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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Booster Only 48% Effective

Americans who received their COVID booster vaccine are not fully protected against getting sick, according to a news report. The CDC released a report that said the updated boosters were just 48 percent effective at preventing symptomatic infection from the XBB variant.

The World Health Organization has a 50 percent threshold to deem a vaccine effective and the bivalent shots fall below that benchmark. However, the CDC says the main function of the vaccine is to prevent hospitalizations and death rather than transmission and minor illness from the virus and that the booster is expected to provide protection against severe sickness.

Schiff and Swalwell Booted Off Intel Committee

Last week, Speaker Kevin McCarthy officially denied U.S. Reps Adam Schiff, D-CA and Eric Swalwell, D-CA seats on the House Intelligence Committee during this current House session saying the decision was not based on political payback but because "integrity matters and they have failed in that place."

In the past, Speaker Nancy Pelosi booted U.S. Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-GA and Paul Goser, R-AZ from their committee assignments that Pelosi and other Democrats leaders stated at that time incited potential violence against their colleagues.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries in a letter to McCarthy called for Schiff and Swalwell to be reappointed to the Intel Committee and added, "there is no precedent or justification for rejecting them."

Deodorant Kills U.K. Teen

An autistic 14-year-old teenager who liked to spray aerosol deodorant around her blankets and around her bedroom died from breathing in the fumes, say her parents who are calling for clearer warning labels on the products. The teenager suffered cardiac arrest and died last May from what should have been a preventable accident, according to

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Department of Public Utilities

Approves Reductions to Winter Gas Supply Rates

Approval Will Result in Lower Utility Bills for Massachusetts Gas Customers Over the Winter Months

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has approved reductions in gas supply rates for most gas customers across the Commonwealth. On average, the decreases will result in a monthly bill decrease of about 4-5% for a typical residential heating customer.

Beginning on February 1, 2023, customers served by The Berkshire Gas Company, Liberty Utilities, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy can expect lower winter gas supply rates, which will be reflected in the utility bills that customers receive in March. The decreases, which are attributable to changes in the marketbased price of natural gas over the course of the winter period, result in a lower gas supply

"Our administration is focused on reducing costs for Massachusetts residents and businesses," said Governor Maura Healey. "We are exploring every possible tool to ease burdens, from reductions in energy costs, fuel assistance, nutritional support, and more.

With these reduced energy prices, small businesses can grow, and more families will be able to put food on the table and roofs over their heads."

"Families and businesses need relief, and our administration is heartened to see a downward trend in natural gas prices," added Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Our team is working with great urgency to push out fuel assistance, improve efficiency, and identify ways to boost financial support for our residents."

This reduction in energy costs comes not a moment too soon for Massachusetts residents struggling to get by," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "But this adjustment is also an important reminder that we need to urgently and equitably transition away from volatile fossil fuels, which continue to threaten the financial security of our communities. The Healey-Driscoll Administration is moving swiftly to build a clean energy future to save costs and support our businesses."

"These reductions in winter gas supply rates will offer some much-needed relief to gas ratepayers this winter," said Department of Public Utilities Acting Chair Cecile Fraser. "We continue to direct the utilities to work with the families and businesses across the Commonwealth through energy efficiency and fuel assistance programs to help alleviate the burdens of energy costs."

Under federal law, natural gas is sold in a competitive market. The Massachusetts gas distribution companies are required to purchase gas on their customers' behalf at the market price and pass that cost on to their customers without profit to the companies. The DPU requires all gas distribution companies to revise their gas supply rates, known as the cost of gas adjustment factor, or "GAF," whenever the companies will materially over- or under-collect costs from customers. Due to declining natural gas prices in the competitive market, the companies will decrease their GAF for gas consumed between February 1, 2023, and April 30, 2023. Each gas distribution company's gas supply rates change at least every November 1st and May 1st. Customers can shop for their own electric supplier through the DPU's Energy Switch website www. energyswitchma.gov.

Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces Appointments to the Veterans' Homes Council

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the appointment of seven members to the Veterans' Homes Council. Established through statute in 2022, the Council is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans' Services to ensure the health, well-being, and safety of residents of state-operated Veterans' Homes and access to equitable, high quality, and competent care for veterans across the Commonwealth.

"The Veterans' Homes Council will play a critical role in ensuring that we are providing the care that our veterans need and deserve. These seven appointees have an intimate understanding of the complex needs of veterans, including access to health care, mental health care, housing, and food assistance," said Governor Maura T. Healey. "Our administration is grateful to the Legislature and our teams at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Department of Veterans'

Services for their hard work to create this important council."

"As the proud daughter of a Navy veteran, I understand how important it is that our veterans receive comprehensive services and care," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This Council will be critical for ensuring that families can trust that their loved ones are being well cared for in our Veterans' Homes and that their health, safety, and wellbeing are protected."

"We are pleased to reach this important milestone in the implementation of chapter 144 and appreciate the valuable perspective that today's appointees will bring to the Veterans' Homes Council," said Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary A. Beckman. "The Council will contribute meaningfully to ensuring that the Commonwealth's Veterans' Homes provide high quality care and support the health, safety, and wellbeing of our veterans."

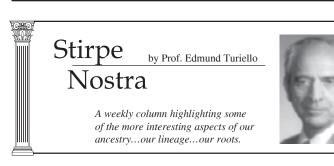
The Council's responsibilities include recommending improvements and policies for Veterans' Homes to the Secretary of Veterans' Services, submitting recommendations for appointments and removal of Veterans' Homes Superintendents, and developing an annual report reviewing the Veterans' Homes' demographics, finances, staffing levels, efficacy, equity, and resident well-being.

Today's council appointees include four individuals appointed by Governor Maura Healey and three individuals appointed by the Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary Beckman, and as indicated in statute.

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR: Ziven Drake

Ziven Drake is a U.S. Air Force Veteran who served as a Crew Chief in Tactical Aircraft Maintenance. She is a current member of the Pile Drivers

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VESPASIAN'S COLOSSEM



Vespasian died on July 23, 79 A.D., after a brief illness, just one month before the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. He was a hardheaded man, of great common sense, ambitious for power, shrewd, determined and, above all, practical. Although his reign was marked by great economy, the Colosseum or Flavian Amphitheater that he started in 70 A.D. was probably the most extravagant expenditure for public amusement ever made in the world. It was opened and dedicated by his son, Emperor Titus, in 80 A.D. and finally completed by his second son, Emperor Domitian, in 82 A.D. These three emperors, a father and two sons, all carried the family name "Flavius" as part of their imperial title and are known to us today as the Flavian Emperors. Consequently, this structure is properly called the Flavian Amphitheater. The name Colosseum came into use because of the colossal statue of Nero that stood near it in ancient times.

The Colosseum is oval shaped, about six hundred feet long, five hundred feet wide, one hundred and sixty feet high, and covers six acres. The central combat area was called the arena, which, interestingly enough, is the English translation for "harena," the Latin name for the sand that was spread to absorb the blood of the contestants and the animals. The air was kept fresh smelling by spraying perfumes or by spreading costly powders around the structure.

Eighty arched openings in the exterior walls of the first story formed the entrances, but these corresponding arches in

the second and third stories contained beautiful sculptures. A total of 160 statues were displayed in the upper facade alone. There was seating capacity for fifty thousand spectators and standing room for about thirty thousand more. Seating priority was strictly by social class and all seats and tickets were numbered. The present day system of numbered seats and tickets in places of amusement began here. The emperor's ringside platform or box contained the imperial throne and seats for government officials and dignitaries. The lowest tier of regular seats was reserved for the noble and wealthy, while the second tier was reserved for the middle-class. The third tier was for poor people, and the last, upper tier was for unescorted

A skillful arrangement of corridors, stairways, ramps, and walls made it possible for each class of spectators to reach their own seats or to exit without coming in contact with their social inferiors. The eighty exits were referred to as "vomitoria" because they permitted the spectators to spew or flow right out into the street. A full Colosseum could be emptied in less than ten minutes. The structure was intentionally built as an arena where the wholesale destruction of human and animal life took place for the amusement of the spectators. They witnessed these scenes of murder hour after hour, day after day, and month after month.

NEXT WEEK:

The Colosseum, Part II

Are We Moving On Up or Down to 800,000?

by Sal Giarratani

Mayor Michele Wu has delivered her State of the City Address and within it are the same major changes when it comes to housing policies. Among the issues she discussed was the apparent abolishment of the Boston Planning & Development Agency. She appears to be revamping things by creating a new city department of planning and design. Will housing and development issues moving forward benefit by having it directly report to the mayor's office as opposed to its current structure as a quasi-independent agency?

I am sure there was a reason (maybe efficiency?) back in the '50s when Mayors John B. Hynes and John F. Collins supported the agency structure over a city department. When I was born, Boston's population was 800,000 and over my lifetime, it began to shrink. At one point, we were heading near the 500,000 mark and towards becoming a nowhere city before Mayor Kevin H. White's vision of a "New Boston" came along and shook things up.

Once again, I am hearing the number 800,000. Several months ago, I read an article in the NY Times Sunday Magazine about Boston, and right there in it was Mayor Wu throwing up that 800,000 figure. I didn't like it back then nor do I like it at this moment after Wu used that number in her most recent speech on Boston's future. In her speech, she stated, "Our vision is for Boston to sustainably reach our peak population of 800,000 residents with the housing and school; parks and public transit to support this growth."

I was never for Boston shrinking down into a sinking ship of a city. Boston had its place in history and I refused to see Boston disappear because our political leadership seemed lost at times on how to turn things around.

We made horrible decisions back when I was a child. We destroyed working neighborhoods by calling the process slum clearing. We did it to the West End and we did it over in the South End down in the New York Streets neighborhood. We treated communities and residents of them as impediments to a better Boston that would be built over the ashes and rubble of what once existed.

