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## A Winter Poem



*It's winter in Massachusetts  
And the gentle breezes blow.  
At seventy miles an hour  
And at thirty-five below.  
Oh how I love Massachusetts  
When the snow's up to your butt.  
You take a breath of winter  
And your nose gets frozen shut.  
Yes, the weather here is wonderful  
So I guess I'll hang around.  
I could never leave Massachusetts  
Cuz I'm frozen to the ground.  
— Author Unknown*

## News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

### This Has Got to Stop

Congress has surrendered power and authority to the judiciary and the deep state bureaucracy. These institutions now both interpret and administer law. Think about the recent federal court ruling where a judge says the Trump Administration must put the DACA executive order instituted by the Obama Administration back into place. If President Obama can implement DACA legislation by executive order, why can a federal judge order President Trump to keep another president's executive order running if he wants to abolish it? Is it the job of the federal judiciary to act like a super legislator?

The only reason Obama did an executive order was because the Legislative branch couldn't do its job at passing a law protecting those now protected under DACA. Why didn't the judge in this recent case just tell the House and Senate to do its job and write the law themselves?

**John Lennon**

### Never Got His Chance to Start Over

John Lennon was killed 40 years ago this past December 8<sup>th</sup> and his final tune, "(Just Like) Starting Over" came out just six weeks before he was gunned down on a sidewalk by Mark David Chapman. His song would rise to Number 1 in the charts. This song was supposed to represent a fresh start for the then 40-year-old former Beatle.

Ironically, Starting Over never happened for him and whenever it is heard, it will be a bitter reminder of how his life ended. I imagine he did start over on the other side joining all those great voices before him. Somewhere up there in the great beyond, there's plenty of great music and song to be heard for an eternity.

## City of Boston Returns To Phase Two, Step Two of Reopening Plan

The Boston Public Health Commission issued a supplemental order adjusting COVID-19 restrictions in the City of Boston. **On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Boston moved back into a modified Phase 2, Step 2 of reopening, for at least three weeks.**

The goal of this three-week pause is to slow the spread now, so we can avoid a more severe shutdown later on. We want to minimize the negative impact on working people and small businesses. After three weeks, we will re-evaluate the situation. If the metrics have moved in the right direction, we'll lift these restrictions.

**Some of the changes that went into effect on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> include:**

- Museums, movie theaters, aquariums, and indoor event spaces will temporarily close to in-person use.

- Fitness centers, health clubs, and gyms close to general use. One-on-one personal training can continue, with space restrictions. Outdoor gym activities can operate with fewer than 25 people, following Phase 2 guidelines.

- Indoor recreational and athletic facilities will close for general use. Consistent with Phase 2, structured youth programs at community centers may continue.

- Indoor facilities for lower contact activities will also temporarily close, including bowling alleys, batting cages, driving ranges, and rock climbing gyms.

**Activities that can continue as part of Phase 2 include:**

- Retail stores and personal services like hair salons and barber shops can remain open.

- Outdoor theaters and performance venues at the 25-person limit.

- Office space will remain limited to 40% capacity. The Mayor urged all employers to make sure that anyone who can work from home, is working from home.

- In addition: indoor dining at restaurants and bars may continue, with strict adherence to guidelines. Those include six-foot spacing, six guests per table, 90-minute time limits, and the 9:30 p.m. closing time. One change: during this pause, bar seating will not be allowed, except with special approval granted by the Boston Licensing Board. This is to ensure materials are in place to protect both staff and customers.

You can find more details about how this order affects each sector at: **[boston.gov/reopening](https://www.boston.gov/reopening)**.

The Mayor also issued a reminder that The Reopen Boston Fund is still accepting applications to help small businesses with debt-free grant support.

**Update on in-person learning:** Boston Public schools are reopening with in-person learning for roughly 1,700 of our highest needs students.

The School Department, with the support of the entire Administration, has thoroughly prepared 28 schools for COVID safety:

- Air purifiers in every occupied space and frequent air quality testing.

- Best possible filters in all HVAC systems.

- Medical grade PPE for all staff.

- Disposable masks available to students and staff.

- This week, we are also launching a new COVID testing pilot for teachers, staff, and students.

This is a level of protection that goes beyond CDC guidelines, beyond state guidelines, and beyond what the vast

majority of districts are doing.

**The need for Federal support:**

The Mayor said that a national relief and stimulus package is long overdue, and that the actions we take today would be much more straightforward with federal backing for the workers and businesses affected.

He said that the Biden-Harris administration plans to act immediately to bring comprehensive support, but the American people can't wait until the Inauguration on January 20, 2021.

The emergency unemployment benefit and the CDC moratorium on evictions are set to expire on the last day this year, which could be the worst period in the entire pandemic.

**Vigilance during the holiday season:**

The Mayor said that this is, and must be, a collective effort. We need everyone to be part of this. We cannot let our guards down, even a little bit. Everyone must keep wearing masks, hand washing, and avoiding crowds. When you go out, only go out for essential needs; and please follow this guidance while visiting any business.

He also asked everyone to commit to safety over the holidays. People should not be traveling for Christmas or hosting/attending parties of any kind. Everyone must limit gatherings to their current households.

**Update on vaccine distribution:**

This week, each of our hospitals is going to begin vaccinating healthcare workers in our city.

The Mayor asked everyone to follow the lead of our health care heroes and medical experts and take the vaccine when your time comes. It's another act that we can all take as individuals to protect ourselves and our families, and bring our community safely through this crisis.

## MBTA Short-Term Service Changes To Match Current Low Ridership Patterns

On Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> the MBTA's Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) approved a series of revised short-term service changes for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) that incorporate recent public input and additional analysis of ridership.

These service changes help match service levels with current and near-term low ridership demand and are for FY21 only, which ends on June 30, 2021, as service levels for FY22 will be planned during the budget process this spring.

Given the importance of adjusting base service levels

for the current fiscal year, while ridership continues to remain low relative to the amount of service being provided, the MBTA is accelerating adjustments so that new commuter rail and ferry schedules can be implemented in January and new bus and rapid transit schedules can be implemented in March.

"We appreciate the thousands of public comments we received and have incorporated this feedback into our planning efforts. We recognize the importance of adjusting service levels now while ridership demand

is low, so that we can use the savings to increase service frequency when it is needed. These changes in service levels have also been designed to minimize impacts on current transit-critical travelers, meaning that changes in rapid transit frequency, for example, will mean that individuals are waiting only an additional ninety seconds for a train," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak.

For a full and complete listing of all upcoming changes in service, including all changes to bus routes, please visit: [www.mbta.com/ForgingAhead](https://www.mbta.com/ForgingAhead).

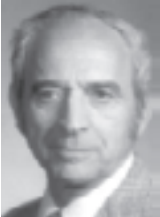
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Stirpe  
Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE END OF A LEGEND



**Nessus Abducting Deianira by Bertel Thorvaldsen, 1814 CE. The centaur Nessus tries to abduct Deianira, Hercules’ wife, only to be slain by Hercules’ poison arrow.**

Recently it was stated that Hercules is claimed to be one of the most ancient and most famous of all mythological heroes, and his legendary accomplishments are said to have been the richest and most comprehensive of all myths. It was only fitting then, for the great storywriters of antiquity, to provide that the demise of such a hero be accomplished in a manner, which could only serve to glorify his memory.

We remember from a previous column that during a period of temporary madness, Hercules killed his wife and children. After visiting the Oracle at Delphi (Greece), he was told to go to the City of Tiryns and perform whatever ten labors the king of that community would demand of him. Also, after completing the required labors, he would be purified of the murders and achieve immortality. As long as he remained on earth, however, he had to endure mortal hardship and pain.

After completing his celebrated labors, Hercules took a new bride from a neighboring country and, when he was returning home with her, they came to a river where a Centaur named Nessus conducted a ferrying business. Hercules did not need a ferry to cross the river but hired the Centaur’s service for his new bride. As he was striding breast-deep through the water, he heard his wife cry for help. Noting that the Centaur was about to rape his beautiful passenger, Hercules shot him with one of his famous poisoned arrows. As the balance

of the story unfolds, we will find that this was the act, which eventually caused the death of the legendary Greek hero.

The dying Centaur pretended to be remorseful and told the young bride that if she would spread his spilled blood on the tunic of Hercules, it would act as a love charm. Knowing of her husband’s extramarital activities, but unaware that the Centaur’s blood contained the deadly venom of the Hydra, the bride saved some of it for future use.

