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50th Anniversary North End Christmas Parade



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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

A New New York State of Mind

A new New York state law will now require businesses to provide quality space for employees who are nursing to pump breast milk on the job. Supervisors will need to provide a space that is private, well lit, and close to workspaces at the request of a nursing employee says the legislation language. Restrooms and toilet stalls do not meet that standard.

Eastie Holiday Bazaar

The Veronica Robles Culture Center has teamed up with the East Boston Chamber of Commerce to host the first annual Eastie Holiday Bazaar, which will be held at the ICA Watershed inside the gates of the shipyard on Marginal Street. The event will take place on Sunday, December 18th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Come on down and see what local businesses have to offer and perhaps catch a glimpse of Santa, too.

France's Right Wing Gets New Leader

Conservative Eric Ciotti was just elected as the new leader of the Les Republicains Party winning on the second ballot. Calling for a stop to what he calls a "migratory invasion" in France, won 53.7 percent of the vote against Bruno Retailleau, a senator who picked up 46.3 percent of the vote. Ciotti is from the Nice region and is to the right of the outgoing LR leader Christian Jacob.

Former NY Gov. David Patterson Praise NYC Mayor on Mental Health Plan

According to former NY Gov. David Patterson, NYC Mayor Eric Adams's move to commit some mentally ill folks is the right way to help these individuals and keep all New Yorkers safer. Patterson stated, "The mayor has been proactive (His strategy) not only will help to keep (dangerous) individuals off the streets, it's going to help the individuals themselves."

This new policy went into effect last week.

According to Patterson and others, this policy will allow police officers to bring homeless people

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OPEN LETTER TO ... Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)

My name is Emanuel Serra and I served as the State Representative from East Boston for 30 years. As a Legislator from East Boston, I was born in Boston and lived in East Boston since 1945. My grandfather sought out this location for his family members. All three of his daughters living side-by-side with their families in a spacious urban area escaping the concrete jungle of the old West End. I recall the Hill section of East Boston as the onetime jewel of our community. It still is. Today my granddaughter lives in that same house while she is attending Tufts Medical School. I am certain her great, great-grandfather is smiling down on her. It is my intention to keep my home in our family for generations to come.

As the Representative for East Boston for more than 30 years, I have had the opportunity to serve with many different mayors. Most were fine people but none were from East Boston. None of them had the experience of living with an airport, 100's of thousands of cars a day an abundance of daily jet noise. Homes and parks taken by eminent domain and turned into runways. Often the City's ideas as to what was good for East Boston was almost never, what the people of East Boston wanted. To have some so called expert in traffic or zoning tell us what is best for us was usually filled with a great deal of intellectual expertise and a substantial amount of disappointment and failure.

I have historically fought for open space in East Boston ever since the disgraceful destruction of our 78-acre wood island park. I struggled for years to recapture that open space and passed legislation that created the Belle Island Bird Sanctuary. I drafted and passed into law legislation to take from Logan its piers along the East Boston waterfront in order to create Piers Park attempting to restore open space that was taken. I fought long and hard for the creation of the Bremen Street Park. You may not recall that the City Traffic Department along with the Secretary of Transportation opposed me at the time. Their proposal by the Traffic Department was to create a simple berm in order to separate homes on

Bremen Street from the Airport, while still leaving Park 'N Fly and other traffic producing businesses on that site. These ideas proposed by City and State, were theirs not mine or the people of the District I represented at the time. Our concept was to move them all either on the Airport or further north on 1A and to create the beautiful park with exists today. It takes years to create open space and days to destroy. The 78-acre park known as Wood Island Park was destroyed in one night. I still recall the sadness I felt when I looked out my window on Orient Avenue and saw hundreds of full grown trees fallen to the ground in one night of being bulldozed and chain sawed.

I tell you this in order to prepare for your next fight. This absurd proposal spawned by someone in City Hall who pretends to know what should happen in Orient Heights. They want to eliminate one- and two-family zoning in Orient Heights in order to increase the density of the individual lots. Density already exists in the area, just look at the backside of the hill. It blows my mind to think that this proposal is drafted specifically for East Boston. Nowhere else in the City, not Hyde Park, not Roslindale, Southie, or Dorchester. Just Orient Heights — wow, very interesting proposal.

My counter proposal to the City and my neighbors is simple, demand that all our local elected officials, our City Councilor, State Representative, and Senator set up a meeting with Mayor Wu along with a few of our well-spoken neighbors in order to voice our strong opposition to this absurd proposal, which will only serve to deepen the density within our City limits. Without that meeting and a commitment from the City of Boston Mayor Wu and our officials, we have nothing. Hundreds of people attended the community meeting in order to voice their strong opposition to this proposal. The Mayor must understand that there is political consequence when the people are not heard.

Sincerely,

Emanuel Gus Serra

Former Representative East Boston

Stirpe
Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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

THE END OF THE LINE

I wrote that Julius Caesar was a dictator but not an emperor. As a ruler with absolute power, he made such a favorable impression on the Roman people that the Senate bestowed upon him the honor of dictator for life, the forename of imperator, and the surname of father of his country. Through Octavius (Augustus), he was offered a crown of olive leaves and the position of king of the Roman world, which he modestly refused. But it set the people up to accept an emperor in the near future.

Julius Caesar designated his grandnephew Octavian as heir to his fortune and to his name. After the death of Julius, Octavian accepted his inheritance, was elected emperor, and changed his name from Octavian to Augustus. During his 41 years of reign, Augustus received the admiration, respect, and affection of the Roman people, while history praises him for his restraint, patience, and true concern for the Roman tradition.

Both Julius Caesar and Augustus Caesar left such an indelible mark on the history of the world up to that time that the Senate conferred the title of Caesar on many succeeding emperors. This is the part of imperial history that is confusing to so many of us today. Some emperors were voted the title of Caesar by the Senate and some were not, while still others did not remain in office long enough to be evaluated. Some of them were gentle, kind, and very considerate, while many



Cameo showing Nero flanked by Augustus and Livia; Hermitage, St. Petersburg

others were nothing more than brutal bastards.

Nero's death ended what is commonly referred to as the Julio-Claudian line of Roman emperors and there were five that followed after the death of Julius Caesar. All five were in some way related to Julius through the female members of their families.

We know that Tiberius, who followed Augustus, made such a bad impression on the people that, at the first news of his death, many people ran about the city shouting, "Tiberius to the Tiber," while others prayed to their gods to provide him no everlasting home except among the damned. Caligula, the next emperor, became an insane tyrant who did more harm than good, and is regarded as the most grotesque figure ever to serve as emperor of the Roman Empire.

Although I avoided commenting on the negative side of the reign of Claudius during previous columns, there are credible historians who claim that he

was treated as a buffoon in his younger days, that his selection as emperor of Rome was made by the fickle finger of fate, and that his campaign (which supposedly gained great victories in Britain) was the greatest shame ever to be perpetrated upon the Roman populace.

Nero, the last of the Julio-Claudians, became one of the cruelest, most depraved and despotic emperors that ever ruled Rome. His own father said, "Only that which is abominable and harmful to the public could be born of Agrippina and myself" and Nero certainly didn't disappoint his dear old daddy.

An interesting comment by one ancient historian tells of an eagle that flew to Livia, the wife of Augustus, who was sunbathing at her villa. The bird dropped a white hen in her lap and it in turn was holding a sprig of laurel in its beak. Livia raised the hen and it hatched a great brood of chickens. She also planted the laurel, which grew into such a large grove that all of the Caesars gathered their branches from this place before going to celebrate their triumphs. We are told that after celebrating, each of the Caesars returned to the grove to plant their laurel branches in the same spot, and these also flourished. The story goes on to say that just before the death of each of the Julio-Claudian Emperors, the laurel that each had planted then withered and died. Also, at the death of Nero, the entire grove died off, as did all the chickens. It's a great story, but a little too ridiculous for me to swallow. The villa where all of this took place was given the name of "Ad Gallinas." I'll not dispute this name because it just happens to be the Latin expression for "hen-roost" or "chicken coop."

