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**Santa Claus**  
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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### What's with Al Franken?

He makes the announcement that he is resigning from his U.S. Senate seat "in a few weeks." Why a few weeks? Just look for the exit sign and leave the building right now. He didn't sound sorry for his actions nor was he contrite. Actually, he was graceless, attacking President Trump and Judge Roy Moore for staying while he's is forced out of the building. Franken may not be anything more than a creepy guy, but it is enough to get him kicked out.

### Did You Hear the One About?

Did you hear the one about the Irish lady who was on trial over in Dublin for stealing a can of peaches? When the judge asked her why she did it, she said she was hungry. The judge reminded her you can't just steal something because you're hungry. He asked her how many peaches were in the can. She said just 12 of them. He said I will sentence you a day for each peach. Just as he was about to hand down his verdict, an old man in the back yelled out to speak. The judge asked if he had something relevant to say about the case and he said yes. The old man told him, she had stolen a can of peas, too.

### Trump Sounds Like Jimmy Swaggert

Watched and listened to Trump on the stump in

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## St. Joseph's Society Gifts \$1 Million to Restoration of St. Leonard Church in Boston's North End

by Frank Mazzaglia, St. Joseph Society

How do you say, "Thank you" to people who have stood by you, in good times and bad, for more than 100 years?

That's the question pondered by the Society of St. Joseph when they became aware that St. Leonard Port Maurice Church was in the midst of a multi-million dollar restoration project. In fact, the St. Joseph Society could think of a million reasons — both spiritual and practical — to support the good Franciscans who administer St. Leonard. It was to say "thank you" for the past as well as to preserve the future, that the Society of St. Joseph voted to give \$1 million dollars the — largest gift ever received by the parish — to cover the remaining costs of St. Leonard's Restoration Project.

The St. Joseph Society reflected on the record. When the deadly flu pandemic struck the North End in 1918, leaving hundreds of orphans, it was the Franciscans of St. Leonard's that established the Italian Home for Children in Jamaica Plain to care for them.

When thousands of poor and illiterate Italian immigrants



crowded the North End at the turn of the 20th century, it was the Franciscans of St. Leonard's that established St. Anthony's Elementary School as the first step in insuring a brighter tomorrow for young Italian Americans.

As the need for education became clearer, it was the Franciscans of St. Leonard's that established Christopher Columbus High School for boys and Julia Billiard High School for girls.

Beyond all of that, the St. Joseph Society reflected on so many calls in the middle of dark nights when the Friars responded to the sick. They also remembered how many times the Friars administered the sacraments, from baptism to the Sacrament of the Sick.

So it was decided. In the

name of the countless thousands of people whose lives have been touched by the Friars, the St. Joseph's Society agreed that their \$1 million dollar gift was not only a way to express their gratitude for the past, but an investment to secure the future of the Franciscans of St. Leonard Port Maurice in the North

End for the next hundred years.

Donations toward the restoration of St. Leonard Church can be made online or by sending checks to St. Leonard's Restoration Fund, 320 Hanover St., Boston MA 02113. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt within two weeks of your donation. For gifts from donor-advised charitable accounts, use "St. Leonard of Port Maurice" Tax ID 04-2108397 and designate "Church Restoration Fund."

Please join the Franciscan Friars and parishioners on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at the noon Mass, when Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be present for the Blessing of the church and the consecration of the altar, officially reopening Saint Leonard Church. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass and ceremony.

## Pearl Harbor Remembered on 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

by Sal Giarratani

When I was growing up in the '50s and '60s, I was lucky enough to have actually known and talked with several retired U.S. Navy veterans who had survived December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, that day of infamy that was still very much in the minds of those who lived through the horror.

The Japanese Imperial Navy launched a surprise attack when they bombed Pearl Harbor for over two hours, killing more than 2,400 American sailors and civilians, damaging 20 ships, and destroying 164 planes. The destruction of the USS Arizona killed 1,077 men, nearly 50 percent of the total dead that Sunday morning.

Last Friday morning, I was over at the Charlestown Navy Yard by the USS Cassin Young for the 76<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day for the victims of Pearl Harbor.



Two Pearl Harbor Day survivors toss wreaths into the waters of the USS Cassin Young.

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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## HADRIAN THE CRITIC

Hadrian was always ready to criticize the learned men of his day, but he also bestowed upon them great wealth and honors. Teachers who were not fit for their positions were presented with token honors — and then dismissed from their positions.

Some of his friends were refused nothing while, for some unexplained reason, others that had helped him in obtaining the imperial power, he reduced to poverty. Some persons he drove to suicide while others he attacked through certain publications. A well-known philosopher of the day yielded to Hadrian’s criticism of a word that was used and this brought ridicule from the philosopher’s friends, whereupon the philosopher replied to those friends: “You are urging me to take a wrong course when you do not expect me to regard as the most learned of men the one who has command of thirty legions.”

Hadrian possessed a remarkable memory along with great powers of concentration. He personally dictated his speeches and was extremely witty. A story is told of his refusing a request of a gray-haired man. Later, the



**Statue of Hadrian unearthed at Tel Shalem commemorating Roman military victory over Bar Kochba, displayed at the Israel Museum**

man returned with dyed hair and made the same request, whereupon Hadrian replied, “I have already refused this to your father.” He was able to call a great many people by name even though he had heard it only one time. He was also able to read a considerable amount of written matter very quickly and then repeat it from memory. Incredible as it might seem, he was able to write, dictate, lis-

ten, and converse with friends, all at the same time. He had a complete knowledge of his state budget and all of its details and kept abreast of all actions taken by his magistrates. He never allowed his freedmen (former slaves) to play a prominent role in public affairs or to have any influence over himself and he punished any who lied or boasted of such influence.

Although he was accomplished in poetry, prose and the arts, he ridiculed those persons who were obviously more learned than him; some were even subjected to scorn and humiliation. Hadrian’s passion for literacy fame grew to such proportions that he even wrote his own biography and then gave it to his educated subordinates with orders to release the material as their own creation. Lastly, he was so proficient in astrology that during the early part of January, he made his personal written predictions for the coming year. And it is said that he also recorded with uncanny accuracy all that he was going to accomplish, almost to the very moment of his death.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*Hadrian, His Personal Life*

## Saint Elzear of Sabran and Blessed Delphina

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Baron of Ansouis, Count of Ariano, Elzear was born in the castle of Saint-Jean-de-Robians near Cabrières-d’Aigues in Provence, southern France, in 1285. He was son of the Count of Ariano from the Kingdom of Naples, Italy. His mother consecrated him to God as soon as he was born. He was well educated in the sciences as well as in the exercise of weapons, becoming an outstanding knight and a champion in the tournaments. He married Delphine of Glandèves and, by mutual agreement, they took a vow of perpetual virginity. Both joined the Secular Franciscans, the Third Order of Saint Francis. Their piety extended to the running of their household — everyone in it was expected to attend Mass daily, go to confession weekly, and be ready to



forgive injuries. As part of the corporal works of mercy they personally practiced, twelve poor people dined with them every day.

For a time, Elzear was a counselor to Duke Charles of Calabria in southern Italy. When his father died in 1309, he inherited the County of Ariano and went to Italy to assume the governance of his territories, which were located within the kingdom of Naples and in southern France.

Elzear joined John, brother of the King of Naples, in commanding an army against Emperor Henry VII, who led the anti-papist Ghibelline party in Italy. They defeated the German sovereign, who died soon after in 1313. In 1317, Elzear returned to Naples to become the tutor of Duke Charles and, later, his prime minister when Charles became regent. In 1323, he was sent as ambassador to France to arrange a marriage with Marie of Valois for Charles.

After four years of separation, Delphina joined Elzear in France and found him among the brilliant courtiers wearing magnificent clothes. She feared that during this period of separation, Elzear had forgotten his religious duties and became worldly. He sensed her thoughts and assured her that despite appearances, he always remained faithful to the Franciscan spirit, revealing a hair shirt that he wore constantly under his garments.

Elzear was sent to the court of Paris on matters of state and there he became seriously ill. He prepared himself for death, making a general confession of his whole life and receiving the last sacraments, and passed away on September 27, 1323. Delphina continued her works of charity for 35 years after Elzear’s passing. Elzear and Delphina are buried in Apt, France. He was canonized in 1369 and she was beatified in 1694. The feast day of Saint Elzear of Sabran is celebrated on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



## Updated Massachusetts K-12 Standards are Worse in English, Still Mediocre in Math

The 2017 update of Massachusetts’ English and Math K-12 academic standards represents further deterioration in English, while the math standards are essentially unchanged from the 2010 version according to the first independent evaluation of the newly revised standards, published this past Tuesday by the Pioneer Institute. The 2010 standards, which were based on Common Core, led to declining scores on national tests in both English and math.

**The new English standards** will result in students leaving high school with little knowledge in areas such as literature, language, and literary criticism.

“These standards rely on process- and skills-based ideas, which brush aside knowledge of Western and English literary traditions,” said Emory University English Professor Mark Bauerlein, co-author of **Mediocrity 2.0: Massachusetts Rebrands Common Core ELA and Math**. “The result is a set of standards light on content but heavy on fuzzy subjective terms such as ‘high quality’ and ‘challenging.’ Great works of literary art and the history of the English language, not to mention the American patrimony, disappear.”