I live in East Boston today and what I am seeing now is reminiscent of what I witnessed growing up in Boston during the '50s and '60s. My neighborhood, like many others is being over-developed with high-end, high-priced housing. Our neighborhoods cannot continuingly sustain such housing and keep its diverse populations of people. Folks are being forced to move because this new growth comes with an unaffordable price tag. In the old days, they brought wrecking balls to buildings, today they still have wrecking balls, but this time it is the people who are getting wrecked.

Oh, one final note, of course the mayor is already talking about rent control and is in discussion with city councilors on how to get rent control passed first by the city council and then by the state legislature. Seems like over-development and rent control always seem to catch up with each other, don't they?

I am all for bringing business into Boston such as the news from the Lego Group about relocating its headquarters here from Connecticut, However, as I look at the East Boston Waterfront and the South Boston Seaport, I worry about where all the little people like you and I are gonna live. Over-development may indeed get us to 800,000, but at what expense?

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Date of Death: December 23, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Courtney C. Peloquin of Dedham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Courtney C. Peloquin of Dedham, 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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• Veterans' Homes Council (Continued from Page 1)

Local 56 Union. Drake currently serves as Assistant Executive Director of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship Training Fund.

Lt. Colonel USMC (Retired) Mike Dunford

Mike Dunford is a retired U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Officer and served as the Chief Human Resources Officer and Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Covidien. Dunford is an active member of the business community and a veteran advocate focused on employment, food security, homelessness, case management, and outreach. Dunford currently serves as president of the Cape & Islands Veteran Outreach Center.

Colonel USA (Retired) Andrea Gayle-Bennett

Andrea Gayle-Bennett, Retired Army Colonel, Brigadier General (Massachusetts), served for more than 35 years in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, including as a chief physician assistant and battalion surgeon. Gayle-Bennett currently serves on the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, the Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans' Services, the North Shore Community College Board of Trustees, and is corporate secretary for the Veteran Business Owners Initiative.

Michael Jefferson

Michael Jefferson, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, is president of Somerville IAFF Local 76 and founder of the Fraternal Order of Firefighter Military Veterans, Inc. He is also a member and director of the Member Assistance Program for the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts.

APPOINTED BY ACTING SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: Dr. Louis Chow, PhD

Dr. Chow is the Sr. Director of Network Development and Training Institute at Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Hospital program. He is a clinical psychologist, Assistant in Psychology at MGH, Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and a specialist in treating veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and other invisible wounds of war. Dr. Chow has overseen the education and training of thousands of clinicians and health professionals across the Commonwealth seeking to care for veterans impacted by the invisible wounds of war.

Tony Francis, MBA

Tony Francis serves as the president and CEO of Edgar Benjamin Health Center, a nonprofit nursing home in Boston and the only minority-owned nursing home in New England. Francis brings with him broad experience in long-term care, business administration, and management consulting. He has served as chairman of the Central Boston Elder Services Board of Directors and is currently a co-chair of the Boston Healthcare Preparedness Coalition

Jill Landis, RN

Jill Landis has been the vice president of quality management at Integritus Healthcare, a not-for-profit committed to fulfilling the health and residential needs of communities, since 2008. Landis previously was a regional nurse manager at Genesis Health Care, where her responsibilities included the management of quality outcomes for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Landis is certified in rehabilitation nursing and is a member of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association.

In addition to the seven members appointed by Governor Healey and Acting Secretary Beckman, the Veterans' Homes Council includes Executive Director of Veterans' Homes and Housing Robert Engell, who serves as chair, and Chelsea and Holyoke Soldiers' Homes Boards of Trustees members, who are ex officio, voting members.

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A World Within Reach:

GREEK AND ROMAN ART FROM THE LOEB COLLECTION

Glimpse into Ancient Greek and Roman Worlds — and See Your Own with Fresh Eye

NOW THROUGH MAY 7, 2023

University Research Gallery, Harvard Art Museums

A World Within Reach invites visitors to explore the experiences and imaginations of people who lived in the Mediterranean basin some 2,000 to 2,500 years ago. Clay and bronze depictions of ordinary people (with a few gods and heroes as well), small-scale animal sculptures, and stunning jewelry are all arranged under three themes — power, desire, and wonder — reflecting human concerns then and now.

The more than 60 ancient Greek and Roman objects at the core of this exhibition are drawn from the collection of James Loeb (1867–1933), who graduated from Harvard College in 1888. Convinced that ancient literature could enrich contemporary lives, he established the Loeb Classical Library. This series, now published by Harvard University Press, makes ancient Greek and Roman texts widely accessible by placing them side by side with their English translations. The objects from the Loeb Collection have come to Cambridge with the generous collaboration of Munich's Staatliche Antikensammlungen und Glyptothek, where they reside today.

As a collector, Loeb was particularly attracted by small terracotta figurines. He felt that encounters with these humble objects brought ancient Greek and Roman lives within reach, transmitted humanity and values across the ages, and had the potential to expand modern perspectives. Today, we ask different questions about antiquity than Loeb did a century ago. These fresh views help us query the past in new ways and reconsider our own presence in the world.

The final component of the exhibition reflects how members of the local community see ancient Mediterranean objects today. Teens in *Cambridge Community Television's* 2022 – 23 School Year Production Program made short videos catalyzed by encounters with ancient Greek and Roman objects in the Harvard Art Museums collections. These films can be viewed on a monitor in the exhibition.



Weary Herakles, Hellenistic, Smyrna (modern Izmir, Turkey), c. 50-25 BCE. Terracotta. Staatliche Antikensammlungen und Glyptothek, Munich, SL 257, TL42482.39. Image: © Staatliche Antikensammlungen und Glyptothek.

Join the dialogue and allow James Loeb's objects to help you see worlds, ancient and modern, with fresh eyes.

Curated by **Amy Brauer**, Curator of the Collection; **Caitlin Clerkin**, 2021 – 23 Frederick Randolph Grace Curatorial Fellow in Ancient Art; and **Frances Gallart Marqués**, 2018 – 20 Frederick Randolph Grace Curatorial Fellow in Ancient Art, all in the Division of Asian and Mediterranean Art at the Harvard Art Museums.

Support for this exhibition is provided by the Kelekian Fund.



March 15th - March 18th

Mark your calendar for a special event! The Friends of the North End Library (FONEL) invite you to see "Books in Bloom" at the North End Library's 2023 Spring Open House from Wednesday, March 15th at 5:00 p.m. through Saturday, March 18th at 1:30 p.m.

Books in Bloom is a special springtime event that pairs floral arrangements inspired by the cover, title, or content of a book. This year, several volunteers will create floral interpretations of their favorite book, which will be displayed throughout the North End Library.

There will be a live demonstration by Chris Jackson from Robin's Flower Shop on Wednesday evening March 15th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. He will give some clever ideas and demonstrate what to do at home with a store-bought bouquet.

Drop in during the Spring Open House for informal tours with Head Librarian Catherine Halpin to see our celebration of live flowers and she will acquaint you with our unique library and the many excellent services the library has to offer or just walk at your leisure among the beautiful bouquets! Pick up a hand out of all the available resources at the North End Library.

Tours available: (no preregistration necessary)

Thursday, March 16^{th} at 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with Catherine Halpin

Friday, March 17th at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with Catherine Halpin

Saturday, March 18^{th} at 11:00 a.m. TBD

This is a not to be missed creative and informative experience. The event has been organized and generously funded by the Friends of the North End Library.

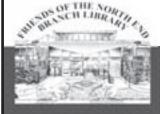
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- March 15th 18th 2023 Books in Bloom Flower Display during library hours.
- March 15th 2023: 6:30 7:30 p.m. Chris Jackson "Flower Bouquet Demonstration"
 March 16th 2023: Library tours 11:00 a.m. and
- 5:30 p.m. by Catherine Halpin

 March 17th 2023: Library tours 11:00 a.m. and
- March 17th 2023: Library tours 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. by Catherine Halpin
 - March 18th 2023: Library Tour 11:00 a.m. by TBD



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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Cupids, Chocolates and Changing Seasons

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

February is the month when, despite the snow crunching beneath my feet and the bare branches whipping in the wind, signs of spring seem to blossom all around me, delicate as the first snowdrop. Heavy winter jackets, which still provide us with muchneeded heat from the cold, nevertheless get pushed aside in stores to make way for pastelcolored dresses and cheery patterned leg-

gings. The lemons and oranges of winter yield to the first tender artichokes and green peas of the season. These heralds of spring get a big boost from a major seasonal holiday that honors all things floral and sprightly — St. Valentine's Day, which occurs this year on Tuesday, February 14th. This festival of love and hearts also revels in the sense of renewed life that accompanies spring, evident in its focus on flowers and birds. I love this holiday for the opportunity to snack on decadent chocolates and bake up a batch of red velvet cupcakes. However, in the midst of all the pink and red hoopla, I will constantly keep my mind on spring. St. Valentine's Day will remind me that love, in all of its myriad forms, is necessary and natural in order to make the transition from winter into spring.