The second part of the story tells of lightning striking a temple of the Julio-Claudians after Nero's death. This one lightning strike is said to have caused the heads to fall from all of the statues at the same time, while the scepter (symbol of power) fell from the hand of Augustus. Additionally, this one story is said to have caused more flatulence (stomach gas) in more people than any other story to come out of Roman Antiquity. But don't be discouraged folks, better times are coming. The Flavian and Antonine emperors produced some of the best rulers in Roman history. But first we'll have to sweat out Galba, Otho, and Vitellius, "i tre pagliacci" (the three clowns).

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Galba the Nibbler

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Saint Eligius

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Eligius was the son of Gallo Roman parents, Eucherius and Terrigia. He was born at Chaptelat near Limoges, Aquitaine (modern day France) in 590. His father, recognizing Eligius had unusual talent in metalwork sent him to the noted goldsmith Abbo, who was Master of the Mint at Limoges. Later Eligius went to Neustria, where he worked under Babo, the royal treasurer

He became an extremely skillful metal smith and was appointed Master of the Mint under King Clotaire II of Paris. Eligius developed a close friendship with the King and his reputation as an outstanding metal smith became widespread. With his fame came fortune. Eligius

was very generous to the poor, ransomed many slaves, and built several churches and a monastery at Solignac. He also erected a major convent in Paris with property he received from Clotaire's son, King Dagobert I.

In 629, Eligius was appointed Dagobert's First Counselor. Later, on a mission for Dagobert, he persuaded the Breton King Judicael, to accept the authority of Dagobert. Eligius later fulfilled his desire to serve God as a priest, after being ordained in 640. Then he was made bishop of Noyon and Tournai. Eligius conscientiousness became a hallmark of his episcopacy, and he was highly regarded for his thoughtful pastoral care. He began missionary work into central Europe and cared for the poor and sick wherever he went. His apostolic zeal led him to preach in Flanders, especially Antwerp, Ghent, and Courtaia where he made many converts.

Eligius passed away on December 1, around 660, at Noyon. He is the patron of goldsmiths, blacksmiths, and all workers in metal. Cabmen have also put themselves under his protection. The feast day of Saint Eligius is December 1st.

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A Perfect Gift for the Holidays

"Once Upon a Hill"

Reviewed by Isabella Braddish

A story of corruption and camaraderie in Boston's predominantly Italian-American North End, "Once Upon a Hill" tells a tale of two Italian immigrants who follow two distinct paths at a time when mob relations reign supreme and immigrants struggle to acclimate to a new America.

With one entering academia and the other entering the mafia, the two individuals eventually find their way back to each other through the most unconventional of circumstances. Ultimately, readers can admire how the two lives become inextricably linked to each other as life continues to pass on.

"My stories are all about people. They are memoirs, but with flares of realism," said Vittoria.

The main characters' lives are intertwined with a corrupt political and social landscape. In a tumultuous period of American history, the struggle to provide and survive was one that many immigrants faced daily as they attempted to navigate their newfound surroundings.

Local author Vittoria returns with second historical fiction spotlighting intertwined relationships

Vittoria recognizes the importance of incorporating essential life values into his stories to extract emotional reactions from his readers and cultivate a sense of fellow feeling.

"There is a lot to be learned from life, there really is," said Vittoria.

Vittoria said his writing process is simple. His creative juices flow best in the early morning, and he recognizes that his craziest ideas are inherently his most authentic.

"You start out with something you know that is true. From there, you can do whatever you want with it," said the author, also noting that his exceptional editor is Charlotte Frank, who at 100 remains as sharp cerebrally as she is in her copy editing skills.

The book may be purchased with a credit card either at www.Amazon.com or at www.cvvittoria.com. Libraries may purchase it from Brodart Co. You may purchase directly to: Purpo, Inc., P.O. Box 490217, Key Biscayne, FL 33149 (include \$25 check or cash).



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year-long celebration of

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and rejoice in the investiture of

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as Pastor*

Sunday, January 8, 2023
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- with Cardinal Seán O'Malley OFM Cap. -

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Charles Henry Perenick, Sr.

May He Rest in Peace

Charles Henry Perenick, Sr., 89, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Monday, December 5, 2022 at Berkshire Place in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

He was born in North Adams, Massachusetts on September 30, 1933, to Rosalie (Mancuso) Perenick and Salvatore Perenick.

Charlie is survived by his longtime companion, Elsa Murphy. His daughter Kimberley Perenick of Woburn, MA, son Charles H. Jr. and wife Siobhan Perenick of Duxbury, MA, son Daniel and wife Melinda Perenick of Woburn, MA and son Andrew and wife Sarah Perenick of Dalton, MA. He also leaves six grandchildren — Matthew, Connor, Nicholas, Olivia, Jack, and Alexander.

He is also survived by his brother Francis Perenick of Springfield, MA, sister Catherine Zelazo of Adams, MA, brother William Perenick and sister-in-law Betty of Readsboro, VT, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Norman “Nick” Perenick.

He was a star athlete at, and graduated from Drury High School in North Adams. He earned his bachelor’s degree in pre-law from Norwich University, Northfield, VT in 1956 where he also lettered in football and track. He was devoted to the University and was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame and served on the Board of Fellows for many years.

While a high school student, he joined the Massachusetts National Guard as a Private and subsequently rose to the rank of Master Sergeant. In 1955, he successfully completed Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Ft. Benning, GA and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. From there, he held various command and staff positions during his distinguished military career which spanned 43 years and retired at the rank of Major General.

Upon graduation from Norwich, he served as a member of the Massachusetts State Police (Troop B) and as a teacher in the Pittsfield Public School system. Charlie attended New England School of Law for two years in the evenings.

He assisted in restructuring the Pittsfield ITAM Lodge No. 564 which later became the largest Sons of Italy Lodge in the United States. He served as the First Venerable for the ITAM Lodge. His leadership and organizational expertise were recognized by the Order’s state delegates and he subsequently was elected to the state office of trustee, treasurer, first vice president and State President. As the immediate past State President, Charlie was honored by the President of the Republic of Italy. He was bestowed the rank of “Cavaliere” (Knight) in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

Active in Massachusetts politics, he was appointed Administrative Assistant to the



Chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee and Appointment Secretary and Assistant State Service Secretary to both Governors John A. Volpe and Francis W. Sargent.

He left the State House in 1971 when he was appointed Clerk Magistrate of the Concord District Court. He served for 21 years until his retirement in 1992.

Charlie enjoyed traveling and took many cruises and also trips to Italy with friends and family. He enjoyed his winters in St. Croix and his ocean home in Hull, MA. Spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, Nicholas, Olivia, Matthew, Connor, Jack, and Alex ... which included trips to the Beacon Resort, sports games, dance recitals, and more.

Charlie maintained a caring demeanor and always looked out for others. He believed in hard-work and lived by the mantra, “Faith, Family, and Friends.” Charlie’s hospitality was legendary as was his involvement in many organizations.

Charlie was a member of the following organizations:

- FMSTA — Former Massachusetts State Trooper Association
- MAITAPO — Massachusetts Association of Italian American Police Officers — where in 1988, he was awarded the Grand Knight Order of Saint Michael the Archangel
- American Legion Post 0160, Adams, MA
- Yankee Division Memorial Club of Boston
- RSCMEA Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of MA
- Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston — past member

Charlie moved back to the Berkshires five years ago with his companion Elsa. They were both communicants of St. Agnes Church in Dalton. Both enjoyed time at Tanglewood and traveling together. Elsa provided love, care and devotion to Charlie throughout their many years together.

His family would like to thank all of the staff at Berkshire Place Memory Care for the love and care that they gave to Charlie during his stay there.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Charles H. Perenick, Sr., was celebrated on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at St. Agnes Church in Dalton, MA by Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. Burial followed in Southview Cemetery in North Adams.

