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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### A Grieving Mother Speaks, Who's Listening

"Words cannot describe the pain I'm feeling ... I lost my princess. She was the reason why I got up every morning ... How is it possible that a little girl dies in broad daylight? How is it possible that we can send men to Mars but we can't fix the gun violence in our city?"

— the mother of Melissa Ortega, the 8-year-old slain by gang gunfire in mid-afternoon in Chicago

### Geoff Diehl Adds Trump Advisor to His Governor Campaign

Republican governor candidate Geoff Diehl has just added Trump advisor Corey Lewandowski as a senior campaign advisor to his campaign as he prepares for a primary battle with a just-announced moderate in the upcoming Republican primary later this year.

Many political observers wondered about this latest pick by Diehl. It might make sense in a GOP primary fight, but what does it do in a general election going up against a Democrat nominee in an overwhelmingly Democrat state?

### Army Ousting Anti-Vaxxers

The U.S. Army will "immediately" begin booting soldiers who refuse to get vaxxed. The so-called "involuntary separation" directive was just announced and would apply to regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve serving on active duty for more than 30 days. The order applies to cadets at West Point and the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps. It does not apply to soldiers with approved exemptions on medical, administrative, and religious grounds.

### Joe Rogan Saves Free Speech

Aging rock legend Neil Young recently gave Spotify an ultimatum, they "can have Rogan or Young. Not

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## Baker-Polito Administration Announces Plan to Begin Distributing Payments to Low-Income Workers

*\$500 Payments will be Delivered to 500,000 People in March*

The Baker-Polito Administration announced plans to begin distribution of \$500 payments to 500,000 low-income workers as part of the COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium Pay program. These payments represent the first round of funds to be distributed as part of the \$460 million program, which was enacted in December when Governor Baker signed a \$4 billion spending plan for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. These payments, worth \$250 million, will be mailed to 500,000 people by the end of March.

"I was pleased to sign the COVID-19 Essential Employee Premium Pay program into law in December, and our Administration has worked quickly to design the parameters for the program with plans to efficiently begin distribution of these payments by the end of March," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This program will support those workers who served our communities, especially early in the pandemic."

"This first round of payments to low-income workers will provide meaningful support for individuals who continued to work despite the global pandemic," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We are pleased that our Administration has been able to quickly design this program to get funds out the door to those workers who the program is intended to support."

To learn more about the program, please visit: [www.mass.gov/premiumpay](http://www.mass.gov/premiumpay)

The law provided for the Administration to design the program and develop eligibility parameters that will ensure this critical support is provided quickly to deserving workers across the Commonwealth. Based on filed 2020 Massachusetts tax returns, individuals will be eligible for payments if their income from employment was at least \$12,750 and their total income put them below 300% of the federal poverty level.

The lower bound of this range equates to working 20 hours a week for 50 weeks at minimum wage as of 2020 (\$12.75). The federal poverty level is set by the federal government and increases with household or family size. For example, the maximum total income for a single filer with no dependents will be \$38,280; a resident who files with a spouse and two dependents, or with no spouse and three dependents, could be eligible with a household income up to \$78,600. Married filers can each be eligible, provided each independently qualifies. Based on these parameters, the below chart indicates eligibility for these payments by household size:

Household / Family Size	2020 Total Income @ 300% of FPL
1.....	\$38,280
2.....	\$51,720
3.....	\$65,160
4.....	\$78,600
5.....	\$92,040
6.....	\$105,480
7.....	\$118,920
8.....	\$132,360

Individuals who received unemployment compensation in 2020 will not be eligible for the first round of payments, nor will Commonwealth executive branch employees who received or will receive a one-time payment from the state as their employer.

The legislation creating the Premium Pay program included \$500 million for low-income essential workers; this \$460 million program comprises the majority of those funds, and \$40 million was allocated to fund previous agreements with state employee unions. Additional information on plans to disburse subsequent rounds of funds after March will be released in the future.

## CITY of BOSTON

### North End Outdoor Dining Program Community Meeting

The Office of Neighborhood Services and the North End Outdoor Dining Committee will host a virtual community meeting on **Thursday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m.**, to share updates on the 2022 Outdoor Dining Program in the North End.

Please join to hear the City's plans for the 2022 outdoor dining season in the North End. Attendees will also have the opportunity to share feedback and get their questions and/or concerns addressed. Find the instructions to join the meeting below.

Join via Zoom: [bit.ly/NEoutdoor](https://bit.ly/NEoutdoor)  
OR

Dial in: 646-558-8656

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Please contact John Romano at [john.romano@boston.gov](mailto:john.romano@boston.gov) for further assistance.

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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PILLARS OF VICTORY



Trajan's Column

Pillars of Victory, or Memorial Columns, were erected in commemoration of the triumphs of victorious generals, naval victories, or emperors. One of the well-known structures of this type is the Column of Phocas. It stands about 56-feet high, and is the last of the monuments to be erected in the Forum Romanum Magnum. This column was constructed of sections taken from ancient buildings, and it was dedicated in A.D. 608 by the Byzantine Emperor Phocas. At one time, his gilded statue stood on the summit.

The Column of Antoninus Pius was a monolith (a single piece of stone), constructed of red Egyptian granite. It was discovered broken in many pieces under a house near the Piazza di Spagna in 1704 and could not be restored, so it was used to mend a sundial obelisk

on Monte Citorio. The pedestal remained in its original position for many years, but in 1792, it was moved to the Giardino della Pigna by Pope Pius VI.

Another of these structures is the Column of Marcus Aurelius. This column was erected about A.D. 175, in commemoration of his victories over the Germanic tribes. This column is considered to be a poor copy of the Column of Trajan. Statues of Marcus Aurelius and his wife Faustina originally stood on the summit. These disappeared many years ago, and the statue of St. Paul was placed there in 1589.

The most famous and the best preserved of all ancient Pillars of Victory is the Column of Trajan, which stood between two libraries in his Forum. The column was dedicated to the Emperor in A.D. 114, as a result of his victory over the Dacians

(an ancient province near the Danube). Nineteen-hundred years later, this column is still in an excellent state of preservation. The structure consists of 20 blocks of Carrara marble, which were hollowed out so that the internal portion formed a winding staircase to the summit. An ornamental frieze covers the entire exterior face of the column. This frieze is in low relief and in the form of a spiral band 3½-feet wide and 600-feet long. A total of 2,500 carved figures give us a treasury of information on the religion, military science, habits, and dress of the early Romans, which is far more valuable than thousands of pages of descriptive writing, or endless book research.

There is the general and his staff, the Praetorian Guards with their shoulder belts, standard bearers, and Centurions, the common soldier carrying enormous stakes, master masons, pioneers with axes and crowbars, lancers, cavalry and royal chargers, armored horsemen, and Moorish cavalry. Constructed bridges and causeways are shown along with military machines attacking forts. The confusion of a defeated army is also shown, and all scenes are very vividly depicted. The column is about 12-feet in diameter and 97-feet high. The original statue of Trajan at the summit was replaced by one of St. Peter in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Trajan's ashes were at one time deposited in a golden urn in a pedestal compartment. The ashes were removed, and the compartment blocked up at a later date.

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
*At Home in Old Rome,  
The Palaces of the Emperors*

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI22P0073EA

Estate of  
MARY ELIZABETH DEVENNY  
Also Known As  
MARY E. DEVENNY, MARY DEVENNY  
Date of Death: November 21, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Thomas P. Devenny of Norristown, PA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Thomas P. Devenny of Norristown, PA 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: 02/11/2022

MBTA's System-wide  
Accessibility Department  
Launches Communication Survey

**This survey aims to identify existing communication barriers, to develop strategies to better connect with older adults and people with disabilities in order to update travel-training-related materials so that they are more inclusive, and to seek feedback on accessibility-related decisions.**

The MBTA announced that its System-wide Accessibility Department (SWA) launched an online survey about how the MBTA can improve its communication efforts, communicate more effectively and inclusively, and better connect with people with disabilities and/or older adults. The online survey serves as just one-step in the T's continued work to improve the inclusivity of its communication and outreach strategies with SWA staff having previously connected with local community and advocacy groups, requesting these groups to encourage their members to take the survey. This online survey is available today through February 16, 2022, at [mbta.com/SWA-survey](https://mbta.com/SWA-survey).

"The MBTA has made great progress in working toward a fully accessible service, from upgrading stations to operator trainings to the design and procurement of new vehicles – but we know there's always more we can be doing," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "The results of this survey will help us to better understand how we can better communicate with riders about important accessibility and T-related topics."

The MBTA is *more accessible than ever before*. Over the last several years, the T has upgraded over 20 stations to make them fully accessible, constructed more than 50 new station elevators, purchased new buses with ramps and reconfigured seating layout with more space, designed and purchased its most accessible subway cars yet, retrained operators and station agents on safety and accessibility, partnered with a new customer advisory committee to involve riders in key decisions, and more.

Despite these achievements, the MBTA recognizes that there is still more work to do, especially in sharing information inclusively and engaging with as many riders (or future riders) with disabilities and/or older adults in order to shape important decisions about the future of accessibility at the T.

With this in mind, SWA designed this online survey to help supplement feedback from riders and future riders about the kinds of communication barriers that exist, how the MBTA can narrow the information gap in communicating with riders, and how the MBTA can improve its communication efforts about important accessibility and MBTA-related issues. Through this survey's results as well as other outreach efforts, the MBTA hopes to develop strategies to better connect with riders, particularly non-native-English speakers and older adults.

Available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Haitian Creole, the survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

Boston Ward 1 Republicans  
Prepare for  
Massachusetts 2022 Convention

The Boston Ward 1 Republican Committee conducted its delegate selection caucus in East Boston on Tuesday evening, February 8, 2022. State Committeeman Paul Ronukaitus brought the local committee members up-to-date on Convention plans.

