanwhile, Ray Leonard became focused on what went wrong and what he could do to defeat Duran in a rematch. He wanted revenge.

During negotiations for the two to meet again, Carlos Eleta, Duran's manager, agreed to have them face each other just five months after the first fight. This gave Duran only a short time to lose weight and get fit both physically and mentally to face Leonard again. It was something he was not able to do.

On the night of the return fight, November 11, 1980 at the Superdome in New Orleans, a very different Roberto Duran stepped into the ring. In contrast to the high energy "Hands of Stone" who bounded into the ring in Montreal, this Duran looked tentative and not sharp. He was almost lackluster climbing up the steps into the ring.

Before any fight a boxer's mind can play tricks on him. His thoughts go back to training and

whether or not he did everything he could to be prepared. Doubts can haunt a man who is about to step into the ring. As Shakespeare once wrote "Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt." Was Duran's mind playing games with him that November night? Were his thoughts causing him to fear attempting to beat Leonard again. In retrospect, you can see something, or the lack of, in his eyes before the bell rang.

It is also interesting to note that when the first round started Duran extended a glove to Leonard. It was almost like a peace offering. It was a brief gesture and went unnoticed by those at ringside, but it tells a lot about his state of mind as the fight began. It was as if he wanted to make friends.



For his part, Leonard employed an entirely different tactic in this fight. He came out circling and jabbing. When Duran got close to him he was able to tie him up and take away his inside game. Leonard had learned from his mistakes and was waging a brilliant fight. He was moving, throwing combinations, making Duran miss. Leonard was performing a well choreographed dance of violence, and while he may not have been hurting Duran physically with his punches, he was making him feel foolish and helpless in there. Duran did not have the fire to match Leonard's skill.

In Duran's mind he had to be thinking "This guy gave me a tough fight on my terms when I was in great shape, now I am not in great shape and he is dictating what is happening in here". He was becoming frustrated.

In the 7th round Leonard really turned it on. He dropped his hands and dared Duran to try and hit him. He wound up with punches. Leonard, through his action, was telling Duran he wasn't man enough to be in there with him.

In the 8th round Duran just threw up his hands and quit. He didn't appear to be hurt he just tuned to the referee and said he was done. People at ringside and those watching around the world were stunned by this. It was so far away from the image of Duran as to be completely unbelievable. Something serious had to have happened. In that one moment, Duran's career went up in flames. His victory over Leonard five months earlier was forgotten. He was labeled with the worst name in boxing; "A quitter". How could this have happened?

Duran has never really given an explanation. It is likely he himself really doesn't understand why he did what he did. It was something that just happened. Some say he got stomach cramps and had to go to the bathroom. It has been suggested he was intentionally throwing the fight and was supposed to go 15 rounds and lose a decision building up a rematch but grew impatient and just decided to end it then. I don't believe any of this.

Roberto Duran was not ready mentally or physically for this fight. His doubts were preying on his mind. It wasn't getting hit that was bothering him. In fact, if he had been getting beaten while in a slugfest he most likely would have gone down fighting. What happened here was he was feeling humiliated, and he had no idea how to deal with it. The world was looking at him and he felt like a fool. His reaction was to turn and get away from it. I believe it was as simple as that. Did he regret it? Of course, and for years, twenty years in fact, he continued fighting to prove himself. He never came close to quitting again. In many ways he did vindicate himself; his tough fifteen rounds against Marvin Hagler helped. But Roberto Duran and the words "no mas" will always be linked together. It's amazing how the actions of just a few seconds can tarnish a reputation for life.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Given its prominence as an early benchmark for the Bruins, it was interesting to see what position the Black and Gold occupied as Thanksgiving Weekend came to a close.

On the Monday after the holiday, the Bruins were in fourth place in the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference, having amassed 30 points — five points behind division leader Tampa Bay.

If the playoffs had begun at that point the B's would not have qualified for one of the three automatic playoff berths awarded to the top three Atlantic Division teams. But they would have qualified for one of the two Eastern Conference wild card berths.