The last and most tragic phase of his mortal career occurred as Hercules was preparing a sacrifice to his father, Zeus. Hercules asked his wife for a fresh tunic. Thinking that she was administering a love charm, she smeared the contaminated blood of the slain Centaur on the new tunic. The unsuspecting Hercules donned the garment, only to find that the Hydra’s venom was quickly eroding his skin. The wife, in horror, killed herself. The god Apollo ordered that a pyre be prepared and the hero climbed upon it. When lighted, the flames of the funeral pyre consumed what was mortal in the demigod, as a cloud appeared and lightning struck. When the cloud had passed, there remained no trace of Hercules. He had achieved the immortality that he had earned through his labors. We are told that he ascended Mount Olympus and is living forever among his fellow gods.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*Religious Grottoes*

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Estate of  
RICHARD PAUL GOODKIN  
Also Known As  
RICHARD P. GOODKIN  
Date of Death: October 20, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael F. O’Connell of Boston, 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 Michael F. O’Connell of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 06, 2021.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 09, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/18/2020

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI20P3534EA  
Estate of  
JAMES E. CANNON  
Date of Death: May 06, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Rebecca Amaral of Fitchburg, 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 Rebecca Amaral of Fitchburg, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 28, 2020.  
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 27, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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Res Publica

by David Trumbull



What’s Your Favorite Christmas Movie?  
Democrats’ favorite Christmas movie is “Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street.”  
Republicans’ favorite Christmas movie is “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

I first heard that aphorism at a holiday party over two decades ago. It’s been around longer than that and I haven’t been able to determine who first said it and when.  
On the face the saying makes sense. After all, what better movie for adults who still believe in Santa Claus than **Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street**? Besides (watch out for plot spoiler) the picture’s crisis is resolved when a huge federal government agency — the Post Office — comes to the rescue. And with a divorced mother rearing a child alone, *Miracle* features a non-traditional family, surely a plus in the eyes of liberals.

**It’s a Wonderful Life**, on the other hand, celebrates the infinite worth of an individual human being, a worth that far exceeds even the biggest financial fortune. In *It’s a Wonderful Life* the hero’s crisis is resolved (another plot spoiler) by the spontaneous voluntary action of family, friends, and local community; emphatically *not* by the government. The film also shows people in fervent prayer, not to some generic higher power but to the God of the Bible as worshipped by Protestant and Catholic believers. That alone must drive some liberal’s nuts when the film is broadcast over the *public* airwaves.

But the game can be played the other way. *It’s a Wonderful Life* presents negative stereotypes of bankers, so much so that when it was released some Hollywood observers (but not, as is erroneously asserted on some liberal websites, the Federal Bureau of Investigations itself) charged that it was a vehicle for communist propaganda. The charge is easy to ridicule today, but in the 1940s communist infiltration of the motion picture

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Estate of  
ROSE MARIE NATALE  
Date of Death: October 06, 2020  
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Rachael A. Haded of Chelmsford, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Rachael A. Haded of Chelmsford, 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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JOHN R. GAZZOLA, JOHN GAZZOLA  
Date of Death: March 26, 2020  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Alan Bowers of Waltham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
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EDITORIAL

*In Hingham,  
It's ID Please for Covid Test*

by Sal Giarratani

While listening to the news recently as I was driving to work, it was reported that the town of Hingham would be opening up a new testing site for COVID-19 and if you wish to be tested for the virus, you must arrive with your mask and proper identification.

How interesting, to get tested you must prove who you are and where you live, but not to vote in elections. Anytime someone mentions voter identification in order to get your ballot, this requirement is called racist, xenophobic, and a hardship for those too poor to get one. All a bunch of hog-wash! I would rather folks having to show a photo ID to vote, than to be tested for COVID-19, how about you?

More hypocrisy from the liberal left. There is nothing worse than the actions taken by those who will not see, as the old rock song from the early '70s talk about willful blindness, which is standard operating practices by liberals.

BCYF Nazzaro Center  
Christmas Tree



**A huge thank you to George Hadaya and the entire Hadaya family for donating this year's Christmas Tree located at the BCYF Nazzaro Center Courtyard. Feel free to come by and take a look (or a pic).**

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Marion L. Driscoll

JUNE 27, 1932 – NOVEMBER 26, 2020



Marion Louise (Mele) Driscoll of Boston's North End passed away on November 26, 2020.

Loving daughter of the late Salvatore and Madeline (DiMattia) Mele. Beloved wife of the late Edward Peter Driscoll Jr. Loving mother of Maureen Imbergamo and her husband Frank of Medford, Andrea Driscoll of the North End, and the late John Driscoll. Dear sister of the late Louis Mele, Albert Mele, Ralph Mele, William Mele, Frances Moran, Clara Amato, Lucy Anselmo, Ann Donarumma, Celia DiMasi, and Josephine Alessi. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The family received visitors on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel; a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Stephen's Church. Services concluded with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Donations in Marion's memory may be made to: North End Rehab and Nursing Center, 70 Fulton Street, Boston, MA 02109.



**Lighting the first  
Advent Candle  
Reverend  
Kuca Brancolini, F. S. C. B.  
at Sacred Heart Church  
in East Boston on  
Sunday morning 11-29-20.**

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Do-it-Yourself Holiday Centerpiece

by Melinda Myers

Dress up your holiday meals with a centerpiece crafted from greens, colorful stems and seed heads collected from your garden. Or purchase fresh materials you need from your favorite garden center or florist.

Most gardeners spend some time gathering a few blossoms and creating a bouquet or arrangement for their summer gatherings. Don't let winter stop you from crafting a festive centerpiece from materials collected from your gardens this time of year.

Start by gathering some greens. The fan-like sprays of arborvitae, blue-green sprigs of juniper as well as branches of yews, boxwood, pines and spruces can provide all the greenery you need.

Now look for items with interesting color or shape. Red and yellow twig dogwoods and paper bark birch add festive color to any arrangement. The interesting shapes of curly willow, contorted filbert and fantail willow provide intriguing form.

Next gather cones, berries, and fruits. Look for orange and red rose hips, blue berry-like cones of junipers, sweet gum seedpods, and alder's cone-like fruit. Gather a few evergreen cones to include in or around your arrangement.

Look for potential adornments that are lingering in the perennial garden. Coneflower, rudbeckia, and allium seed heads can add a bit of structure to your arrangement. Gather a few milkweed, balloon plant and lotus pods. And don't worry, your milkweed plants will return for next year's



**It is possible to create a festive holiday centerpiece crafted from materials found in winter gardens.**

(Photo credit: [MelindaMyers.com](http://MelindaMyers.com))

visiting monarchs. Honor their natural color or add a bit of bling with some gold, silver, or red paint.

Include a few shiny ornaments as needed. Glittered stems, ribbons and candles can add festive color to nature's beauty in your centerpiece.

Visit your favorite florist or craft store for needed supplies. Pick up some floral foam to secure the stems. Cut it to shape to fit the size and shape of the container.

Moisten the foam before inserting fresh greens and cut flowers. Set the block of foam on top of a basin of water and let it sink. This allows all the air spaces to fill with water, ensuring your flowers and greens have the water they need. Use high density foam when working with evergreen boughs and branches.

No need to moisten the foam when using dried and artificial material. This material makes it easier to create your arrangement.

Consider purchasing a few seasonal flowers for added color for your special event. These can be placed directly in the floral foam or water filled florist tubes set in the arrangement. Simply remove faded flowers and replace as needed.

Or use miniature poinsettias, kalanchoes and cyclamen for longer lasting living color. Tuck them in the bed of greens or use them to decorate each place setting. Check the soil moisture frequently as the small pots dry out quickly.

The possibilities are endless, and the results are sure to brighten your spirits no matter how you are safely celebrating this holiday season.

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



# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Natale: Where Family, Love, and Christmas Cheer Meet

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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

The magical season known as midwinter is upon us! The shortest day of the year, also known as the winter solstice, descends upon the world this Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. On the days surrounding the solstice, I can sense the darkness enveloping me like a thick velvet cloak, veiling the world in a perpetual state of dusk. However, I do not mind the darkness, as I view it as a necessary and intriguing spoke on the wheel of the year. These are the nights when stars appear sharp and bright against the inky black sky, their light sending diamond-like spangles flitting across the frost below. The darkness also imbues the winter solstice with a profound significance: now that the date has passed, we know that the sun will remain for longer periods in the sky, bringing its much-awaited warmth and its sweet, luminous blaze. For this reason, Christmas — with its focus on candles and crackling yule logs and electric light displays — occurs during the darkest time of the year. Religiously, Christmas represents the light arriving to the world in the form of Jesus's Nativity, while metaphorically the radiant decorations of Christmas signify the return of the sun after the solstice. Due to the complex symbolism comprising this holiday and its traditions, I revel in Christmas customs which emphasize the literal and figurative lights of my life. Whether enjoying age-old recipes or exchanging gifts with loved ones, I most appreciate Christmas when the glow of family and tradition encircle me.