The purpose of the caucus is to screen and elect registered Republican voters in Ward 1 to be delegates and represent East Boston at the Massachusetts Republican Party convention, which is scheduled in Springfield on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Ward 1 may send up to 18 delegates to the convention. The Committee will conclude its selection within a week from Tuesday's caucus and forward a list of prospective delegates' names to the Massachusetts Republican Party office.

The next Ward 1 Republican Committee meeting is planned for the second week of April.

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**OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.**

## Global Arts Live & City Winery Present NEWPOLI



Global Arts Live and City Winery present **Newpoli** on **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00 p.m. at City Winery, 80 Beverly Street at One Canal, Boston. For tickets and more information call Global Arts Live at 617-876-4275 or buy online at: [globalartslive.org](http://globalartslive.org). Tickets are reserved seating.

Newpoli traverses time, culture, and musical styles as it shares modernized taranta music from southern Italy and surrounding countries. The high-energy ensemble stirs up a mesmerizing sound that melds traditional Italian folk music, Greek and Turkish grooves, Mediterranean and Spanish colors, and a contemporary sensibility.

The award-winning group was formed in 2003 by a group of Italian immigrants in Boston. Now, almost 20 years later, they have toured all across the states and at home in Italy. They have recorded five CDs with *Mediterraneo* being their most recent. From bare field recordings to passionately arranged traditional and original pieces, *Mediterraneo* traces and expands these sounds. Chants, pizzicas and tarantellas cross paths with new songs and tunes and instruments from across the Mediterranean.

Newpoli is fronted by singers Carmen Marsico and Angela Rossi, a pair that *PopMatters* calls “visual and musical cynosures with their contrasting looks and twining vocal lines.” The tamburello is played by virtuoso Fabio Pirozzolo, pounding out the heartbeat of Newpoli’s music. The three grew up hearing the ornaments and songs in their corner of southern Italy, Campania and Basilicata. They found musical kindred spirits in the Boston-based band and expanded their global sound. The tempo is high, and the drama and passion can be heard in every note.

Their musical influences mirror the fates of the people who moved around the Mediterranean, from North Africa and Greece to Italy and the Levant. These movements live on in today’s struggles and crises, as people seek new homes in the face of conflict and chaos, coming to southern Italy for refuge or fleeing the region in hopes of economic stability. These stories move Newpoli and have helped forge the band’s sound, which they like to call “Mediterranean Pulse or Ritmi della terra.” “We’re not a strictly traditional band by any stretch of the imagination. If it sounds right, we’ll add a fretless bass or a guitar banjo to a song,” says Marsico. “That said, we compose originals while looking at the traditional style. This music has spoken to us, and we want our music to speak to our contemporaries about the present with that same strength.”

For more information please visit: <https://www.newpolimusic.com/>; <https://www.facebook.com/newpolimusic/>; <https://www.instagram.com/newpolimusic/> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqyV-Z1oW19xBjoVJOz5OrQ>

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- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
- This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
- Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published. Submission by the deadline does not guarantee publication.

Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor,  
The Post-Gazette, P.O. Box 135, Boston, MA 02113

## Ralph R. Salvati

**R**alph R. Salvati – age 76, beloved husband of MaryAnn (Lacolla) Salvati passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the Lahey Hospital in Burlington.

He was born in Boston, May 9, 1945, the son of the late Anthony and Mary (Reppucci) Salvati and was raised in the North End of Boston before moving to Billerica in 1974.

Besides his wife, Ralph is survived by his daughter Andrea Rosa and her husband John of Billerica; his son Christopher Salvati and his wife Tai of Wilmington; his brother Joseph Salvati and his wife Marie of Boston; his sister Josephine Spagnuolo of Boston, his three grandchildren Ashley Rene, Gianna Rosa and Julia Rosa. Also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Susanne and Mario Simeone of Peabody, and many loving nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Antonio Salvati and Marie Ramos and brother-in-law of the late Robert Spagnuolo.

Ralph was the owner of the former Arrow Auto School in Revere and prior to his retirement was a chef at the Burlington



Marriott Hotel for over 20 years.

In his spare time, Ralph loved to travel and attend his grandkids sporting events, recitals, and graduations. He took pleasure in his daily walks and playing and spending time with his grand dogs.

Ralph loved his lifelong friends and cherished the bond they shared. His love of food and cooking showed everyday by creating meals for his family and enjoying food at his favorite restaurants.

His ability to always bring laughter to those around him was one of the most important things to him, and he will be missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Visiting hours were held Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Sweeney Memorial Funeral Home, Billerica

A Funeral Mass was held Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish at St. Theresa Church, Billerica. Burial took place at the Fox Hill Cemetery, Billerica.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ralph's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

### Commentary ...

## Nevertheless We Persist

by Sal Giarratani

In this world of ours, there are two kinds of people; those who are the watchers, and those who are the doers. I have always been a doer. To be anything else is to be part of a sheeple who just passively mosey along the road of life eating the grass nearby. Their lives are pretty simple. They follow the rules and keep up with their shepherd. I am not a sheeple. I am an American with a Constitution and Bill of Rights, which protect me from tyrannical rulers who think they know what's best for me.

I am writing this piece on Groundhog Day, which seems appropriate since the deep state elites are doing their best to extend the pandemic as long as possible so that they can keep the panic going, scaring us of our own shadow just like what happens to those pesky groundhogs from time to time.

This morning, I saw a small news story concerning Biden and the upcoming Supreme Court vacancy. Biden reportedly said he is interested in choosing a nominee who believes that there are “unenumerated rights” in the constitution and that “the Constitution is always evolving.” I, myself, do not believe our government has a right to undo the Constitution or evolve the Bill of Rights, which is why I am awfully concerned about these drastic voting reform measures on the table of radicalized Democrats who apparently may not believe fully in the principles of our constitutional-based democratic republic.

Recently, right here in the Commonwealth, our legislators are attempting to make permanent changes to our election process and voting rights. The House and Senate seemingly support emergency measures instituted because of

the pandemic, universal mail-in balloting, drop boxes, and early voting. Legislators were unable to agree on same-day or voting day voter registration and sent that part of the reform over to Secretary of State Bill Galvin for further study. Galvin however supports same-day Election Day voter registration.

MassFiscal has bashed the legislature's rush to pass the VOTES Act. I oppose mail-in voting and drop boxes because both lack a chain of custody, which would greatly undermine the integrity of the vote. Without it, how do the American people be assured of the integrity of our elections?

I bring all this up because a lawsuit filed in Pennsylvania a few weeks back over recent voting reforms passed by the Pennsylvania legislature in 2019 was challenged by folks who believed the reforms were unconstitutional. The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court has just ruled those 2019 voter reforms were in violation of the state constitution and now the legislature must attempt changing election laws correctly. The court ruling said the reforms must be brought about by a constitutional amendment and added to the constitution itself, and those changes can't happen with a simple majority vote, but by two thirds of the legislative body.

Here in Massachusetts, a similar lawsuit was filed and now in the appeals process and both state constitutions are pretty clear on how to amend election laws. We can thank Caroline Colarusso, originally from Boston's North End and Sacred Heart Parish, and the other Bay State citizens who dared to challenge the actions that were taking place up on Beacon Hill.

I believe in light of the recent Pennsylvania court ruling, it

would behoove Speaker Ron Mariano and House Ways & Means Committee Chair Aaron Michlewitz to slow down this rush job. What happens if the VOTES Act is enacted into law and then the Massachusetts Appeals Court overturns the law? It would look very embarrassing to the leadership up on Beacon Hill to ramp through the legislature only to see it overturned in quick order.

In all my years of voting going back to 1969, I always accepted the election results. I trusted the integrity of our election system. I still question the integrity of the outcome of the 2020 election. *I am not alone. Lawsuits filed questioning the effect on voter reform measures doesn't make me some kind of insurrectionist. It means I want to believe in our election process without any doubts. I am not saying Biden stole the election, but I do question some of those election reforms that have divided Americans and question if our elections are free and fair. As a democratic republic, we need to believe in our elections as being beyond reproach.*

Once again, we should be thanking folks like Colarusso and others and not making them peddlers of misinformation or un-American. Government is our business always. We the people run it. Which is why, nevertheless, we persist.

America will survive the current divisions we all face. I continue to hope that our elected leaders understand they are not the government, we are. I still remember the words of Ben Franklin, “we are a republic if we can keep it.” I think we can and I think we will.

Bottom-line to our state legislators, proceed with caution, and do the right thing. We are all in this together. We are Americans first.



## L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

### A Feast of Hearts and Hope

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 much-needed heat from the cold, nevertheless get pushed aside in stores to make way for pastel-colored dresses and cheery patterned leggings. 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 Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This festival of love and hearts also revels in the sense of renewed life that accompanied 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 correlation 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 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, bright as the resplendent spring sunshine.

**Happy St. Valentine's Day!**

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at [adicens089@gmail.com](mailto:adicens089@gmail.com).

## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



### When Life Gets Lived in an Alternative Universe (Part II)

More thoughts on the homeless encampments in Boston, the area down at the end of Melnea Cass Boulevard by Mass. Avenue and the ramps to and from the Southeast Expressway grew from a handful of homeless folks into a mini-city. The City of Boston saw it growing and apparently went into denial. Who to believe? What others saw or their own lyin' eyes? Their lyin' eyes apparently won.

However, as the area grew more dangerous and as nearby neighborhood folk in Lower Roxbury spoke up, the move was on last year for the city to do SOMETHING not NOTHING!

By late last summer, the area along Melnea Cass looked so much better, but little did passing motorists know that all that happened was the encampment relocated about 500 feet away along Southampton Street near a recently opened shelter across from the Fire Departments headquarters and continued to expand over to the Newmarket Food Terminal.

Eventually, as the cold weather approached, city officials — elected and appointed — started going into panic mode, that is all but Sheriff Steve Tompkins who offered some useful alternatives dealing with this encampment.

Eventually before the coldest weather hit, the encampment did vanish from site as the city and homeless activists found themselves forced to do something and under increased pressure, they did work to disperse the area of homeless people finding alternative places to live safely during the cold.