Rather than identifying some works as superior to others, the appendices to the standards simply include long lists of suggested authors and works, which are largely derived from Common Core. Moreover, they touch briefly on a number of cultures, informing a curriculum that is without context or a coherent sequence. This makes students less likely to retain the material.

**The new mathematics standards** are not an improvement over the Common Core-aligned standards adopted by Massachusetts in 2010. Under the new standards, Massachusetts students will remain three or more years behind their peers in high-achieving countries like China, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore.

“These standards are based on the idea that the math students used to learn is obsolete,” said Stanford University Professor Emeritus of Mathematics James Milgram, who co-authored the study. “But mathematics is entirely hierarchical. Areas that have become more prominent in the 21<sup>st</sup> century require the same basic math foundation.”

In high-achieving countries, multiplication and division are taught simultaneously. When a student learns that  $8 \times 4 = 32$ , she also learns that  $32 \div 8 = 4$  and  $32 \div 4 = 8$ . Separating the two topics results in Massachusetts students being at least two years behind their peers in high-achieving countries by the time they finally complete division in sixth grade.

Ratios, rates, percents, and properties are not introduced until sixth grade in Massachusetts. In high-achieving countries, they are richly represented in the third- or fourth-grade curriculum.

The Massachusetts high school standards focus on general properties rather than properties of important, explicit functions, like linear functions or square roots. The intent appears to be to give students a superficial familiarity with the easier aspects of these topics rather than to teach them to use core math skills.

After the Commonwealth adopted Common Core in 2010, the amount of classic literature students read was cut by 60 percent and students now don’t reach algebra until ninth grade. The delayed math progression makes it much more difficult for students to succeed in math or science studies in college.

Between 2011 and 2015, Massachusetts was one of 16 states whose NAEP scores fell and its scores are no longer the nation’s best in eighth-grade reading.

SAT scores have also fallen, with a particular drop in student writing that is likely attributable to the reduction in literature.

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*Love,*

*Stephen and Carol and Murray*

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Alabama Voters Say No Moore

*by Sal Giarratani*

The special U.S. Senate race down in Alabama was closely watched by many across the nation. The race was between former Judge Roy Moore, the Republican, and his Democratic opponent Doug Jones. Most polls showed the race was neck and neck and that is exactly how things turned out.

In the end, the election was indeed about how close it got. This race became a national event once President Trump went all in for Judge Roy Moore and many national Republicans opposed this tainted candidate. The Democrats, for their part, piled into the state looking for a political upset and got it.

Judge Moore's background concerning his younger days and younger women apparently caught up with him in the current #MeToo environment sweeping the nation. Bad timing for Moore.

What seems clear to me in the aftermath of Moore's surprising loss is that had the sitting U.S. Senator Luther Strange beaten Moore in the special primary election, he would have easily beaten Jones, who seems so out of touch with most Alabamian voters. As liberal as he was, he still beat Moore in conservative Alabama.

When this seat goes up for grabs again in 2020, the Republicans will nominate a real conservative and make Jones an asterisk in state politics. Remember 2010 when Republican Scott Brown beat Democrat Martha Coakley? I see such a repeat in Alabama. The 2010 election was a unique onetime event and I see 2017 Alabama in the same political light.

This election was a big defeat for President Trump and he knows it. Republicans like Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell are probably relieved that Moore lost because the GOP did not see Moore as the face of the party as a good thing. Democrats shouldn't get too excited they won. Moore was a bad candidate and Jones not much better. Had the Democrats found a better candidate, they might have beaten Moore in double digits.

Biggest loser locally was Jeff Kuhner from WRKO's Kuhner Country. He went all in for Moore as a constitutional conservative and considered the sexual charges against the candidate a non-issue. In the end, those allegations were the deciding factor in the outcome of this race. Kuhner just didn't get it any more than President Trump got it.

Moore was still refusing to concede to Doug Jones as of Wednesday. But, hopefully, we have seen the last of Judge Roy Moore!

## The "Girl's" Annual Christmas Luncheon at Mama Maria's



**Getting ready to enjoy their annual Luncheon. Seated L-R: Mary Finnochiaro, Chickie Finnochiaro, Connie Angiulo, Adeline Ameno, Joanne Coppola, Pattie La Rosa, and Jackie Perez Standing L-R: Ann Griffin, Maria Agrippina, Anna Caso, John McGee, owner of Mamma Maria's restaurant in North Square and host of the luncheon, Marie Trovato, Angela Aquilino, Francine Gannon, and Jessie Kiwalski.**

Approximately forty years ago, a group North End ladies started getting together once a month for lunch. Each month, one of the women picks a restaurant and off they go! A tradition started by Anna Caso and many of her friends, it is one that has not faded with time. Although some

members have been lost over the many years, those remaining look forward to their monthly gatherings. They particularly enjoy the festive Christmas luncheon, generously sponsored by John McGee and Mamma Maria's. It clearly gets the season off to a delicious start!

## • Remembering Pearl Harbor (Continued from Page 1)

Few of the survivors of that attack are with us today. But at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Emery Arsenault and Freeman K. Johnson, both 96, joined the *USS Constitution's* commanding officer Nathaniel Shick on the *USS Cassin Young*. Arsenault served on the *USS St. Louis* and was among those survivors who were present at Pearl Harbor last year for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary remembrance.

Both WWII veterans joined Shick and threw wreaths of red, white and blue flowers over the side of the *USS Cassin Young*.

In a tribute to the heroes who perished that day and to the two aging survivors still with us, National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey stated, "The spirit of what our veterans did to keep our country safe is remembered in ceremonies like this and we

are honored by the presence of all veterans who have served with such distinction."

The attack on Pearl Harbor became a wake-up call for America and, in all our struggles since, we will remember the sacrifice made that December morn in 1941 and all the sacrifices still being made today by our brave military in a quest to keep American strong and free.



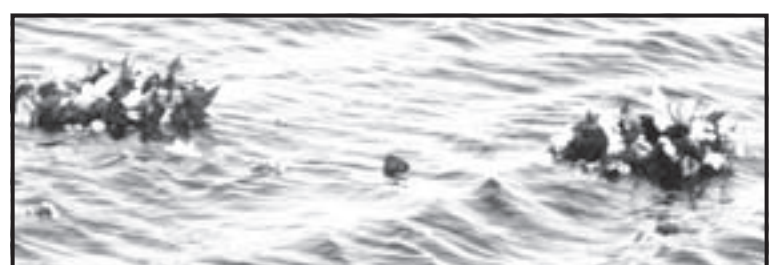
**Michael Creasey, Supt. National Parks of Boston**



**Robert "Bob" Gillen, Townie and past commander, USS Constitution**



**All hands on deck**



**These wreaths represent the sacrifice made by so many sailors on that Sunday morning 76 years ago.**

*(Photos by Sal Giarratani)*



**Commander Nathaniel Shick, commander USS Constitution**



# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## A Very Merry History of Christmas Traditions

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Lately, it seems as if the world around me can be defined in terms of light — or, sometimes, lack thereof. When I wake up in the morning, a sky as black as a stormy sea greets me, sending me scuttling towards the comfort of a warm breakfast. During the day, the sun is low in the sky, gracefully sending golden spangles of light through the bare trees. The upcoming winter solstice, after all, serves as the darkest day of the year, when night wraps its cloak around the feeble sunlight of a short day. However, the winter solstice also marks the return of the sun, as after this date the sun will stay for a longer time in the sky. No wonder that so many mid-winter festivities, from Christmas to Hanukkah to Kwanzaa, emphasize the theme of light! In preparation for the winter solstice on December 21<sup>st</sup>, I decided to pay attention to origins of the Christmas symbols and customs that surround us. I found a fascinating tale of history and metaphor, of the yearning for light and eternal life. Below are a number of Christmas customs and their beginnings, in the context of both our Italian heritage and universal human nature:

**Pre-Christmas Holidays:** Historians have identified several ancient feasts that served as symbolic precursors to the secular celebrations of Christmas. Our ancestors in Italy gathered for a wild weeklong festival known as Saturnalia starting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. This holiday honored Saturn, the god of agriculture and time. During Saturnalia, slaves and masters exchanged places, a harbinger of the misrule that characterizes Christmas, New Year and Epiphany traditions to this day. Ancient Romans also exchanged gifts on Saturnalia, a custom which has survived in the modern Christmas. Meanwhile, the people of Northern Europe celebrated a holiday known as Yule. They adorned their homes with greenery as an example of eternal life in the midst of the

dark winter and lit candles not only for warmth but to symbolize the return of the sun after the solstice. We still see greenery and candles in our contemporary Christmas decorations and we still use the word Yule to describe the Christmas season!