Many of my family's much-loved holiday customs revolve around food. Food forms an ancient and essential part of the Italian Christmas Eve feast known as *la Vigilia di Natale*, which my family celebrates every year. *La Vigilia di Natale*, or "Christmas vigil," is traditionally a meatless meal in Italy, a vestige from the era in which Christmas Eve was considered a fast day in preparation for Jesus's birth on the following day. Therefore, many Italian families trim their tables with seafood dishes for *la Vigilia*. I am always excited to plan fish recipes with my mother for *la Vigilia*; in the past, we served sole bursting with a buttery shrimp stuffing and a delectable smoked salmon quiche. This year, my mother will prepare a creamy seafood lasagna laden with shrimp and scallops. However, my favorite component of Christmas cooking involves the plethora of desserts that fill my family's kitchens. A great number of traditional Italian desserts have become inextricably linked with Christmas and remain an indispensable part of my holiday celebrations. My father would always bring home a cylindrical cardboard box of *panettone* home right before Christmas. *Panettone*, whose name means "great bread," is a sweet bread studded with dried fruit and candied peel. I am not a huge fan of the taste of *panettone*, but I appreciate



its time-honored symbolism in the Italian Christmas festivities. I hold the nostalgic *struffoli*, a dessert my grandmother has been making since I was little, in high esteem. *Struffoli* are deep-fried spheres of dough soaked in honey, then arranged into the shape of a tree or wreath and sprinkled with colorful nonpareils. *Struffoli* are a fun, whimsical way to celebrate the childlike wonder of the holiday season. I also make a lemon tart every year to cap off our *la Vigilia* meal and honor the citrus fruits seasonal during the winter. Collectively, these desserts stand in the exquisite tapestry of love and family that characterize my Christmas memories.

Indeed, I believe that family forms the crux of Christmas joy. The true meaning of Christmas derives from the sensation of comfort and peace that envelops a person when surrounded by loved ones. I cannot imagine Christmas without my family. Our Christmas traditions, from the *la Vigilia* meal to opening presents at midnight, strengthen our familial bonds. When my family plays a silly board game on Christmas Eve, our merriment and laughter create a barrier of delight against the darkness and chilly air outside, filling the room with the warmth of our love. Opening gifts — which my family does at midnight, according to old Italian lore, while huddled under the multicolored glow of the Christmas tree lights — provides me with yet another way to relish time with my loved ones. I adore the looks of happiness and delight that fill my family members' and friends' faces when they open a present selected or crafted with thoughtfulness and care. That moment of love and understanding is the real significance of gift-giving, not materialistic gain. No matter what traditions typify your Christmas, it remains important to approach them with joy, selflessness, and a true appreciation for the people in your life. Midwinter celebrations like Christmas developed as a response to the frigid and dark days of the winter solstice. At a time when nature seems barren and gelid, lively festivities serve to honor the abundance of past harvests and reinforce the convivial strength of community and family, offering hope that life will cycle on as surely as the sun will once again shine in the sky. An old Italian aphorism states that no one should be left alone on Christmas, which is why we should strive to do good deeds on behalf of those who are lonely or separated from their families during the holidays, including the sick, the poor and those in the military. After all, a family includes more than just blood relations, and the Christmas spirit of generosity and goodwill

is too joyous to be contained in small numbers.

This Christmas, I will continue to honor the traditions that have become an intrinsic part of my family. Whether these traditions comprise of enjoying *struffoli* or opening gifts at midnight, they link me to the world of my ancestors and their enduring values and spirituality. However, I also plan on paying attention to the true significance of all these beloved customs. For I have found that lurking behind Christmas traditions, no matter their culture of origin, is the universal need for love. Love for family, love for the wisdom of our forbearers, the love which inspires us to improve our local and global communities, the love of Jesus and the Holy Family, the love for the sun which grows ever bigger in the sky — all these myriad facets of love imbue Christmas with its indelible complexity. So on Christmas, as you partake in your own special traditions, take heed of the love which surrounds you, and which you can provide to others. You will find that this love can warm even the frostiest night, and that it will carry you through the wonders of the New Year and beyond.

Merry Christmas! *Buon Natale!*  
Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at [adicenso89@gmail.com](mailto:adicenso89@gmail.com).

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5491EA  
Estate of  
ELIZABETH B. CORCORAN  
Date of Death: November 21, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Deborah A. Corcoran of Winchester, 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 Deborah A. Corcoran of Winchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 05, 2021.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 11, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/18/2020



### Time to Remember

#### Seaman Doris Miller, An American Hero



**Doris "Dorie" Miller, (1919-1943) just after being presented with the Navy Cross for heroism on board USS West Virginia (BB-48) during the Pearl Harbor Attack, December 7, 1941.**  
(U.S. Navy photograph)

About two months ago, the *New York Times* ran an editorial on a seemingly forgotten hero named Doris Miller, who served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II and saved many lives when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. I never heard of him or his valor before I read this editorial.

Sadly, when I was young, the military was still segregated when I was born and it wasn't until President Truman in August 1948 ended segregation in the military.

Doris Miller was the first black American awarded the Navy Cross, but should have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism on December 7, 1941, but apparently that award died in Congress. Doris Miller died serving his country two years after the Pearl Harbor attack

when his ship *Liscome Bay* was sunk by a Japanese submarine during the Battle of Makin.

The U.S. Navy has named its newest aircraft carrier Doris (better known as Dorie Miller). The USS *Doris Miller* is scheduled for delivery in 2032, and his name is now attached to a class of supercarriers that already honors Gerald Ford and John F. Kennedy. Miller will be the first enlisted sailor and first African American to have a ship named after him. It does show the U.S. Navy's attempt at racial progress, but it took 79 years to get to today.

I would hope that at some point sooner than later that Seaman Doris Miller gets his much-deserved Congressional Medal of Honor for his service to his country.

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Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI19P0733EA  
Estate of  
EDWARD R. ROTCHFORD  
Date of Death: July 19, 2017  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Gregg D. Rotchford of Framingham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Gregg D. Rotchford of Framingham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 12/18/2020

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Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
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Docket No. MI20P5404EA  
Estate of  
JAMES I. LEATE  
Date of Death: April 24, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Cynthia Norton of Billerica, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Cynthia Norton of Billerica, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 12/18/2020



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

# Four Women “Quattro Donne”

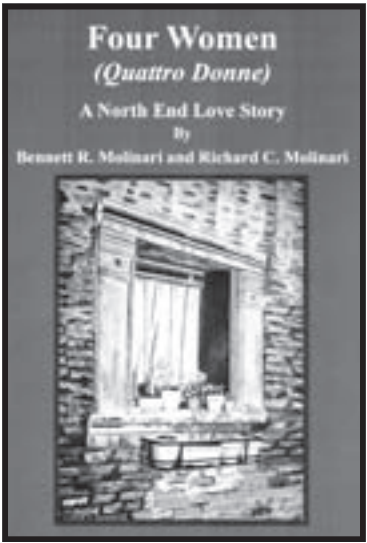
subtitle, *A North End Love Story*

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

Just when everything had calmed down and tempers were subsiding, the little time bomb Charlie placed in the bucket was about ready to go off. Charlie had placed his special bucket of quahogs, containing the horseshoe crab, under the kitchen table. It was very close to where Auntie Stella was standing. Maliciously, Charlie called the hidden bucket to Auntie Stella’s attention, causing her to reach under the table for the bucket. Placing it on the table, she peered into the bucket and came face to face with the horseshoe crab that had worked its way to the top of the bucket, attempting to escape. She screamed at the top of her lungs and threw the bucket into the air, causing the quahogs and the horseshoe crab to be scattered across the kitchen floor. Now at the end of her rope, she screamed out, “That little brat did it!” Uncle Tino began to laugh, but Mom would have none of it. Turning to Auntie Stella, Mom asked, “What little brat are you talking about?” Auntie Stella yelled out, “It was one of your little brats! I bet it was Charlie! He’s the only one that does this crap!” Charlie ran for his life out of the kitchen, while Mom turned on Auntie Stella, prepared to defend him. Annoyed and ready to attack, she yelled, “You always blame my kids for stuff like this.” Auntie responded, “They’re the only ones who pull off this crap.” Uncle Tino, always wanting to make a bad situation worse, once again asked Auntie Stella “Where’s my cold beer?” She then screamed out, “I could scald you with this pan of hot water!”

Grandma stepped in, just before the situation was ready to explode. She screamed out, “*Tutti ziti!*” (Everyone shut up!) Retreating to Italian to establish her authority. This was a sign she was furious, and everyone immediately quieted down. All went silent and motionless. It was the opportunity for Auntie Angie to restore order, as she always did in these situations. Speaking quietly and deliberately, she began issuing directives in the kitchen, everyone went about their jobs without speaking a word. Mom noticed Dad had picked up the horseshoe crab and was making his way out of the kitchen. He placed the crab in one of the empty buckets just outside the kitchen. Quietly, Mom went over to him and asked, “Joe, what are you doing with that thing?” In measured tones, Dad responded sternly, “With this, I’m going to teach Charlie a lesson he will never forget.” Mom knew Dad was mad. She didn’t say anything, but trusted whatever Dad planned to do, it would be for Charlie’s good.

It was about six in the evening when the clambake got underway. The women had laid out plates on an old wooden table in the backyard. The men carried out large steaming pots of spaghetti with crab sauce and buckets of steaming quahogs, placing them in the center of the table covered with a red checkered, plastic tablecloth.