However, I think as winter keeps moving forward and with March and April upcoming, I

see a return first a trickle and then more and before you know it, we are back to last April again. The merry-go-round just goes round and round.

I toured the area of the encampment last summer and fall and talked with folks living there who eventually trusted I was there trying to help them not hurt them. Then I spoke with a young woman who looked about 25 years old and she told me she ended up down at the encampment about three months prior when she had no place else to go. Then, I talked with an older gentleman pushing a wheelchair filled with his life's possessions. When I asked him where he lived, he told me it was a daily decision as he always looked for a safe place to close his eyes. They both were real people with sad stories to tell. Most of the encampment's residents surely had similar stories to tell.

I hope I am wrong about the encampment redeveloping as spring approaches, but common sense and my 40 years working for Massachusetts Mental Health tells me there is no real solution out there yet because no one sees what's really happening. You can't come up with the solution if you don't really have the question.

I say now it is time for our politicians to be working with advocacy groups and those still living in the shadows of life. Unless we can interact with those who had been living at the encampment last year, we will see it all return. At least, we need to be proactive in asking the right questions to get the right answers. Otherwise, it is blue smoke and mirrors partnered with photo ops & sound bites!

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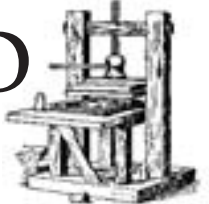
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# Don't Fumble Food Safety on Super Bowl Sunday

On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, millions of Americans will come together to watch Super Bowl LVI and feast on hot and cold snacks throughout the four-hour event. This uniquely American tradition scores big on entertainment, but it is also rife with opportunity for foodborne illness.

“As families and friends safely gather to watch the big game, keep food safety in mind. No matter who you’re rooting for, foodborne illness is a dangerous opponent we face during the game,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Millions of people get sick from food poisoning each year. Following guidance on keeping food at safe temperatures, proper handwashing and avoiding cross-contamination will protect you and your party guests.”

Unlike other food holidays when meals are often consumed within an hour, Super Bowl fans often snack on food throughout the game. Perishable foods, such as chicken wings, deli wraps and meatball appetizers, as well as cut fruit and vegetable platters, can only be left out for two hours before they become at risk of bacteria multiplying to dangerous levels. USDA recommends you put out small amounts of food and replenish it frequently.

Here are some food safety tips for Super Bowl Sunday:

## #1 Remember Your Four Steps to Food Safety

- **Clean:** Wash hands for 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry. Clean hands, surfaces, and utensils with soap and warm water before cooking and after contact with raw meat and poultry. After cleaning surfaces that raw meat and poultry has touched, apply a commercial or homemade sanitizing solution (1 tablespoon of liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water). Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- **Separate:** Use separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils to avoid cross-contamination between raw meat or poultry and foods that are ready-to-eat.
- **Cook:** Confirm foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature by using a food thermometer.
- **Chill:** Chill foods promptly if not consuming immediately after cooking. Don't leave food at room temperature for longer than two hours.

## #2 Cook Food to a Safe Internal Temperature

- Using a food thermometer, ensure you reach a safe internal temperature when cooking: meat

(whole beef, pork and lamb) 145 F with a 3-minute rest; ground meats 160 F; poultry (ground and whole) 165 F; eggs 160 F; fish and shellfish 145 F; and leftovers and casseroles 165 F.

• If chicken wings are on the menu, use a food thermometer on several wings to gauge the doneness of the entire batch. If one is under 165 F, continue cooking all wings until they reach that safe internal temperature.

## #3 Avoid the Danger Zone

- Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 F and 140 F. This temperature range is called the *Danger Zone*.
- Perishable foods, such as chicken wings, deli wraps and meatball appetizers, should be discarded if left out for longer than two hours. To prevent food waste, refrigerate or freeze perishable items within two hours.
- Keep cold foods at a temperature of 40 F or below by keeping food nestled in ice or refrigerated until ready to serve.
- Keep hot foods at a temperature of 140 F or above by placing food in a preheated oven, warming trays, chafing dishes or slow cookers.
- Divide leftovers into smaller portions and refrigerate or freeze them in shallow containers which help leftovers cool quicker than storing them in large containers.

## #4 Keep Takeout Food Safe

- If you order food and it's delivered or picked up in advance of the big game, divide the food into smaller portions or pieces, place in shallow containers and refrigerate until ready to reheat and serve. You can also keep the food warm (above 140 F) in a preheated oven, warming tray, chafing dish or slow cooker.
  - When reheating food containing meat or poultry, make sure the internal temperature reaches 165 F as measured by a food thermometer.
  - If heating food in the microwave, ensure that contents are evenly dispersed. Because microwaved food can have cold spots, be sure to stir food evenly until the food has reached a safe internal temperature throughout.
- For more food safety info, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854, email [MPHotline@usda.gov](mailto:MPHotline@usda.gov), or chat live at [ask.usda.gov](http://ask.usda.gov) from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday. Follow FSIS on Twitter at [twitter.com/usdafoodsafety](https://twitter.com/usdafoodsafety).

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A sincere thank you to our members, our corporate and small business sponsors who help us make the Tunnel of Love and so much more possible. We look forward to seeing your “love” photos on social media.

This year the spirit of love will extend beyond Columbus Park into the Rose Kennedy Greenway, the Faneuil Hall Marketplace and beyond. Learn more below about more signs of love on the Waterfront.

## Photo Ops! Finding Love on the Waterfront

The **Rose Kennedy Greenway** is celebrating February as the Month of Love in Boston by turning their gorgeous light blades red for the month. Other areas of the Greenway will be lit in red and some fun surprises are planned, weather permitting.

Walk from Columbus Park, through the Greenway and into **Faneuil Hall Marketplace** and find more signs of love. Stop for a drink or a meal and do a little shopping while you're there to support our neighborhood businesses.

## Be Part of the I Love Boston Waterfront Photo Hunt!

What says love on the Waterfront to you? Hearts? Lights? Art? Puppies? People? Nature? Snap and tag what gives you the warm and fuzzies on the Waterfront on social media and enter a chance to win a Valentine's prize pack!

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1. Snap a photo of something on the Boston Waterfront that demonstrates what Valentine's Day means to you (must be shareable to all ages).
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3. Tag [@BostonHarborNow](#) on IG, Twitter, or Facebook in your feed (IG/FB stories will NOT be accepted).

For more information, visit Boston Harbor Now's website at [www.bostonharbornow.org](http://www.bostonharbornow.org). All entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2022.

# Valentine's Day

## ACROSS

1. Fantasy sports data
6. Accounting acronym
9. Stark daughter on "Game of Thrones"
13. Branch of economics
14. All talk, no action type of service
15. Relating to symmetry, in geometry
16. Base-8 numeral system
17. "\_\_\_ the land of the free ..."
18. Lots and lots
19. "Actor Ryan of "Blue Valentine"
21. "Desdemona's suspicious husband"
23. Big fuss
24. Nose-in-the-air type
25. Uber alternative
28. One on a pedestal
30. Moderately wide
35. Eye layer
37. Twelfth month of Jewish year
39. Cheese-covered chip
40. Popped relief?
41. "'Love, \_\_\_' movie"
43. Splints site
44. Muhammad's teachings
46. Orchestra instrument
47. Past of heave
48. Avoids work, in British slang
50. Give off
52. Dose of sunshine
53. Back seat
55. Hair-raising product
57. \* \_\_\_ valentine, an opposite of love note
61. English author perhaps best known for "The Canterbury Tales"
65. Like Mary-Kate and Ashley
66. Pooh's "wise" friend
68. Bring to an end
69. Potassium nitrate
70. Farm sound
71. Arm bones
72. Back talk
73. Uniting conjunction
74. Imposter

## DOWN

1. Smoke plus fog
2. Comes in hard or soft shell
3. Parts of a play
4. \_\_\_-\_\_\_-la
5. Plural of solidus
6. Heidi's shoe
7. "Sweetie follower"
8. Cook's cover
9. Wheel holder
10. Cambodian money
11. Two-masted vessel
12. "The Sun \_\_\_ Rises"
15. Trash can for fireplace (2 words)
20. Source of lymphocytes, pl.
22. Pull along
24. Dormant state
25. "Famous archer"
26. Dispatch boat

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27. "\_\_\_ and whistles"
29. Hodgepodge
31. Mr. and Mrs. Incredible's son
32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
33. Seven days postmortem
34. "Hive-related endearment"
36. Unfortunately, exclamation
38. Rumpelstiltskin machine
42. Stallion's cry
45. Business combination
49. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
51. Darjeeling server

54. Smell, usually pleasant
56. Calms
57. Ford Transit and such
58. Pelvic parts
59. Lice eggs
60. Augments
61. Oaf
62. Scoop holder
63. Biblical twin
64. Donna or Lou
67. Got a blue ribbon

(Solution on Page 8)



# Saint Óscar Romero

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Óscar Romero was born on August 15, 1917 to Santos Romero and Guadalupe de Jesús Galdámez in Ciudad Barrios El Salvador. He had five brothers and two sisters. Romero entered the minor seminary in San Miguel at the age of thirteen. After graduation, he enrolled in the national seminary in San Salvador. He completed his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome, where he received a Licentiate in Theology *cum laude* in 1941, but had to wait a year to be ordained because he was younger than the required age.

Romero remained in Italy to obtain a doctoral degree in Theology. Before finishing, in 1943 at the age of 26, he was summoned back home from Italy by his bishop. He traveled home with a good friend, Father Valladares, who was also doing doctoral work in Rome. On the route home, they made stops in Spain and Cuba, where they were detained by the Cuban police, likely for having come from Fascist Italy, and were placed in a series of internment camps. After several months they were released from Cuban custody and sailed on to Mexico, then traveled overland to El Salvador.