Memorial donations in Charlie’s memory may be sent to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516: Woundedwarriorproject.org or The Charitable & Educational Trust, Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, 85 River Street, Suite 2, Waltham, MA 02453 osia.org To add to the Book of Memories, please visit www.flynndagnolifuneralhomes.com

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Louis J. “Fudgy” Capodilupo, Jr.

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It takes us back to brighter years, to happier sunlit days
and to precious moments that will be with us always.
And these fond recollections are treasured in the heart to
bring us always close to those from whom we had to part.
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... it keeps our dear ones near us.

It’s the bridge that we call love.

Love,

Stephen and Carol and Murray

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L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

A Season of Symbols

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 midwinter festivities, from Christmas to Hanukkah to Kwanzaa, emphasize the theme of light! In preparation for the winter solstice on December 21st, I decided to pay attention to the 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 17th. This holiday honored Saturn, the god of agriculture and time. During Saturnalia, slaves and masters exchanged places, a harbinger of the misrule that characterizes that 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 25th: 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 25th. 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 25th occurs in a calendar from 336 A.D. In the year 350, the Pope officially declared December 25th 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’ 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 emblems 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 shrouded 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, or that 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 characterizes 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!

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



The 8/10 Bar and Grille Won’t Feel the Same Without Richie

Several years back after moving to East Boston, I discovered the 8/10 Bar and Grille located at 810 Norwood Street just outside Everett Square and met up with Richie Sasso. I always found him to be a friendly guy and gracious too.

I ended up being a regular at this joint thanks to my friends Johnny 2 Dog from Eastie, Richie Polito, plus Robio Lunetta Eastie homeboys who ended up in Revere.

I probably ate there twice a week, especially on Fridays because it was always Fish Day. Best fish ever. They served large portions, great tasting food and the price was always just right.

When I heard that Richie lost his good fight with diabetes, he was only 62 years old. I have diabetes, which is why I gave up fried fish there and replaced it with a great plate of broiled fish, which is always the best ever at the 8/10 on Friday nights.

Richie had owned and operated this restaurant for 16 years and passed away right after Thanksgiving Day. He was always a hard worker and knew what it took to build up a successful business.

I was glad to see that the Everett City Council honored Richie’s memory at its recent Council hearing. It was a good gesture from council members. Surely, it was of great comfort to his family, many friends, and all his regular customers like myself.

I returned to the 8/10 Friday evening, December 2nd, because I wanted to return to say my good-bye to Richie, and of course have another plate of broiled fish too. I spoke with a few of the regular customers in the dining area, and we spoke with sadness on the passing of Richie.

It had been a while since I dined at Richie’s place. I often dined there with many friends, but when Johnny 2 Dog and Richie Politico both passed away over the past couple of years, it didn’t feel the same without them. I returned to honor Richie and I am sure I will return again and again because this is my favorite spot in Everett to dine out with new friends or even by myself.

**Richie Sasso,
R.I.P.**

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A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari



Annual Saint Leonard Parish Christmas Concert

CONCERTO DI NATALE — December 10th – The annual Saint Leonard Parish Christmas Concert, one of the loveliest and most anticipated events of the Parish Christmas Season, has returned to Sacred Heart Church after a three-year absence.

“Concerto di Natale,” the title of this year’s concert, was staged in the lovely setting of Sacred Heart’s upper church on Saturday, December 10th. The Saint Leonard Choral Society and Chamber Orchestra, as in the past, was led by Concert Master Dr. Dan Drzymalski.

The concert began promptly at 3:00 p.m. with welcoming remarks by choir president Laurie Warnock followed by an opening prayer by Father Michael della Penna, Pastor of Saint Leonard Parish.

Dr. Juan Mesa, Saint Leonard’s organist, opened the concert with a stirring solo performance.

The Choral Society then performed a lovely selection of Christmas carols as well as stirring renditions of “Nella Fantasia” and “Forward Together” featuring soloist Bridget Corcoran.

The Saint John School Choir charmingly dressed in Christmas attire followed with “Silent Night.”

The Concert concluded with a traditional sing-along enthusiastically sung by performers and audience alike.

The audience was then invited to Saint John School Hall for its traditional Christmas party. Coffee, cookies, and cakes were served and prepared by parish volunteers, members of the Choral Society, as well as donations from local bakeries and pastry shops.

We look forward to next year’s concert, an emerging tradition, which has become an integral part of Saint Leonard Parish.

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Celebrations During the Italian Christmas Season

The mystical sounds of bagpipes, bright lights, vivid pagentry, special holiday foods, refreshments, and undaunted faith are all part of the Christmas season in Italy.

The long-awaited, joyous moment of Christmas festivity begins with St. Nicholas’s Day, December 6th. The ancestor of Santa Claus is St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. The Norman basilica in Bari, Italy contains the tomb of St. Nicholas. In the Apulia region in Italy, children are given gifts on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th. The feast is the forerunner of Christmas, a day of customs and pagentry. In Helen Barolini’s Cookbook “Festa,” she suggests you serve Italian garlic bread, bean soup with escarole, St. Nicholas Sweetmeats, and Italian brittle candy on the feast of St. Nicholas.

Santa Lucia, the patroness of Syracuse, Italy is honored on December 13th. St. Lucy was a beautiful young Christian maiden with sparkling eyes born AD 283, in Syracuse, Sicily. Her rejection of a heathen nobleman resulted in the gouging of his eyes and eventual death by torture. St. Lucy is her represented holding her eyes in a vessel; her holiday

is also called the Festival of Lights. During a great famine, Syracusians, legend relates, went to the Duomo to ask St. Lucy to pray with them to God for assistance. While praying, a ship carrying grain came into the harbor and saved the city. December 13th, to commemorate the miracle of food, Cuccia, grain kernels are traditionally eaten.

The religious preparation for Christmas actually begins nine days before with a novena, before Vatican II there was a twenty-four hour fast from sunset of December 23rd to sunset of December 24th. IL cenone, the Christmas Eve supper is an elaborate event but a meatless one. Many attend Mass at midnight.

Christmas Day is a family holiday, apart from being an important religious holiday. The Christmas meal is an Epicurean offering. On New Year’s Eve in Italy, private parties are planned with relatives and friends to welcome the New Year. Sausage and Peppers, dried Herring, Cannoli, and Chianti are part of the traditional midnight supper.

Roasted chestnuts and mulled wine are a great treat to serve on St. Stephen’s day, December 26th, and on St. John’s Feast

Day, December 27th. A chestnut dessert is a nice touch for St. Stephen’s Day.

The air is filled with excitement and gaiety on New Year’s Day. Children receive strenna, or money gifts, from their parents. Relatives and friends send flowers and mistletoe to one another. Lentils are an important part of the New Year’s dinner.

Epiphany, January 6th, the day the Magi bore gifts to Christ. On epiphany, the la Befana passes through Italy, leaving gifts for children who are good and charcoal for the naughty. A cake to resemble a jewel-encrusted crown in remembrance of the arrival of the Magi is a nice touch.

The word Festa in Italian means feast, holiday, holy day, festivity, birthday, and merrymaking. I don’t know of any ethnic group that knows how to celebrate better than we do. When we go back to our traditions, we have a calendar filled with feasts that are celebrated with faith and unique foods. Our history tells us of the drama and importance of festivals in our heritage. This Christmas season, celebrate all the feasts in remembrance of deceased relatives and a rich past.

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DEMOCRATS
Defend & Expand
their Senate Hold

by Sal Giarratani

The 2022 midterm elections are thanks be to God over and the Democrats and Biden came out of it smiling. The final nail in the coffin was the Georgia run-off election Tuesday, December 6th when incumbent U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock (D) held off Republican Herschel Walker to win a razor-thin nail biter 50.4 to 49.6 percent tipping control of the U.S. Senate to the Democrats to 51-49 seats. Democrats now have no need of using Vice President Kamala Harris as a tiebreaker. While Republicans in the House took control in the lower chamber, the Senate actually lost a GOP seat in what was supposed to be a Red Wave, which apparently disappeared into thin air.