Tempers had cooled, and we were all back to normal. Once everything was set, Grandma called everyone to the table to begin our American clambake, Italian style. A jug of homemade red wine was quickly passed around the table, with small amounts, diluted in water, given to the kids. A quick prayer was said, then Grandma began plating the spaghetti from a huge bowl. Each plate she passed to Auntie Angie, who ladled crab sauce from a large pot placed on the table. As Dad instructed earlier, everyone got a plate except Charlie, who asked anxiously, “Where’s my spaghetti?” Dad reached under the table, took the bucket containing the horseshoe crab, and placed it by Charlie. He told Charlie, he could play with the horseshoe crab, while the

rest of us ate. Charlie began to fill up with tears, for he really loved spaghetti with crab sauce. Grandma, feeling badly for Charlie, shot a look at Dad as if to say, “Let the boy eat.” Dad responded with a reassuring wink to Grandma, conveying the fact Charlie would get his spaghetti. He asked Charlie to apologize to Auntie Stella and promise never to do such a thing again. With a voice barely audible, but clearly heard by Auntie Stella, sitting across the wooden table from him, he apologized and promised never to do it again. This prompted Auntie Stella to kiss the tips of her fingers and place them on Charlie’s forehead, a signal for Grandma to dish a plate of spaghetti for Charlie that Auntie Angie loaded with extra crab sauce.

The feast was in full swing with everyone stuffed and having a good time. The homemade wine flowing liberally helped brighten spirits, angry just hours ago. Grandma was ready to go into her version of “O Sole Mio”, when Auntie Angie looked up, gave an ominous, “Oh, Oh,” followed by, “Here comes trouble,” while kicking Mom’s leg under the table to draw her attention. Mom, responding to Auntie Angie, glanced at her as Auntie Angie gestured in the direction of the road. The Riccis had come to spend time at their uncle’s cottage in Kingston, and were about to pay a visit.

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

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208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI20P5452EA  
  
Estate of  
ARCHIE KALASSIAN  
Date of Death: July 30, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Janice Boornazian of Belmont, 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 Janice Boornazian of Belmont, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 04, 2021.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 07, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/18/2020

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

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

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

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

by Marie Simboli

**Christmas and Your Dog**



**Merry Christmas from Lucy**

When you think about Christmas with your dog, your thoughts may center around which items to put in his or her holiday stocking this year, however, preparing for the holidays with a pet in the home involves much more than gift giving.

**Dog-Safe Decorations:** For many of us, decorating our home is the first step in preparing for the holidays and many of the items we use are not typically found around the house all year long. Being naturally curious creatures, dogs will want to thoroughly check out anything new that comes into the house and here is where some potential problems can come into play.

**Christmas Trees:** Celebrating the holidays with your dog is bound to involve setting up a traditional Christmas tree.

**Live or Artificial:** Of course, there’s nothing like the look and smell of a fresh, live Christmas tree, but how will it affect your dog? Live trees often carry unseen molds that can cause allergic reactions and/ or respiratory distress in some pets and people. If this is the first

Christmas you and your dog will be spending together, you might want to try a little test before setting up the entire tree. Bring a sample of your chosen evergreen into your home for a few days, allowing your dog to sniff it under your supervision. If you don’t observe any negative reactions, it’s probably safe to put up a live tree. However, if your dog does show an adverse reaction, remove the branch immediately, wash your pet’s face to remove lingering traces of the allergen and plan on

enjoying an artificial tree this year.

**Set Up and Security:** Choosing just the right placement for your tree also makes a difference to your pet’s safety. Consider purchasing a smaller tree and setting it up on a table-top, out of your dog’s reach. Full size trees are best set up in a corner where your pet’s access can be limited. If possible, wire the top of the tree to a drapery pole or staircase banister to lessen the chances of it tipping over if your dog accidentally bumps into it. Wrap the base of the tree and stand in plastic wrap to keep your dog from being tempted to drink the water, which can be toxic as fertilizers and chemical compounds leach from the tree. Opt for plastic or resin ornaments instead of breakable glass, and resist hanging ornaments at the bottom of the tree where they’ll present the most temptation to your pet. Hide those electrical light cords at the back of the tree, and hide any exposed cords or strategically place pieces of furniture to keep your dog from chewing them and possibly being electrocuted.

*Enjoy your Christmas with your dog and family and remember it’s about “Unconditional Love.”*

**North End Waterfront Health (New Health)  
Distributed PPE Supplies to North End Restaurants**

On Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, staff of North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) distributed a range of PPE supplies



to restaurants throughout the North End. The effort follows September’s virtual Taste of the North End food festival, from which a portion of funds raised were directed to assisting the neighborhood restaurants as they face the immense challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each bag packed and distributed by NEW Health contained two boxes of masks, one box of gloves, and six face shields for restaurant staff. In addition to being a major supporter of the 2020 Taste of the North End, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz also joined NEW Health in delivering the packages throughout the neighborhood.



*(Photos by  
North End Waterfront Health)*

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF HOUNDS**

by Marie Ciampa

On the **first** day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
a **Bernese Mountain Dog**  
On the **second** day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
a **Poodle** and a **Bichon Frise**  
On the third day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
two **Boston Terriers** and a **Pit Bull** puppy  
On the fourth day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
three **ST. BERNARDS** and one **Sheltie**  
On the fifth day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
five **French Bulls**  
On the sixth day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
six **Maltese**  
On the seventh day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
a litter of **Dobies**  
On the eighth day of HOUNDS,  
Santa gave to me  
four **Husky** dogs and four **Sharpei**



**Sage, Beans, and Willow**  
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# Saint Valery of Leucone

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Valery was born at Auvergne, France in the sixth century. Valery, as a child, tended his father's sheep. He desired to study and begged a teacher in a nearby school to trace the letters and teach them to him, which the schoolmaster was happy to do. He soon knew how to read and write, and the first use he made of his knowledge was to transcribe the Psalter; he then learned it by heart. He began to frequent the church. Dissatisfied with his life as a shepherd, he entered the neighboring monastery of St. Antony's at Autumo.

His fervor from the first day of monastic life led him to ardently live the monastic rule. Humble in nature, he meekly

and cheerfully subjected himself to everyone. Seeking a stricter rule and more penitential life, he left Saint Anthony's to enter the more austere monastery of Luxeuil in 594, where he was a disciple of the monk who was destined to become Saint Columbanus.

Valery thought of himself as an unprofitable servant and a slothful monk, who stood in need of discipline. Next to sin, he dreaded nothing as much as recognition and praise. At Luxeuil he also distinguished himself as a horticulturalist — the preservation of his fruit and vegetables against the damage of insects that destroyed most other crops was considered miraculous.

When Columbanus was banished from Luxeuil by King Theodoric, the monastery was placed in Valery's hands until he was sent with his fellow-monk Waldolanus to preach the Gospel. King Clotaire II gave them the territory of Leucone in Picardy, near the mouth of the river Somme. In 611, with the permission of Bishop Bertard of Amiens, they built a chapel and two cells. Valery by his preaching and the example of his virtue converted many and attracted fervent disciples with whom he laid the foundation of a monastery.

His time was entirely occupied with preaching, prayer, reading, and manual labor. By this he earned something for the relief of the poor, and he often repeated to others, "The more cheerfully we give to those who are in distress, the more readily will God give us what we ask of him."

When Valery passed away, cures took place at his tomb and his veneration grew, which eventually spread to England during the Norman Conquest. William the Conqueror exposed Valery's relics for public veneration. He was invoked for a favorable wind for the expedition in 1066, which sailed from Saint-Valery

Valery passed away on December 12<sup>th</sup> between the years 619 and 622 in Leucone. The Feast Day of Saint Valery of Leucone is April 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**STEVEN UNIVERSE:  
THE COMPLETE  
COLLECTION (DVD)  
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Grab your popcorn and get ready to sing your hearts out as Warner Bros. Home Entertainment brings Cartoon Network’s award-winning series into your homes with the release of *Steven Universe: The Complete Collection*. This ultimate 15-Disc Collector’s Edition Storybook features custom-made pieces of art on every page by Chromosphere. Inside, it is filled with every episode of *Steven Universe*, *Steven Universe Future*, as well as the smash hit TV movie, *Steven Universe The Movie*. The magic has bonus content including: Animatics, Minisodes, Commentary, *Steven Universe The Movie*: Sing-A-Long, and more. Cartoon Network’s six-time Emmy-nominated *Steven Universe* revolves around Steven, the “little brother” to a team of magical aliens — the Crystal Gems — who defend the planet Earth. Steven is the son of the Crystal Gems’ late leader Rose Quartz and aging aspiring rock star Mr. Universe. Steven belongs everywhere and nowhere: he has inherited his mother’s Gem and her magical powers, but also his father’s humanity and charm. The show is a slice-of-life action comedy that follows Steven as he attempts to bridge the gap between the sci-fi fantasy world of Gems and the cozy, funny, simple-yet-extraordinarily-complicated world of human beings.