Although Romero had been considered a conservative before his appointment as archbishop in 1977, he denounced the regime of Dictator Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero (no relation).

Romero also refused to support the right-wing military-civilian junta that replaced the deposed dictator. His outspoken defense of the poor — who were powerless victims of widespread violence — brought repeated threats to his life. In the face of those threats, Romero declared his readiness to sacrifice his life for the “redemption and resurrection” of El Salvador. His unreserved advocacy for human rights made him a hero to many, and he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in 1979. The following year Romero was assassinated at the hands of an unknown assailant while saying Mass. The Truth Commission for El Salvador, approved by the United Nations, later concluded that Romero’s death had been carried out by a right-wing death squad.

In 2015, 35 years after Romero’s death, Pope Francis declared him a martyr. He was Canonized on October 14, 2018. The Feast Day of Saint Oscar Romero is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Up to the end of his life, his spiritual life drew much from the spirituality of Opus Dei.

# CELEBRATING A NATIONAL TREASURE

## Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Tuskegee Airman

### ‘Woody’ Woodhouse II

by Stan Hurwitz

*“Sometimes I think of what Muhammad Ali would say, whenever he was knocked down ... He just gets up and starts all over. And that’s my story. That’s the story of English High.”*

— Lt. Col. Enoch ‘Woody’ Woodhouse II, Tuskegee Airman, US Army Air Corps; Yale Graduate; Attorney

In 1821, when the founders of The English High School of Boston (originally English Classical School) created the idea of a free public high school for the sons of Boston’s working class families, they very well might have pictured young men like Enoch ‘Woody’ Woodhouse II.

The Mission Hill / Roxbury native, now marking his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, graduated from EHS in 1944. He’s been around since just after EHS’s centennial! The Alumni Association is celebrating the school’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

World War II had been raging for four years and most ‘44 graduates honored their country with military service: They either enlisted or were drafted. Everyone knew someone who was fighting in Europe or the Pacific, or someone who had been wounded or killed.

The tide was turning as shortly before graduation day, on June 6, 1944; the Allies launched the D-Day invasion of Normandy, one of the most consequential developments of the war, instrumental in defeating the Axis powers. Historians refer to D-Day as the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

Woody, along with 20 of his classmates, enlisted in the Army. He was encouraged to serve by his mother following the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Because he was just 17, not old enough to fight, he joined the Army Air Corps and trained as finance officer / paymaster for the group that became known as the Tuskegee Airmen, America’s first all-black combat flying unit. The unit played a pivotal role in the early integration of the U.S. Armed Forces. At the time, unit members weren’t even allowed to be trained alongside white soldiers. Although black soldiers trained as aviators under segregated conditions, their distinguished record played a huge role in President Harry Truman’s decision in 1948 to end discrimination in the military.

When discharged from active duty in the Army Air Corps in 1949, he joined the Air Force Reserve and earned his undergraduate degree from Yale in 1952. He then went on to graduate from BU’s School of Law. He worked as a trial lawyer in private practice in Boston and as an attorney in the U.S. State Department and for the city for more than 40 years.

Today, Woody is one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen. He speaks extensively of fighting two battles: one defending



**“No matter where you are — you could be on a desert island — but if you are given books, opportunity and above all, the will, not only to survive but to thrive... Sometimes I think of what Muhammad Ali would say, whenever he was knocked down, he just gets up and starts all over. And that’s my story. That’s the story of English High.”**

— ‘Woody’ Woodhouse II

his country against the Axis, the second against racial discrimination, segregation, and prejudice.

Woody’s military service earned him numerous awards, most notably the *Congressional Gold Medal*, bestowed by Congress for distinguished achievements and contributions. He and the other Tuskegee Airmen received the medal from President George W. Bush in 2006. Bush said, “I would like to offer a gesture to help atone for all the unreturned salutes and unforgivable indignities. On behalf of the office I hold, and a country that honors you, I salute you for the service to the United States of America.”

Earlier this year, the American Heritage Museum in Hudson, Mass., honored Woody and his fellow servicemen past and present. CBS News recently broadcast a feature on the unit.

As a member of the EHS track team, Woody should



**Woody serves on the EHS Alumni Board, which is now planning the 200<sup>th</sup> Gala event to be held in Boston on October 1, 2022.**

have received his ‘E’ sports letter. But for unknown reasons, he never got it. In 2015, the Alumni Association surprised Woody with a bomber jacket emblazoned with the official ‘E’ and a patch depicting the P 51 Red Tail, the primary warplane of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Through its fundraising efforts, the EHS Alumni Association supports the Career Pathways Program, one of the Boston Public Schools’ most unique and exciting programs, preparing students to be future leaders, and supports the Alumni & Friends Tutoring Center scholarships like the and Stella and Emmanuel Mavridis Scholarship. Smiling on Woody from on high is Samuel Adams Wells, grandson of former Governor Samuel Adams, a visionary founder of EHS, who may be thinking, “EHS was created for people like Woody.” Happy birthday, Woody!

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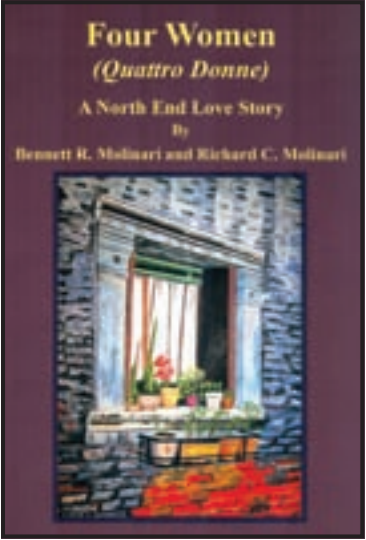


Introducing a new book by  
Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari,  
lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

Four Women  
“Quattro Donne”

subtitle, A North End Love Story

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



CHAPTER 69  
Simple Chores  
(continued)

Before Pietro could say another word, the croquettes arrived and were placed on the table in front of us, steaming hot and great smelling, we couldn't wait to dig in. Charlie began to dig in, but Mom stopped him. "Husky Boy, stop, we have to say a prayer." Charlie's mouth was full of croquette. He couldn't figure if he should spit it out or swallow the mouthful. Mom spotted it and said, "Swallow it, then put your fork down and we'll say a quick prayer." Charlie swallowed the croquette, then made it a point to indicate how delicious they were by smiling in our direction, as if to say, "I got to taste them first and you have to wait for the prayer." Mom knew what he was doing and told him to stop. Charlie put his fork down, and we all said a quick Hail Mary, followed by an explosion of forks, as the five of us demolished the croquettes and everything else on our plates. Because Pietro was with us, Mom decided an extra treat was in order, for the first time ever, she ordered Indian pudding. Mom loved it, but the rest of us had never tasted it. Because of the name, Charlie began whooping, imitating Native Americans he had seen in Westerns, attracting the attention of other patrons in the restaurant. Mom, noticing we were attracting attention to ourselves, shouted at Charlie to stop, but not before one of the

patrons, sitting adjacent to our table, made a remark. "Those Guineas are all alike," making certain he said it loud enough for us to hear. That was all Mom needed, she was up like a shot and over to the table. Standing over the offender, Mom responded, "You jerk, this Guinea would like to shove those croquettes in your face." "I'm going to call the manager," the man countered. "Leave us alone." Mom warned him to never say that word again. With that, she returned to the table, and we began to discuss what movie we were going to see. "I want to see *Gilda*!" Anthony shouted out. "They brought it back to the Pilgrim Movie House, and I want to see it." Mom, always the fox, knew exactly what Anthony was up to. "You know about *Gilda* and Rita Hayworth." "What do you mean?" Anthony replied. "You know what I'm talking about," Mom shot back. "You want to see her do her little dance. Your brothers are too young for that movie, and we're not going to see it." "How will I ever grow up?" Anthony asked. Mom got up from her chair, leaned over the table, staring straight into Anthony's eyes and said, "You will grow up when you are ready, but not today. Your brothers are too young for that movie. Out of desperation, Anthony turned to Pietro and asked, "Pietro, do you want to see *Gilda*?" "Who's *Gilda*?" Pietro asked. Now Mom was really frustrated. "We are going to see *Red River* and forget *Gilda*. Pietro would be more interested in a cowboy movie along with your brothers." Pietro, not being aware of *Gilda* and Rita Hayworth, agreed with Mom, to Anthony's dismay. The decision was made, it would be *Red River* at the RKO Keith's; Pietro and Anthony would have to wait to see *Gilda*.

Leaving the table, Mom made it a point to bang into the chair of the jerk, causing him to spill water on his shirt. Bending slightly over him, Mom whispered, "Just a little reminder from a Guinea." With that, she paraded all of us out of the Adams House in triumph. We were off to see *Red River*.

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

Raised Bed Gardening

Provides Easy Access and Increased Productivity

by Melinda Myers



Raised beds provide gardeners the opportunity to overcome poor soil, resulting in more productive gardens. (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Raise your garden to new heights for easier access and greater productivity. Raised beds allow you to overcome poor soil by creating the ideal growing mix. They also make gardening more comfortable thanks to less bending and kneeling.

Whether you purchase a kit or build your own, there are a few things to consider when creating a raised bed garden.

Locate the garden in a sunny area if possible. Most plants require at least six hours of sun, and vegetables like tomatoes, peppers and melons produce best with a full day of sunlight.

Select a long-lasting material such as interlocking block, fieldstone, plastic lumber or naturally long-lasting wood like cedar. The material selected will influence the shape and size of your garden. Some materials allow for curved beds while others are limited to squares, rectangles, and other angular shapes.

Design your raised bed to fit your space and your needs. A three- or four-foot width makes it easy to reach all parts of the garden for planting, weeding, and harvesting. Raising your planting bed at least eight to twelve inches improves drainage and provides an adequate space for most plants to root and grow. If you want to minimize bending, go higher. Add benches to increase your gardening comfort and ease.