Howie Carr recently called the MassGOP nothing but a DUMPSTER FIRE and I think that also describes the Republican Senate Leadership Team on Capitol Hill. Democrats unite and win. Republicans fight and lose. Same thing over and over again. Walker was not the best candidate but when Democrats can win a Senate seat in Pennsylvania with a seemingly braindead candidate, Walker looked like

Albert Einstein in comparison to Fetterman. I also don’t think that the Trump endorsement worked out well for Walker either. Where was Trump in the last days of this campaign getting the GOP to 50 Senate seats? The Democrats played politics so well bringing in President Barack Obama back on the campaign trail. I am sure he helped pull Warnock over the victory line.

As bad as Republicans are now on the national picture, the MassGOP is a total disgrace of a party locally. Change is needed with better Republican leadership both here and elsewhere.

The Democrats are already bracing for the 2024 elections when seven Democrats in Trump-won states are up for re-election. Democrats are already supporting all seven of them. They always think WIN. Republicans need to stop acting LOSE.

The Georgia Senate Run-off election was yet the latest wake-up call for Republicans and independents. Either you get active or you will remain part of the problem. Campaign 2024 has already begun and you need to know that loud and clear and act accordingly.

East Boston Community Thanksgiving Dinner

by Sal Giarratani

The Madaro Family Community Fund hosted a free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club that was open to all. This was the 16th year of this East Boston community dinner tradition.

More than 750 meals were prepared for dine-in, take-out, and deliveries. Dozens of volunteers worked for days preparing



Volunteers set out in groups loading up vehicles and dropping off meals to East Boston residents unable to pick them up in person. Here three young women (L-R): Giana, Caitlin, and Baylee getting ready to finish loading up their car and start delivering to folks waiting for their doorbell to ring.



State Rep. Adrian Madaro with his staff member Jessica Martinez Frazier



Sal Giarratani with Mike Freedberg delivering Thanksgiving meals to folks who signed up from the neighborhood.
(Photo by Mike Freedberg)



Volunteers were plentiful at the community dinner effort

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• Christmas Parade (Continued from Page 1)



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the North End North End Christmas Parade sponsored by the North End Athletic Association brought Santa to visit the residents and friends of the North End. Santa arrived by helicopter on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at the Christopher Columbus Park on Atlantic Avenue.

Vdeno Chara former captain of Boston Bruins was the Grand Marshal, Miss Massachusetts Scarlet Ramirez, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Wally and Tessie of the Boston Red Sox, Blades of the Boston Bruins, Elsa and Anna, Darth Vader and many other Christmas characters, along with Santa's Elves, joined the Parade.

Santa and all his friends made their way through the streets of the North End. Spreading the Christmas cheer along the parade route the Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti, the Boston Fireman's Band, the Aleppo Shriners Units, the Italian American Band, Woburn High School Marching Band, Danvers High School Marching Band, Saint Anthony, St. Joseph, La Madonna Del Soccorso Di Sciacca and Saint Lucy Feast Societies and many more joined the festivities.

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THE OFFER (4-DVD) Paramount Home Ent.
The Offer is a four-disc set that includes and follows the journey of Al Ruddy, a Hollywood outsider who starts as a programmer and ends up producing one of the greatest films of all time: *The Godfather*. Over the course of the production, Ruddy, along with his assistant Bettye McCartt and director Francis Ford Coppola, contend with all the problems of a making a movie: from battles over casting and scripting, to the involvement of the real-life mafia. Paralleling Ruddy’s rise is the ascent of crime boss Joe Colombo and the Italian-American Civil Rights League, which condemns Mario Puzo’s bestselling novel. Ruddy’s film adaptation puts him and Colombo on a collision course that will ultimately make or break the movie. Hanging in the balance is Paramount Pictures, a last place studio on the verge of being scrapped by parent company Gulf & Western. Robert Evans, the iconic studio executive, gambles on *The Godfather* to save Paramount and put it where it belongs: at the top.

PULP FICTION – LIMITED EDITION STEELBOOK (4K Ultra HD) Paramount Home Ent.
Writer-director Quentin Tarantino’s kick-butt tribute to hard crime capers is also a pop culture phenomenon that redefined cinema. With its unforgettable cast of characters, hip chart-topping soundtrack and edgy incomparable style, *Pulp Fiction* took the world by storm. Spanning interweaving tales of low-rent hit men (John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson), a gangster’s wife (Uma Thurman), and a desperate prizefighter (Bruce Willis), with a stellar supporting cast that includes Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth, Amanda Plummer, Ving Rhames, and Christopher Walken, it’s a wildly entertaining and exhilarating adventure with violence and corruption.

YOUR HONOR (3-DVD) CBS Home Ent. + Paramount Home Ent.
This 10-episode legal thriller that was initially released back in June, deserves a second mention, and stars Bryan Cranston as Michael Desiato, a respected New Orleans judge whose teenage son, Adam (Hunter Doohan), is involved in a hit-and-run that leads to a high-stakes game of lies, deceit, and impossible choices. Michael Stuhlbarg stars as Jimmy Baxter, the much-feared head of a crime family opposite Hope Davis as his wife, Gina, who might be even more dangerous than her husband. The series also stars Carmen Ejogo and Sofia Black-D’Elia, and Maura Tierney as Fiona McKee, a fearless prosecutor trying a major case in Desiato’s courtroom.

STAR TREK - LOWER DECKS: SEASON 2 (2-Blu-ray) CBS Home Ent. + Paramount Home Ent.
Star Trek: Lower Decks is a funnier and Star Trekkier than ever before. Follow the adventures of our favorite Starfleet support crew in the U.S.S. Cerritos, as they deal with changes in group dynamics, chasing promotions, and tons of sci-fi special features. This 2-Disc Blu-ray, which is also getting second mention was originally released in July, and includes every hilarious episode of Season Two, along with over an hour of special features, including featurettes, animatic, commentaries and much more. Also featured are guest appearances by Jonathan Frakes and Robert Duncan McNeill.

STAR TREK - DISCOVERY: SEASON 4 (4-Blu-ray) CBS Home Ent. + Paramount Home Ent.
Season Four of *Star Trek: Discovery* finds Captain Burnham and the crew of the U.S.S. Discovery facing a threat unlike any they’ve ever encountered. With Federation and non-Federation worlds alike feeling the impact, they must confront the unknown and work together to ensure a hopeful future for all. In addition to all 13 episodes, the limited edition Blu-ray has the following special features: STAR TREK DISCOVERY: THE VOYAGE OF SEASON 4 — This behind-the-scenes featurette includes writers and producers as they discuss how their visions were realized by the cast, sets, costumes and props. BEING MICHAEL BURNHAM: THE CAPTAIN’S LOG — From Sonequa Martin-Green, fans are taken through her personal journey as Captain Michael Burnham, as she sits in the Captain’s chair and shares intimate videos taken throughout the season. CREATING SPACE — Fans can explore the VFX department to see their use of an AR wall for the immersive on-screen experience created for The Holodeck. THE TOLL IT TOOK — From the writer’s room and prop building to costume fittings, the production stage and post, the cast and crew discuss the toll COVID took, and more.

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SOUTH PARK: POST COVID + SOUTH PARK: THE RETURN OF COVID (Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.
Two original *South Park* events debut on Blu-ray with the arrival of *South Park: Post COVID* and *South Park: The Return of COVID*. This Blu-ray release includes both. What happened to the children who lived through the Pandemic? Stan, Kyle, Cartman, and Kenny survived but will never be the same “Post COVID.” If Stan, Kyle, and Cartman, could just work together, they could go back in time to make sure COVID never happened and save Kenny’s life. In *The Return of COVID*, traveling back to the past seems to be the easy answer until they meet Victor Chaos.

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

“TUESDAY” SHOULD BE RENAMED “ROCKY BALBOA”

I was so glad to hear that “Tuesday,” a tiny six-week-old puppy was found by a passerby recently (Tuesday, 11/29) in East Boston. The pup with a deadly disease is now expected to pull through and make its way to being adopted, stated MSPCA-Angell officials. “Tuesday is quite a fighter,” stated MSPCA-Angell Adoption Director Mike Keiley. The puppy was brought in by animal control with Parvovirus advanced to 103 degrees without any white blood cells. However, after about a week of emergency treatment, which included a feeding tube and IV fluids, the team stated it was quite confident that he’ll make it. This past Monday, the pup was discharged and sent to a foster family. He still has more healing to do before he can be adopted. This little pup had “the eye of the tiger” in him and “the will to survive.”