**HAWAII FIVE-O (2010):  
THE COMPLETE SERIES (DVD)  
CBS DVD/  
Paramount Home Ent.**

*Hawaii Five-O* is a contemporary take on the classic series about an elite federalized task force whose mission is to wipe out the crime that washes up on the islands’ sun-drenched beaches. Detective Steve McGarrett, a decorated Naval officer turned cop, returned to Oahu after Hawaii’s former governor persuaded him to head up the new team: his rules, no red tape and full blanket authority to hunt down the biggest “game” in town. Joining McGarrett are Detective Danny “Danno” Williams, a relocated ex-New Jersey cop who is committed to keeping the islands safe for his children; Captain Lou Grover, who formerly headed Hawaii’s SWAT unit; Jerry Ortega, the islands’ local conspiracy theorist; Tani Rey, a bold, recent police academy graduate; Junior Reigns, a former SEAL who comes to McGarrett looking for a job, and Adam Noshimuri, a friend with old ties to a deadly crime family. Helping them is Kamekona, a local entrepreneur who has his pulse on the Island; Sgt. Duke Lukela, a trusted member of the HPD; and medical examiner Dr. Noelani Cunha. The brash FIVE-O unit, spar and jest among themselves, but remain determined to protect the 50<sup>th</sup> state.

**COLLATERAL (Blu-ray)  
Paramount Home Ent.**

Director Michael Mann’s intense thriller *Collateral* arrives on 4K Ultra HD for the

first time ever, as this new 4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray Combo debuts from Paramount Home Entertainment. Remastered, this new presentation features more detail, brightness, vivid color, and greater contrast. The Blu-ray in the Combo Pack is also remastered, offering an exceptional viewing experience. A stylish and compelling noir thriller, *Collateral* received both critical and audience acclaim. Tom Cruise gives a chilling performance as Vincent, a cool, calculating contract killer at the top of his game. Jamie Foxx received an Academy Award® nomination\* for his portrayal of Max, a cabbie with big dreams and little to show for it. Now, Max has to transport Vincent on his next job - one night, five stops, five hits and a getaway. And after this fateful night, neither man will ever be the same. The 4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray Combo includes access to a Digital copy of the film, as well as the following previously released bonus content: Commentary by Director Michael Mann; City of Night: The Making of *Collateral*; Special Delivery; Deleted Scene with Commentary; Shooting on Location: Annie’s Office; Tom Cruise & Jamie Foxx Rehearse.

**ALONE (Blu-ray)  
Magnolia Home Ent.**

Set in the Pacific Northwest wilderness, *Alone* follows a grief-stricken widow, Jessica (Jules Willcox), who while fleeing the city in a desperate attempt to cope with the loss of her husband, is kidnapped and locked away in a mysterious man’s (Mark Menchaca) cabin. Her attempted escape from the clutches of this murderous captor lands her in the heart of the untamed wilderness, where she can only rely on her wits for survival as her pursuer closes in.

**WHITE RIOT (DVD)  
Film Movement**

Britain, late-1970s. The country is deeply divided over immigration with the National Front, a far-right political party, gaining strength. Outraged by this xenophobic agenda, and a racist speech from Eric Clapton, music photographer Red Saunders teams up with like-minded creative to form *Rock Against Racism*. Focusing on issues that the mainstream British media ignores, the *Rock Against Racism* magazine challenges the status quo and sparks a grassroots youth movement soon joined by The Clash, Steel Pulse, Tom Robinson, and other revolutionary bands of the time.

**ECHO BOOMERS (DVD)  
Paramount Home Ent.**

Two-time Academy Award nominee Michael Shannon stars in this gripping crime-thriller with pulse pounding twists and turns. Recent college graduate Lance Zutterland (Patrick Schwarzenegger) leaves school in debt, realizing everything he had worked towards was built on a lie. When he is pulled into a criminal operation, he finds his peers fighting the system by stealing from the rich and giving to ... themselves. With nothing to lose, they leave behind a trail of destruction, but with the cops closing in, tensions mount and Lance soon discover he is in over his head with no way out.

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

**WE NEED TO BE FREE AGAIN  
TO DISAGREE WITHOUT  
BECOMING ENEMIES**

I rea and watch numerous TV programs. I like studying history and politics. Back in my college days, I graduated with a double major, political science, and history. I really do believe we must remember history to avoid repeats of it. However, there are too many people out there whose history goes all the way back to last week. Anything before that fell into a giant rabbit hole never to be known or seen again.

Lately, I have been reading more and watching TV less because there is so little that matters on the screen nowadays. I have some core convictions that have never budged and I have other lesser issues that have evolved over the years.

When it comes to America, I still think we are the exception to the rule. As opposed to elsewhere, government for us is a system that flows upward from the people as opposed to flowing downward from the so-called rulers at the top. That makes us different. That was what the American Revolution was all about.

Lately, I have found a couple of new sources. NewsMax TV, WABC Radio NYC (770 on the am dial) and the *Boston Broadside* newspaper for which I am a political writer.

Too much of today’s print and broadcast media suppresses much of the news we need to know and hands us what they prefer we see and digest. It’s all the news that matters to them. Some people call it the Fake News and those folks have come to see the free press as endangered and the free expression of ideas blocked by Big Tech, which readily censors what they think is not worthy enough to pass on to us.

I liked how it once was when we could openly debate one another without being called racists, fascists or other silly names. I don’t believe in shouting down those we do not wish to hear. Our Bill of Rights expresses eternal truths and must be safeguarded. Our founders weren’t perfect people, they came with warts, like all of us have ours.

Sometimes I remember the lyrics to an old song I liked back in younger days that went, “There ain’t no good guys, there ain’t no bad guys. There’s just you and I and we both disagree.” Think about it.

**SHE STILL KNOWS THE  
WAY TO SAN JOSE**

Can’t believe it. Singer Dionne Warwick turned 80 years old last week.

**SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED  
TO LISTEN TO CLYDE LEWIS**

A few years back, I accidentally found Clyde Lewis and his *Ground Zero* radio show (Talk1200 Boston) at weeknights at midnight, he’s an interesting character with interesting guests and interesting topics from the Deep State to Big Foot to Big flying saucers. His critics call him a conspiracy theorist. I call him informative as well as entertaining.

Lately, he has been talking about the COVID virus and the way our leaders have been

managing it and us at the same time. On this most recent show, he was declaring that he wanted his life back because what we have been going through since mid-March can’t be our livers, can it? For ten months, we have seen the fear mongers on the mainstream media weaponizing the fear of God on us. Our elected officials jumped right into the fray using their newly discovered superpowers to micromanage our lives with executive orders. They tell us to stay in our rooms, put the lights out, don’t look out the windows and for heaven sakes if you do go out be very, very careful, you could be the Corona’s next victim as it lurks around us.

Some folks love following orders but I hate the idea. I don’t like wearing a mask but I also don’t want to get sick. I stay socially distant but I always try to keep space between me and that stranger near me, especially if he or she looks sick or is coughing.

However, I have lived my life albeit masked outdoors or too near other people. I won’t seek solitary confinement in my room. I get out every day. I do lots of walking. I am healthier today than I was last March. I keep a good mental attitude and stay as healthy as possible.

This virus seems so random. I believe if you stay smart, stay healthy and get outdoors into the fresh air, you might just beat the virus. To date I have. Do masks really work? Does the economic shutdown of our country work? Are we really following the science or just making up stuff as we go along and hope everyone just buys what’s being sold?

I don’t think the virus is a hoax but having inherited my mom’s Irish fatalism, I do think either we get the virus or we don’t and with its randomness, either we survive the virus or we don’t. I am choosing to survive it because as my mother always “When it’s your time, it’s your time.” So I remain cautious about the virus, don’t go looking for it.

Keep a good mental outlook on life in 2020 but pray for that vaccine and don’t be afraid to give it a shot.

**HERE’S A SHOUTOUT TO  
HARRY JOHNSON**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to longtime *Post-Gazette* reader Harry Johnson from Woburn. Thank you for that nice note in the mail. The next time I sit down for my bread bowl of French onion soup at Panera’s I will be thinking of you. Thanks again.

**REMEMBERING  
ROY ORBINSON**

Recently, while tuned into the *Jimmy Jay Show* on WMEX, he noted that the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Orbison’s death had just passed. Hard to believe he passed on December 6, 1988. Jimmy even remembered that he passed while his last hit song “Last Night” was playing on the charts.

**IT’S NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
SUNDAY NIGHTS**

Recently, I have become a big fan of 77 WABC Talk Radio (770 on the A.M. dial) since locating it about two months

ago one Sunday evening. Weeknights, great conservative talk, weekends, great old and classy music. Debating Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, you can enjoy Joe Piscopo’s *Sunday Nights with Sinatra* from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Mellow out with the Chairman of the Board every Sunday evening.

If you were a big fan of Ron Della Chiesa’s *Strictly Sinatra*, you’ll love listening to Joey Piscopo, too.

**THE DINING ROOM  
MAY BE CLOSED BUT ...**



**Sandra Najjar with a supporter outside Our Saviors Lutheran Church on Paris Street, site of the East Boston Soup Kitchen.**

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

The East Boston Soup Kitchen is still up and running. The socio-economic-political issues surrounding this pandemic make this soup kitchen services even more critical today.

Last week, I caught up with Sandra Najjar and her crew handing out boxes of food to those in need. Sandy and her many friends know the job they do is all that matters for so many in such great need.