Like most other holidays, St. Valentine's Day remains synonymous with rampant commercialism. As soon as the Christmas festivities end, stores roll out the heart-shaped cards



and velvety red boxes of chocolates, the giant doe-eyed stuffed animals and fresh bouquets of roses. Though I always enjoyed the chocolate, this unchecked commercialism frequently annoyed me back in my single days, as it seemed that the idea of romantic love was constantly being shoved down my unattached throat! However, I now realize that the real spirit of St. Valentine's Day includes not only celebrating romantic love, but indeed love in all of manifestations, including the bond between friends and the affection for family members. I also became fascinated by the joint pagan and Christian roots of St. Valentine's Day, which stretch all the way back to our ancestors in Italy. This holiday bears the name of the mysterious St. Valentine, or San Valentino in Italian, about whom many romantic legends arose. One tale claims that St. Valentine secretly performed forbidden marriages for Roman soldiers, while another proclaims that

he fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer and restored her vision, then addressed himself as her "Valentine" in a letter written prior to his execution. Meanwhile, some scholars believe that the feast of St. Valentine's Day was inspired by the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia, a festival dedicated to purification and fertility. Though there is no evidence of a direct cor-

relation between St. Valentine's Day and Lupercalia, both holidays symbolically indicate that the spring is a ripe time for love and regeneration.

Indeed, love across all of nature is inescapable on St. Valentine's Day. A medieval superstition, popularized by author Geoffrey Chaucer, stated that birds choose their mates on St. Valentine's Day, a quaint piece of folklore that recalls not only the romantic overtones of the holiday but also its connections to fertility and the rebirth of nature. Other avian-related superstitions stated that the first bird a girl saw on St. Valentine's Day presaged the career of her future spouse — a robin meant a sailor, a goldfinch meant a millionaire, a bat meant a baseball player, etc. In Italy, people celebrate St. Valentine's Day, or la Festa di San Valentino, in much the same way as their American counterparts, replete with romantic dinners, cards

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Rambling On with Led Zeppelin

Do you ever hit a point in your life when you just stop doing anything and ponder how you actually got to where you are today? Sometimes this moment can happen while you are in bed at night, waking up at maybe 2:00 a.m., pondering as Peggy Lee once lamented, "Is that all there is?"

I've been pondering much since my nephew Dominic passed away down in Austin on August 28, 2019 in such an agonizing way from cancer, an enemy that devours up all life. He was only 48 years old and quite accomplished as a lobbyist, always on the job inside and outside the State Capitol building. He left his wife and three children behind to continue on without him.

Sometimes we look back with sadness at that time and other times before it, when you

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Watertown Housing Authority contact person is Anthony DiGiovanni at 617-393-1971 or by email at anthonyd@watertownha.org, requests for copies of bid specifications should be sent to this email address. Questions related to this IFB should be submitted in writing prior to the deadline set of February 22nd, 2023, no later than 2:00pm.

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lose someone and your whole life is wrapped up in pain and puzzlement. Been there before and surely will get there again! The nature of life's comings and goings, the nature of happiness, sadness, remorse, joy, laughter, and all other episodes of rambling emotions.

You know, when life throws you a nasty curve, I find music an elixir. Sometimes I need to ramble on with Led Zeppelin. Other times it could be the Temptations or Luther Vandross. Or maybe I contemplate the meaning of Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon.

I thank God for my sense of humor, which is often the best weapon available when you get the blues. Like Peggy Lee singing in her sultry voice, questioning just what life is all about. Listening to the lyrics, sometimes we expect so much to happen to us and get depressed knowing that sometimes that's all there is and it clearly seems like not a lot but a long shot.

2022 is already ancient history, right? The month of January went by so fast. It was a month filled with new starts but the past is gone and the future lies ahead. All we have is today, trying to figure out what it holds for us and any significant things crossing our paths moving forward out of January and into February and beyond.

When I was younger, I worried about major snowstorms. I watched the weather on TV all the time. Today, I just wait for what comes next. I live easier. When I look into the bathroom mirror shortly after waking up, I see myself pretty clearly. The fog of my day is yet to come. We all need to live each day as an opportunity to improve ourselves and to have faith in ourselves. Too bad this kind of understanding finds us in this twilight of our existence. By now, we know many answers to many questions but must resign ourselves to just doing the best we can with any new unanswered questions, and just hope for the best for ourselves and those we love. No more,

I just keep moving along and not in any great rush yet to take that staircase to heaven with Led Zeppelin or anyone else. I still have things on my bucket list, but it's still an awful big bucket.

Bottom line from this Baby Boomer, stop looking at the clock and just start enjoying what we have. Oh, stay happy,

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Valentine's Day

ACROSS

- 1 "Without further
- 5. Sweet 16 gift 8. Steps to the river, in India
- 12. *Michael Bublé's "____ the Last Dance for Me"
- 13. Bigger than big
- 14. Nonkosher
- 15. Big-ticket one
- 16. October birthstone *#5 Down's target
- 18. *Reason to celebrate Lupercalia, Valentine's Day predecessor
- 20. Make over
- 21. Omit
- 22. Hexagonal fastener
- 23. December birthstone, pl.
- 26. Most gemütlich
- 30. Ed.'s request
- 31. Two dots above a letter
- 34. Brussels org. 35. Church recesses
- _ or chicken?
- 38. Encourage (2 words) 39. What hoarders do
- 40. He crossed the Rubicon
- 42. Jet follower
- 43. English county courts, in the olden days
- 45. Gentlemen's gentlemen
- 47. Chop off
- 48. Paparazzo's quest
- 50. Port in Yemen
- *Heart-shaped box content
- 56. Range
- 57. Top notch
- 58. Baron Munchhausen, e.g. 59. Journalists and reporters
- 60. Speed unit
- 61. All is well that does this well
- 62. Bald eagle's nest 63. Ever, to a poet
- 64. Tinkerbell's powder
- DOWN

- 1. "Clueless" catch phrase
- 2. *Get-together 3. End of a break-up phrase
- 4. Explosive of Czechoslovakian origin
- 5. *Winged one September stone
- 7. Bank on 8. *___ ca _ card 9. Not tails
- 10. '70s hairdo
- 11. Sylvester, to Tweety
- 13. Wholism, alt. sp. 14. Monotonous hum
- 19. Intestinal obstruction
- 22. "Wayne's World" catchphrase
- 23. Japanese port
- 24. Necklace clasp location, pl.



- 25. Affirmatives
- 26. *Kisses' partners
- 27. National emblem
- Type of weasel
- 29. BBQ tool
- 32. Pasturelands
- 33. Accompanies wisdom?36. *a.k.a. St. Valentine's Malady
- 38. *Muse of love poetry
- 40. Large edible mushroom 41. Long-legged shore bird
- 44. Regions
- 46. Bummed about
- 48. Bell's invention
- 49. Laurels 50. Homesteader's measure
- 51. Active one
- 52. Soap block
- Hokkaido language 54. Small amounts
- 55. Formerly, formerly
- 56. *Romantic destination

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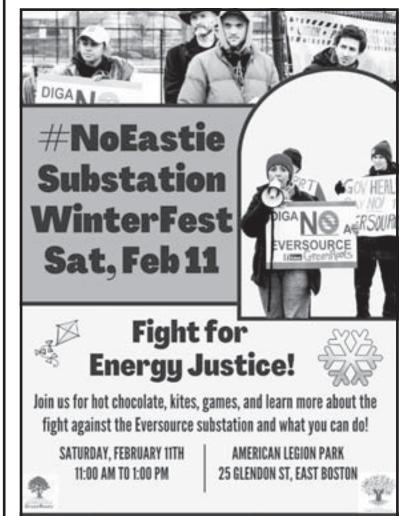
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Boston's Most Popular Dog Names

REMINDER:

Boston Dog Licensing Deadline is March 31st

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Animal Care and Control Division reminds city dog owners that the annual deadline for licensing their pets is March 31. All dogs in Boston require a new license each year.

"We take this time each year to remind pet owners not only that licensing your pet is the law, but a license is your pet's ID and provides their best chance to be returned home if they become lost," noted Animal Care and Control Director Alexis Trzcinski. "If your dog ever gets out, the chances of being reunited are greatly increased with a license.'

In preparation for the 2023 licensing deadline, the Animal Care and Control Division released licensing data from the previous year to reveal the most popular dog names of 2022.

The most popular male dog name in 2022 was once again Charlie with 81 registered in Boston, while Bentley brought up the back of the pack with 23 males with that name. The top female name registered was also the same this year, Luna, with 114 registered while 25th place went to Piper with 27 licensed.

The data also provides the 25 most popular dog breeds registered in Boston. In 2022 the top ten breeds were Labrador Retriever with 1,694 registered, Golden Retriever (727), Chihuahua (480), German Shepherd (392), Miniature Poodle (331), Pit Bull (321), Yorkshire Terrier (314), Shih Tzu (312), Beagle (311), and Australian Shepherd (296).

All dog owners need to license their dogs by Friday, March 31, 2023. Dogs must be licensed if they are older than six months. Owners must provide a copy of their dog's current rabies certificate. For spayed and neutered pets, owners must submit proof of spaying or neutering if they have not done so previously.

Licensing fees are \$15 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$30 for an intact male or female. The dog licensing fee is waived for service animals and residents age 70 and older. Owners must also pay any outstanding Animal Care and Control fines. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50. Please call 617-635-5348 or email animalcontrol@boston.gov with any questions about the licensing process or to update your information in the database.

For an in-depth guide on dog licensing, including a link to license your dog online, visit



Barney reminds Boston's dog owners that March 31st is the deadline for licensing your pet.

Animal Care and Control's howto article.

The City of Boston will also host a series of dog licensing and pet vaccine clinics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays from March 4 to June 3 at seven BCYF community centers. For details, fees, and locations please visit boston.gov/animals or call 617-635-1800.

Animal Care & Control posts photos of adoptable pets on their social media accounts at instagram.com/bostonanimal control, twitter.com/animal boston and facebook.com/ bostonanimal.