I LOVE BEING A MOVIE EXTRA

After retiring as a police officer in 2013, I signed up as a movie extra for two casting companies. I’ve been in a few movies, ironically playing a police officer or FBI agent. Casting directors like retired cops to play real ones because they think we look like cops. They like older guys with lots of grey hair too which I have. I was once in a waiting room waiting to be interviewed for a cop role and as I looked around the room, everybody sorta looked like me. Turns out, we were a roomful of lookalikes. We all were a bit older and all had a headful of great hair. The other day, I replied to an email in which the casting company was seeking singers who knew how to sing R&B and Soul. I responded to the email and let them know I was once in a band called The SilenSirs, a rock and soul band back in

the ’60s. I am waiting to hear back from them. It is for a radio commercial. My great hair isn’t involved this time. I just need to sound good. I will let you know what happens.

ANOTHER TOYS FOR TOTS YEAR DOWN AT THE A & L ITALIAN BAKERY



Maria Gnerre checking out all the toys that will be making many kids very happy this Christmas morning.
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I stopped by A & L Italian Bakery on Sumner Street in East Boston on November 30th to check out how many toys customers had donated in this Toys for Tots fundraising effort by the U.S. Marines. The box was full to the brim. Another successful year for this collection of toys for needy kids put on by the Marines and businesses like A & L bakery.

CNBC: “CDC ENCOURAGES MASKS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID, FLU, AND RSV”

I have seen more people lately wearing masks outside and I am sure it has to do with the CDC now telling folks to use masks again outside to deal with the spread of COVID, the flu, and RSV. I am not sure how many of us will return to masking, but I know I won’t be doing it. I had a slight COVID case last Thanksgiving Day after having

a family dinner that apparently turned into a super-spreader. I suffered with four days of aches and pains; sore all over but no breathing issues. Apparently, I have a strong immune system, which I have always known. At this point, I am up to date with all my shots and boosters.

I hate having to live my life in constant fear. Won’t do it. I want to live my life and enjoy it too. I am of the belief that either I get something or I don’t, but I will survive it. My mother always said when it is your time it is your time; can’t do anything about it. She never lived in fear or was afraid to live her own life as she saw fit. I follow her example.

It seems to me that all the Jeremiads of this world like us fearing everything and looking over our own shoulders for some boogeyman because it weakens us and empowers them to look over us for, of course, our own good. Thank you but no thanks.

I won’t criticize or ridicule anyone for wearing masks again but don’t ask me to wear one. I refuse to live in fear.

ANOTHER EAST BOSTON RESTAURANT BITES THE DUST

It was indeed sad news to learn that Tawakal Halal Cafe on Maverick Street had closed its doors. It was a great place if you loved great East Asian cuisine. I was just so shocked about it since I had just been talking to owner Yahya Noor a few weeks earlier at a festive community gathering sponsored by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center at the ICA Watershed location. Yahya and other restaurateurs had set up food booths showcasing all the rich and diverse foods in the community. Who would have thought a few weeks later the place would be closed? Sad news. I hope this restaurant finds another home here because I and so many others loved his menu.

Veterans Voice Network Food Distribution

by Sal Giarratani



(L-R): Bill Thielle with daughter Harper, Joe Howlett, Jasmine Burke, Gregg Brasso from Veterans Voice Network, and Harpers younger sister Addison Thielle

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

The Veterans Voice Network working in partnership with both WJDA 95.9 in Marshfield along with WMEX Boston just celebrated its second anniversary of its monthly food distribution drive helping military veterans struggling with food insecurity issues. The distribution of foods is held on the second Thursday of every month.

Recently several folks from Boston Scientific in Quincy volunteered their time to aid in the food distribution line.


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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a kid, I belonged to the Trinity Neighborhood House, a settlement house located at 406 Meridian Street in the Eagle Hill Section of East Boston. The house was built in 1847 for a local businessman named Noah Sturtevant. In 1917, it became the Trinity House, a recreation facility and day nursery for locals established by the Trinity Church in Copley Square. In 1966, it merged with the East Boston Social Center and is now a housing facility for the elderly, from the neighborhood, but it is also registered as a landmark, which means that changes to the outside of the building are prohibited.

The Trinity House was within walking distance of Eutaw Street where we lived and I joined the settlement house to learn model making (model planes), how to play basketball, and how to box. At one point, I even learned how to ballroom dance, but this was years later. They even had a Cub Scout group in operation at the center, I joined for a short time, but I had to quit when they told us that we would have to attend a particular Protestant Church that was an affiliate. I wound up joining the Cub Scouts at the Sacred Heart Church which was our parish. Things were that restrictive in those days.

Well, it was 1949, and I was making model planes one evening a week and playing basketball or boxing on another. When I first started, a man named Mr. Dudley was the director. He was replaced by a local, J.J. Dana, and after a basketball game one night, he informed the teams that the Trinity House was having a children's Christmas party and we were invited to attend with our folks, if they could make it. I told my mother and grandparents about the party when I got home, but the date and time conflicted with everything Nanna and my mother would be doing to prepare for Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day dinners, and Dad would be playing with the band he was with, back then. This left only one person, Babbononno.

I asked my grandfather to bring me to the party and he accepted. When I gave him the date and time, he cancelled out a trip to whatever social club he frequented on that night and we were set to go. On the night of the party, Babbononno dressed in a suit, shirt, and tie. He always had to look the part which included a spit-shine on his shoes. He supervised my dressing capabilities and helped me tie a necktie, fearing that I couldn't make a four-in-hand knot. Once he was satisfied with the way I looked, we headed to Meridian Street and the Trinity House.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Ms. Orr, one of the directors and Edith DeAngelis, her assistant. (Years later, the late Dr. Edith DeAngelis would become an advocate for all things East Boston, but that's another story.) Once inside, there was entertainment and music for us kids, and later, soda and cake. After the treats were consumed, we all sat down and the Gospel According to

St. Luke was recited by Ms. Orr as she held a Bible in front of the guests. After, we might hear *The Night Before Christmas*, by Clement Clarke Moore, or *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*, by Francis P. Church. When the evening would come to an end, there was a little gift for each of us that was handed out by Ms. Orr as we exited the building. Babbononno had a sweet tooth and the cake and soda was always to his liking. With him satisfied, I knew that there would be no complaints once we got home.

Around the same time, the Scout Master at the Sacred Heart Church would hold a Christmas party for the kids in the Cub Scouts. His name was Bill McGonagle, and his wife, Mary Jane, was our den mother. I would attend the general party at the church and on another afternoon, a party at the McGonagle house, which was on Saratoga Street, a few blocks away from the Sacred Heart.

Back then, Christmas time was a busy period for the men in my family. Dad was playing at Santa's Village in the Jordan Marsh Department Store during the afternoons and several parties in the evenings through December the 23rd. Neither he nor my uncles worked on Christmas Eve. They all had morning jobs on Christmas morning. Uncle Nick played a Christmas party for the kids at the Fernald School in Waltham. They were all special needs, and to him, this was give back. I don't remember where Uncle Paul played but he had something every Christmas morning, as well. For years, Dad played a Christmas morning party aboard the U.S.S. *Vulcan*, an aircraft repair ship that was based in Boston. Much of the crew was composed of Bostonians and they and their families attended a Christmas morning party aboard the ship with good food, good entertainment, and a visit from Santa for the children of the men who manned the ship.

I often attended the morning party with my father and loved the idea of being on a war ship with the kids of the sailors who manned the vessel.

Later in life, beginning when I was about 18 or 19, I followed suit. I was in college at the time and often attended class in a tuxedo, carrying my bass violin to class with me. I wasn't afraid of it being stolen if I left it in my car all morning, but was always worried about the wood cracking in the cold and the strings going out of tune due to the temperature outside the car.