A MOST INTRIGUING PRESS CONFERENCE — It was one of those you-had-to-have-been-there moments.

It was Brad Stevens' postgame press conference following the Celtics loss to the lowly New York Knicks at the TD Garden on the night before Thanksgiving.

The Knicks came into the Garden for their second game of a back-to-back, having lost the night before to Portland at Madison Square Garden. New York arrived in the Hub with a lowly 4-14 mark, making the Celtics' somewhat pedestrian 9-8 record look rather stellar.

Your correspondent has been to many press conferences over his career. He has seen a wide variety of coaches say a wide variety of things. But never has he heard the coach of a losing team say, "it would have been a shame" if his team would had won the game that had just concluded.

Yet this is how Stevens essentially began his press conference immediately following his team's disappointing setback at the hands of one of the worst teams in the league this season. That the Knicks were able to defeat the C's on the parquet only added insult to injury.

The Knicks led for most of the way. Yes, the Celtics made a run and had a chance late. A reference to that run was when Stevens dropped the bombshell comment: "as far as like coming back and winning or not winning, it would have been a shame for the Celtics to win that game. The Knicks deserved to win."

We gave ourselves a chance to win but that's all it was," continued the six-year coach. "We're certainly not a 48-minute team. I'm not sure we're a 24-minute team. This is about a lot of things. We have a myriad of issues we have to face."

His assessment was brutally honest. "There's no guarantee that you're going to be able to turn it around now. You have to grind it out, be able to work and be able to weather all this other stuff that's going on with it."

Those last words were probably a reference to the high expectations that everyone had for this team as the season began back in mid-October. This is essentially the same team that came within one game of going to the NBA Finals last spring — all without Gordon Hayward. So with his return this season, wouldn't the team

be even better?

That was the reasoning. Many felt that going to the Eastern Conference Finals again was a given and a berth in the NBA Finals was a strong possibility. The expectations were sky high. The reality is now much closer to a hard and bumpy uncertainty.

"We're not playing with the same personality that we played with last year. That's the easiest way to describe it," noted Stevens. "And then, the 50,000 issues that are below that we have to tackle one at a time."

Asked about the game in the context of a wakeup call, Stevens quickly responded with "I don't know if it's a wakeup call if you keep getting beat. You're good if you play good. The results are speaking for themselves. We are being outplayed. We have a scoreboard. At the end of the day we know if we're having success or not."

The final question was telling. It was the only one Stevens did not completely answer. The coach was asked if he felt "more comfortable and prepared to take on a situation like this than earlier in your career."

There was a long pause and a sigh — very uncharacteristic for Stevens. A wane smile crossed his face. The silence lasted just long enough for one to wonder if he might say "no." He didn't.

Instead, he referred to the upcoming holiday. "Tomorrow's Thanksgiving. We all have a lot to be thankful for. We lost a basketball game. We got outplayed. We've lost a few in a row. It's been a tough stretch. I think that we'll work and we'll do our very best. That's always been good enough for me. You're not going to have great days every day in this. Part of this job description is weathering the storm. This is a job and we'll work to correct everything we can. But we're also very thankful for all that we have — even on nights like tonight."

Weathering a storm. Saying there are 50,000 issues. Not playing with the same personality as last year. Being outplayed. Losing several games in a row. Who would have thought that these topics would be the ones to be discussed at a press conference involving the 2018-2019 Celtics — a preseason favorite to play in the Eastern Conference Finals again with a strong chance to make the NBA Finals?

No one. But they are the topics of the time. The team seems to sputter along at about a .500 mode. They're not a disaster. But neither are they the excellent team everyone in Celtics Nation expected.

Is there really no guarantee that they'll be able to turn it around now? Could the once spectacular season that everyone had dreamed about essentially be over early in 2019?

The word is out around the league that the Celtics are a very beatable team right now — either at home or on the road. It shouldn't be this way and it doesn't have to be this way. But whether it continues to be this way is up to the players. How they respond will be the story of the next few months.