TOP 25 FEMALE DOG **NAMES OF 2022***

- 1. LUNA
- 2. BELLA
- 3. DAISY
- 4. LUCY
- 5. LOLA
- 6. PENNY
- 7. ROSIE
- 8. STELLA 9. BAILEY
- 10. SADIE
- 11. MOLLY
- 12. RUBY
- 14. COCO 15. MAGGIE
- 16. LILY
- 17. MILLIE
- 18. SOPHIE

- 19. OLIVE
- 20. WINNIE
- 21. PEPPER 22. LULU
- 23. WILLOW
- 24. ELLIE 25. PIPER

TOP 25 MALE DOG NAMES OF 2022*

- 1. CHARLIE
- 2. COOPER
- 3. TEDDY
- 4. MAX 5. FINN
- 6. OLIVER
- 7. MILO
- 8. WINSTON
- 9. ROCKY 10. OLLIE
- 11. LOUIE
- 12. TOBY
- 13. GUS
- 14. HENRY
- 15. BUDDY
- 16. TUCKER
- 17. ARCHIE 18. LEO
- 19. JACK
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Saint Benignus of Armagh

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Benignus of Armagh was the son of Sesenen, an Irish chieftain in the part of Ireland that is now known as County Meath. He was baptized into the Christian faith by none other than St. Patrick, and became his favorite disciple and his assistant bishop in the Diocese of Armagh around AD 450. His gentle disposition suggested the name Benen, which means kind, (from which Benignus is derived), Latinized it means blessed.

Benignus followed St. Patrick in all his travels, and helped him with his missionary work, especially assisting him in the formation of Choir services, as a result of his musical acumen he became known as "Patrick's Psalm Singer". He was noted as a choral singer and A liturgical music planner. He preached through the regions of Clare, Kerry, and Connaught. Later he served as the abbot of Drumlease for 20 years. He succeeded St. Patrick as the bishop

St. Benignus is said not only to have assisted in compiling the great Irish code of Laws, but also that he contributed materials for the Psalter of Cashel, and the Book of Rights. He was present at the synod, which passed the canon recognizing the "See of the Apostle Peter" as the final court of appeal in difficult cases; this canon is to be found in the *Book of Armagh*. He also founded monasteries.

On Easter of 433, St. Patrick clashed with King Laoghaire at Tara over religion, and legend has it that a trial by fire was proposed. A Pagan and St. Benignus were tied inside a burning timber building; the Pagan was reduced to ash while St. Benignus was untouched. At this point, Christian teaching was established throughout the region. St. Benignus resigned as assistant bishop in 467, and passed away that same year. The Feast Day of Saint Benignus is November 9th.



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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Galileo Galilei

Galileo was born on February 15, 1564. He was the oldest of six children born to Vincenzo Galilee, a well-known musician and music theorist, and Giulia Amanita. In 1574, the family moved to Florence, where Galileo started his formal education at the Camaldolese monastery in Vallombrosa.

Vallombrosa.

In 1583, Galileo entered the
University of Pisa to study medicine. Possessing prodigious intelligence and drive, he soon became fascinated with many subjects, particularly mathematics and physics.
While at Pisa, Galileo was exposed to the

While at Pisa, Galileo was exposed to the Aristotelian view of the world, then the leading scientific authority and the only one sanctioned by the Catholic Church.

During this time he began his two-decade study on objects in motion and published "The Little Balance", describing the hydrostatic principles of weighing small quantities, which brought him some fame. This gained him a teaching post at the University of Pisa, in 1589.

While there, Galileo conducted his fabled experiments with falling objects and produced his manuscript Du Motu (On Motion), a departure from Aristotelian views about motion and falling objects. Galileo quickly found a new position at the University of Padua, teaching geometry, mechanics and astronomy.

In addition to the telescope and his numerous mathematical and scientific discoveries, in 1604 Galileo constructed a hydrostatic balance for measuring small objects. That same year, he also refined his theories on motion and falling objects, and developed the universal law of acceleration, which all objects in the universe obeyed. He also devised a simple thermometer.

In Galileo's lifetime, all celestial bodies were thought to orbit the Earth. Supported by the Catholic Church, teaching opposite of this system was declared heresy in 1615. Galileo, however, did not agree. His research — including his observations of the phases of Venus and the fact that Jupiter possessed moons that didn't orbit Earth — supported the Copernican system, which (correctly) stated that the Earth and other planets circle the sun.

In 1616, Galileo was summoned to Rome and warned not to teach or write about this controversial theory. But in 1632, believing that he could write on the subject if he treated it as a mathematical proposition, he published work on the Copernican system. He was found guilty of heresy, and was placed under house arrest for the remaining nine years of his life. Galileo continued to receive visitors until 1642, when, after suffering fever and heart palpitations, he died on January 8, 1642, aged 77.

In1758, the Church lifted the ban on most works supporting Copernican theory. It wasn't until 1835 that the Vatican dropped its opposition to heliocentrism altogether. In the 20th century, several popes acknowledged the great work of Galileo, and in 1992, Pope John Paul II expressed regret about how the Galileo affair was handled.

Galileo's contribution to our understanding of the universe was significant not only for his discoveries, but for the methods he developed and the use of mathematics to prove them. He played a major role in the Scientific Revolution and earned the title "The Father of Modern Science."





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MAGNIFICENT WARRIORS (Blu-ray) 88 Films

Magnificent Warriors is a highflying action romp! International sensation Michelle Yeoh stars in this incredible adventure set against the backdrop of World War II. Yeoh portrays a wisecracking mercenary pilot with a leather jacket, gun, and bullwhip who sets aside personal greed to defend a small town and free its leader from the clutches of the invading Japanese army! Filled with spectacular action sequences, Magnificent Warriors seamlessly blends sly humor with thrills. Yeoh's martial arts prowess, comedic flair, and dramatic skills are fully brought to bear in this incredible follow-up to the classic Royal Warriors. The finale, in which the town, armed only with spears and stones, rises up against the heavily fortified Japanese forces, is not to be missed! Aerial battles, gunfights, hand-to-hand combat, Michelle Yeoh ... Magnificent Warriors has it all!

CHILDREN OF THE MIST (DVD) Film Movement

In a village hidden in the mist-shrouded Northwest Vietnamese mountains resides an indigenous Hmong community, home to 12-year-old Di, part of the first generation of her people with access to formal education. A free spirit, Di happily recounts her experiences to Vietnamese filmmaker Há Lé Diém, who planted herself within Di's family over the course of three years to document this unique coming of age. As Di grows older, her carefree childhood gives way to an impulsive and sensitive adolescence, a dangerous temperament for what will happen next; in this insular community, girls must still endure the controversial but accepted tradition of "bride kidnapping." One night, when the young girl's parents return home from celebrating the Lunar New Year, they are shocked to find their house is silent: Di has disappeared.

BELLE AND SEBASTIAN: THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES (DVD) Film Movement

Based on the acclaimed children's novel by Cecile Aubry, Belle and Sebastian: The Adventure Continues, follows the courageous adventures of a young boy and his giant sheep dog amidst the stunning backdrop of the snow-covered Alps. In the sequel to the original film, it's September 1945, and Sebastian impatiently waits for the return of his friend Angelina, whom he has not seen for two years. When the plane carrying the young woman to her small village in the Alps is reported to have crashed n the mountains Sebastian is convinced that Angelina is still alive. Along with his faithful dog Belle, Sebastian embarks on the most dangerous adventure of this life

THE KING OF LAUGHTER (DVD) Film Movement

The King of Laughter is a lavish period drama starring Toni

Servillo as Eduardo Scarpetta. At the beginning of the 20th century, in Bell Époque Naples, theatres and the cinema were thriving and the great comic actor Eduardo Scarpetta is the box office king. Known in the Neapolitan theater for his cheeky alter egos, Scarpetta's larger-than-life stage productions were matched only by his eccentric personal life. Composed of wives, partners, lovers, legitimate and illegitimate children (including a young Eduardo De Filippo, famed Neapolitan playwright), Scarpetta's home situation resembled one of his comedies more than a traditional family. In 1904, at the height of his popularity, the comedian risked everything by staging a controversial parody of the great Italian poet, Gabriele D'Annunzio's The Daughter of Iorio. Booed and hissed from the stage by younger rivals, Scarpetta was sued for plagiarism, leading to the firstever copyright lawsuit in Italy. Despite the draining years of legal troubles and familial strife, Scarpetta fought not only for his craft, but also for his legacy as on of the great thespians of Italian theater, that would culminate in one of his last great performances.

ONE MORE STEP WEST IS THE SEA: RUTH WEISS (DVD) IndiePix Films From Berlin and Vienna in

the 1930s; from New York to Chicago, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and San Francisco in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s; one of the great women Beat poets, Ruth Weiss, has written, performed, painted, and filmed the fact that for her, 'one more step west is the sea ...' Thomas Antonic traces her pioneering art and her world without boundaries. In her 90s, her life is a grand collage that transcends the Beat. She is the cosmic refugee among the ecstatic memories of counter-culture. In his feature-length directorial debut, Beat scholar and award-winning poet Thomas Antonic traces Weiss' pioneering art and her world without boundaries. Antonic explained: The life story of Ruth Weiss is a pioneering and intensely artistic one. Raised as a Jewish girl in Berlin and Vienna, and fleeing to the U.S. with her family in 1938 to escape the Nazis, Weiss engaged in creative circles in Chicago and New Orleans, and soon after graduating from high school. Hitchhiked across the States, and emerged as a singular poet in San Francisco in the early 1950s. She was one of the first artists to develop the joint genre of Jazz & Poetry and interacted with greats of the Beat Generation, such as Jack Kerouac, Neal Cassady, and Bob Kaufman, although as a woman her more famous male counterparts usually overshadowed her. It was only when she was in her 70s that she gradually gained the recognition due her. She consistently maintained her unique Bohemian lifestyle well into old age, even performing on stage

at 90-years-old.