When I began playing for the Ken Reeves Orchestra, we often had several afternoon parties to play, one after another. Most businesses would have parties in their offices for a couple of hours. This was back in the day before DJs were invented. Everything was live music. On a given afternoon, I might play a party from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and rush to another location and play a second party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. I would then have a half hour to rush to where ever I was playing that night and entertain at another

party or maybe two, if they could be squeezed in together without overlapping.

If we had jobs to play on the 24th, Dad, my uncles and I would make sure that they ended before it was time to head home and the Christmas Eve 7-fish dinner that my mother and Nanna would prepare. If there were jobs that were booked for Christmas Eve, everyone in the family would have a backup musician who was Jewish to cover them. They had agreements with Jewish musicians and Dad and my uncles would cover for them on Jewish holidays when work interfered with their religious practices. Things worked out well, as back then, a good part of Boston's Musicians Union was a combination of Italian and Jewish musicians.

Those days are long gone, but the money I made in music and at the Seville Theater paid my college tuition, tuition for graduate school, my cars, clothes, and vacation expenses. Beyond this, I had fun. Looking back at the first part of the story, I guess I've had fun all of my life ... no complaints thus far, except I was never that good at basketball ... too short.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jan M. Kerhulas of Arlington, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

The holiday baking continues, and our cookie trays are filling up beautifully. Not a thing depicts Christmas in an Italian home more deliciously than a beautifully arranged cookie tray! Today, my kitchen smells like anise, sugared oranges, citrus zests and vanilla. The sugared orange scent is from the candied orange peels I made for the Panettones and the anise; citrus and vanilla are coming from the Italian Egg Biscuits that just finished baking. All of the cookies have come along nicely and we're just days away from layering them on platters and trays. Jordan Almonds will fill in the empty spaces, cellophane will wrap them tight and a beautiful bow will be placed on top of each one before sending them off to family and friends!

Christmas cookie trays in my family have always included cucidati, Italian butterhorns, pecan snowballs, date balls, assorted biscotti, chocolate dipped and jam filled butter cookies, amaretti, pignoli, prune slices, pistachio cookies, Sicilian lemon fingers, cherry slices, and an array of different textured and flavored Italian Egg Biscuits. Every one of these cookies are amazingly delicious, but the assortment of egg biscuits seem to usually disappear the fastest. The children like to eat just the frosting and sprinkles, while the adults enjoy them with their coffee or espresso. The "Italian Egg Biscuits" I am sharing today are soft, moist, and have just the perfect balance of anise, vanilla, lemon and orange and they taste fabulous! I hope you enjoy them!

ITALIAN EGG BISCUITS

Biscotti All'Uovo Italiani



5 cups all-purpose flour
5 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 eggs
3/4 cup milk

3/4 cup oil
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon anise extract
1/2 lemon, juiced
1/2 orange, juiced

Icing:

4 cups confectionary sugar
1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (can use anise, lemon or almond)
whole milk

Preheat the oven to 375°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside. Mix flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in large bowl. Make a well in the center. Beat eggs; pour into the well. Add milk, oil, and vanilla, anise and citrus juices. Mix well until dough forms. Place on a lightly floured board and knead until smooth. Break off tablespoon size pieces and roll to make snake-like ropes, 6 to 7 inches long. Coil or braid and twist into a circle or knot. Place one at a time on prepared baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven for about 10-12 minutes until cooked, not brown. They should be pale in color. Cool on a wire rack.

To make icing, mix confectionary sugar, extract and enough milk to make a thick glaze. Dip cooled cookies in, sprinkle with nonpareils and let dry on wire racks.

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



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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



Bringing Back the Christmas Cheer

I never stopped liking Christmas but, for the last fifteen years or so, I've been trying to find its magic again. Perhaps more and more I'm becoming aware of what the holiday rush does to service workers and noticing how it often brings out the worst in us as a species. But this is not the fault of Christmas in its truest form but, rather, what the commercialization of the holiday has done to it. My most beloved Christmas memories had little to do with stores, though I loved walking through the Enchanted Village as a child and the wreaths and decorations that adorned Macy's and other long-gone department stores of my youth such as Jordan Marsh and Filene's. No, what I remember most lovingly about Christmas was the family gatherings on Christmas Eve, the dinner, the games and music and the gift exchange at midnight.

In part what made Christmas for me was not so much what we did but how we felt. Tellingly, one of the Christmases I hold dearest to my heart was Christmas 1990, which I spent sick with mononucleosis; a disease rare in children. Because I was still sick my extended family could not come over. There was no big family dinner or games that Christmas Eve, but because I was just starting to recover from a very bad illness I was grateful for whatever happened. It was enough to spend it with my parents watching movies, exchanging gifts and to finally have my sister back home after she had been sent to live with our grandparents during the most contagious part of my illness.

Upon becoming an adult Christmas inevitably loses some of its romance and that may just be a health part of awareness, (we have to travel to visit family, preparing for the feast takes time, many have to return to work the day after, etc.) but maybe the way to find at

least some of the Christmas magic again is to stop asking too much of the holiday. Why, after all, is Thanksgiving my new favorite holiday despite sharing some of the headaches mentioned with Christmas. Maybe because all it takes to have a good Thanksgiving hasn't changed, being together with the people you care about and having a good time. We need to bring Christmas back to its simplicity. The last two years have kept many of us apart and the solitude was felt strongest in the holidays. Shouldn't it be enough to just spend it with the people we love no matter what we do or where go?

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Docket No. MI22P6200EA

Estate of
SHEILA E. KING

Date of Death: August 26, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

James E. Savarese of Wellesley, 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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Docket No. MI22P4746EA

Estate of
NANCY A. ROSSI

Date of Death: May 31, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David C. Murch** of Billerica, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David C. Murch of Billerica, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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North End Against Drugs Basketball Bonanza



After a two-year absence due to COVID-19, N.E.A.D. held its' Basketball Bonanza this past Friday night at the Nazzaro Center. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 filled the Nazzaro gym for 3-hours of basketball drills and skills, and most of all a fun filled night. Approximately 45 youth participated along with 10 teen workers from the Nazzaro Center. Winners in various categories were awarded medals or basketballs (donated by Mikey "FUD" Giannasoli) or both depending on what event they won. At the end of the night, everyone was treated to pizza donated by Rocco's Cucina & Bar and a free raffle of Celtics merchandise! All of the participants were given t-shirts and water bottles donated by State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, and an N.E.A.D. drawstring backpack with drug information.

N.E.A.D. would like to thank sponsors: Mikey "FUD" Giannasoli, Rocco's Cucina & Bar, and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz. We would also like to thank the Nazzaro Center Director Alicia Simpson for letting us use the building and her staff for their help: Michelle Deveau and Manny Montrond. Thanks also to volunteers Adam Moniz from St. Joseph's Artisans, Patricia Romano, Marilyn Fitzgerald, and Mary O'Neill, as well as N.E.A.D. board members Mike Giannasoli, BPD Police Officer Frank Ciampa, Ann Fitzgerald, Olivia Scimeca, and John Romano.



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Docket No. MI22P5374EA

Estate of
WILLIAM COLYER CRUM
Also Known As
WILLIAM C. CRUM

Date of Death: September 17, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **George C. Constant** of Lexington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

George C. Constant of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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to hospitals if they appear to pose a danger to themselves or others and even by force if necessary. Patterson added, "What we need to do is what we should've been doing the last 15 or 20 years. Which is reversing the deinstitutionalization of the late '70s that carried into the '90s that doesn't allow us to have enough beds to help these people."

RNC Chair: Party Must Unite

Ronna McDaniel, the chair of the Republican National Committee, called for unity among the various factions within the party after the lackluster showing of Republicans in the midterms. McDaniels will be up for re-election in January and several Republicans have expressed an interest in challenging her in that upcoming GOP vote. She is hoping the party can come together because the Democrats are destroying this country and she hopes all Republicans can move forward together if they expect to win in 2023 and 2024. As

she pointed out, in-fighting only makes it easier for Democrats to win elections.