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:** In her comprehensive book *Encyclopedia of Christmas and New Year's Celebrations*, author Tanya Gulevich outlines the fascinating story of how Christmas became associated with the date of December 25<sup>th</sup>. The earliest Christians did not celebrate Christmas. In fact, though Christmas gets more attention, Easter, which honors the Resurrection of Christ, remains the most important holiday in the Church calendar. Christians were observing Epiphany, the day that the Three Kings visited Baby Jesus, before they observed Christmas. The first mention of Christmas falling on December 25<sup>th</sup> occurs in a calendar from 336 A.D. In the year 350, the Pope officially declared December 25<sup>th</sup> as the date of the Nativity. Some scholars theorize that this date was chosen to bring a Christian perspective to winter solstice celebrations, as the birth of Jesus symbolically offered a return of light in the world.

**Christmas Trees:** Mention the word "Christmas," and the first image that may pop into your mind is that of an illuminated, beautifully decorated evergreen. Pagan's long venerated trees in the winter. Evergreens were considered symbols for eternal life, as they persisted through the cold, barren winter. Romans even adorned their homes with greenery for the solstice celebration of Saturnalia. The Christmas ornaments hanging from the trees, meanwhile, may derive from the medieval practice of paradise plays. Performed around Christmas, these folk dramas recreated the Biblical tale of Adam and Eve. A tree festooned with apples, symbolizing the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden, formed the centerpiece of these plays.

Christmas trees didn't catch on in America until people caught wind of the fact that the fashionable Queen Victoria celebrated the holiday with a tree, a remnant of her German heritage. The Christmas tree has spread to Italy as well, where it stands as a well-known holiday decoration and is known as *l'albero di Natale*.

**Holly and Mistletoe:** Like the Christmas tree, holly speaks to the potent allegory of eternal life around the winter solstice. An evergreen plant, holly was worshipped during the winter by European pagans. It acquired a Christian perspective in the Middle Ages, when its leaves came to symbolize Jesus's thorny crown and the red berries His blood. Meanwhile, mistletoe, a plant sacred to the Celts, also became equated with rebirth due to its status as an evergreen. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe may derive from ancient Scandinavia, where mistletoe served as an emblem of peace. According to tradition, enemies who passed each other under a mistletoe branch had to lay down their arms and call a truce. In Italy, holly is known as *agrifoglio* and decorates homes for Christmas and New Year's. Mistletoe, or *vischio* in Italian, holds a special place in the country's culture because it was the fabled "Golden Bough" the mythological figure Aeneas needed in order to placate the gods during his journey into the underworld.

**Yule Log:** There is nothing like a warm, crackling log on the fire to conjure images of a cozy, joyous holiday. However, the yule log's origins are enshrouded in mystery. Ostensibly it derives from the Germanic Yule celebrations, the feast celebrating the winter solstice in which greenery and fire were brought indoors to form a literal and symbolic barrier against the cold air. Yule log traditions vary across the world. The English hold a plethora of superstitions around the Yule log, such as one which states that bad luck will follow if the Yule log is extinguished before the night is over or that the log contains healing properties. The French eat *buche de Noel*, or a sponge cake shaped like a log, during their Christmas Eve dinner. In Italy, the Yule log is called *il ceppo di Natale* and is blessed with prayers and songs.

The Christmas traditions which surround us burst with rich symbolism and complex spiritual significance. They remind us of the comfort and joy which characterize the holidays and link us to the universal hopes and desires of our ancestors. These customs tell us that though the nights around the solstice appear dark and gray, the love of family and of our shared humanity ignites the most brilliant light of all. This season, be sure to view the ubiquitous symbols of Christmas with new eyes and spread the love of the holidays to all you encounter!

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# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



## What is the Next Step After They Walk Out of Prison?

As a retired police officer with the state Mental Health department and as a former mental health counselor on a state acute mental health unit, I understand the concerns expressed by Revere City Councilor George Rotondo over his knowledge that three individuals are now living together in the City of Revere and are apparently registered as Level 3 sex offenders, those deemed most likely to re-offend.

Legally, these individuals have broken no laws in living at one residence. One community resident in the news story added, there wasn't a place on Earth for these guys. This is understandable because of the fear of re-offending. However, once someone completes their prison sentence, they get released. In Massachusetts, upon release they must register as sex offenders and report their addresses to local police. If they don't, they could go back behind bars.

There is no requirement that sex offenders must live alone, therefore nothing illegal about sharing a place with other sex offenders. Criminal law simply has not caught up with sexual predators. What to do when they finish their sentence for a criminal act? Some states like Kansas and Minnesota, just to name two, have the abil-

ity to seek a judge's order to place them in a mental health facility for up to a lifetime if they are deemed still dangerous to society. However, many civil libertarians see this as a double punishment, i.e., getting punished twice for the same crime. Civil confinement isn't a new prison sentence but, like a duck, if it walks, quacks, and looks like a duck, it will be viewed as a double dose of jail time for these sex predators.

I am not an advocate for the civil rights of sexual predators, but everyone in criminal justice knows that eventually all of these predators usually finish their prison time, then what? Can someone be sane enough for prison and then eventual release then be deemed unready to re-enter society?

The law must catch up to this reality. Should Level 3 sex predators ever get released from behind the wall? If they do, then what? We don't punish folks for what they might do in the future.

No wonder most of society is outraged when a sex offender becomes their neighbor next door. The best advice until the laws get tweaked — be wary of everyone and protect your children. Keep your eyes open and pray to God your kids remain safe.



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BY BOBBY FRANKLIN

### SHE LOVES ME

is a Romantic Delight in Stoneham

If you are feeling a bit overwhelmed by holiday shopping, I would suggest you take a couple of hours away from the madness and stop by to see the Greater Boston Stage Company's production of *She Loves Me*. This very warm musical, which had its first run in 1963, will be familiar to many of you who have seen the movie *The Shop Around the Corner*. The story about a romance that began through letters and involves mistaken identity is funny, touching, and warm. It is also quite enjoyable.

Of course, with Jennifer Ellis in one of the lead roles, you could never be disappointed. Ms. Ellis is a positively outstanding talent with a superb singing voice and amazing acting ability. I would pay just to see her read the phone book. Yes, she is that good.

Ellis as Amalia Balash plays opposite Sam Simahk, who takes on the role of Georg Nowack. They have an onstage chemistry that is magical. Having such a wonderful score to showcase their voices doesn't hurt.

The play is set in Hungary as Christmas approaches and revolves around the romances both Amalia and Georg are having via mail (not email, but the letters you have to put a stamp on and deposit in a mailbox, remember those?) with people they have not yet met. It turns out the two have been writing to each other without realizing it, which becomes more complicated when Amalia gets a job at Maraczak's, a perfumery where Georg is already employed. The two do not hit it off well. The confusion draws in the other



Jennifer Ellis

employees of the store, as well as Mr. Maraczak (Tom Gleadow), who is also dealing with a case of mistaken identity.

Local favorite Jared Trolio plays the obnoxious Steven Kodaly, who is pursuing fellow employee Ilona Ritter played by Aimee Doherty. Trolio is just wonderful in the number "Ilona," which has a bit of a Mambo bit. Ms. Doherty will have you smiling with "A Trip to the Library."

"A Romantic Atmosphere" with Nick Sulfaro as the maitre d' of a local restaurant is one of many standout numbers that include "Tonight at Eight" (Georg), "Vanilla Ice Cream" (Amalia), and "Where's My Shoe?" (Amalia and Georg). "Perspective," sung by employee Ladislav Sipos (Robert Saoud), is filled with advice on how to keep your job. The delivery boy and aspiring clerk Arpad (Brendan Callahan) appeals for a promotion in "Try Me." It would be very hard to refuse him after hearing his musical argument.

The story is not a complicated one, but it is so enjoyable to watch. The musical numbers are just wonderful and, with Musical Director Matthew Stern at the helm, the orchestration is tight. The choreography by director Ilyse Robbins is smooth and light.

While the entire cast and production are wonderful, Ms. Ellis and Mr. Simahk are positively great. This is a play worth seeing. It will leave you with a big smile on your face.

*She Loves Me* is playing now through December 23rd at The Greater Boston Stage Company in Stoneham, MA. For more information, go to [www.greaterbostonstage.org](http://www.greaterbostonstage.org).

### This Man of La Mancha

is Not Quite the Impossible Dream

The New Rep Theatre's current production of *The Man of La Mancha*, directed by Antonio Ocampo-Guzman, looked promising as the cast took the stage. It appeared it would be earthy and salty but, unfortunately, it did not turn out that way. I found this version to be disjointed and confusing. At times, I wasn't sure if it was reminiscent of a production done in Berlin in the 1920s or a Harvard Square



The cast of *La Mancha*

coffeehouse in the 1960s. The transitions were choppy and it did not convey the edginess that it meant to.

Having the musicians playing instruments while acting their parts on a set that resembled backstage at a theater was a nice touch, but the music was at many times tinny. Lead actor Maurice Emmanuel Parent, who was superb in the Speakeasy's production of *Scottsboro Boys*, doesn't seem able to quite settle into his role. I don't think it is as much him as it is the material he is working with.

This is a production had a lot of potential, but it could be possible the director got too caught up in trying to send a message about the current state of politics today instead of letting the work be subtler and allowing the audience to read into it their own interpretation.

*Man of La Mancha* is playing now through December 31st at the New Rep Theatre, Watertown, MA. For more information, go to [www.newrep.org](http://www.newrep.org).