**GRACE CURLEY  
GETS OWN WRKO SHOW**

Looks like one day VB was stuck in the middle and then he wasn’t anymore. Gotta tell you, never was a fan of VB stuck in the middle between the Kuhnerman and Howie, but boy did he disappear fast. Knew something was up when at first Rush Limbaugh was on both 680 and 1200 at the same time.

Looks like come January 4<sup>th</sup>, Grace Curley executive producer of *The Howie Carr Show* and a *Boston Herald* columnist is getting her own show, *The Grace Curley Show* from noon until 3:00 p.m., on *WRKO-AM 680*. When this show starts, I will welcome a new conservative voice mid-day.

**WHAT HAPPENED  
TO BRITTANY?**

I’m just starting to enjoy Brittany Jennings Saturday evening on her own show starting at 5:00 p.m., and all of a sudden, her show was replaced by Sandy Shack. Nothing against Sandy, but I think Brittany brings more energy and passion to the WRKO airwaves. We want Brittany. We want Brittany. Say it after me.

**SOUNDS LIKE  
A BAD IDEA TO ME**

It appears the Baker Administration is okaying the idea of long-term care facilities taking in elderly patients who have tested COVID positive. Is there no institutional memory


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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 rehabbed to provide elderly housing for neighborhood folks, but is registered as a landmark, which means that changes to the outside of the building are prohibited.

This was within walking distance of 74 Eutaw Street where we lived, and I joined the settlement house to learn model making (model planes, that is), how to box, how to play basketball, and 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, boxing and playing basketball 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 they date and time conflicted with everything Nanna and my mother would be doing to prepare for Christmas Eve and Christmas day dinners. Dad and Uncle Nick, my Godfather would be playing day and night with the bands they were with, back then. This left only Babbononno who was retired.

I asked my grandfather to accompany 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 hill on Meridian Street, and the Trinity Neighborhood House.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Ms. Orr, one of the directors and Edith DeAngelis, her assistant. (Years later, 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 com-plaints 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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, playing for them 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 thrown by the ship's captain. Good food, good entertainment and a visit from Santa for the children of the men who manned the ship always took place. 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 winter temperatures outside the car.

When I began playing for the Ken Reeves Orchestra, we often had several afternoon parties to play, one after another. Most major businesses would have parties in their offices for a couple of hours and this was 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 and rush to another location and

play a second party from 5:30 to 7:30. 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 squashed in together without overlapping.

If we had jobs to play on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Dad, my uncles and I would make sure that they ended before it was time to head home and the Christmas Eve and the seven-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 back then due to the fact that 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 helped to pay my college tuition. Beyond this, I was young and 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, I have many friends, two great sons, two wonderful grandchildren, and, oh yeah, a great wife who puts up with me.

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In Italian American homes, Christmas cookie baking is a tradition that usually takes place a week or two before the holiday. This special occasion is a time when the *nonnas*, *mamas*, and *zias* come together and share their favorite family recipes that have been passed down through the generations. Butter, sugar and flour is everywhere as the scent of anise and almond fills the air. Cookies are perfectly baked, elegantly decorated, and then carefully organized on platters and trays. Jordan Almonds or *Cannellini Ricci* fill in the empty spaces, clear cellophane wraps them tight, and a meticulously handmade bow adds the finishing touch to the platters and trays!

Christmas cookie trays in my family always included an array of Italian cookies; one more scrumptious than the other! A favorite of many were the Italian Butter Cookies, from the jam-sandwiched and chocolate-dipped to those piped and studded with candied fruit. These light and crispy cookies made from a simple dough of butter, sugar and flour, were easy to make and delicious to eat. Italian Butter Cookies are a beautiful edition to a Christmas cookie tray or even perfect when placed on a platter of their own. From my home to yours, *Buon Natale Con Amore!*

**ITALIAN BUTTER COOKIES**  
*Biscotti Al Burro Italiani*



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| 1 1/3 cups or 300 grams butter, softened               | 1 teaspoon Paneangeli Lievito Pane Degli Angeli |
| 1 cup + 2 tablespoons or 150 grams Confectioners sugar | Large open star tips                            |
| 2 eggs   | Pastry bags                                     |
| 1/4 teaspoon of salt                                   | 1/2 cup raspberry, strawberry, or apricot jam   |
| 1 teaspoon pure almond extract                         | 8 ounces white, milk, or dark chocolate, melted |
| 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract                        | assorted sprinkles                              |
| 3 5/8 cups or 450 grams of all purpose flour           |   |

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light yellow, add eggs, salt and extracts, beat together well. Sift together flour and Paneangeli Lievito Pane Degli Angeli and gradually add to mixture, mixing well after each addition. Fit a pastry bag with a star tip and fill the bag halfway with dough. Pipe dough into rosettes, plain circles or "cat's tongues" onto a parchment lined baking sheet. Note: If using sprinkles and/or candied cherries, place on cookie before baking. These cookies do not spread. Bake at 350° for about 15 minutes or until the bottom of the cookies are just golden colored. Cool on a wire rack. Decorate as desired.

**"Cats tongue" jam filled chocolate coated:** Take 2 cats tongue cookies, spread one lightly with raspberry, strawberry or apricot jam, place the other on top, hold together while dipping the end in melted dark chocolate. Leave plain or dip in nuts or sprinkles. Place on a parchment lined baking sheet and allow to dry well.

**Rosettes:** Dip in white or dark chocolate and leave plain or dip in nuts or sprinkles, place on a parchment lined baking sheet and allow to dry well.

**Circles:** Place a candied cherry in center or sprinkles on top prior to baking.

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## Goodbye to You Scollay Square, You Left Us with Memories Everywhere



Walking through Government Center now is more often than not a simple way to connect to Faneuil Hall or Downtown Crossing, and most will ignore that brutalist sculpture that is our City Hall (more than once listed as one of the ugliest buildings in America). But the ghosts of its vibrant yet seedy past live on through remnants, memories, and legends.

For this once was the sight of Boston's infamous Scollay Square, a district of nightclubs, tattoo parlors, burlesque theaters, saloons, and drunken sailors.

Scollay Square started out as a cultural center and in 1845 housed the Howard Athenaeum, which itself was repurposed as the house of worship for the Millerites religious sect. For the first two decades of its new existence the Athenaeum drew crowds from Boston's elite with its high brow operas and theater greats, but by the 1870s, with other theaters stealing its crowd, the Howard turned more to the then rising art of vaudeville and burlesque. By the late 1800s, it was Boston's primary center for burlesque and vaudeville. Through the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century it featured many comedians including Jackie Gleason, Abbott & Costello, and Phil Silvers as well as some of the areas hottest burlesque dancers including Gypsy Rose Lee, Ann Corio, and Sally Rand.

By the 1940s, the Howard became almost synonymous with it strip shows and seedy dances, in part this was due to the demand of military men on leave. It became known as the "Old Howard," a new name for its new life. This, of course, reflected a larger change in the whole of Scollay Square where other popular joints were flowering like Joe and Nemo, Jack's Joke Shop, the Red Hat restaurant, and the Oriental Tea Company.

Popular as the area was, city developers were soon putting the area in their crosshairs. It was attracting drunkards and the steamy clubs were adverse to the new vision for Boston. The first step was closing the Old Howard, which the city did in 1953. However, Scollay Square's fate was truly signed once Boston razed its old South End, eliminating its famous "New York Streets" (all except Albany Street!). There was

little regard for the rights of tenants in those areas, as the swindling of the West End residents would tragically prove, much less for historic preservation. Urban renewal was on a rampage throughout the city and by 1962, Scollay Square was no more. It would reopen two years later as Government Center. Gone were the dancing girls, the music, the bars, and the laughter.



Former performers from the Old Howard tried to reopen the theater with the hopes of persuading developers to stop the wrecking ball, but an unfortunate fire that destroyed the old theater put those ambitions to bed. It is unlikely they would have succeeded, however, given the fervor with which the city tore down its own history. It is surprising,



After the wrecking ball.

in fact, that anything survived at all. There are, however, still a number of reminders of the past. The Brattle Bookshop has moved to West Street, the statue of John Winthrop has been moved to the intersection of Berkley and Marlboro Streets and The Red Hat still welcomes restaurant goers now at Beacon Hill. At the site itself, the Sears Crescent Building still stands and the giant tea kettle which stood above the Oriental Tea Company now is a familiar marker to all customers at the Starbucks at its foot. When Government Center station was renovated in 2014, workers made an amazing discovery. The original tiled sign to Scollay Under were found and preserved.

In a way, Scollay Square got the last laugh from beyond the grave. Far from putting an end to risqué attractions in Boston, the city simply pushed it further down Washington Street where it would develop into the Combat Zone, an area so violent and so grimy it made the Old Scollay Square look like a carnival.

And yet, Scollay Square's influence on Boston has never been shaken off. Its ghost lives in the collective cultural conception of Boston (speakeasys, grasping politicians, rough necks, and pubs. Much like San Francisco's long gone Red Light District, it is an inevitable part of the city's historical identity ... even for those too young to have ever seen it.