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

LATEST FROM MY INBOX



Hey Sal,

I love your article regarding your cat Smokey and how she is your new cat because Nica has gone over the rainbow bridge into kitty heaven.

A couple years ago I had a stroke and had to move back in with my mom. I felt so lonely and depressed and asked her if it was okay to get a cat. After some searching I found these lovely people who were willing to drive a total of 3 hours just to bring her to me. She is a blue Russian cat named Jazzy. She has been the love of my life and gets me through every day. I have had multiple cats and will always love and cherish them and their memories with me such as, Dutchess, Gatino, Snowball, and Princess. Jazzy wakes me up in the mornings with her paw gently tapping my shoulder and is also waiting at the door when I get home. Animals are so amazing and the connection is always genuine. Thank you for your article regarding Smokey what a beautiful cat!

— Maria G. ALWAYS BE SURE TO FOLLOW YOUR OWN ADVICE

"Wanting to be somebody else is a waste of the person you are."

— Kurt Cobain

SENSELESS VIOLENCE STRIKES AGAIN

On Sunday, January 30th, a 13-year-old boy ends up dead on a Mattapan street when he was shot multiple times while walking to visit his grandparents as he had done numerous times before.

His mother beside herself said, "I climbed the ladder, I moved to Norwood, I did everything that I thought I was supposed to do to give my son a chance."

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said the Tyler Lawrence shooting appears to be deliberate; it was not a random act of violence. Another street-corner flowery memorial has been set up to mark this latest death.

Our city leaders need to do more than hold fly-by press conferences. There is a crisis going on in parts of our city where few feel really that safe, day or night. Actions speak louder than words and the time to start is now. It is time for the whole community, activists, faith leaders, and parents to demand action on violence across our neighborhoods reeling from one horrible killing to the next to unite and be heard. You can't have hope in the future if you can't make it into the future.

28 YEARS LATER AND THE SAME BOOK COULD STILL BE WRITTEN

Back in the nineties, I read Amazing Grace by Jonathan Kozol, and recently started rereading it again a few weeks back and sadly very little improvement can be seen in how our young children across this rich nation are still any better off than the previous generation. Many young children are still struggling living in impoverished pockets in many of our depressing cities across the nation. When it comes to hope for a better tomorrow, there is the irony that tomorrow's hope might be found on the other side of the Star Gate.

HOW DIFFERENT ARE THINGS TODAY?

The reality for most is no different than the reality of the parents and grandparents of today's impoverished. The subtitle of Kozol's book was *The Lives of Children and The Conscience of a Nation.* Sadly, it would appear our conscience has been MIA for decades. The places Kozol traveled nearly 30 years ago are still with us today and in some cases even worse off if that can be said.

AT 86 WHAT DOES KOZOL SEE TODAY?

Back when he wrote Death at an Early Age he was an idealistic 28-year-old. In 1995, when he wrote Amazing Grace, his idealism has been jaded by first-hand observation and then was 59 years old. Sadly, if he were to update either of those two books not much has changed for the better in his now 86-year-old eyes. Back in the 1964-65 school year, he taught at the Dearborn School if memory serves me well. That public school was around the corner from where I lived. My parents didn't send me there, thank God; they sent me to St. Rita's Grammar School in the very same neighborhood where the minds and spirits of children somehow escaped the torment of hopelessness.

If you don't know who Kozol is or what he wrote, you need to check out his works.

ARETHA FRANKLIN'S LADY SOUL ALBUM

Aretha Franklin's *Lady Soul* album turned 55 years old. This album was released way

back on January 22, 1968, and like everything she did, she did it well. I can't believe it came out back when I was 19 years old

THE MUSIC OF MY LIFE

Any regular reader of this column know how much I love good music. One day last week while listening to Sirius 49 Soul Town, Ken "Spider" Web played two great R&B hits in a roll. The first, "Stop to Start" by Blue Magic. The second, "We're a Winner" by the Impressions. Makes my ride home that much easier.

REPUBLICANS GET NECESSARY RE-BOOT

I have been a Republican and Democrat over the years, and currently registered as an unenrolled voter, and like it this way. I have many Republican friends due to my conservative leanings and truly hope the MassGOP returns to its role as an actual political party rather than the Drama Club it has become.

The internal war within the Republican State Committee under Jim Lyons' tenure as party chairmanship hasn't helped at all. With warring factions at each other's throats, the party practically disintegrated as far as being a political force hereabouts.

I congratulate new state party chair Amy Carnevale who just won the chairmanship in a tight race over Jim Lyons, 37-34. Hopefully, the recent two years of infighting will end and everyone can begin to work together going forward. The drama always seemed more personal than ideological.

The MassGOP must do the work of building this party from the ground up at the local level. You can't just elect governors; you must start at the grassroots with ward committees, town committees, and city committees. Get more ward and precinct Republicans involved in the building of an actual political party.

ANOTHER ROCKER CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Rock guitarist Mike Campbell of Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers celebrated his 73rd birthday on Wednesday, February 1st.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"In New York today, it's not just that crime pays. Being lawabiding costs you."

— Douglas Murray, New York Post columnist, January 27th

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her parents. "People don't know how dangerous the contents of those tin cans can be," said her dad on BBC.

The British Aerosol Manufacturers' Association, in response, said the deodorants have "very clear warnings."

Omar's Whining Over GOP Move

U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Michigan, is upset over House GOP moves to deny her committee assignments. Omar reportedly now believes Speaker Kevin McCarthy is moving against her because she's a Muslim. Her critics deny such talk. They see her tendency to make "highly publicized blatantly anti-Semitic remarks and her lapses in judgment on policies."

According to Noah Rothman at Commentary Magazine,

"Republicans should do what they can to prevent Omar from having the power to pursue her conspiratorial ambitions."

Schiff Shifts to Senate

U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff has announced he will be running in the crowded 2024 Senate race, saying Democrats "need a fighter." The 62-year-old congressman will be facing off to date with U.S. Reps. Katie Porter and Barbara Lee, and incumbent U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein in a Democratic primary.

End Quote

"Someday, maybe, there will exist a well informed, well-considered as yet fervent public conviction that the most deadly of all possible sins is the mutilation of a child's mind."

— Erik Erikson



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



President's week is coming and that means public school vacation. Years ago, when I was a young teacher in Boston, I would plan to go on vacation during that period of time. There were several young single teachers that I had become familiar with and we all had the same idea ... vacation time ... go on vacation.

Many of the people I taught with liked to ski. I tried it once and decided to stick to the warm weather sports and hobbies. If none of my colleagues wanted to head to a warmer climate, I would call old friend, Sal Meli. He lived in East Boston and worked at Polaroid enjoying a rather flexible schedule that allowed him to take winter vacations.

When I told him that I was thinking of heading to Puerto Rico during the winter recess, he told me to include him in the plans. One teacher that I had become friendly with at Hyde Park High School, Tom Aylward, decided to join us and I headed to Colpitts Travel Agency in Boston. I knew the vice president as he was a friend of Uncle Nick's and had taken care of his vacation needs for many years when he and Aunt Dorothy decided to travel.

I've forgotten the man's name, but when I gave him our time frame and budget, he planned a trip for us that included Puerto Rico and St. Thomas, all in one week. We were booked to fly to San Juan at night on the last Friday before the week's vacation would start. We were to stay at the Hotel Normandie, an older, but fashionable hotel that, today, is classified as the oldest hotel in Puerto Rico. After being there for a few days, we were booked to fly to Charlotte Amalie, the capital of St. Thomas and check into the Gramboco Inn, a local hotel that was frequented by naval officers stationed on the island. When I told Babbononno about my plans, he fantasized that he could come with us, but it was impossible. He was too old but was satisfied when I told him that I would bring him back a bottle of homemade Puerto Rican rum.

That Friday night, Dad, Mom, Babbononno and I picked up Sal and we headed for the airport. My colleague from Hyde Park High was being driven to the airport by another teacher who had wanted to come along but had to care for his ailing mother and couldn't. It had begun to snow and Dad questioned as to whether we would take off.

Being young and positive about everything, I had him drop us off at the Eastern Airlines terminal and head back home. There was a lounge at the terminal that was owned by a former senator, Mike LoPresti. I had campaigned for him when he ran for the senate and had also known one of his sons, Vincent, when we both attended English High School. When Mike spotted me, he came over to say hello and I introduced him to Sal and my teacher friend Tom who had arrived just as I did.

Mike told us to check in and then head back to the lounge for a drink. At check in, we were told that the flight was going to be delayed for an hour due to the weather. Our teacher friend who couldn't come had more than one drink, and when he headed back to the parking lot, couldn't find his car as they were all covered with snow by then. He wandered around aimlessly and then began to yell for help. A state trooper heard him and found him. He brought him back to the barracks and sobered him up before letting him continue the search for his car. The rest of us didn't know this part of the story but would find out a week later. When the plane was ready to take off about an hour or two later, Mike LoPresti wouldn't let us pay for anything. I thanked him and we headed to the gate to board the plane and head south.

I don't know about Tom or Sal, but I fell asleep. A stewardess woke me up as we were ready to land and I could see that it was almost dawn. It must have been around 5:00 or 5:30 in the morning when we landed. Just as soon as we deplaned, I could feel the warm tropical climate surrounding me, a climate that I've grown to love over the years.

A Grey Line tour bus was waiting for us and brought us to the Normandie after we picked up our suitcases from the luggage area. The hotel was oval shaped with a large deck area in the middle and an Olympic sized swimming pool in the center. The room we had booked was very large and had three good sized beds which made us very happy. After check in, we changed into more casual clothing and headed to the hotel restaurant and breakfast. As we entered, I noticed a table with three or four very attractive ladies sitting around it. One of them waved and as I approached, I discovered it was the stewardess who serviced us on the flight from Boston. She and one of the other girls were from Puerto Rico and were destined to show us around San Juan. But. that's another story.