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## Santa Comes to the East Boston Soup Kitchen



Next Tuesday, December 19th, the East Boston Soup kitchen will be holding its Holiday Celebration downstairs at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 28 Paris Street. Everyone is welcomed to join in as the soup kitchen brings in the holidays with three warm meals and holiday

cheer throughout the day. Breakfast starts at 9:00 am, lunch at 12 noon and dinner starting at 5:00 pm.

Word has it that Santa himself will be arriving at 6:00 pm to hand out gifts and add his voice to some great songs with some carolers also stopping by. Questions? Email [ebcsk.info@gmail.com](mailto:ebcsk.info@gmail.com).

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# Arthur Lauretano, MD

## Appointed Chief Medical Officer of Circle Health

Circle Health announced the appointment of Arthur Lauretano, MD, MS, FACS to the role of Chief Medical Officer (CMO), effective January 1, 2018.

As CMO, Dr. Lauretano will collaborate with key stakeholders and focus on evaluating and enhancing the medical practice, health-care services, and patient care experience within Circle Health and Lowell General Hospital. He will work directly with clinical leaders, hospital administration, and community providers, and will lead discussions designed to continually improve and optimize the health system's efforts to care for and serve area residents. Dr. Lauretano will report to Circle Health's President and CEO Jody White in his new role.

Dr. Lauretano, a board-certified otolaryngologist, is well-known within the medical community in Greater Lowell. Since his move to the area in 1997, he has practiced at Massachusetts ENT Associates, Inc., in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and has been a member of Lowell General Hospital's medical staff for over 20 years. During that time, Dr. Lauretano has been active within the hospital's Surgical Services Department and at the Cancer Center, specifically in robotic surgery and head and neck cancer. He served as Presi-



Arthur Lauretano, MD

dent of the Medical Staff and currently serves as Medical Director of Inpatient Specialty Services and the Medical Director of Otolaryngology Multidisciplinary Clinic at the Cancer Center. Dr. Lauretano will maintain both of those leadership roles and integrate them into his responsibilities as CMO. He will also continue to see and care for patients at his practice.

Dr. Lauretano completed his surgical internship at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital and his residency in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA. He received his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine's six-year medical program. Dr. Lauretano has his Master of Science in Healthcare Management and Clinical Informatics from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and has a second board certification in Clinical Informatics from the American Board of Preventive Medicine. He is also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Doctor Lauretano is the son of former North End residents Mary Anne (Masie Silano) and Arthur A. (Sonny) Lauretano, husband of Adrienne Agliano Lauretano, and father of Danielle and Arthur, Jr.

## St. Agrippina's Annual Christmas Program



St. Agrippina's membership held its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. The program was a huge success once again! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine with plenty of toys for all the good boys and girls. There were many families anxiously

waiting for his arrival while holiday music played. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave him or her an age-appropriate gift, a balloon, and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats for over 100 children. Santa's very good friend Blades from the Boston Bruins greeted all the

families with lots of enthusiasm and good cheer. Furthermore, the Boston Celtics Dancers made their annual visit to the program and added plenty of smiles and good wishes to the families of the North End. A very merry good time was had by everyone that attended.

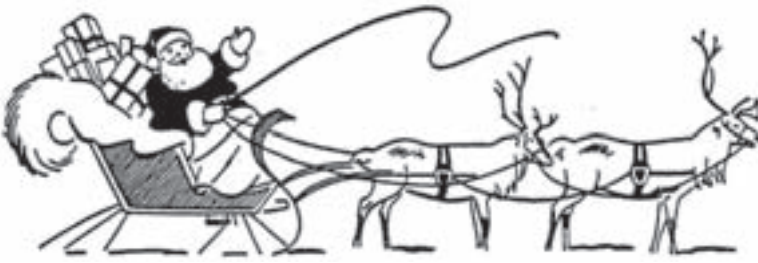
The membership would like to thank the following for their support of the program: Knights of Columbus, North End Against Drugs, VFW Post 144 North End, Rodman Insurance, The Fishermans Membership, Balloons over Boston, Mikes Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station, Hillside Press, the Boston Celtics, the Boston Bruins and a special thanks to Patty Papa of the Mayors Office of Special Events.

The membership of St. Agrippina's Society is very proud of our annual Christmas Program for North End Children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our 104<sup>th</sup> annual feast. Viva St. Agrippina!!!!!!!!!!



## ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



Ciao Bella,

Hope all my Glamazons are taking time to smell the roses during this hectic Holiday Season!

Please enjoy my yearly Christmas parody to a "A Night Before Christmas" that happens to take place in a beauty salon! I am proud to say I wrote this several years ago.

Wishing all my Post-Gazette readers and staff a very Merry Christmas! Enjoy!

*'Twas The Week Before Christmas when all through the salon  
The scissors were clicking; the mad rush was on.  
The hairdressers were busy primping the coifs;  
Perm odor, tinting, hair spray—what cough?  
The nail-techs stayed sitting; painting their art,  
And the patrons were in and out like a dart.  
The receptionist was praying for the end of the day,  
While just out the window she noticed a sleigh.  
And in walked a lady all covered in flour;  
She said she'd been baking for hours and hours.  
"I've seen to the children, but what of myself?  
My husband's been busy and couldn't spare an elf.  
My nails are all broken; my hair feels like glue;  
I hope there is someone who can make me feel new."  
With that gleam in her eye, it was hard to say "no"—  
Mary volunteered for the job—ho, ho, ho!  
Shampoo, shampoo, how do you do?  
Rollers and gel — need the dryer too.  
With a trick of her brush she was coiffed in a flash;  
Manicured, painted, and dried in a dash.  
Her nails were all shiny — painted "jungle-red."  
The smile on her face left nothing unsaid.  
As she waved us good-bye, Merry Christmas to all,  
Everyone stopped to see the great haul.  
While out the window we all began to peer  
At a giant sleigh and eight strong reindeer!  
Our lady hopped right in and with a nod to go  
Off went her chariot above all the snow.  
Jingle, jingle, jingle you can hear the bells ring.  
It was a sight to behold, there were songs to sing.*

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America! And God Bless President Donald J. Trump.

— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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# 30 Year Anniversary North End Restaurateur Frank DePasquale

Presented with City Council Resolution by Sal LaMattina

by Matt Conti



Frank DePasquale (center) receives City Council Resolution by City Councilor Sal LaMattina with wife Debra DePasquale

In honor of his 30-year anniversary running successful businesses in Boston's North End, restaurateur Frank DePasquale was presented with a Boston City Council resolution on Monday night by Councilor Sal LaMattina.

As an entrepreneur, DePasquale started his first restaurant, Il Panino, on Parmenter Street. In one of his last citation presentations as councilor, LaMattina said it was important for him to recognize DePasquale for his contributions to the North End community.

DePasquale Ventures has grown into a multitude of businesses in the North End and one of the largest restaurant operators in Boston, including an expanded Trattoria Il Panino, Bricco, Quattro, AquaPazza, Mare, and Assaggio restaurants. In addition, DePasquale owns and operates Bricco Panetteria and Salumeria, Bricco Suites, Gigi Gelateria and Scene magazine.



## Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

T'was the night before Christmas, Old St. Nick is packing his sleigh with gifts and toys on display! ... This year Santa's taking the Mrs. along so she can enjoy Eastie's special welcome and sing folks a song ... As the sled ascends into the sky, they both wave to the Elves a warm goodbye. Sailing over the clouds and into the night, Santa wonders if Massport's Traffic Control radar will have his Reindeers in sight ... Santa lands at Maverick Square, where he hears a loud thundering cheer. The crowd is excited to see Santa and greet him with a loud cheer. Santa is helped out of the sleigh along with the Mrs. and folks blow them kisses. Mrs. Claus looks around, amazed at all the new home construction underway ... President Trump is there to give Santa advice — when doing business with Democrats try and be nice. Santa is holding a bag of muzzles for the Press much to their distress ... Trump is happy to see Santa is on his side and hopes to turn the tide! ... Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards gives Santa and the Mrs. a big hug and a Christmas stocking filled with candy and an Eastie Mug. Boston State Rep. Adrian Madaro and State Senator Joe Boncore hand Santa the keys to East Boston's finest hotels with a message

of love from all the above ... Santa and the Mrs. arrive at Central Square in a daze where they look upon the new Park, amazed ... Cassy Martarano's Senior Barnes Bingo crew is there to let Santa play Bingo in a game he'll never forget ... Joe McNamee of J&M Mechanical offers Santa and the Mrs. a new Park Bench to sit and eat goodies and rest a bit ... The Mastrangelo family of Kelley's Pub offer an invitation to Santa and his Queen to enjoy cocktails and a special dinner for two that's so good the Mrs. thinks it's a Dream ... Santa wants a great pizza, so he heads to Santarpio's Pizza on Chelsea Street to wish the Santarpio family a happy season's greet!... Next stop to the Social Centers to see kiddies to give out dolls, trucks and toys to all the good girls and boys. The Mrs. wishes seniors a season of wealth and good health ... Santa spots the handsome Vincent Lombardo with his beautiful daughter at Liberty Plaza, and to Santa's delight Vinnie offers Santa and the Mrs. an invitation to Vincent's Nightclub in Randolph where they can party all night ... Santa has a bottle of Dom Perignon sent to Al Caldarelli to celebrate C.D.C.'s successes in community development ... Santa visits his old buddy Joe Young at Elite Donut in Day Square with gifts for Joe, Doug, Paul and the gang and

introduces the Mrs. who blows them kisses. The Clauses wolf down a stack of hot pancakes and drink spiked coffee with cream and, when it's all been eaten and done, Santa announces Elite is still number one ... Julie at First Priority Credit Union is handing kids candy and whispers to Santa an investment that's dandy ... Liz Jones of the Everett Bank has some nifty presentations to hash over with Santa who is anxious to make some cash ... Revere Councilors Tony Zambuto and Dan Rizzo are in East Boston to take pictures with Santa for the *Post-Gazette*, whose owner's goal is to send Santa a year's edition to the North Pole ... Santa seeks out old friend Gus Serra, who's been traveling a bit, and offers Gus a room with a view at his ice palace hotel that's brand new! ... Santa asks his friend Joe Mario, Century 21 R.E., to find him a get-away place to escape the Mrs. she can't trace ... With all the refreshments the Clauses consumed, they squeeze into the sleigh, and cry their diets are doomed! After boarding the sleigh with an extra twenty pounds, Santa orders Rudolph to sail off the ground. As the sled soars into the air, Santa calls out, "I'll see you next year!"