Roughen or loosen the existing soil surface if your bed is built on compact, slow-draining soil. This will allow water to readily move from the raised bed into the soil below. Cover the bottom of the bed with newspaper or cardboard, if needed, to suffocate existing weeds and grass.

Line the bottom of your raised bed with hardware cloth to reduce the risk of animals burrowing into your garden. Lay the hardware cloth over the ground and bend it up along the inside of the raised bed walls.

Fill the bed with a quality growing mix that is well drained but also able to retain moisture and nutrients. This may be a mixture of quality topsoil and compost, a high-quality potting mix, or a

planting mix designed specifically for raised bed gardens.

Grow any plants that you normally would grow in ground. Just make sure the plants are suited to the growing conditions — sunlight, heat, and wind — in your area. Since the soil mix and drainage is ideal in a raised garden, you will be able to grow more plants per square foot. Just be sure to leave sufficient

room for plants to reach their mature size.

Keep your plants healthy and productive with proper watering. This is critical for growing any garden, but even more crucial in a fast draining raised bed. The simple act of raising the garden height increases drainage, and a raised bed filled with planting mix means more frequent watering. Consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses for watering ease. Always water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry.

Add some mulch to help reduce watering and the need for other garden maintenance. Spread a layer of evergreen needles, pine straw, shredded leaves, or other organic matter over the soil surface. This helps conserve moisture, suppresses weeds and adds nutrients and organic matter to the soil as it decomposes. You'll spend less time watering and weeding throughout the season.

Add an organic fertilizer at planting if your planting mix does not already contain one. Apply again mid-season if the plants need a nutrient boost. Always follow the label directions on the fertilizer container.

The time and effort invested in creating raised beds will be returned many times over with years of healthy and productive gardens.

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**LA DOLCE VITA**  
*(Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.*

Federico Fellini, arguably the most popular filmmaker of all time, had his biggest hit with *La Dolce Vita*, an incredible international crossover, an exquisite meditation on personal morality, wealth and fame, societal decay, and the perpetual search for meaning. Both a critique of the culture of stardom, and a look at the darkness beneath the seductive lifestyles of Rome's rich, the film follows a notorious celebrity journalist over one crazy week. Starring Marcello Mastroianni, Anita Ekberg, Anouk Aimée, and Yvonne Furneaux, the film is lauded for its complicated and rich story wrapped in extravagant visuals that have become as iconic as the film itself. With iconic imagery, including the mesmerizing Trevi Fountain sequence, the movie has influenced a generation of filmmakers, including Martin Scorsese. Equal parts of provocative and breathtaking, *La Dolce Vita* Has stood the test of time, remaining one of the most influential films in cinematic history, more than 60 years after its debut. Also included is a brand new introduction by Scorsese, who shares his thoughts on the film and its indelible impact on cinema.

**DANCING PIRATE**  
*(Blu-ray) / Film Detective*

A dance teacher from Boston (Charles Collins) is tricked into joining a band of pirates, who lead him to being fitted for a noose in California. He catches a break when the mayor's daughter (Steffi Duna) demands the handing be postponed until he teaches her to waltz, but his problems are only beginning. *Dancing Pirate* (1936) received an Academy Award nomination for "Best Dance Direction." Distributed by RKO Radio Pictures, this mix of comedy and rousing dance numbers a blend of traits as, charming, light and gay.

**GHOST RIDERS**  
*(Blu-ray) / Verdugo*

Revenge is a hearty meal for phantoms of the prairie! On a dark and haunting night, all that is visible by the campfire light is the breath of vicious lawmen. The local preacher and townspeople gather on a lonesome prairie, as the lawless career of desperado Frank Clements is about to end. Just as the hangman's noose tightens around his neck, the most feared outlaw of 1888 shouts a curse of revenge on the town preacher — a curse, which will haunt the preacher's family through generations. One hundred years later, unsuspecting of the events in 1888, the town is prospering. Frank Clements and his gang return from hell to seek revenge against the preacher's grandson and his family. The fight against the phantoms from the past proves futile, and they become unwilling victims of

bloodthirsty outlaws. Weapons are defenseless against the phantom cowboys — you can't kill what's already dead!

**AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON**  
*(Blu-ray) / Arrow Films*

One of the greatest directors of the 1980s, John Landis, expertly combines macabre horror with dark humor in the lycanthropic classis, *An American Werewolf in London*. While hiking on the Yorkshire Moors, American tourists David (David Naughton) and Jack (Griffin Dunne) are savaged by an unidentified vicious animal while hiking. David awakens in a London hospital to find his friend dead, and his own life in disarray. Retiring to the home of a beautiful nurse (Jenny Agutter) to recuperate, he soon experiences disturbing changes to his mind and body, undergoing a full-moon transformation that will unleash terror on the streets of the capital. *An American Werewolf in London* had audiences howling with laughter and recoiling in terror upon its cinema release. Landis' film has gone on to become one of the most important horror films of its decade, rightly lauded for its masterful set-pieces, uniquely unsettling atmosphere and truly groundbreaking, Oscar-winning special makeup effects. Now newly restored and presented with an abundance of extra features, this big beast of horror can be devoured as never before.

**COME DRINK WITH ME**  
*(Blu-ray) / Arrow Films*

Years before Shaw Brothers' kung fu films made them the biggest film studio in Hong Kong, local audiences flocked to their wuxia pian films: mythic tales of sword fighting (and often gravity-defying) heroes fighting for honor. In his final film for the studio, *Come Drink With Me*, director King Hu broke fresh new ground in martial arts storytelling, and catapulted fresh-faced lead actress Cheng Pei-pei to stardom in the process. When the Governor's son is taken hostage by bandits, a mysterious swordsman named Golden Swallow (Cheng) is hot on their trail to ensure the son's release. What the bandits don't realize, however, is that Golden Swallow is actually a woman, and that the hostage is her brother. Determined to set him free, no matter how many goons she has to fight her way through in doing so, she is aided in her quest by a drunken beggar (Yueh Hua) who may have a closer connection to the bandits' leader than he initially lets on. Decades before Ang Lee brought the wuxia genre to international attention with *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (in which Cheng played the villainous Jade Fox), and King Hu set the original template in what is still considered one of Shaw Brothers' greatest and most influential action masterpieces.

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 Giaratani

**SHOULD WE REBRAND IT AS "SNOW WHITE AND SEVEN AVERAGE HEIGHT GUYS WITH FUNNY NAMES"?**

Actor Peter Dinklage called out the live-action remake of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, and Disney had their Mickey Mouse ears on, too. The actor slammed the new film as backwards when it comes to the subject of dwarfs.

Disney in response said the filmmakers will be working with culture consultants to improve the story.

Oh, by the way, Dinklage stands 4 feet, 4 inches tall.

**LATELY I'M FEELING SOMEONE PUT A MALOCCHIO ON ME**

Boy, have I had a terrible six weeks. I feel like a groundhog who just wants to stay in his hole. First, I was surrounded by vaccinated family members for Thanksgiving dinner, yet I came down with the omicron variant. Thank God, I was vaxxed and only had mild symptoms of traveling aches and pains throughout my body for four days.

Then, on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, a beautiful Sunday while driving through the North End, my car was damaged by a double-parked F-350 built like a tank. Then again, four days later on January 6<sup>th</sup>, a school bus leaving the Elliot School trying to turn left crashes in the back driver's side, adding insult to injury for me. My beautiful bright red Dodge Dart gets all damaged. The insurance company adjuster shows up at the body shop, looks at my car, and declares it totaled. I was still making payments on the vehicle and then my car was history.

I am still trying to figure out if either my car or I had a (Malocchio) thrown our way. I grew up never believing in getting cursed, but I did know that my Sicilian grandma used to cure many of her neighbors from the "Malocchio." I might even drink the awful drink my grandma gave her patients. My dad said once when mom wasn't looking, he drank the elixir and it tasted god-horrible.

**SAM LAY'S SONG ENDS ON BLUES NOTE**

The Chicago blues drummer, who performed and recorded with Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, and Bob Dylan has died at age 86. Sam Lay died from natural causes on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Longtime friend and member of his band stated Corky Spiegel stated, "An era is over. He just made you fly. He sucked you into the music. He went wherever the music went."

**2,000 MULES, DINESH D'SOUZA LATEST MOVIE**

Dinesh D'Souza latest movie targets the 2020 elections. It is an anti-ballot harvesting and anti-drop-box voting look at

alleged 2020 political corruption. There is actual footage showing one vote harvester dropping off bundles of ballots at 20 drop-off boxes 53 times.

Surely, the woke mob will call this movie just another attempt at misinformation or disinformation, right? I can't wait for this movie documentary.

**AIRLINE CENSORS MASK ON BOARD**

A passenger on a Spirit Airlines flight claims he was required to remove his electronic face mask featuring the glowing slogan, "Let's go Brandon," along with the letters FJB. The passenger was a Trump supporter not surprisingly and he was handed another mask to replace what was on his face.

The flight attendant thought the mask was apparently offensive and told him to "... go ahead and put the blue one on, OK?" The passenger replies "this isn't America anymore." What do readers out there think?

**GARFIELD HAS A GREAT POINT**

I love reading the comic pages in newspapers and have been doing so since childhood. My two favorite stripes are *Charlie Brown*, actually Snoopy, and *Garfield* the wise cat. Recently, he said something worth repeating, especially during this pandemic we still suffer through.

His words of wisdom, short and sweet, "The secret to happiness is lowering your expectations." How true, how true!

**WHOOPI GOLDBERG SAID A MOUTHFUL**

It is hard to believe but then it isn't with Whoopi Goldberg. She actually thinks she's so smart when she is as dumb as a rock. On *The View* she is so silly. All the co-hosts on this show seem to commute daily from stupidity to ignorance. However, even her co-hosts were shocked to hear such a twisted view of the Holocaust not being about race and pushed back on her. Then taking plenty of friendly fire, she tried apologizing somewhat but it seemed to make matters worse. She received a two-week suspension because the cancel culture always eats its own.