We decided to head for the pool and enjoy the sun and water while we planned what we were going to do for the next few days. Sal had been to the island a couple times and knew where to go, so we left the planning up to him. Before we did anything else, I wanted to call home and let my folks know that I was safe. Back then to save money, I would call home collect and ask for myself. Whomever answered would say to the operator that I wasn't home and I would leave a message giving a relative's name. This would let, especially Mom, know that I was safe. Her problem was that she would respond with, "I'll tell John that you called, and don't forget to wear a sweater if it gets cold."

Later in the day, Sal, Tom and I headed for Old San Juan, the colonial section of the city. We joined a tour and saw the historic sites that amazed me as many of them had been there since around 1500, a fort and several government buildings that were constructed by the Spanish not long after Columbus landed on the island.

Later, Sal brought us to a restaurant and we got a sample of local dishes. I loved the food and still do. Much of it is centered around roasted pork marinated in garlic, olive oil and spices.

For the next few days, we head for several beaches that were recommended to us, and at night, local clubs where the best in salsa music could be heard and danced to. We also spent time at several hotels, especially the ones that had casinos. Right after Cuba became off limits for American tourists, Puerto Rico passed gambling laws and several of the major hotels opened casinos to attract the tourists. It worked and the island became a destination for Americans who had gone to Havana in the past. I had never been inside a casino and developed something called beginner's luck. No matter what I tried, I won. I tried blackjack and won. I tried roulette and won. I tried slot machines and won. I made more money than what I had brought for spending for the entire trip. As a result, I was ready for some gift buying a few days later when we headed for St. Thomas. But, that's a story for another day.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 18, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2001 TOYOTA AVALON
VIN # 4T1BF28B81U157919
1999 LINCOLN TOWN CAR
VIN # 1LNHM82WXXY703779
2014 CHEVROLET SONIC
VIN # 1G1JC5SG2E4115663
2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO

VIN # 1GCEK19T9YE127315
Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco
Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed
by appointment only.

Signed Todisco Services, Inc. 02/03, 02/10, 02/17/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NoticeisherebygivenbyPat'sTowing, 160 McGrath Highway, Somerville, 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 February 11, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2010 HONDA ACCORD

VIN # 1HGCP2F87AA025718

2018 MAZDA 3
VIN # 3MZBN1U70JM190241

2000 DUCATI M900
VIN # ZDM1RA4N5YB003485

2010 CHEVROLET COBALT
VIN # 1G1AF5F52A7223404

2003 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF
VIN # 9BWBK61J534067855

2013 CHEVROLET MALIBU
VIN # 1G11A5SA5DU131985

2007 HONDA ACCORD
VIN # 1HGCM56787A196374

2007 SATURN ION
VIN # 1G8AL58B27Z100700
2012 MAZDA 2
VIN # JM1DE1KZ8C0142542

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

Signed Pat's Towing Run dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10/2023



Italy is known to many as the land full of love. So, it comes as no surprise that Valentine's Day or *La Festa Degli Innamorati* "the party of the lovers" as well as Saint Valentine or *San Valentino* himself, originated in this country. Unlike America, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Italy exclusively between lovers. The tradition of giving cards and presents to each other is an American import. Italians celebrate with romantic dinners, momentous gifts, and of course chocolate!

So, what better time than Valentine's Day would it be to indulge in Italy's chocolate version of one of their most popular cured meats, the "salami". Salame al Cioccolatto is listed as a traditional Italian food product (P.A.T) and regional variations include the Salame Turko (Turkish Salami) from Sicily, and Salame Vichingo (Viking Salami). The Vichngo version was even featured in a 70's children's cookbook titled Manuale di Nonna Papera (The Manual of Grandma Duck). The version I am sharing is one of the original recipes we have always made using dark chocolate, butter, sugar, eggs and Oro Saiwa biscuits. I guarantee you and your loved ones will love my family's "Chocolate Salami"! Buon San Valentino xoxo

CHOCOLATE SALAMI Salame al Cioccolato

½ cup sugar 2 large eggs

2 large eggs 200 grams dark chocolate (70% cocoa) or 150 grams dark

chocolate (70%) and 100 grams milk chocolate

2 tablespoons butter

6 to 7 ounces Oro Saiwa biscuits (can use Maria cookies or tea biscuits)

3 tablespoons rum, amaretto, orange juice, milk (I use amaretto)

Large piece of parchment or butcher paper

½ cup confectioners' sugar



In a small bowl, beat the eggs and sugar together, set aside.

In a small saucepan, over low heat, add the chocolate and butter and allow to melt. Gradually drizzle in the egg mixture, stirring constantly while adding. Continue to stir and cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the stove and place in the refrigerator to cool for about 5 minutes.

Take the biscuits and gently break them into pieces, set aside. Do not crumble them.

Remove chocolate mixture from refrigerator, and whisk in the rum, amaretto, orange juice or milk. Add the broken biscuits and gently mix to coat.

Take the mixture and place it on the parchment/butcher paper and shape it into a salami shape. Roll and wrap it, twist the ends and refrigerate for about 4 to 5 hours.

Remove salami, gently unwrap the paper and roll it in confectioners' sugar. Can be wrapped in parchment, tied with kitchen twine or placed in a butcher's sleeve to give the appearance of a "cured meat salami". Slice and enjoy. Refrigerate leftovers.

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



THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT THIS & THAT**

with Daniel A. DiCenso

Puck of Pook's Hill: The Second-Tier Kipling

Before any evaluation of Puck of Pook's Hill formulates it must be stated how uncharacteristic of Rudyard Kipling's work it feels. True, as in a lot of Kipling's work, the fantastical is a normal part of the natural world but it's episodic compartmentalization of tales and random walk-ins by historic English personages makes for an odd literary hybrid; in part the whimsical "history of England" versions of which were composed before Kipling by Jane Austen and then Charles Dickens and part the dream-like fantasies of Lewis Carroll where the line between the real-world and wonderlands clearly exists but is so thin cross-overs are common. There is almost nothing in it that is distinctly Kipling.

That Puck of Pook's Hill feels more Carroll than Kipling would not necessarily be a cause for alarm had the book not been reminiscent of Carroll's worst work, the dreadful two-parter Sylvie & Bruno, which Carroll inexplicably considered his best work. In both works a little boy and a little girl from the world of humans escape into enchanted woods each day and this becomes the thread holding together a series of mostly unrelated adventures with pixies and fairies.

It must be said that Puck of Pook's Hill is a superior work to Sylvie & Bruno. Though held by the flimsiest of threads, each episode serves a purpose. Upon each venture into the woods, Dan and Uno, the children, meet up with Pook, the sprite from Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and a character from a different time in British history. While Carroll, though perhaps attempting his most revealing work, got lost in the question of what story he was truly writing after all, Kipling, however the project may have been suited for his style, followed through with his ideas.

Undoubtedly, this was a work Kipling felt he needed to write. Writing both about the motherland itself or elsewhere in the Empire, Kipling



never relented on his nationalism, his faith in the endeavors abroad and pride in England's heritage. Unrecognizable though he may be in Puck of Pook's Hill it was, perhaps, inevitable that he would arrive to such a work at this time in his career. The Queen and Rhodes were newly dead, the ethics and even practicality of imperialism were being questioned in the Western world (maybe even by Kipling himself. An alternate reading of his most controversial poem, "White Man's Burden", ostensibly a rallying cry for U.S. intervention in the Philippines, has been as a testament to its futility), and his life in India was but a distant memory. Puck of Pook's Hill was his reminder, if only to himself, of the legacy he stood and fought for.

Puck of Pook's Hill suffers from being both too structured and not enough so. It is written in an easy succinct style, yet feels longer than it should since we never see it working toward anything. There are moments of charm but no cumulative strength.

Most likely, the book worked best in its original form, as a periodical publication. We are trained to take novels (or in this case a novelization) as a more or less structured work. Even episodic classics can be seen working toward a definite end. We can take Puck of Pook's Hill as a collection of thematically linked stories but as a novel it is merely a succession of episodes without a tangible goal.

In comparison, Kipling's Just So Stories were altered minimally from their periodical form when collected in book form. The Jungle Book is a curious example as it is a collection of stories with some (the Mowgli stories) pulling toward a goal and others that work just as well as stand-alone pieces as they do parts of the collection. Puck of Pook's Hill is also telling an assortment of tales, but it keeps teasing that it is building toward something more.

Garden Longer with Less Muscle Strain & Fatigue by Melinda Myers



Kneelers with built-in handles make moving up and down easier, protect joints and allow you to garden longer. (Photo courtesy of

MelindaMyers.com)

Keep gardening longer with less muscle strain and fatigue with these pain-free gardening techniques. You'll not only keep your garden looking its best but also make it a more enjoyable experience.

Keep tools handy to reduce the number of trips from the garden back to your garage or shed. A garden tool bag or bucket with a wrap-around tool organizer works well for small hand tools. Purchase a mobile garden tool caddy or convert a discarded wheeled golf bag, shopping cart, or wheeled trash bin into a tool caddy for long-handled tools. These make it easier to keep them handy as you move from garden to garden.

Store small tools right in the garden. Install an old mailbox in your garden filled with your favorite small hand tools and gloves. Then add a little paint or cover it with a mailbox planter or vine to make it an attractive and functional part of your landscape.

Keep tools clean and sharp. Regular maintenance will extend their life and improve their efficiency. It can also help reduce the risk of spreading disease.