**Have a Merry Christmas and Happy 2018 New Year!!!**





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# Holiday Gift Guide

## Video Suggestions

**THE DEFIANT ONES (Blu-ray)**  
**Universal Pictures Home Ent.**

*The Defiant Ones*, a four-part documentary, is an unquestionably bold film about the unlikely but unbreakable bond of trust and friendship between Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine, two street-smart men from different worlds, who have shaped many of the most exciting and extreme moments in recent pop culture. This revealing, compelling, and often gritty story takes place in recording studios, humble homes and massive mansions, in criminal courts and in the highest corridors of corporate power. Interviews with those who worked closely with Jimmy and Dr. Dre include Bono, David Geffen, Eminem, Ice Cube, Gwen Stefani, Jon Landau, Tom Petty, Snoop Dogg, and Bruce Springsteen. See how these two men rose to prominence in the '80s and '90s and eventually launched their billion-dollar headphone and speaker business, Beats by Dre.

**GILMORE GIRLS: A YEAR IN THE LIFE (2-DVD)**  
**Warner Bros. Home Ent.**

Nearly ten years after the original series ended, *Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life* is here. Lorelai (Lauren Graham) still runs the Dragonfly Inn and now lives with Luke (Scott Patterson). Her daughter, Rory (Alexis Bledel), now 32, juggles career complications and ex-boyfriends, while matriarch Emily (Kelly Bishop) adjusts to widowed life. In four 90-minute seasonal, memorable chapters (Winter-Spring-Summer-Fall) studded with drop-ins by quirky Stars Hollow friends, the Gilmores confront long-standing unresolved issues, going head-to-head with passionate heart-to-hearts. This stirring, smart, and emotional revival is both familiar and full of surprises. It's good to be home.

**WOODSHOCK (Blu-ray)/Lionsgate Home Ent.**

Golden Globe nominee Kirsten Dunst stars as Theresa, a haunted young woman spiraling in the wake of profound loss, torn between her fractured emotional state and the reality-altering effects of a potent cannabinoid drug. Immersive, spellbinding, and sublime, *Woodshock* transcends genre to become a singularly thrilling cinematic experience that marks the arrival of Kate and Laura Mulleavy (visionary designers of Rodarte) as major new voices in film.

**HIGH SCHOOL LOVER (DVD)/Lionsgate Home Ent.**

When 17-year-old Kelly (Paulina Singer) sneaks out to the city one night with her friends, she isn't expecting to meet Hollywood's hottest actor, Christian Booth (Francois Arnaud). To Kelly's surprise, Christian contacts her and they begin spending time together. When her father (James Franco) finds out about the relationship — and the wide age gap — he demands that Kelly stop seeing Christian. As Christian's adoration turns into obsession, Kelly realizes that she's put her family in danger.

**24: LEGACY (DVD)/Twentieth Century Fox Home Ent.**

This 12-episode series chronicles an adrenaline-fueled race against time to stop a devastating terrorist attack on United States soil, in the same real-time format that has propelled this genre-defining series. Six months ago, in Yemen, an elite squad of U.S. Army Rangers led by Sergeant Eric Carter killed terrorist leader Sheik Ibrahim Bin-Khalid. In the aftermath, Bin-Khalid's followers declared a threat against Carter, his squad, and their families, forcing them into federal witness protection. But a recent attempt on Carter's own life makes it clear to him that his team has been exposed. To thwart further attacks, Carter enlists the person who directed the raid that killed Bin-Khalid — Rebecca Ingram, a brilliant and ambitious intelligence officer who has stepped down from her post as National Director of the Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) to support her husband, Senator John Donovan, in his campaign for President of the United States.

**THE 2017 WORLD SERIES (2-Blu-ray + DVD)**  
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**REMEMORY (Blu-ray)/Lionsgate Home Ent.**

This film explores the unexplained death of Gordon Dunn (Martin Donovan), a visionary scientific pioneer whose body is found shortly after the unveiling of his newest work: a device able to extract, record, and play a person's memories. Gordon's wife, Carolyn, retreats into her house and cuts off contact with the outside world when a mysterious man (Peter Dinklage) shows up at the widow's door, claiming to be a friend of her late husband. After stealing the machine, he uses it to try and solve the mystery of Gordon's death, beginning an investigation of memories that lead him to unexpected and dangerous places.

## 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

### MANY PARENTS NOT LIKING NEW START TIMES FOR SCHOOLS

Many parents are calling on the Boston Public Schools not to start new times next September and are arguing that they will be too disruptive with after-school activities and day care. An online petition has been started and already has 2,500 signatures. The city responded that it is currently talking with after-school program partners to work along with the city's public schools.

### IS IT TIME FOR AN ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD AGAIN?

Recently, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) sponsored a discussion on the Boston School Committee in which a panel of elected and community leaders talked about whether or not Boston should, among other things, return to an elected school board.

ABCD CEO John Drew says the legislation creating the appointed board 25 years ago "disenfranchised parents from saying what could happen to their children when they go to public schools" (see related story above). John Tyler, a member of the panel who runs the Municipal Research Bureau, supports the appointed board saying being appointed means the board can focus on policy rather than politics.

Personally, I support the return of an elected body, which I believe would better serve the interests of parents than an appointed board serving the wishes of City Hall. In all transparency, I was a short-time candidate for the for District 1 school committee seat in 1983 when the reform went into effect. Politics and public policy can work hand in hand. Even with an appointed board, does

anyone think there's no politics involved?

Bring back an elected Boston School Committee.

### SHOULD WE DUMP THE MAVERICK NAME NOW?

Maverick Square in East Boston is named after Sam Maverick, one of the state's earliest settlers. When the Puritans arrived in 1630, Maverick was already an East Boston, aka Noddle's Island, resident. By 1638, he became one of the first slave owners, too. He was an Anglican and Royalist, aka a British Tory. Today, Maverick Square is home to many Latino restaurants and a busy MBTA station named after him.

Does Maverick stay, or go like General Robert E. Lee? Let me know what you think at [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com).

### DOES BANNING DRIVING WHILE ON CELL PHONES HURT MINORITIES?

This seems to be the question asked by House Speaker Bob DeLeo, who reportedly is not on board with Governor Baker or the State Senate on barring drivers from using cell phones in their moving vehicles. DeLeo also wondered if poor people could afford those more expensive hands-free phones.

The Senate seeks a \$100 fine for the first time caught violating the proposed ban and \$500 fine for repeat offenders. Here's my bottom line. How much more expensive are the medical bills when someone is distracted from the road while on the phone and ends up crashing with injuries to follow?

### WHAT IS WRONG WITH US REP. MIKE CAPUANO?

Last week, Capuano was among the 50 Democrats in the House who voted to support a resolution calling for impeachment proceedings to begin. There are many things Trump does that makes me wonder, but whatever he is doing or not doing is nowhere near any reason for impeachment.

The Trump Resistance began when Trump beat Clinton on November 8, 2016, and isn't going to retreat until they get Trump removed from office. They don't recognize his victory

or that he is actually the real president. They want to overturn an election result because it went against their plans for the future.

Clinton keeps crisscrossing the nation on her book tour and watching those standing in line to get a book autographed or just to shake her hand makes me feel shaky about the future of America. She didn't win. She lost. She just won't go away as long as crowds keep coming to adore her.

Getting back to Capuano, the voters of District 7 in the U.S. House need a congressman serving the needs of constituents in places like East Boston, Charlestown, Somerville, and Cambridge rather than basking in the national limelight. I long for the days of Tip O'Neill, who understood all politics is local.

### DUDLEY DOUGH SHUTS DOWN PIZZA OVENS

Dudley Dough was a pizza parlor inside the Bruce Bolling Municipal Building at Dudley Station. They said the business plan was built on economic justice and healthy food. The place opened in 2015 and called itself the fair-wage pizza place and now it closes for good in a few weeks time.