The Grinch Loses Out Again

A man dressed as the Grinch at an office Christmas party in Traverse City, Michigan got into a fistfight with another co-worker dressed as a reindeer and was arrested. Police believe alcohol may have played a role in the fight.

End Quote

"Why did you use the reputation that America was able to give you ... but use it for a political purpose and lie to the American public?"

— *Soon-to-be the next Speaker of the House*

Kevin McCarthy

Concerning those 51 signees (U.S. Intel officials) who stated on the fake news media that the Hunter Biden Laptop story clearly had all the earmarks of a Russian disinformation campaign when they knew full well the laptop had already been reportedly verified by FBI investigators

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **December 26, 2022 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:

2005 TOYOTA CAMRY, GRAY
VIN # 4T1BE32K35U566756
Vivare Home Solutions Inc.
196 Salem St., Apt. 22
Medford, MA 02155

2010 HONDA CBR600, BLACK
Vin # JH2PC4009AK300050
Matthew G. Fernandez
69 Whitford St.
Roslindale, MA 02131

2008 FORD FOCUS, RED
VIN # 1FAHP35N98W241140
Pedro Henrique Borges Serrao
56 Floyd St.
Everett, MA 02148

2003 WEDGE JM CARRIER, BLACK
VIN # 1J9GE48301233091
VIX Transport Inc.
11 Davis Ave.
Brockton, MA 02301
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **December 24, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2014 TOYOTA COROLLA
VIN # 5YFBURHE3EP012822
Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

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Docket No. MI22D3575DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING**

VERONICA N. LOWE

vs.

TYRONE D. LOWE

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Richard S. Cabelus, Esq., Law Offices of Richard S. Cabelus, 390 Main St., Suite 541, Worcester, MA 01608**, your answer, if any, on or before **January 12, 2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: December 01, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/16/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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

**Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200**

Docket No. NO22P3280EA

**Estate of
LILA M. FOYE**

Date of Death: October 21, 2022

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **David Allan Fitch of Lexington, 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 **David Allan Fitch of Lexington, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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, 11, 2023.

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. PATRICIA GORMAN,
First Justice of this Court.**

Date: December 08, 2022

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/16/2022

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Docket No. MI22P5959EA

**Estate of
WENDY L. STONE**

Date of Death: September 06, 2022

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Amie M. Evans of Woburn, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Amie M. Evans of Woburn, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Lowell Justice Center
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Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700**

Docket No. MI22P5534EA

**Estate of
JOHN W. HENNESSEY**
Also Known As
**JACK HENNESSEY,
JOHN WELCH HENNESSEY**

Date of Death: July 31, 2022

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sheila B. Giglio of Boston, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Sheila B. Giglio of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



St. Mary's Lynn Football Team Defeats Stoneham



St. Mary's High School football team of Lynn just won their Super Bowl game at Gillette Stadium.

These Guys Seem Like Their Only Way into the Hall of Fame Will be at the Ticket Window

The latest voting to enter the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown has ended. The only player to get in was Fred McGriff who should have been already in the Hall. He entered MLB in 1987 when he hit 20 homers for the Toronto Blue Jays, but it was Mark McGwire who was unanimously selected as Rookie of the Year with his 49 home runs for the Oakland Athletics.

He retired in the late '80s and his first Hall of Fame ballot appearance was in 2010 in the shadow of baseball's Steroids Scandal and his ONLY 493 honest homeruns actually hurt him on the ballot that year. I hope next time Albert Belle gets his long overdue entrance into the Hall too.

As for Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Sammy Sosa or, ugh, Rafael Palmeiro, they will hopefully either never get in or are still decades away from entry into the status of Hall of Famer. As for Palmeiro, he

seemingly deserves to be denied forever as that reported perjury charge against him for lying under oath about steroids.

Lots of Red Sox fans thought it was so unfair that Jimmy Rice had to wait almost forever before getting into the Cooperstown baseball shrine. Dewey Evans is still waiting. Curt Schilling is another great player who was a great pitcher for several teams and let his mouth screw up things for him. His post-season pitching stats should have already got him in but he has become his own worst enemy with his political toxicity.

LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO.: 2021-DR-12867-O

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

**AFYIA SMITH,
Petitioner,
and
TYRONE BROWN,
Respondent.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
(Amended as to date to serve
written Defenses only.)**

TO RESPONDENT/PARA/A:

**TYRONE BROWN
12 BAILEY STREET
DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 02124**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Petitioner/Wife, **AFYIA SMITH**, and her undersigned Attorney, **Atiya T. Clarke, Esquire**, and the **DeWitt Law Firm, P.A.**, whose address is 135 W. Central Blvd., Suite 320, Orlando, Florida 32801 and by email service delivery to service@dewittlaw.com, on or before January 26, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at the Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **IF YOU FAIL to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and Other Relief.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including Orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: RULE 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

/s/ Atiya T Clarke
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DATED on this 02 day of DECEMBER, 2022

**TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**
425 North Orange Ave.

Suite 320
Orlando, Florida 32801
By: */s/ Juan Vazquez*
As Deputy Clerk

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Docket No. MI22P6122EA

**Estate of
NINA G. EPSTEIN**
Also Known As
NINA EPSTEIN

Date of Death: July 04, 2022

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David J. Abrams of Southborough, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David J. Abrams of Southborough, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

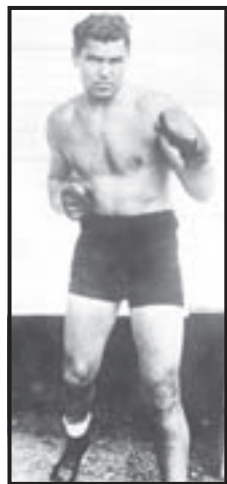
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Jack Dempsey Vs. Joe Louis

Still the Greatest Dream Fight



**Champion
Jack Dempsey**

Fantasy matchups of former champs are always a huge topic of conversation among boxing aficionados. While these discussions can become quite heated, they can never be resolved. After all, when the best of the best are being talked about it is impossible to say beyond a doubt who would prevail in a magical matchup.

The one fight that captured the imagination of fans for decades would have been between Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. It's a fight that isn't discussed as much today mostly because of the passing of time. When I was young there were still plenty of people around who had seen both of these men in action. Just about all the boxing writers witnessed at least Joe Louis in person and many had even sat ringside for Jack Dempsey. Also, both men were very much alive both physically and in the way they had captured the imagination of the public. They also respected the title they possessed and carried it with dignity, a dignity that lasted till the end of their lives.

As I said, it is impossible to say with any certainty who would have prevailed had these two great champions squared off, but there is little doubt it would have been an exciting fight. Both were explosive punchers with great boxing skills. Both had solid chins and a relentless will to win.

While Dempsey might be perceived as more the "slugger" and Louis the "boxer," each man could box and each could slug. Both could adapt to any situation in the ring. It would seem because of their punching power the fight would have to end by a knock out, but again, it is tough to make assumptions with fighters such as these two. It has to be remembered that Dempsey was only stopped once in his career. That was early in his career by Fireman Jim Flynn. There is no footage of the fight and it has been said it was a very questionable stoppage having something to do with Dempsey's brother and a bet on the fight. It is not unlikely Louis and Dempsey would have gone to a decision.

Louis was only stopped twice. The first time was when he was in his 25th fight. Joe was well established as a serious contender when he took on Max Schmeling. He had already kayoed former champs Max Baer and Primo Carnera and I was expected to dispose of Schmeling without much trouble. However, the German saw a flaw in Joe's style and exploited it knocking Louis down in the 4th round and floored for the count in the 12th.

Joe did come right back two months later to knockout former champ Jack Sharkey. He went on from there to win his next 33 fights while capturing the title. He got his revenge over Schmeling with a brutal first round knockout.