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

of what happened in New York under governor Andrew Cuomo? In this past Wednesday's *Boston Herald*, a news story about a Lowell facility doing just that.

A young woman whose sister and mother-in-law told a *Herald* reporter, "I can't think of a worse idea. This is putting the most vulnerable in harm's way." Is she right or not?

Howie Carr in that same *Boston Herald* newspaper threw out an idea of what Baker could do, Why not use the empty cars on the MBTA caused by a collapsed ridership due to COVID? The chance of getting infected riding the MBTA is probably near zero. I know Carr was being facetious and I'm just using a little bit of sarcasm.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**  
Chuck Mangione (80), Country singer Jody Miller (79), Felix Cavaliere of the Rascals (78), and Larry Bird (64).

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

**2003 FORD EXPLORER**  
Vin #1FMZU74K03UA54617

The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at

**TODISCO TOWING**  
**94 Condor Street, E. Boston**  
**JANUARY 2, 2021**  
**at 9:00 AM**  
Run dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2020; 1/1/2021

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P5538EA

Estate of  
**STEVEN T. MEUSE**  
Date of Death: November 09, 2020  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by Kristina Sutton of Northborough MA and Carleen Meuse of Worcester, 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 Kristina Sutton of Northborough MA and Carleen Meuse of Worcester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 07, 2021.

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 10, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/18/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Export Enterprises, Inc., 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following non-titled moped/scooters on or after January 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

**2019 GEELY COLEMAN 9 SERIES**  
VIN # LB2G9TAAXK1003735:  
Towed per the MSP on 09/09/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2020 ZHEJIANG RIYA MOTORCYCLE CO.**  
VIN # LEHTCB131LR801747:  
Towed per the MSP on 05/02/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed  
Export Enterprises, Inc.  
Run dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2020; 1/1/2021

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI18P2244EA

Estate of  
**JEAN HARTMAN LAMACK**  
Also Known As  
**JEAN H. LAMACK**  
Date of Death: April 19, 2018

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by Bruce H. Cohen of Dedham, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, 1st Account, 2nd Account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**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 05, 2021.

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.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 08, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/18/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI17P1189EA

Estate of  
**LAWRENCE WESTON SWEZEY**  
Date of Death: October 18, 2016

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by Lauren M. Leydon of Groton, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**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 05, 2021.

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.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 08, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/18/2020



## LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P1495GD

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

In the interests of  
**ANDY YAHIR RAMIREZ MILIAN**  
of Waltham, MA  
Minor

## NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/20/2020 by Alba Z. Ramirez Milian of Waltham, MA, will be held 03/02/2021 11:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located <https://www.zoomgov.com/my/monks>.

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

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

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

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

Date: November 12, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/18/2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after January 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

**2015 DODGE CHALLENGER**  
VIN # 2C3CDZBG8FH715875

**2005 FORD FOCUS**  
VIN # 1FAFP36N55W241766

**2016 YONGFU YN50QT-8 SCOOTER**  
VIN # LL0TCABH4GYC63358

Towed per the BPD on 08/19/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2018 CHICAGO SCOOTER CO.**  
VIN # L4HCATA11J6000239

Towed per the MSP on 10/01/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2019 YONGFU YN50QT-8**  
VIN # LL0TCAPH0K5000001

Towed per the BPD on 04/17/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2020 ZHWEKI ZW50QT**  
VIN # LT4Z1NAA6LZ000176

Towed per the BPD on 04/30/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

## 2019 GENUINE SCOOTERS BUDDY

VIN # RFVPAP5A6K1125352

Towed per the BPD on 08/20/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2019 YONGFU YN50QT-8**  
VIN # LL0TCAPH0KY48206Y

Towed per the BPD on 08/10/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2019 YONGFU YN50QT-21**  
VIN # LL0TCAPX8KY680477

Towed per the BPD on 09/23/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2020 YONGFU YN50QT-8**  
VIN # LL0TCAPH5LY761382

Towed per the BPD on 09/19/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2020 YONGFU TN50QT-8**  
VIN LL0TCAPH7LG001556

Towed per the MSP on 06/06/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2011 TAIZHOU CITY KAITONG**  
VIN # LYDTCKPF8B1501597

Towed per the BPD on 05/24/20  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2006 YAMAHA YZF-R6**  
VIN # JYARJ12E66A009478

**2016 PIAGGIO FLY 50 4V**  
VIN # ZAPC526BXG7001997

**2020 TAOTAO POWERMAX 150**  
VIN # L9NTCGPG0L1010317

**2000 HONDA SA50**  
VIN # H1AF1603YD101019

Vehicles are being stored at D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed

D &amp; G Towing

Run dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2020; 1/1/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20W-0826WD

## SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TALAL CHAGHOURI, Plaintiff

v.

SANDRA MARINO, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking Custody/Support/Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon **Michelle S. Massaro, Esq.** - attorney for plaintiff - whose address is **3 Baldwin Green Common, Suite 307, Woburn, MA 01801** your answer on or before **January 12, 2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at **Cambridge**.

**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge**, this 1st day of December 2020.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court

Run date: 12/18/2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

**2015 FORD FOCUS**  
Vin #1FADP3F2XFL325727

**2004 HONDA ELEMENT**  
Vin #5J6YH283X4L009843

**2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU**  
Vin #1G1ZT54875F146579

**2019 ACURA MDX**  
Vin #5J8TC2H30KL041956

**2006 CHRYSLER 300**  
Vin #2C3KA43R56H212019

**2014 DODGE DART**  
Vin #1C3CDFBB6ED833650

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

**TODISCO TOWING**  
**94 Condor Street, E. Boston**

DECEMBER 26, 2020

at 9:00 AM

Run dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following non-titled moped/scooters on or after January 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

**2015 TAOTAO CY50-E**  
VIN # L9NTEACX6F1100010:

Towed per the SHA on 07/14/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2003 PIAGGIO AND VESPA ET2**  
VIN # ZAPC161A435001467:

Towed per the SPD on 09/05/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2016 TAOTAO CY50-E**  
VIN # L9NTEACX0G1301421:

Towed per the SPD on 09/06/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2013 ADLY BULLEYE GTC**  
VIN # RFLDC0517DA005852:

Towed per the SPD on 07/14/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2012 GENUINE SCOOTERS BUDDY 50**  
VIN # RFVPAP5A7C1008669:

Towed per the SPD on 08/25/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2014 TAOTAO ATM50-A**  
VIN # L9NTEACB3E1172141:

Towed per the SPD on 10/03/19:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2020 ZNEN ZN50QT**  
VIN # L5YACBPZ3L1101956:

Towed per the SHA on 09/16/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2020 TAOTAO PONY 50**  
VIN # L9NTCBAE4L1000707:

Towed per the SPD on 08/07/20:  
Last registered owner unknown.

**2020 YONGFU BINTELLI**  
VIN # LLOT6APR1LG000198

Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed

Pat's Towing

Run dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2020; 1/1/2021



## Rogelio "Roger" Moret Passes December 7<sup>th</sup>



### Rogelio "Roger" Moret

If you are a baby booming Red Sox fan you will recognize the name Rogelio "Roger" Moret. He was a lanky-lefty, six-foot-four, weighing 170 pounds. He started off like gangbusters before being traded to the Braves and eventually to the Rangers, retiring after 1978, but really struggling in his career. Players and fans rooted for him. When he came up in 1970, he was 20 years old. He had so much potential but never mastered some control issues and lasted longer than many thought he would. He was with the Sox from 1970 through 1975. With the Sox, he

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI19P1543EA

Estate of

ANNA AIELLO

Date of Death: September 21, 2018

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Tina M. Clohisey of Taunton, MA and Daniel J. Aiello of Watertown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Tina M. Clohisey of Taunton, MA and Daniel J. Aiello of Watertown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 28, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM  
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: December 01, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/18/2020

## EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



went 41-18 with a 3.43 ERA. His best season was 1973, when he went 13-2 with a 3.17 ERA. Lifetime, he was 47-27 with a 3.66 ERA.

### Happy Birthday To Ferguson Jenkins

Jenkins, when inducted in 1991 to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown was the first ever Canadian to enter the Hall and was one of the most dominating pitchers during his glory days with the Chicago Cubs before eventually heading to Fenway Park. He just turned 78 years old. Jenkins was 22-21 with a 3.74 ERA in 58 games with the Sox from 1976-77. Ferguson was with the Cubs for nine plus seasons and during an eight year streak was a 20-game winner seven times. Lifetime, he was 284-226 with a 3.34 ERA.

## Bard

## Comeback Player of Year

Boston Red Sox fans still remember David Bard, who had so much potential and then suddenly went sideways. He returned to the majors this past season for the first time since 2013.

### A Great Slugger With Two Names



## Dick Allen

Dick Allen was a great slugger for whoever he played for, a seven-time All-Star, 1964 Rookie of the Year with the

Phillies and the 1972 NL MVP. He was 78 years old when he died on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Allen's number 15 was retired by the Phillies this past September, which was long overdue. His career was basically divided between the Phillies and the White Sox. In 1972, he was with the Chicago White Sox and was the AL MVP.