They say it has been a popular haunt with customers, but financially it was an apparent basket case and reportedly put stress on the wider nonprofit organization Haley House that was behind its creation.

The team leader of the shop said, "I don't think anyone is looking at it as a failure." The place advertised "pizza with purpose" and offered both above average pay as well as culinary and business training. Haley House tried to put a social enterprise model into action but could not continue to throw money at the pizza shop without hurting their many other efforts that are succeeding.

Hopefully, lessons will be learned and could be the basis for future successes. Bottom line, sometimes a slice of pizza is just a slice of pizza and if the price to be made is too little than there are no more slices.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at **TODISCO TOWING 94 Condor Street, E. Boston** **SATURDAY DECEMBER 30, 2017** at **9:00 AM**  
Run dates: 12/15, 12/22 12/29, 2017

Merry Christmas,  
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Once again, the Elite Restaurant in Day Square, East Boston, gets all decked out for Christmas this year. If you love this newspaper you're reading right now, Joe Young, the Elite owner, has it there in the shop for you each week. And, as Joe always says, "The Elite is where all the elites eat."


(Photo by Sal Giarratani)



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I have two more book signings to tell you about:

1. On **Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>**, I will be at the **East Boston Social Center, 68 Central Square**, from **11:00 am until 1:00 pm** and would love to meet with the people from Eastie, my old home town.

2. I am coming back to the **North End** for another **book signing** this month. On **December 21<sup>st</sup>**, I will be at **I AM Books** from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**. The location is **189 North Street**, across from the **Paul Revere House** in **North Square**.

For those of you who can't make it to a book signing and would like an autographed copy of my latest book, **TRUE SHORT STORIES**, send a check for \$20.00 made out to me, **JOHN CHRISTOFORO**, and mail it to **Beagsley Publishing Co., Box 342, Arlington, MA 02476**. The book is a compilation of 18 short stories about growing up in East Boston in the mid-1950s and attending English High School. It details almost everything I did and got away with as a teenager.

The year was 1948, and Christmas was coming. Mom and Grace Manfredonia had made plans to take me and the, then, three Manfredonia children to see Santa Claus.

Grace and her husband, Ralph, were the owners of 74 Eutaw Street where Mom, Dad and I lived. Plus, they all knew each other from when they were young. John Manfredonia, their oldest, and I were born a week apart and were inseparable until we hit our teen years. The plan was to take us to Jordan Marsh to see Santa. Jordan's had the largest toy exhibit in New England and that's where the REAL Santa Claus was located. We knew that many stores had Santa imitations, but the real Santa was operating at Jordan Marsh. Mom and Grace Manfredonia had an ulterior motive. Jordan Marsh had a café where they sold the best blueberry muffins made in the City of Boston and, after the visit to the toy department and a sit-down with Santa, we would all be hungry enough to sample those famous muffins.

We would head down the Eutaw Street hill, take a trolley to Maverick Station, head downstairs to the trains and somehow wind up at the station under Filenes Department Store, come back up to the street level, and wind up on the corner of Washington and Summer Streets. Filenes had great Christmas displays in their windows, mannequins dressed in period clothing and, of course, electric train and toy displays that intrigued all of us. Their toy department couldn't compare with Jordan Marsh, which meant that their Santa wasn't the real one.

After looking at the displays in Filene's windows, we would head to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor toy department at Jordan Marsh. This was the real thing and we kids knew it. Grace would accompany her daughter, Adelaide, to look at the dolls and Mom would follow John and Fred Manfredonia and me as we headed toward the grandest electric train display found anywhere. They would have a setup consisting of Lionel trains, many of them, traveling from model cities to towns and rural areas with all of the whistle stops, buildings, lakes and hills

one might expect to see in the 1940s. I had Lionel trains at home and would make a mental note of what I saw and wanted to let Santa know when it was my turn to talk to him.

After a lengthy visit to the train display, we boys would head to look at the erector sets and see what ingenious creations we could make if we only had one of them at home.

From there, we would head to an area where they had microscopes and chemistry sets, which interested me, but not my friends. The compromise was the model plane display. I was an avid model maker and had a copy of just about every World War II bomber and fighter used by the Army Air Corps, the Navy, and the Marine Corps. Most of my model planes were made by the Guillow Company of Wakefield and were made of balsam wood. The Jordan Marsh display was of Strombecker planes made from hard wood with more detail than the Guillow planes and I was hooked. The second last thing we would look at was the display of sleds — small ones, large ones big enough to carry two or more kids, and the giant toboggans that we never saw on the streets of Boston. The last thing we had to see was the air rifle and cap gun display. I loved both and wanted pistols and an air rifle, a Daisy pump action Red Rider BB rifle that I could use for target practice in the cellar.

Once the window shopping was over, we headed to wait in line to visit Santa. We would line up and ascend the steps to where he was seated and give him our wish lists for Christmas. I remember asking for additions to my electric train set, additions to my erector set, a chemistry set with the accompanying microscope, air plane models, a set of Roy Rodgers cap pistols, and the air rifle I described. Santa would promise to try to bring me the things I asked for and I was satisfied because I knew that when Dad would ask me what I said to Santa, he would secretly speak to him and be assured that I would get everything I wanted.

When the two families were all back together, our mothers would insist we head for the famous Jordan Marsh blueberry

muffins. We would then go to the café, find a table, and dig into to their creations. Mom and Grace with their cups of coffee and we kids with glasses of cold milk enjoyed those delicious muffins and discussed what we asked Santa to bring us for Christmas. Just before we left the café, our mothers would each buy a dozen muffins to bring home and then we would retrace our steps to get back to East Boston. From that point on, it was anticipation as we awaited the arrival of Santa.

on that Christmas Eve. I left out a dish of cookies for Santa with a glass of Zi'Antonio's best home-made red wine and a note of thanks for my presents. On Christmas morning, I found many of the things I had asked for, with the exception of the air rifle and chemistry set. A note from Santa assured me that when I was older, I could ask for them again. What were conspicuously missing were the additions to my electric trains. I was unhappy until the phone rang and Babbononno on the other end explained that Santa Claus had made a mistake and delivered my trains to him and Nanna. Dad and my uncles played music day and night during Christmas season and Uncle Nick, who picked up the trains, couldn't get them to our house in time for Christmas Day and left them with Babbononno. It didn't matter, I bought the story told me by Babbononno and, after breakfast, ran from Eutaw Street to their apartment on Princeton Street and picked up the additions to my train set.

There was one problem, though. When I returned with the trains, Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna were already at our flat, and they and Dad helped me add in the train parts to my setup. The problem was that I couldn't get at the trains for quite a while as they all played with them without me for about an hour. GOD BLESS AMERICA


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## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### CASSATTEDI "ka-sa-ted-dee"

#### A Sicilian Christmas Ricotta Cheese Turnover

- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 pound container ricotta cheese | 1/2 teaspoon sugar           |
| 2 cups flour                     | Pinch of salt                |
| 1 tablespoon orange rind         | Pinch of cinnamon (optional) |
| 3/4 cups water                   | 2 cups cooking oil           |
| 1 tablespoon red wine            | Additional granulated sugar  |
| 1/4 cup shortening or margarine  | 10-inch Teflon skillet       |

Place ricotta cheese in a colander to drain.

Put flour in ten-inch bowl. Cut in shortening with knife and fork. Add sugar and salt. Mix while adding water slowly. Before using all water, work red wine into mixture. (Wine causes dough to bubble when fried.) Continue mixing dough until it holds together and all flour is used. Knead dough to a smooth consistency. Separate into three portions. Roll each into a long piece. Cut roll into smaller portions approximately one-inch thick. Place in bowl and cover.

Transfer drained ricotta into bowl. Add orange rind and cinnamon and mix thoroughly by hand. With rolling pin, roll each piece of dough into paper-thin rounds. Place a tablespoon of ricotta in center of dough. Fold over (like turnovers). Press lightly around filling to allow inside air to escape. Then seal edges with crinkled pastry cutter or press edge with fork. Set aside on pastry cloth or a flour-dusted tablecloth. Makes about twenty-four Cassattedi.

Pour enough oil in a ten-inch Teflon skillet to cover bottom. Prick top of six Cassattedi at a time (with a pin) before placing in hot oil, *top down*. When frying, turn each one with spatula until golden brown on both sides.

When any ricotta or fluid escapes into the hot oil, the liquid will splatter and burn. Remove Cassattedi from oil. Clean skillet. Add and heat new oil and continue frying remaining Cassattedi.

Place fried Cassattedi in a serving platter layered with granulated sugar. Sprinkle additional sugar on each one. Serve hot or cooled. Leftover Cassattedi must be refrigerated.