Personally speaking, *The View* is one dumb show with nothing redeemable about it. I hate the idea of blacklisting or censoring those with views you

disagree with, but I will make an exception for Whoopi. Couldn't happen to a better person.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TIME AGAIN AND AGAIN**

I can't believe it? Tommy Smothers just celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. I remember back in 1968, when the *Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour* was a big, big on Sunday nights. Tommy and younger brother Dickie hosted this show and always were getting into trouble with CBS network head honchos for saying or doing something crazy on the show. Back when I was a 20-something college student, it was a great time and sometimes outrageous between the war, protests on campus, and the hot political temper. Anything could and often did happen. But week after week, the Smothers brothers made us laugh and cry and hope for better tomorrows. Once again, happy birthday to Tommy. I didn't know he was born on Groundhog Day. I pretty much think Tommy is hoping to celebrate Groundhog Day for years to come. Always good to wake up in the morning over and over again.

**WHY PRIMARY SUNUNU IN N.H.?**

Sometimes I just don't understand Trump's logic as he recently sought out a GOP candidate to challenge incumbent Gov. Chris Sununu in the upcoming state primary. Former President Trump is very unhappy with Sununu and seemingly doesn't consider him a loyal Republican. Trump had wanted Sununu, according to sources who know, to run for the U.S. Senate against incumbent Maggie Hassan, but Sununu decided to run for reelection instead.

Right now, the Democrats hold both U.S. Senate seats, and if the GOP puts another Republican candidate for governor in the race, it could lead to the Democrats winning back the governor's seat. Would Republicans benefit by weakening Sununu in a primary fight or is Sununu still better than a Democrat as governor?

Trump seems to have thin skin and thin skin is a negative in politics. Trump should have just stayed with Sununu and found a good GOP U.S. Senate candidate to take on Hassan who could be beaten in 2022.

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Most first generation Italians felt uncomfortable eating out. You ate your mother's cooking and married someone who could cook like that, in that she was taught "how to" by her mother and grandmother since she was a young child. The attitude was, "Why eat out when my wife is a better cook." Babbononno was from that school of thinking. If he was with his friends in either the North End or East Boston, he might have lunch at one of the places he was familiar with, and the only things he would eat would be Italian cold cuts, cheeses, bread made that day and a glass or two of homemade red wine.

Family weddings, christenings and first communion receptions were always held at someone's home back then, function facilities were few in number in Italian neighborhoods.

After the religious part of the ceremony at the local parish, everyone would head for the host's house. The ladies of the home probably had been up since 4:00 or 5:00 a.m., preparing the gravy, making the pasta, and getting everything ready for the afternoon, since they too, would be at the church to watch the priest marry, baptize, confirm, or give out first communion. In their minds, it was considered an infamia if they didn't attend. Quite often, a trusted neighbor would watch the stove for the ladies while they were at the church. When the formalities were over at the church, the guests would head for the designated house. Once there, they would be greeted by the hosts and then they would greet each other while munching on a before dinner spread that covered the kitchen table. Of course, this assortment of cheeses and cold cuts would be accompanied by homemade wine. When it was time, everyone would be directed to be seated in the dining room and a toast would be given by the head of the family to honor the married couple, the child that was baptized, the kids that received first communion, or the kids that were confirmed, whichever the case might be. That's the way it was.

Well, it was back during WWII, and Nanna was recuperating from a heart attack and a bout with pneumonia that followed it. She was laid up for quite a while and Mom was at the Boston Hospital for Women every day. The hospital was located in Roxbury and if no one was around to drive her, she or we often would take the T to get there. Back then, it was called the Boston EL (Boston Elevated

Railway), and the trains, trolleys and busses were ancient, due to the fact that there was a war on and they hadn't been upgraded since the 1930s. After a lengthy recuperation, Nanna finally was allowed to come home. It made it easier on her and especially my mother, who became her nurse for the rest of the recuperation.

By the time winter rolled around, my grandmother was doing a lot better. St. Valentine's Day was just around the corner and Uncle Nick was coming home on leave. He was in the Navy during the war, and at that point in time, stationed at the Newport, Rhode Island Naval Base, playing for the Navy Orchestra, conducted by Andre Kostelanetz. Dad decided to take the family out for a St. Valentine's Day dinner. He had played at the Cathay House, a long-gone, but then, quite popular Chinese Restaurant located in Boston's Chinatown. Back before WWII, most Chinese restaurants had entertainment and Dad played with a band at the Cathay House and knew the management rather well. Our family had thought of having a Valentine's Day dinner at the house, but was fearful that the excitement might be too much for Nanna. She was not the type who would let others do the work of preparing a dinner. She was always in the middle doing more than her share. Eating out was the best way to celebrate and Dad set it up with the owner of the restaurant.

To save on gas, Uncle Nick, his first wife, Aunt Ada, Nanna, Babbononno, Mom, Dad, and I squeezed into Dad's 1937 Plymouth, headed through the Sumner Tunnel at a cost of fifteen cents and worked our way through Boston to Chinatown. Babbononno had never eaten Chinese food before this point in time and didn't know what to expect. They left the ordering up to Dad after we were greeted and seated by another of Dad's friends, the manager. When the waiter arrived, Dad ordered a round of drinks for everyone and as the family toasted each other, Valentine's Day cards were handed to Nanna along with a heart-shaped box of chocolates and flowers that were hidden from her in the car. Dad next ordered the food, egg rolls and pork ends for appetizers, shrimp in lobster sauce, mushroom chow yoke, General Gao's chicken and fried rice.

Dad explained each course to Nanna and Babbononno, but my grandfather looked at every dish like they were from another planet. The rest of us were

familiar with Chinese food and dug in. Nanna was a bit more daring than Babbononno and tried the food, and actually liked everything. Babbononno didn't want to be considered a wimp and sampled an egg roll and a few pieces of pork. He put duck sauce on both as suggested by Mom and liked them even better as he had a sweet tooth. Uncle Nick warned him about the hot mustard but he had to try it, anyway. He put a large amount on a piece of pork, popped it into his mouth, and within seconds, lunged at his water glass and swallowed the contents in one gulp, swearing in Italian and English. Nanna called him a caffone for the way he acted, and seeing he was out in public, he calmed down and continued to eat his food quietly, minus the hot mustard.

The main courses were to his liking and he dug in with his fork. What fascinated him the most was watching people at other tables eating with chopsticks. He had been to North Africa as a young man in the Italian Marine Corps and had learned to eat with his fingers in countries like Morocco, but considered that barbaric. Mom told him that, in China, people ate with chopsticks and not forks. This was all new to him and he was fascinated. All in all, things worked out rather well. When the bill arrived, it was accompanied by Chinese candy. Back then, fortune cookies weren't that common in Boston. The restaurants served a jelled candy with sesame seeds covering the brown colored pieces. I'm not sure what the flavoring was, but as a kid, I liked it. Babbononno tasted a piece and said, "Questo dolce tene il sapore di lavandina." (This candy has flavor of bleach water.) Having a sweet tooth, he ate it anyway.

As we left the restaurant and headed for the car, my grandfather looked around at the neighborhood and the people, totally fascinated by what he saw. We all squeezed into the old Plymouth and headed toward the tunnel and home to East Boston. Nanna thanked everyone for the flowers and candy, and once we were back home, we wished each other a Happy Valentine's Day. Those were happy days and I would like to extend that same sentiment to one and all. From the Christoforo family, "Happy Valentine's Day."

**MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA**



by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

From the gondola rides in Venice, to the star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet, in Verona, Italy is a land full of love! The Italian language itself is of great expression and emotion, and the people from the country are exceptionally loving and affectionate. It's not unusual to see Italian people sitting close together when conversing, holding hands, or kissing each other on the cheek when greeting hello or goodbye. Valentine's Day or *La Festa Degli Innamorati* "the party of the lovers" as well as Saint Valentine or *San Valentino* himself, originated in Italy. Unlike America, this day is celebrated in Italy exclusively between lovers. For centuries, Italian rituals included writing letters or sending cards to express love on this special day. The tradition of giving cards and presents to each other is an American import. Today, Italians celebrate with romantic dinners, momentous gifts, and of course chocolate!

Speaking of chocolate, what better time would it be than Valentine's Day to indulge in a chocolate version of Italy's oldest cookie, the pizzelle. Traditionally, these waffle cookies are made with Anise. However, "*Pizzelle al Cioccolato*" are delicately flavored with chocolate and hints of vanilla. They are light, crisp, and absolutely delicious. Serve them rolled in a cone shape and filled with gelato, in a cylinder shape and stuffed with cannoli cream, or just eat them plain with a dusting of confectioners' sugar. I guarantee you and your loved ones are going to love my Nonna's "Chocolate Pizzelle"!

*Buon San Valentino xoxo*

## CHOCOLATE PIZZELLE

### *Pizzelle al Cioccolato*



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| 6 eggs (at room temperature)          | 2 cups all-purpose flour                   |
| 1 1/2 cups sugar                      | 1/2 cup pure unsweetened cocoa             |
| 1 cup of butter or margarine (melted) | 2 teaspoons baking powder                  |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla extract           | Confectionary/powdered sugar (for sifting) |

Beat eggs, then add sugar gradually, and beat a few minutes, until smooth. Add cooled melted butter and extract, mix well. Sift flour, cocoa and baking powder together and gradually add to the mixture while mixing. Let rest 10 minutes before cooking. Drop by spoonful's (size of spoon will depend on the pizzelle maker used) on hot pizzelle iron and cook until golden brown. Remove with metal spatula and lie flat on parchment paper lined cookie sheets to cool. Sift with confectionary/powdered sugar. To retain crispness, store in wax paper lined cookie tins or a brown paper bag, in a cool dry place.