With the Phillies, he was always Richie Allen, but with the White Sox always Dick Allen. He never did explain the change. However, now I find out that he was a fighter against racism during a tumultuous period in the sixties. He finished his 15-year career with Oakland in 1977.

Allen batted .292 with 351 homers, 1,119 RBIs and played first and third base, plus left field. Former teammate Mike Schmidt called Allen "an amazing mentor" wrongly labeled a "troublemaker." He added Allen "was a sensitive black man who refused to be treated like a second class citizen."

## Happy Birthdays To ...

Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Mussina (52), Mike Easler aka "The Hit Man" (70), and George Thomas (83) who was a member of the Impossible Dream team back in 1967.

I actually met with George at a Red Sox reunion of sorts over at Tony C's around the corner from Fenway Park. He even introduced me to his family there with him that evening. A special Happy Birthday to George T. from Sal G.

## Here's Some Good News

Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda has been moved out of the ICU although he remains hospitalized in Southern California. Prayers go out to you Tommy.

## DIAMONDS ROLEX

## ESTATE JEWELRY

Bought &amp; Sold

Jewelers Exch. Bldg.

Jim (617) 263-7766

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after December 26, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

**2015 TOYOTA PRIUS**  
VIN #JTDKN3DU1F1970368

**2010 HONDA CRV**  
VIN #5J6RE4H38AL048984

**2004 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER**  
VIN #JTEEP21A240060755

**2003 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER**  
VIN #SALMB11463A105278

**2014 RAM 1500**  
VIN #1C6RR7TT9ES334462

**2009 HONDA ACCORD**  
VIN #1HGCP26709A035204

**2008 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**  
VIN #KMHDU46D78U488581

**2009 NISSAN SENTRA**  
VIN #3N1AB61E19L680277

**2007 FORD E250**  
VIN #1FTNE24W57DA40529

**1995 TOYOTA CAMRY**  
VIN #4T1SK12E1SU623569

**2004 NISSAN MURANO**  
VIN #JN8AZ08W34W332122

Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed

Pat's Towing

Run dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20P4901EA

Estate of

VIRGINIA RAE EWELL

Also Known As

VIRGINIA R. EWELL

Date of Death: October 07, 2020

## INFORMAL PROBATE

## PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ned Rosen of Newton, MA**.

**Ned Rosen of Newton, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 12/18/2020



Boxing




Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

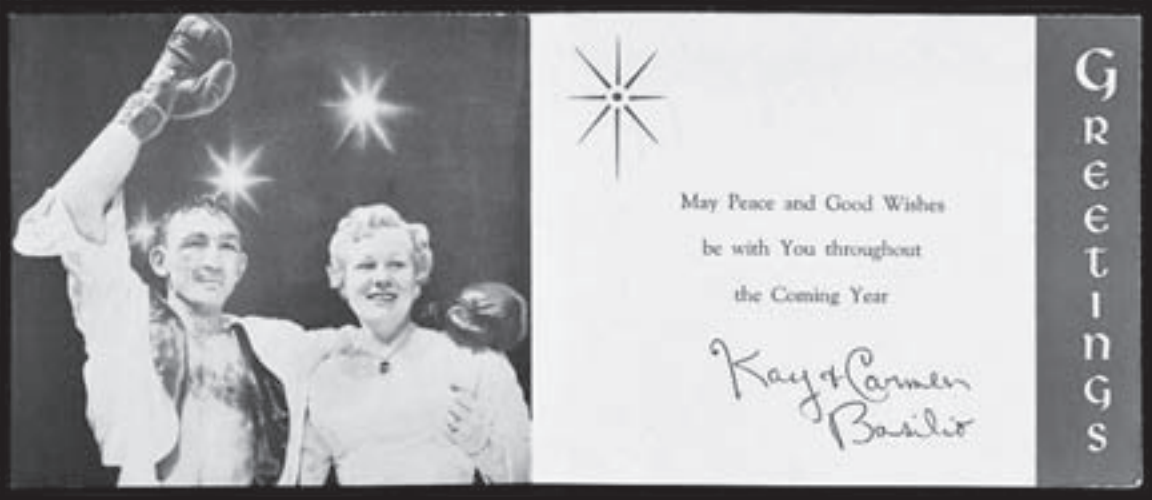
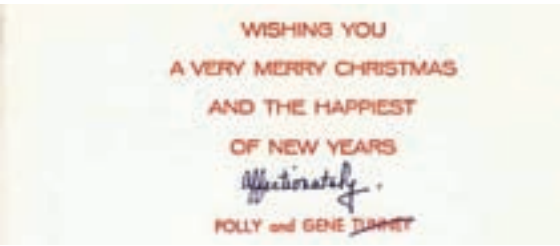
by Richard Preiss



Merry Christmas to All My Readers

My You Be Blessed in this Holiday Season  
Good Things are on the Way

Thank You for Reading



They were held at the closing of what might be called a “Time of Tranquility,” a period where traditional values were appreciated and America seemed to prosper after enduring two World Wars that bookended the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Another horrible war in Korea had ended in 1953. On the home front General Dwight D. Eisenhower was President, television continued to penetrate more deeply into American life and sports flourished across the U.S.

If perhaps you want a culmination point to this you need look no further than the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome where a number of American athletes achieved more than winning gold medals — they achieved immortality.

These happy times were once again brought to the forefront recently as we read of the recent passing of Rafer Johnson at age 86, the U.S. athlete who won the gold medal in the challenging decathlon event at those 17<sup>th</sup> Summer Games in the Eternal City some 60 years go.

What we call track and field in the United States is called “athletics” overseas. String 10 of those events together over two days to comprise a super event and you have the decathlon — a challenge consisting of the 100-meter dash, the long jump, shot put, high jump, 400-meter run, 110-meter hurdles, the discus, pole vault, javelin, and 1,500-meter run in that order. The winner is often considered to be “the world’s greatest athlete” for having excelled in these 10 athletic events.

Now you know what an athlete Rafer Johnson really was. In addition, he was also on the UCLA basketball team, coached by the legendary John Wooden.

But there’s more about those Games. Think about Wilma Rudolph, who had polio as a child and wore a brace on her left leg from age 5 to age 12. But, through intensive rehab, she recovered and played basketball and ran track in high school. Her track career culminated in Rome when she won three gold medals, capturing the 100-meter and 200-meter dash events as well as running the anchor leg for the winning 4 x 100 relay team.

For those achievements she was hailed “as the fastest woman on earth” and became one of the most popular athletes of the era — male or female.

Unlike today, there wasn’t big money awaiting those who were champions in track and field since the Olympics were only open to amateur athletes at that time.

Wilma later became an elementary school teacher and went on to work for several non-profit organizations, including the Boston office of the Jobs Corps program. She also worked in media relations for Universal Studios, served as a TV analyst at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics for ABC and hosted a local television show in Indianapolis.

Unfortunately, she did not live a long life. Diagnosed first with throat cancer and later

with brain cancer, she died on November 12, 1994 at age 54.

Indoors, things went according to form as the USA men’s basketball team went undefeated at 8-0 to claim the gold medal.

The team featured 10 players that went on to play in the NBA, four of whom were eventually elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame. Imagine having a team that featured Oscar Robertson, Jerry Lucas, Walt Bellamy, and Jerry West. That’s the core of the squad that Coach Pete Newell sent out on the floor to confront opponents as Team USA won its fifth straight hoops title at the Olympics. In addition to the four individual players, the entire squad was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010.

How dominating was that American team on the court? Well, Team USA averaged 101 points per game while holding opponents to an average of 59 points a game. That’s all you need to know.

By the way, basketball is played in the Summer Olympics because those that govern the Olympics define a winter sport as one that is played on or competed over a snow or ice surface. Since basketball doesn’t fit that definition, it is played as a summer sport in the Olympics.

A man familiar to most Americans — Muhammad Ali — first rose to prominence in the Rome Olympics by winning the gold medal in light heavyweight boxing while competing under his birth name of Cassius Clay.

First refusing a military draft in the 1960s, he later regained his popularity with mainstream America and became one of the most popular figures in the U.S. He was chosen as the greatest athlete of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Along with his success in professional boxing, he battled complications of Parkinson’s disease for three decades. He died on June 3, 2016 at age 74.

And finally, what we think is one of the most amazing achievements in all of sports history took place on the streets of Rome during the marathon, one of the capstone events of the Games.

It is winter now but next summer, when it is warm; take a few barefoot steps on the pavement as you attempt a normal walk.

Only after doing that can you begin to appreciate what Abebe Bikila of Ethiopia achieved in the marathon. First of all, he ran barefoot, all 26 plus miles of the race, through those paved streets of Rome.

But he not only ran the race, he won the race, finishing ahead of the other 68 competitors who wore running shoes. And not only did he win; he set a world record as well. Now you know why we consider this to be one of the top athletic achievements of all time.

And for an encore, he also won the 1964 Olympic marathon in Japan in world record time. He wore running shoes for that one — still an amazing achievement.

Those 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome — still evoking eternal memories from the Eternal City.