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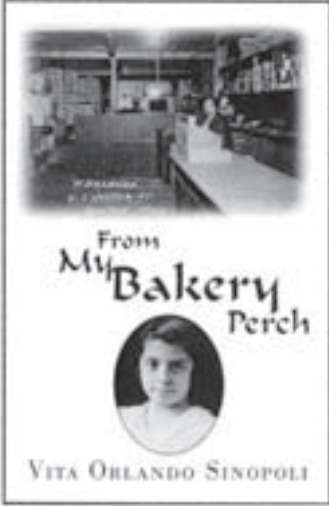
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# The Barnes School Senior Bingo Club Christmas Party



The Barnes School Senior Bingo Club held their Christmas on Party December 12<sup>th</sup>. State Representative Adrian Madaro and State Senator Joe Boncore both donated \$5.00 gift certificates to Walgreens and CVS as gifts to the Seniors. The party was a huge success. Shown from Left to Right: Angie Raffa, Susan Panzini, Patty LaRosa, Josie Terranova, Senior Coordinator Cassy Martarano, Tommy Tringale, Vicky Panzini, Laura Mansfield and, sitting, Marianne Folson.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Pensacola, FL, last week, feeding red meat to his fan base. Also seemingly feeding the same menu to Alabama voters along the way. Bottom line for many Republicans is that Moore is better than a Democrat. I can't buy this analogy. Moore doesn't belong in the U.S. Senate, but the choice belongs to Alabama voters, not to me.

As for Democrats touting Doug Jones, the Democrat, especially Bay State Democrats like ex-Gov. Deval Patrick, I have two words: "Ted Kennedy." Getting back to Trump, though, why the need to feed his ego with these large campaign style shows like the one in Pensacola, FL? He's the President of the United States of America, he's not a televangelist and he's not a game show host.

**Obstruction and Collusion**  
When the alt left media isn't talking Russia, Russia, Russia, their mantra is obstruction, obstruction, and obstruction. Folks over at CNN and, even worse, MSNBC have not let up since November 8, 2016, when their candidate went down in flames shocking to hell all those left-wing media types who never saw the Trump upset coming.

Constant belittling our president at every turn, making him look like the worst president ever. Heard one liberal call Trump our so-called president. Many are still harping on the Electoral College. They won't be satisfied until they find a way to boot him out of office.

**Remembering John Anderson**  
I still remember well the 1980 presidential election when Ronald Reagan won the Republican nod. During the early state GOP primaries, several candidates came forward, George H.W. Bush among them. And others, like the more liberal U.S. Rep. John Anderson, R-IL, who eventually switched over to run as an Independent that year. Started off hot, but cooled off to around 5-6 percent that November.

I remember going to his rally in Downtown Crossing in the corner park by School and

Washington streets across from the old South Meeting House. He was considered a 58-year-old maverick at the time with a great head of white hair. Kinda of like an earlier version of John McCain, white hair and all.

I also remember going to a presidential debate that year at the Quincy Market rotunda. I think I was doing a story on the debate for some newspaper back then. Met them all up close and personal. I started off with Anderson before switching off to Reagan.

Anderson was 95 at the time of his death a couple weeks ago.

**Speaking of That**

Rich Lowry, the editor of the *National Review*, whose commentaries appeared in the *Boston Herald* recently, stated that if the Democrats take back the house in 2018, you can bet they will draw up a bill of impeachment on the president. If the Dem's win the Senate, too, Trump could get kicked out of office. This tells me we need to keep Republicans in the majority or the turmoil we now face could get much, much worse.

**The Steinle Acquittal, What Happened?**

When I first heard that a five-time deported illegal immigrant was acquitted in the killing of Kate Steinle, I couldn't believe it. What happened?! First thing

I thought was what was he charged with? It appears the prosecutors overreached when the killer went on trial. The system still worked, but the prosecutors went for the harshest charges and, as a result, the culprit walked out of court smiling. Had they added the charge "reckless endangerment," he would have most likely been convicted in court.

Justice was not served for the Steinle family. Conservatives reacted by attacking a politically biased San Francisco jury for its terrible decision. Not really the case.

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**NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT**

To all persons interested in the estate of Steven L. Stepanian of Waltham, MA a mentally incapacitated person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 5<sup>th</sup> (Being the 29<sup>th</sup>) - 9<sup>th</sup> (Being the 33<sup>rd</sup>) & Final accounts of Bank of America, N.A. and Judith Lucey as trustees

\* the fiduciaries under an Irrevocable Trust Agreement dated January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1981 for the benefit of Steven L. Stepanian have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at **Cambridge** on or before January 11, 2018 the return day of this citation.

You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty (30) days after said return day or within such other time as the court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. Rule 5.

**Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
First Justice of this Court at Cambridge this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

Date: November 28, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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The Authority is seeking qualified multidiscipline innovative and dynamic consulting planning and engineering firms who wish to be considered to provide professional engineering services for transportation planning and design. The consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services including but not limited to Transportation Planning, traffic modeling, traffic modeling peer review, roadway and intersection design, traffic signal planning and design. In addition, experience in inter-agency coordination and community outreach will be required.

The Authority expects to select one (1) consultant. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. Each consultant shall be issued a contract in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. The services shall be authorized on a work order basis.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on **December 20, 2017** on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage 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](http://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](mailto:SBrace@massport.com) The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about Scope of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

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, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than **12:00 Noon on February 1, 2018** 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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## MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for **MPA Contract No. AP1809-C1, FY18-20 LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE TERM CONTRACT, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MA; L.G. HANSCOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MA; WORCESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT, WORCESTER, MA; ALL MARITIME FACILITIES; AND ALL BUS TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, BRAINTREE, FRAMINGHAM, PEABODY, AND WOBURN, 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 **JANUARY 17, 2018**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

**NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018.**

The work includes **PROVISION OF LABOR FOR JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS, TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNICIANS, AND APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS, INCLUDES TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, AND INCIDENTAL MATERIALS FOR THE REMOVAL, RELOCATION, REPAIR, INSTALLATION INSPECTION, AND TESTING OF LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND WIRING (600V NOMINAL OR LESS), INCLUDING FIRE ALARM AND OTHER LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS WORK. PROVISION OF LABOR FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS, INCLUDES REMOVAL, RELOCATION, INSTALLING, TERMINATING, AND TESTING COPPER DATA CABLES, SINGLE AND MULTI MODE FIBER OPTIC CABLE, AIR BLOWN CABLE, AND CABLE SUPPORTS. ALL WORK IS PERFORMED AT THE AUTHORITY'S PROPERTIES ON AN AS NEEDED AND ON CALL BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017.**

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, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 1,500,000).**

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 **TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000)**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

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.

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Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **December 30, 2017 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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*Trisha Johnson*

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Vin: JM1BM1V36E1113250

*Matthew Alioto*

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**2007 HONDA ACCORD, SILVER**

Vin: JHMCN36457C003431

*Moses Laurent*

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**Docket No. MI17P4683EA**

**Estate of**

**MARYANNE K. SPEICHER**

**Date of Death June 15, 2017**

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gregory W. Speicher of Ayer, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Gregory W. Speicher of Ayer, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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**94 Condor Street, E. Boston**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017**

**at 9:00 AM**

Run dates: 12/18, 12/15, 12/22, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE

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

**Docket No. MI17P6167GD**

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

**In the Matter of  
DAVID EISENBERG  
of Burlington, MA**

**RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA, in the above captioned matter alleging that **David Eisenberg** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

\_\_\_\_\_ (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **January 4, 2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

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

Date: December 7, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/15/17

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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**Docket No. MI17P6168PM**

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR  
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER  
PURSUANT TO  
G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405**

**In the matter of  
DAVID EISENBERG  
of Burlington, MA**

**RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **David Eisenberg** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

\_\_\_\_\_ (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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

Date: December 7, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



## Could the Pawsox Become the Worsox?

Apparently, Gov. Charlie Baker has indicated that he supports bringing the Pawtucket Red Sox to Worcester. Rhode Island is considering an \$83-million proposal to build a new stadium in Pawtucket for the Triple A affiliate of the Red Sox. But Worcester seems intent on landing the Minor League team, too.

### Once Future Ace of Staff

Boston Red Sox left-handed prospect once seen as the next Roger Clemens is now going to Arizona after getting claimed off waivers. He was a first-round pick this past season with the Sox organization, but he walked 115 batters in 126 Minor League innings. Not Rocket Man-like. The Sox drafted him back in 2011.

### Happy Birthday To ...

Chicago White Sox lefty

starter Wilbur Wood was a workhorse on the mound in the '70s. He could pitch over 300 innings a season. One year, in a stretch of five months, he actually was a 20-game winner and a 20-game loser. Imagine how many starts he had that season.

Wood was born in Belmont and started off with the Red Sox in the bullpen back in the dismal '60s of Red Sox baseball. One of the greats! He just celebrated his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday, which once again tells me how old I am getting.

### What to do with Jacoby?

If I were NY Yankees management, I would be taking a serious look at outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury and his \$68.5-million over the next three seasons. I might think a trade this off-season sounds really good.

### Did Ya Know Department

Remember Cecil Cooper, a hard-hitting first baseman who replaced George "The Boomer" Scott at first? Well, on December 6, 1976, the Sox traded him to the Brewers to get The Boomer back and outfielder Bernie Carbo, too.

A great trade for both teams.

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**MIDDLESEX Division**

**Docket No. MI17W1702WD**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

**MARIA ERAZO, Plaintiff**

**vs.**

**WILFREDO MARTINEZ, Defendant**

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking Complaint to Establish Paternity.

You are required to serve upon **Robert M. Warren, Esq. - attorney for plaintiff - whose address is 11 Green St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130** your answer on or before **January 2, 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 in the office of the Register of this Court at **Cambridge**.

**Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 20th day of November 2017.**

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court

Run date: 12/15/17

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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**Docket No. MI17P6140EA**

**Estate of**

**ROY T. ARNOLD**

**Date of Death: September 22, 2017**

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Leslie A. Cone of Palm Beach Gardens, FL**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Leslie A. Cone of Palm Beach Gardens, FL** 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: 12/15/17

While the Sox got Scott and Carbo, the Brewers received one of the most dominant sluggers in that era, appearing in five All-Star games and batting over .300 in the first seven of eleven seasons in Milwaukee.

### Herald Sports Page Looks at 2018 Starters

The other day, the *Boston Herald* took a look at the Red Sox pitchers for the upcoming season. According to Bill James, the team's senior advisor, the Sox are looking good with six good starters. However, as I read the mostly likely outcome for these hurlers, the predictions aren't making me jump for joy.

James sees Chris Sale going 15-8 with a 3.05 ERA. Dave Price? 12-9 with a 3.73 ERA. Pomeranz? 11-9 with a 3.96 ERA. Porcello? 12-10 with a 4.09 ERA. E-Rod? 10-8 with a 3.90 ERA. Finally, Steve Wright? 8-8 with a 4.50 ERA. But what if they make him available for pitch running duties again?

These are the guys taking us to the World Series in 2018? Don't bet your house on it yet.

### End Quote

"You don't inspire your teammates by showing them how amazing you are. You inspire them by showing them how amazing they are."

— Robyn Benincasa

CORRECTION

In last week's paper, Sidney Fleischer's name was incorrectly spelled "Sydney."

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**Docket No. MI14P6690EA**

**Estate of**

**JANET T. KILBURN**

**Date of Death December 05, 2014**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Andrew W. Kilburn, Sr. of Shirley, 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 **Andrew Kilburn, Sr. of Shirley, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 02, 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: December 05, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/15/2017



# Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## Elvis Presley

### The King in the Ring



Elvis in *Kid Galahad*

In 1962, Elvis Presley starred in a boxing themed movie named *Kid Galahad*. It was a musical remake of a 1932 film that featured Edward G. Robinson, Bette Davis, and Humphrey Bogart. The Elvis version is not a movie that has held up well, but it does give us a chance to see The King going through the paces as a boxer. Did he have any boxing talent? Well, I don't think it would have been wise to sign him to a boxing contract. Oh, Elvis certainly had the moves to be a boxer. Just watching him perform, you can see at least two natural traits he had that would have served him well in the ring. He knew how to stay very loose and relaxed while exerting physical energy and he could sure move his hips. A boxer's punching power comes from the hips, so it could be argued Presley would have developed decent punching power.

However, Elvis would have been lacking a key element required to become a top boxer; he did not have a killer instinct. By all accounts, he was a gentle man who would have not found pleasure



Elvis with Rocky Graziano



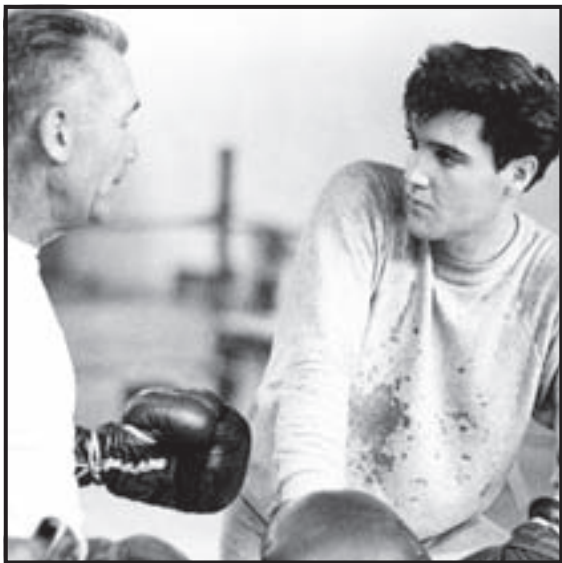
Presley sparring with Mushy Callahan

in causing harm to another person. Also, Elvis was not a big fight fan. He did give Muhammad Ali a fancy robe embroidered with the words "The People's Champion" on it, but he was identifying more with Ali the showman than Ali the boxer. I could only find three other photos of Elvis posing with boxers: Oscar Bonavena, former World Bantamweight Champ; Lionel Rose; and Rocky Graziano.

For the movie *Kid Galahad*, Elvis was trained by former world champ Mushy Callahan. By all accounts, Presley was a very good student and the two worked well together. Callahan was also in the movie.

Here are some photos of The King from the movie and also with Ali, Bonavena, Rose, and Callahan.

Thank you very much!



Presley getting advice from Mushy Callahan



Squaring off with Lionel Rose



The King and The King



The Martial Artist vs. Ali



With Oscar Bonavena

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



For a while, they were in somewhat of an unaccustomed position. After all, they play a sport where their executive leader proudly proclaims, "There is no out of bounds."

Yet, in some ways, for the past few weeks, it did seem to appear as if they had been nudged, perhaps not out of bounds, but definitely to the side, by their winter sports neighbor on Causeway Street.

We speak, of course, of the Boston Bruins, who have proudly represented our town in the National Hockey League since 1924, a community that has, via the talented word-smithing of esteemed *Boston Globe* hockey writer Kevin Paul DuPont, come to be called "the Hub of Hockey."

And yes, it was during a media day interview session a few years ago that one Cameron Michael Neely, formerly a standout player for the Black and Gold and presently the President of the Bruins, made his comment about the continuous flow of the game of hockey, how the boards confine the action to the area of play, in contrast to many other sports where the action ceases due to out of bounds areas.

But it seemed for a while, at least until the Bruins righted their own ship with a recent burst of victories, that the seasonal sports spotlight had swung somewhat away from the Bruins and more pronouncedly in the direction of the Celtics.

Think back a bit. When the Celtics were in the process of putting together a significant winning streak that eventually stretched to a span of 16 games, didn't nearly everyone have an opinion on the 2017-2018 edition of the team that plays on the parquet?

Of course they did. Their somewhat unexpected resurgence given the Gordon Hayward injury seemed to be the talk of the region. Even at a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by relatives who are diehard Bruins fans (they've been known to fly the Bruins flag on game days outside their house and their mailbox on a rural road is adorned with the Bruins logo), it became apparent that their allegiance had been somewhat adjusted to accommodate the Celtics.

"How about those Celtics?" said one of the relatives who loves the Bruins. "I didn't think they were all that keen on basketball," I said to another relative. "They are now," came the response.

And thus, the bandwagon ballooned as the number of victories ventured ever higher in number.

It was during this time that the Bruins toiled away. Although the live gate attendance never wavered (it was continuously announced as a sellout of 17,565), it was plain that the Bruins were falling behind in the parlance of public conversation.

In addition, while the Celtics were leading, the Bruins were bleeding — if not literally, at least figuratively. Injuries seemed to pile upon injuries and the calls to Providence for

replacements from the AHL franchise seemed to multiply as numerous players were away from the ice for various medical reasons.

And yet the Bruins, to their everlasting credit, never really sank. They managed to tread water. Like swimmers at the beach who might temporarily go under as the surf sweeps over them only to reappear bobbing in the water after the waves have passed, so too the Bruins never really sank but did enough to sustain themselves.

And eventually the hard work paid off as the Bruins recently came away with eight victories in a ten-game span.

"We've had a lot of different faces on the team this year," noted Marchand from the perspective of a veteran. "A lot of our older guys have been out early with injuries. It's given guys opportunities and guys have taken advantage of that. The fact that we've been able to kind of stay above water shows the character of this group. It's going to help us again moving forward, the fact that guys have had an opportunity to play early on. You see guys stepping up huge."

Patrice Bergeron, who, like Marchand, has seen it all in his career on Causeway Street, feels that the key to the winning stretch was "playing good defensively. Plus getting some guys back has helped us."

But there's also been a silver lining. As Marchand noted, all those injuries gave younger players opportunities, which resulted in learning experiences.

Now, with injured players returning, Bergeron's keen eye picked up on this factor. "We have more depth now than we thought we had at the beginning of the year. It's definitely nice to have."

Rask, the veteran netminder back in the lineup and doing quite well, has noticed the difference. "Guys are doing a good job of eliminating the second chances and, obviously, if the other team doesn't get rebounds all the time it helps."

Another important aspect is forcing opponents to take shots from less than ideal areas on the ice. "We're also skating back so hard, we're forcing people to take shots in bad spots where they don't have all the time in the world," Rask observed. "We're shutting them down and also blocking a lot of shots. I think all of those things together have made it."

Yet, despite all the recent positives, one aspect of the game that has consistently hurt the Bruins this season has been the team's lack of scoring. As of December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Bruins were next to last in goals scored by Eastern Conference teams (ahead of only Buffalo) and were 27<sup>th</sup> out of the entire 31-team NHL in goals scored.

That was through 27 games played by Bruins, so literally about two-thirds of the schedule lies ahead. Goal scoring wins games. Unless the Bruins can increase the number of goals they put in the net, the chances for a playoff berth in the spring will remain up in the air at best.