**Note: You will need a Pizzelle Machine**

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

Fight Censorship the Right Way

Perhaps the most encouraging development of the last year was seeing so many people stand up and champion Art Spiegelman’s *Maus*, a Holocaust parable told in terms of cats and mice, after a Tennessee school board voted to remove it from the middle-school curriculum. To me it wasn’t specifically about *Maus*, it was about standing up to authoritarians and their shallow misreading of literature. Presenting students in their formative years with challenging, often disturbing works is a fundamental component of their intellectual and emotional development.

And yet, the hypocrisy of some of the people rightfully defending *Maus* is not lost on me. I can’t speak for all of them, but I don’t remember any of them coming to the defense of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a number of Steinbeck’s Depression-era works, *The Adventures of Huck Finn* or *The Catcher in the Rye*. It is striking indeed as some of the reasoning behind the withdrawal of those works is notably similar to the reason McMinn County Board of Education gave for voting to eradicate *Maus*; troublesome language, violent behavior and, the most infuriating reason given that it defeats the purpose of education and the role of educators, the tackling of difficult topics such as racism.

The eradicators of the works listed above and the McMinn Country Board both demonstrated a reading and understanding of the targeted works that is at best obtuse and, frankly, ignorant (anyone who takes *To Kill a Mockingbird* or *Huck Finn* as avocations of racism is an exemplification of the results of a lack of education) and at worst an unwillingness to engage students in, often much needed, discussions about the challenging matters behind the work in question.

It is all the more baffling, then, that these freedom fighters are only storming the key-boards now when a lot of the points they are bringing up (i.e.; look past the profanity or troublesome terminology and into what the author is truly getting at, books that pose the most difficult discussions are, often, the most valuable, education is about challenging and breaking down comfort zones, etc...) have been the defense weapons for decades and were yet left untouched by the current mob.

In fairness, this is partly due to a new generation of literary scholars experiencing this kind of authoritarianism. But for most of the people who not only stood by silently when, say, *Huck Finn* was pulled but also “understood” the move their defense of *Maus*, no matter how admirable the case they build against censorship reeks as one more example of partisan politics.

Here they are not arguing against myopic “enlightened” educators concerned about problematic language, but a stuffy board of trustees from a rural school system in a red state. They are not engaging in the more challenging task of asking for the contextualization of problematic language and channeling it into productive discussions. They are instead taking the high road as opponents to a puritanical purge. In other words, they are going after easy targets of the opposition with sure-fire verbal weaponry.

Perhaps, however, we have reached a teaching moment. At one time, most people of various political persuasions, decried censorship. Now, many will excuse or even defend it so long as it affects the other side and then will self-righteously fashion themselves as champions of the free exchange of ideas when the ax is, inevitably,



turned to them. That is not the way to take a stand. It is partisan and cowardly. They are not advocates of free speech but, instead, only good teammates for their side. Such behavior never eliminates the un-American practice of censorship it only kicks it to the other side until it comes back, and it will, to bite you.

If I can get liberals and conservatives to finally agree that confronting and talking about the many (often conflicting) emotions great works of art evoke is a far better approach than appointing oneself moral guardian of art, I will consider my work in this area finished.

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both.” Spotify stayed with Joe Rogan and, in the process, free speech. Not a difficult choice, an aging singing legend from the ’60s or Rogan and his 11 million podcast followers. In the case of Rogan, his dissenting viewpoints may have worked against the woke censors.

Susan Sarandon Looks Like the Real Fascist

Actress Susan Sarandon of *Thelma & Louise* fame shared a Twitter post comparing members of the NYPD gathered at a recent funeral for a slain cop to fascists. She posted an image that showed a tweet by writer and podcaster Danny Haiphong of a photo of the massive funeral turnout of officers outside St. Patrick’s Cathedral. “I’m gonna tell my kids this is what fascism looks like,” the original tweet stated.

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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. MI21P6566EA Estate of MATTHEW WILLI ORENSTEIN Also Known As MATTHEW W. ORENSTEIN Date of Death: September 25, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kimberly Starbuck of Cambridge, MA, Petitioner Clare B. Feiner of Needham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Kimberly Starbuck of Cambridge, MA, Clare B. Feiner of Needham, 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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Committee on Transportation up on Beacon Hill. The bill would allow undocumented immigrants to qualify for a state driver’s license as long as there is a valid proof of identity, date of birth, and state residency.

According to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, “All Boston and Massachusetts adults deserve access to driver’s licenses regardless of immigrant status ... it will make all of us safer.”

Emerson College Earns Anti-Free Speech Honors

Emerson College in Hallowell Boston across from the Boston Common known for churning out journalists and teaching about the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment has landed on the “10 Worst Colleges for Free Speech” list.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education released its annual list for worse campus censors in 2021 and Emerson made the Top 10.

D.C. BLM: Not Every Shot Cop a Good Guy?

The Black Lives Matter chapter in the Nation’s Capital has called for the public not to be so fast in assuming all cops who are shot on the job are heroes. In a series of tweets, the group said the public should not “jump to conclusions” after a police officer was wounded by a barricaded suspect recently.

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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. MI22P0236EA Estate of JUDITH OGDEN THOMSON Also Known As JUDITH O. THOMSON f.k.a. JUDITH O. BULLITT Date of Death: December 14, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Timothy P. Cabot of Cambridge, MA, Petitioner Elizabeth L. Cabot of Taconic, CT, Petitioner Edward O. Cabot of East Chatham, NY, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Timothy P. Cabot of Cambridge, MA, Elizabeth L. Cabot of Taconic, CT, Edward O. Cabot of East Chatham, NY 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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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. MI22P0326EA Estate of HAGOP UCUZIAN Also Known As AGOP UCUZ Date of Death: January 20, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Nadia Ucuizian of Watertown, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Nadia Ucuizian of Watertown, 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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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. MI22P0048EA Estate of MARY NALBANDIAN Date of Death: September 16, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ariss Nalbandian of Watertown, MA, Petitioner Shahe Nalbandian of Belmont, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Ariss Nalbandian of Watertown, MA, Shahe Nalbandian of Belmont, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Docket No. MI22P0196EA

Estate of  
**ANDREA SANTOS**

Date of Death: September 01, 2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Levi G. Freitas** of **Billerica, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Levi G. Freitas** of **Billerica, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **February 24, 2022**.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 27, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/11/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI22P0449EA

Estate of  
**THOMAS HAROLD MURPHY, JR.**

Date of Death: November 13, 2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul J. Leikhim** of **Brookline, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Paul J. Leikhim** of **Brookline, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **March 02, 2022**.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 02, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/11/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **February 21, 2022 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

**2005 AUDI A6, BLACK**  
Vin # WAUDG74F75N099721  
Ron K. Dupie  
11 Nottingham St., Apt. 1  
Boston, MA 02121

**2014 NISSAN SENTRA, GRAY**  
Vin # 3N1AB7AP8EY327927  
Barbara Agri  
P.O. Box 80323  
Stoneham, MA 02180

**2005 HONDA ACCORD, BLACK**  
Vin # 1HGCM56465A105301  
Franchezka Rivera  
25 Francis St., Apt. A  
N Andover, MA 01845

**2001 BMW X5, BROWN**  
Vin # WBAFA53551LM90542  
John Czerwinka  
187 Page St.  
Stoughton, MA 02072

**2004 FORD RANGER, GRAY**  
Vin # 1FTYR11U64PA96455  
Linda M. Larrabee  
19 Donnas Way  
Seabrook, NH 03874  
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI22P0373EA

Estate of  
**HOWARD M. SHAPIRO**

Date of Death: November 10, 2021

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Leslie H. Shapiro** of **Newton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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

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

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Docket No. MI22P0451EA

Estate of  
**DAVID HART**  
Also Known As  
**DAVID K. HART**

Date of Death: March 01, 2020

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ann L. Vivian** of **Madison, WI**.

**Ann L. Vivian** of **Madison, WI** 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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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Does Anyone Remember  
Anthony Giarratano  
From the Detroit Tigers?



I first heard of Tony Giarratano back in 2005, when a friend of mine sent me a TOPPS baseball card of his. It got me to looking him up. Here we are now and I still don't know if I am actually related to this former baseball player. My grandfather's name was Giarratano and my family still back in Sciacca is one of the two Giarratano families in that town where the coastline faces Tunisia.

No luck yet, but I haven't given up the quest. I still have his baseball card. Tony was born in Queens. He apparently still lives in Queens. Maybe I will have to go to Queens myself in this story of my roots. His Major League career was short but not too sweet.

He was a great Minor League player in the Tigers farm system in Tulane, but he didn't last long. He was a shortstop when the Tigers already had a really good shortstop and when he got to play, he apparently didn't take his bat and .301 average with him up to Detroit. He only batted .143 and Number 39 disappeared back into the Minors and baseball history.

**Remiss in not Mentioning Bill Virdon's Death Here in this Corner Of the Paper**

Bill Virdon was a center fielder for the St. Louis Cardinals and won the 1955 National League Rookie of the Year in 1955. He was 90 years old when he passed away last November. Virdon was a career .267 hitter in 12 seasons with the Cardinals and Pirates, winning the World Series in 1960 with

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**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 19, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

**2016 HONDA CIVIC**  
Vin # 2HGFC4B02GH304248

**2006 ACURA TSX**  
Vin # JH4CL968X6C018551

**2013 SUBARU LEGACY**  
Vin # 4S3BMBK67D3033575

**2000 BOAT TRAILER**  
Vin # 1M5BA242821E77659

**2009 FORD F150**  
Vin # 1FTRX14829FB33698

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

Signed  
Todisco Services, Inc.  
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the Pirates and a Golden Glove in 1962 as the NL Manager.

He retired in 1968, and went on to coaching, going 995-921 during 13 years as a manager for the Pirates, Astros, Expos, and Yankees. While with Houston, he was voted Manager of the Year in 1980.

Virdon was signed by the Yankees in 1950, and traded to the Cardinals in 1954, in a deal that sent Enos Slaughter to New York. Virdon reached the Majors in 1955, taking over for Stan Musial in center with 17 home runs, 68 RBIs in center field, and batting .281. In 1955, he was traded to the Pirates and flourished playing in an outfield that included Roberto Clemente in right. He also played a key role in the 1960 upset World Series over the Yankees.