Invest in ergonomic tools when replacement or new tools are needed. They have larger and softer handles for easier, less stressful gripping. Many are designed for the proper positioning of your body to reduce joint stress and fatigue. Longer handles extend your reach and help you retain good posture. Consider purchasing

ratchet-type pruners designed to give you more cutting power with less effort.

Use wagons, carts, or old snow saucer-type sleds for moving heavy items to the garden. You'll need to make fewer trips, reduce muscle strain, and save energy when moving mulch, potted plants, and other items.

Divide heavy loads into smaller increments. You may need to make more trips, but it will be easier on your back and knees.

When shoveling, be sure to stand upright and take small scoops. Remember to pivot your body rather than twisting when emptying the load. Switch sides and take frequent breaks to reduce the risk of muscle strain, and fatigue.

Protect your knees with kneelers or wrap-around kneepads. No matter your age or physical ability you will benefit now and in the future by protecting your joints when gardening. These gardening accessories also reduce the pain and pressure on your joints. Kneelers with built-in handles make moving up and down easier, allowing you to garden longer.

Include a pair of safety glasses in your tool caddy. It is too easy to end up with a stick in the eye when pruning and working around trees and shrubs.

Take time to warm up before digging in. Gentle backbends and lunges are great ways to engage your muscles. Adjust your gardening activities to the weather. If it's cold, try waiting for the weather to warm. If you are stiff in the morning, try gardening a bit later in the day.

Garden for shorter periods and try to take breaks every 15 to 20 minutes. Consider adding a few benches to the landscape to encourage you to sit, relax and enjoy your handiwork.

Wear gloves to protect your hands from cuts and bruises. Gloves also keep your hands warm and provide support as you dig, pluck and prune. Find a good-looking comfortable pair that you are likely to wear.

Protect your eyes and skin from sun damage. Wear a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. You'll avoid sunburns and protect your skin from longterm damage. Keep yourself hydrated by drinking plenty of water as you garden.

Including these strategies in your gardening efforts can make gardening even more beneficial and enjoyable.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything instant video and 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 website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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and gifts of flowers or chocolate. The truly love-struck Italians may journey to the beautiful city of Verona, where they will gather under the small stone Juliet's balcony and ponder the fate of the star-crossed lovers from William Shakespeare's famous play. Contemporary lovebirds scribble their initials on the walls of a tunnel adjacent to the balcony, creating a living testimony to passions past and present. Meanwhile, the heartsick write their own letters to Juliet or Giulietta as she is known in Italy, asking for romantic advice. These superstitions and folk customs epitomize the intense and capricious power love has over our lives. As such, it is exciting and comforting to have a holiday, balanced on the equally unpredictable precipice between winter and spring, devoted to love in all its shapes.

I plan to celebrate this St. Valentine's Day by eating chocolate in some manner, most likely in the form of the red velvet cupcakes or brownies I make each year for my husband. However, I also will express my thanks for all of those whom I love in my life my family, my friends, even my cat! After all, nothing can melt the metaphorical winter snows faster than the warmth that radiates from the laughter and company of loved ones. In fact, we should honor the abundant love that we can give to others not only on St. Valentine's Day, but during every day of the year. As spring slowly inches

her way into our lives, let us notice — and love — the signs of rebirth plentiful in the nature around us: a crocus bud shyly peeking out from the snow and dirt, the first robin proudly chirping from an icy tree, the pale sunlight of a late evening. For just as we recognize the importance of love on St. Valentine's Day, so should we recognize this love reflected in the natural world around us,

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court - North **Lowell Justice Center** 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 656-7700 Docket No. MI22D3986DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING CAITLIN MORALES** vs. HECTOR MORALES

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for rretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been

entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Caitlin Morales, 14 Tremont St., Billerica, MA 01821, your answer, if any, on or before March 02, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 19, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 02/10/2023 bright as the resplendent spring sunshine.

Happy St. Valentine's Dau!

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Division Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 ket No. MI23P0295E Estate of **ERNEST PICARD** Also Known As ERNEST H. PICARD Date of Death: September 27, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Daniel A. Picard of Boca Raton, FL, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Daniel A. Picard of Boca Raton, FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 02/10/2023



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

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

Docket No. NO82F1450E1

Estate of FANNIE S. GOLDSTEIN Date of Death: May 25, 1982

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Cathleen C. Cavell of Brookline, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Cathleen C. Cavell of Brookline, MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

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 March 01, 2023.

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

The estate is being administered under

formal 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 recipients 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.

WITNESS, HON. PATRICIA GORMAN, First Justice of this Court

Date: January 27, 2023

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate Run date: 02/10/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK **COUNTY OF DUTCHESS** Index No. 2022-51621

JENNIFER CHEVERS, Plaintiff against **DERRICK E. HALL**, Defendant

SUMMONS WITH NOTICE This action is brought in the County of Dutchess because the

plaintiff resides in Dutchess County.

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above-named Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS and to serve a written Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney at the address stated below

If this Summons with Notice was served upon you within the State of New York by personal delivery, you must respond within twenty (20) day after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. If this Summons with Notice was not personally delivered to you within the State of New York, you must respond within thirty (30) days after the service is complete in accordance with the requirements of the Civil Practice Law and Rules. In case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice

THE NATURE OF THIS ACTION IS TO DISSOLVING THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT.

This action for divorce is based upon the following ground:

1. The Defendant has abandoned the Plaintiff for a period of one year or longer continuing to the present, pursuant to Domestic Relations Law Section 170(2).

The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action and any other relief the court deems fit and proper. No ancillary relief is being requested.

Pursuant to Domestic Relations Law § 255, effective October 9, 2009, notice is hereby given that once the judgment of divorce is signed, a party hereto may or may not be eligible to be covered under the other party's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan.

In the event that you fail to appear or answer. judgment will be taken against you, by default, for the relief demanded in this Summons with

Dated: May 25, 2022

Yours, etc.

Whitney Lundy, Esa. Lundy Law Practice, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 550 Stony Brook Court, Ste. 2 Newburgh, NY 12550 Phone No.: (845) 522-8070 Fax No.: (845) 503-2127

Run date: 02/10/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI23P0031EA

Estate of JAMES J. BREMIS Also Known As JAMES BREMIS

Date of Death: June 09, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Irene Bremis of Wakefield, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Irene Bremis of Wakefield, 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: 02/10/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stanley Service, Inc. 3430 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 11, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

> **2017 HYUNDAI ELANTRA** VIN # 5NPD74LF5HH100467

> **2016 INFINITI Q50** VIN # JN1EV7AR5GM342966

2014 NISSAN ROGUE VIN # JN8AS5MT1EW616735

2007 HONDA ACCORD

2015 MERCEDES BENZ ML350 VIN # 4JGDA5HB6FA440658

2015 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 19XFB2F57FE223221

Vehicles are being stored at Vehicles are being stored at Stanley Service, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment

only

Signed Bill Blinstrub, Owner

Run dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10/2023

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 vehi after February 11, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

> 2007 JEEP COMPASS VIN # 1J8FT47W17D119321 1998 HONDA ACCORD

VIN # 1HGCG5542WA193046 2020 SomEV VIN # 4T9SB1B20LS382006

2009 FORD MUSTANG VIN # 1ZVHT84N395125358

2009 TOYOTA MATRIX VIN # 2T1GE40E49C002145 2010 NISSAN VERSA

VIN # 3N1BC1AP0AL416056 2013 HYUNDAI SONATA VIN # 5NPEB4AC6DH711792

2009 MITSUBISHI LANCER VIN # JA3AU26U09U029856 2012 HONDA CIVIC

VIN # 2HGFB2F54CH304551 2008 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP36828A070050

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> Signed Export Enterprises, Inc. Run dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10/2023



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

season after about a season

and a half of downhill action

on the mound. I wish him well

in Miami. I also hope the Red

Sox made the smart move in

When it comes to regular sea-

son appearances, Barnes' 429

ranks third in franchise history

behind Bob Stanley (637) and

Maris Jr.

Remembers His Dad

After Hitting 61 Hrs in 1961

getting Bleier.

Tim Wakefield (590).



Book Says Cora Bragged About Astros Scandal

According to a new book's details, Alex Cora was almost dumped by Houston before he became Red Sox manager in 2018, then bragged about cheating during the 2017 World Series. This new book titled Winning Fixes Everything, written by Boston Herald reporter Evan Drellich, and published by HarperCollins comes on out February 14th. When reached for comment, Cora had seemingly little love for this tome keeping quiet over its contents. I don't think it's gonna be a Happy Valentine's Day for Cora on February 14th this year.