Joe retired in 1948 after defeating Jersey Joe Walcott for the second time and was happy until financial woes forced him back into the ring. Two years after the Walcott fight Joe challenged reigning champion Ezzard Charles. Louis had no warm up fights before and lost a fifteen round decision in a brutal match.

Louis would fight eight more times before losing to Rocky Marciano by knockout. It was a sad night as the former champ was knocked through the ropes by the future champ.

Jack Dempsey crashed on the scene in 1919 with a spectacular kayo win over the giant Jess Willard to win the title. Jack almost immediately gained mythical status when the film of this fight was distributed and people saw the brutality he



**Champion
Joe Louis**

dished out. He combined his raw punching power with catlike moves and suburb counterpunching to demolish the champion in three rounds.

Dempsey began his reign as an active champion defending the title five times over the next four years. While no where near as active a champ as Louis, for the era this was considered a busy schedule for a heavyweight champ. But after defeating Luis Firpo in a wild fight in 1923 Jack's manager Doc Kearns decided it would be better to spend time cashing in on the notoriety of holding the title belt. He took Jack to California where he starred in movies, non memorable but all financially lucrative. While they both made money, Dempsey was at his peak as a boxer during this time and the layoff hurt him.

In 1926, he took on the very active and sharp Gene Tunney. Using great speed Gene was able to outbox Jack and wrest the title from him.

Dempsey next fought Jack Sharkey in an elimination bout to see who would get a shot at Tunney. Sharkey was ahead on points when Dempsey flattened him with a left hook in the 7th round. This happened while Sharkey was complaining to the referee about a low blow from Dempsey. He forgot the oil rule: "Protect yourself at all times."

Dempsey had earned a rematch with Tunney and a chance to regain the crown. The second fight was going very much like the first until the 7th round when Jack caught up with Gene and decked him

with a furious combination of punches. In what would become known as the "Long Count Fight" Dempsey forgot to go to a neutral corner and the referee refused to start the count until he did allowing Tunney a few extra seconds to regain his senses. Gene arose and got on his bicycle lasting the round fully recovering. In the next round he dropped Dempsey for a brief count and went on to win a decision.

Looking at the careers of the two champs you look for the pluses and minuses they would bring into the ring against one another.

Joe Louis had some trouble with fighters who boxed out of a crouch. Schmeling beat him while utilizing a crouch and he had a load of trouble in his first fight with Arturo Godoy who also fought squatting low, almost sitting on the canvas. Louis did prevail spectacularly in rematches with both men. Against Godoy Joe utilized a great uppercut to take down the Chilean. Would that uppercut have been effective on Dempsey?

In the films available of Dempsey we see a dominant champion who kayoed four of his five challengers with only Tommy Gibbons going the distance with him. In the Gibbons bout Tommy was focused more on not getting knocked out than on winning.

I think when imagining Louis and Dempsey facing one another you take the two on their best night. While Dempsey would have more experience later on, I would take the Mauler of the Willard fight. It is hard to imagine anyone beating the man in the ring at Toledo on that hot July 4th in 1919.

The Louis of the second Schmeling fight would be my choice for a Dempsey fight, though when considering styles it might be better to take the Joe that dismantled Godoy in their second fight.

I know this matchup is no longer the hot topic it once was, but thinking about what would have happened had Joe and Jack met up on their best nights should really excite the imagination.



Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis



Comparing Firepower

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



With all the talk surrounding the Bruins recent 14-game home winning streak that ended with a recent loss to Las Vegas on Causeway Street, we thought it would be relevant to recall another impressive string of home victories — this one by the Boston Celtics.

The 1985-1986 Boston Celtics were a team that was in the middle of a very successful run of victories before what came to be a single blemish on their home record.

The regular season would be one for the record books. The Celtics wound up with an astounding 40-1 record at home for the regular season — a 37-1 record at Boston Garden together with a 3-0 mark at the Hartford Civic Center. They then went on to win 10 additional home games in the playoffs, bringing the total to a sky high 47-1 on the parquet (50-1 in all home games). Plus an NBA championship. What a way for the Celtics to celebrate their 40th anniversary season in the NBA.

That lone setback by the C's came at the same time of year that the contemporary B's saw their string of home victories vanquished. The B's lost to Vegas 4-3 in an overtime shootout on December 5 while the Celtics lost to Portland 121-103 on December 6, 1985 — a one day difference on the 365 day calendar separated by some 37 years.

Both NHL teams had entered their respective games in a dominating manner. The Bruins were 20-0-0 overall and co-leaders in the Eastern Conference with New Jersey while Vegas was 18-7-1 and the solo leader of the Western Conference.

In contrast, while the Celtics of nearly four decades ago were sailing along, Portland was a team whose performance was less than remarkable. The Trail Blazers came to Boston with a three-game losing streak and nursing the negatives that came with losing eight of their previous 12 games. The team from Oregon was far from powerful when the Blazers journeyed to the Hub to face the Celtics on the famed parquet floor.

But they caught fire and managed to finish the regular season with a 40-42 record, good enough for a sixth place finish in the Western Conference and a playoff spot. However, their victory over the Celtics that night was one of only 13 road games they won all year.

It was April 13, 1985, when the Celtics produced a huge 135-107 victory over the New Jersey Nets at the original Garden to secure a place in the NBA records books (40-1). The Celtics were essentially a multi-player powerhouse with the talent spread over numerous players.

In the frontcourt stood Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish, a triple sided scoring engine that was the envy of the NBA at the time. In addition, former NBA Most Valuable Player Bill Walton could be counted on to provide a more than adequate backup role.

Dennis Johnson and Danny Ainge were the guards that fed the famous frontline trio, although they were also scoring threats that could provide highlight reel material for television.

Additional talented players on the roster included Jerry Sichting, Scott Wedman, Rick Carlisle, Greg Kite, Sam Vincent, David Thirdkill, and Sly Williams. There was even stardom in the coaching ranks with former Celtics great K.C. Jones directing the action from the bench.

That long-ago night in early December of 1985 on Causeway Street would prove to be one of those occasions when a struggling team defeats a much more powerful one. At one point in the first half Portland led by 18 points. The Celtics eventually came back in the second half to take the lead but 26 turnovers and a cold shooting night by Bird (6 of 29) plus the below average play of Bill Walton and others eventually took its toll.

The Celtics dominated throughout the playoffs defeating Chicago, Atlanta, Milwaukee and Houston to claim their 16th NBA championship, losing only three games in the process (all on the road).

The Celtics 40-1 home mark stood alone as the NBA record until the San Antonio Spurs equaled it in the 2015-2016 season. Unlike the Celtics, the Spurs home winning streak lasted most of the regular season, ending on April 10 when they were defeated by the NBA defending champion Golden State Warriors. They finished with a 67-15 record, best in the Western Conference but lost to Oklahoma City in the conference semifinals.

The 2008-2009 Cleveland Cavaliers had an opportunity to finish with a 40-1 record at home. Prior to the final regular season game, their lone loss had come on February 8 when the Cavs were downed by the L.A. Lakers 101-91, halting their home winning streak at 23 games. Fast forward to April 15 when, going into the final game of the season at 39-1 and having clinched first place in Eastern Conference, the Cavs chose to rest megastar LeBron James in the home and season finale with Philadelphia.

Cleveland lost that game in overtime 111-110 to the 76ers to conclude at 39-2 at home and 66-16 overall. The Cavs went on to lose to Orlando in six games in the Eastern Conference finals.

The cure for the Celts after their streak was snapped. Start another one. They did just that on December 10, 1985 when they beat the Atlanta Hawks 114-110 in Hartford. They would not lose another "home" game until December 4, 1986 when Washington beat them 117-109 in Hartford — a string of 48 regular season home games spread over two seasons plus the 10 home victories in the 1986 playoffs.

But the home streak in the Garden proper was even longer. The loss to Washington was in Hartford, not in Boston. The Celtics next loss in the Garden after December 6, 1985 was on December 12, 1986 when they lost to the L.A. Lakers 117-110. By that time they had won 51 consecutive games at the Garden (including those 10 home playoffs wins), making the parquet floor famous throughout the nation.