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Docket No. MI22P0363PM

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

In the matter of  
**GRACE E. GORANSON**  
of Natick, MA

**RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Elizabeth G. Seeger of Natick, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Grace E. Goranson** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Elizabeth G. Seeger of Natick, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **March 03, 2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 03, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/11/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021  
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Docket No. NO21P1558GD

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

In the matter of  
**RACHAEL MARY MURPHY**  
of Millis, MA

**RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Elizabeth Murphy** of **Millis, MA**, **Scott Murphy** of **Dover, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Rachael Mary Murphy** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that \_\_\_\_\_ (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **February 23, 2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, HON. PATRICIA GORMAN,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 18, 2022

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/11/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI22P0362PM

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

In the matter of  
**CHRISTIAN W. GORANSON**  
of Natick, MA

**RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Elizabeth G. Seeger of Natick, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Christian W. Goranson** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Elizabeth G. Seeger of Natick, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 03, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/11/2022





## Yvon Durelle Vs. Archie Moore I Fireworks in Montreal

When Yvon Durelle stepped into the ring against light heavyweight champion Archie Moore on December 10, 1958, he wasn't given much of a chance of defeating the Old Mongoose. Many believed his best shot was to catch the aging Moore early and score a knockout before Archie could get his rhythm. Well, things went according to that script when the Fighting Fisherman came within a hair of winning the title before the first three minutes of the bout had elapsed.

Yvon Durelle was one of 14 children. He grew up in a small Acadian village in Baie-St-Anne, New Brunswick, Canada. Like many who lived in the area on the Atlantic coast, he became a fisherman. He also took up boxing on weekends and soon won the Canadian Light Heavyweight title. With wins over Angelo DeFendis and Willie Besmanoff Yvon broke into the top ten world rankings. This led to him getting the shot against Moore. The fight was held in Montreal, Canada and over 8,000 locals came out to cheer the Canadian native on.

Durelle had a solid right hand punch and was a durable scrapper, but Moore was an all-time great champion who possessed an amazing array of talent. He had dropped champion Rocky Marciano in a fight for the heavyweight title three years earlier, and it seemed like he should be able to handle Durelle with some ease.



**Yvon Durelle drops Archie Moore**

Well, Yvon proved he was a worthy challenger when less than a minute into the fight he dropped the champion with a solid right hand. Moore barely made it to his feet at the count of nine. Archie was then dropped again for a count of two, though some newspaper reports said the referee ruled this as a slip. It does appear to have been called a slip. He was still unsteady on his feet when Durelle dropped him again for another nine count. At this point it would not have been out of line for the referee, former Heavyweight Champ Jack Sharkey, to have stopped the fight as Moore was seriously hurt.

Moore employed all of his years of ring savvy to ward off the continued attack by Durelle and survived the round, though it appeared he might be heading for defeat when the bell rang for the second stanza.

Durelle came out looking to follow up on what he had started in the first round. The crowd was roaring for their local favorite, and while Moore did not go down again, he was still shaky from the blows he took in the first round. It was a tribute to his skills that he was able to cover up and even start employing counterpunches to prevent Yvon from finishing him off.



**Durelle on the attack**

By the third round Archie was starting to find the distance and was landing very stiff jabs. However, Yvon was not out of this fight by any means. For what he lacked in skill, he made up for with strength, determination, and conditioning.

Going into the fifth round it appeared the tide had turned in the Champion's favor, but then Durelle once again dropped him. Moore was hurt but not as bad as in the first round and made it through the round without being in serious danger of losing.



**Moore gaining the upper hand**

While Yvon Durelle would continue to force the action, by the seventh round Moore had found his stride. He was landing very hard left jabs to Durelle's face that appears to have broken his nose. He would follow the jab with solid straight rights and left hooks. Moore was becoming more accurate while Durelle was starting to slow down and getting wider with his punches. The crowd was still holding out hope for the Fighting Fisherman, but his window of opportunity had past and it was now just a matter of time.

In the ninth round Durelle was taking a serious battering from Moore who had found his distance and was setting up his punches. Yvon was cut and bleeding. At the end of the tenth round Archie dropped Yvon with a right hand. The bell rang just as the referee was about to finish his count and Durelle was allowed to return to his corner and continue the fight.

When the eleventh round began it was a beaten Durelle who came out. He had nothing left but was still game. Moore floored him and he fell through the ropes. He got to his feet only to be dropped again, this time for the ten count. It was the finish of a very exciting fight, one that would be remembered. Yvon Durelle had come very close to scoring one of the greatest upsets in boxing history.



**Archie finishes off Yvon**

The two would fight again the following August but this fight was no repeat of their first encounter. Moore was taking no chances this time and was sharp from the opening bell. The fight ended in the third round when the champion dropped Durelle four times, the final knockdown being for the ten count.

The first fight was a perfect example of how anything can happen in a boxing match. Moore was clearly the superior boxer. He was an all-time great, and while 44 years old, still had plenty left in him. He got caught cold early in the fight, and it is a tribute to his skills that he survived. The rematch was closer to what would have been expected in the first fight.

The thing to remember about boxing is to never say never. When Moore stepped into the ring for the first encounter with Durelle he may have been thinking he could take his time and feel out his opponent. For Durelle, it was the chance of a lifetime and he was going to fight better than he ever had before. He knew he had to go after Moore early and that's what he did. He believed in himself and that belief came very close to making him a world champion.

It was a fight to remember.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Down the ice they came, their blades carving through the frozen surface as the bands played and the students chanted. Once more the Garden was alive and vibrant after a period of dormancy, filled with the joy and happiness of youthful voices.

Yes, the Beanpot Tournament was back on Causeway Street and it felt good to experience it once again in all its glory.

But most of all, one had the feeling that the tournament was serving as a harbinger of sorts, of better days and times that lay just over the horizon. Yes, people still wore masks and needed to show proof of vaccination for admission, but it seemed almost as if the tournament was signaling that a return to normalcy was not far behind, that we were perhaps entering the backstretch of that period ruled by protocols and procedures and that a more open society encompassed by freedom rather than restrictions would arrive as surely as the summer sun.

Indeed, the tournament itself had been impacted since it was not held last year for the first time since its start back in the early 1950s. Thus, the sights and sounds of the Beanpot, which annually serve to brighten the winter landscape of the Hub, were muted as the darkness of the pandemic roiled through society.

When we last saw the Beanpot, Northeastern was on a roll, having achieved a remarkable three-peat by capturing the title in 2018, 2019 and 2020. The 2018 title was the first one claimed by the Huskies in 30 years, ending an unenviable streak that extended back to 1988.

And the Huskies have the opportunity to make it four in a row after their opening night 3-1 victory over Boston College. They will meet Boston University in the championship game for the third time in the last four years of the tournament. The Terriers advanced with a 4-3 victory over Harvard, surviving a furious final two minutes when the Crimson pulled their goalie to create a six-on-five advantage in a desperate bid to tie the score. The Terriers weathered the assault and will appear in the championship game for the 55<sup>th</sup> time.

History shows that BU has the edge over the decades. The Terriers have won 30 championships and finished second 24 times over the many decades of the event but have not won since 2015 when they edged Northeastern 4-3 in overtime. So, it has been quite a while since the title has been captured by BU, a feat once accomplished so frequently by the Terriers that at one time the Beanpot became informally known as the "BU Invitational."

But lately it has been the Huskies that have ruled, winning the last three 'Pots with head coach Jim Madigan at the helm. But now it is time for another coach to have his initial opportunity to win the Beanpot as the bench boss.

Back in July, Jerry Keefe, a long-time assistant with NU, was elevated to the head job

after Madigan took over as NU's Director of Athletics and Recreation. Thus Keefe was a member of the coaching staff when Northeastern won those three consecutive titles. And his association with the program goes back even further. He is presently in his 11th season with the NU hockey program.

As a collegian he played at Brown from 1996-2000, completing his college days with 98 points in 102 games (30-68-98). He later played in the minors and in Europe before embarking on a coaching career that featured stops at Westfield State, UMass-Boston and Brown.

Also seeking his first Beanpot championship as a head coach will be his counterpart at Boston University — Albie O'Connell, who will be making his third try for a title. He is a BU alum who also served as an assistant prior to being named head coach. In June 2018 — three years after the Terriers last won the Beanpot. His promotion came after David Quinn was named the head coach of the New York Rangers. He is now the head coach of Team USA that is currently participating in the Winter Olympics in China.

O'Connell, a native of Watertown, previously played for BU and was the captain of the 1998-1999 team on Commonwealth Avenue. During his playing career BU, the Terriers won four consecutive Beanpots, gained a berth in the NCAA Frozen Four twice and reached the national championship game during his sophomore season.

Throughout his four years on the ice at BU (1995-1999), he played in 149 games for legendary coach Jack Parker, amassing 108 points with 49 goals and 66 assists. During his senior season he led the team in scoring with 39 points (9 goals and 30 assists).

After his playing days had concluded, he had a long and varied career as an assistant coach, serving at Colby, Niagara University, Holy Cross, Merrimack, Northeastern and Harvard before coming back to his alma mater in 2014. Four years later David Quinn left to take over the New York Rangers and O'Connell was promoted.

He is the latest in a long line of alumni head coaches for the Terriers, with a BU graduate serving as the head coach of the program for 74 of the past 75 years.

The two teams will be playing for the 45th time in the Beanpot when they take the ice for the championship game. BU owns what appears to be a decisive 33-11 advantage in the previous 44 encounters. But that is over the long haul.

If you want to go with more recent time pick Northeastern, a team that will be looking to extending its winning streak in Beanpot championship games to four consecutive victories.

If you want to go with history, go with BU. But it will be history. The Terriers have won the title only twice in fairly recent times (2009 and 2015). It will be BU's goal to bring history to life on championship night.