Barnes Says He Was Blindsided by Sox Move

Matt Barnes said he was

completely blindsided by both the Designate for Assignment (DFA) and trade that the Red Sox organization surprised him with. He did say he was looking back with animosity over the surprise trade to the Marlins for lefty Richard Bleier. Barnes looked like he was coming back into form the second half of last

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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 February 18, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

2011 NISSAN VERSA VIN # 3N1BC1CP5BL485498

2006 MAZDA 3 VIN # JM1BK323861507842 2010 CHEVROLET MALIBU

2007 HYUNDAI SONATA VIN # 5NPET46C67H255657 2007 TOYOTA PRIUS

VIN # JTDKB20U377582579 **2013 SUBARU FORESTER** VIN # JF2SHADC0DH431085

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

D & G Towing Run dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17/2023

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Roger Maris, Jr. congratu-

lated Yankees slugger Aaron

Judge right after hitting his 62nd

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport**, **60 Union Street.**, **Medford**, **MA** 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on March 04, 2023 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no kevs, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

> 2007 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, BLACK VIN #: KMHDU46DX7U270133 Amine Chahboune

112 Waite St. Revere, MA 02151

2013 SUBARU OUTBACK, WHITE VIN #: 4S4BRBLC3D3286765 Heloise E. Krasco 2 Park Ave., #2 Winchester, MA 01890

2000 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, BLACK VIN #: 2MEFM74W2YX732521 Richard Leblanc

6 Bulova Dr. Nashua, NH 03060 2021 YNGF YN 50QT, BLACK VIN #: LL0TCAPH2MY102239

Jade B. Piracha 31 Tercentennial Dr. Billerica, MA 01821 2008 BMW 328, BLACK VIN #: WBAVC93588K039523

Mark Miele 187 Fellsway W., #2 Medford, MA 02155 1999 ISUZU NPR, WHITE

VIN #: 4KLB4B1R2XJ003010 P&D Transporting LLC 13 Clinton Ave. Brockton, MA 02301

Run dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24/2023

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2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN VIN # 2D4RN5DXXAR223931 2007 HONDA CIVIC

VIN # JHMFA36227S006705 1998 MERCEDES BENZ SLK230 VIN # WDBKK47F9WF045222

2013 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4AL3AP2DC179189 2011 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP2E30BA132892

2004 HONDA VT750 VIN # JH2RC50334K012702

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Signed MJS Towing, Inc. Run dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10/2023 home run of the 2022 season. He advised Judge to not attempt duplicating his 2022 season, a challenge also faced by Roger Maris after his 1961 season.

In 1962, Maris was coming off his 61 home run season and back-to-back American League MVP awards. He doubled his salary from \$32,000 to \$70,000 and entered '62 with tempered expectations. His son told Judge to acquire that same mentality. As Maris, Jr. more recently told the New York Post, "Dad realized he was never gonna do what he did in 1961 again. That year was an anomaly. I think Judge realizes that, too. It's not that he's not capable of doing it, but you have to understand it was an amazing year, and you can't go to the park expecting to hit home runs."

Maris, Jr. says 1961 took a lot out of him; not just the season but all the demands placed on him. In 1962, Maris hit 33 home runs and had 100 RBI. Unlike Judge, Maris was never revered by the fans for what he did. Maris could never duplicate 1961 and most fans didn't want him to either. Maris was a quiet man who just wanted to play baseball. He passed away in 1985. He remained with the Yankees through the 1966 season when he was traded to the Cardinals. Over his last four years, he managed just 35 homers.

Maris hit his 61st home run in 1961 at Yankee Stadium off Red Sox starter Tracy Stallard. In 1967, then with the Cardinals, he made it back to the World Series against the Boston Red Sox and won one more World Series ring before retiring from the game but remained an asterisk from his 1961 feat. In many ways it was Aaron Judge's performance that removed that asterisk from his name and finally getting the respect he had always truly deserved.

Bobby Hull, RIP



Growing up a Bruins fan, I thought the greatest NHL hockey player was Bobby Hull from the Chicago Blackhawks. He was the best to me. Then, in 1966 at 18 years old another Bobby came along, Bobby Orr and I now had two "Bobby's" who were simply the best. When I think of Hull I think of think of him and Stan Mikita. When I think of Orr, I think Phil Esposito. All hail Numbers 9 & 4, two of the greatest Hall of Famers of all time.

I was saddened when I recently heard that Bobby Hull passed away at 84 years old.

Long live "The Golden Jet."

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court - North **Lowell Justice Center** 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell. MA 01852

(978) 656-7700 Docket No. MI22D3297DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** MARGARITA C. BONES

JONATHAN SANTIAGO To the Defendant:

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

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Margarita C. Bones, 1353 Pawtucket Blvd., #32, Lowell, MA 01854, your answer, if any, on or before March 15, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

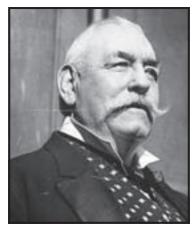
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 01, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 02/10/2023



Remembering John L. Sullivan

on the Anniversary of His Death



A proud John L. Sullivan

The Great John L Sullivan passed away on February 2, 1918. He was the first true celebrity and superstar athlete. His reign as champion coincided with the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. This enabled the charismatic

Sullivan to be seen in person all over the country as he traveled by rail. He was immensely popular. A towering figure whose presence wasn't soon forgotten. He lived full and hard and went through many a fortune. Alcohol almost did him in on a number of occasions, and it is a testament to just how powerful a man he was that he was able to recover from such abuse. In his retirement he gave up drinking and went on the Temperance circuit speaking out about the evils of drinking. He married and lived on a farm in Abington, MA until his death at the age of 59. John L. is buried in Roslindale, MA. On the day he was buried the ground was frozen solid so dynamite had to be used to break up the soil. How fitting for this great Champion.



John L. Sullivan

I have visited his gravesite and it is quite the experience. It may sound crazy, but when I was there I felt the ground shake. His presence was surely

Rest in Peace John L. Sullivan. I can hear you calling for drinks and shouting "I can lick any man in the house"!

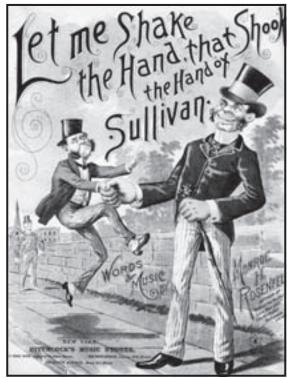
You were a force.



Hitting the Punching Bag



Sullivan on the lecture circuit



A phrase common among those who met Sullivan



John L. feeding chickens on his farm in **Abington**



John L. and Buffalo Bill Cody



Tom Sharkey and James J. Jeffries pay their respects to

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

Now that the All-Star Break is over, there is a tough opponent for the Boston Bruins perhaps the most challenging of the season. The opponent stretches over a span of two months, has 31 components, and sets up one grueling test for the Black and Gold.

The opponent is not human, although it is of human creation. It is the National Hockey League schedule for the Bruins over the course of the remaining weeks of the regular season. And it looks to be a rigorous, demanding challenge.

How about 31 games packed into just 61 days — or from February 11^{th} to April 13^{th} , if you prefer the exact dates. And while it is true that the Bruins came back from the All-Star Break with a best-in-the-league 83 points already in the bank, it remains to be seen if they can keep up the point producing pace that enabled them to remain atop the other 31 teams so far.

Consider the end of February, for example. That is when the Bruins will close out the month by playing four games in six nights during a demanding road trip against Western Conference teams. First comes Seattle on February 23, followed by Vancouver on February 25th. The B's then end the month by playing back-to-back games at Edmonton on February 27th and Calgary on February 28th. In fact, that is the first of six backto back scenarios that B's will encounter in this jam-packed portion of the schedule.

As if that is not enough, there is another road trip in the middle of March. That one has five games spread across only eight days with games at Detroit (March 12th) and against Chicago (March 14th), before flying to Winnipeg (hello, coach Rick Bowness) for a contest on March 16th. Then the team backtracks to Minneapolis (March 18th) before ending in Buffalo (March 19th).

After a day off the B's return to the Garden where they will close out March by playing six of the final seven games of the month at home, the only road contest in that span coming again Carolina on March 26th. Garden games against Detroit, Montreal, Tampa Bay, Nashville, and Columbus bring the March portion of the schedule to a close.

There is also no rest for the Bruins in April, with the Black and Gold playing seven games in 13 days.

The above also highlights the imbalance of the schedule. From opening night on October 12th through February 1st, the Bruins played 51 games. Now they are forced to cram in 31 games

In a two-month span.

The ramifications of this could extend into the playoffs. Even though we are talking about very fit athletes, they have their limitations. Given the very physical nature of hockey, there is the possibility that the B's could be one tired team as the playoffs begin.

In addition, with so many games in such a short span, there is the possibility that injuries might carry over into the playoffs. It is one thing for a player to be out a week or two with an injury suffered in October or November. It is quite another scenario if a player is injured close to the start of the playoffs.

The Bruins came back from the All-Star Break leading the league with those 83 points, meaning there is a very good chance they will win the Presidents' Trophy (most points amassed during the regular season). The big prize for that is not the physical trophy but what comes with it — home ice advantage through all four rounds of the playoffs.

If the Bruins can continue their winning ways and perhaps clinch the award with a few games remaining in the regular season, we would suggest that the powers that be consider resting some of the core players — either through days off or reduced ice time.

Not only would a day or two off here and there allow small nagging injuries to heal up, it would increase the possibility of having players rested and ready to go for the playoffs, rather than essentially showing the effects of having played 31 games in 61 days.

In addition, it would provide an opportunity to call up a few select players from Providence to see how they would perform against NHL level competition. These scenarios have been tried elsewhere (notably Major League Baseball). Why expose star players to the risk of injury (and thus the possibility of missing playoff games) once the team has accomplished its regular season objectives?

Of course, with all the games that remain to be played, there is always the possibility that one or more teams could challenge the Bruins for the Presidents' Trophy. Right now, Carolina Toronto and New Jersey are the only teams that seem to have a realistic chance of doing so.

Those chances might improve, of course, if the Bruins sagged a bit down the stretch and lost a few more games than expected. But even if a team pulled ahead of the Bruins and finished with a higher regular season point total, the Black and Gold would still have home ice advantage for some playoff rounds.

But make no mistake. As Valentine's Day arrives, the Bruins are still driving the express bus. They are the pacesetters, all others are the followers. Coach Jim Montgomery and his staff have done an excellent job in preparing the players for the games. And the players have carried out these assignments in noteworthy ways.

All that remains is for the Bruins to go out and continue doing what they have done all year. By doing so they will seal the deal on the regular season and enter the playoffs in a positive frame of mind. For it is the second season — the playoff season — that is the most important season of all. Years from now, virtually no one will recall how high a team finished in the regular season standings, but how far a team went in the playoffs will be readily remembered.

Sullivan