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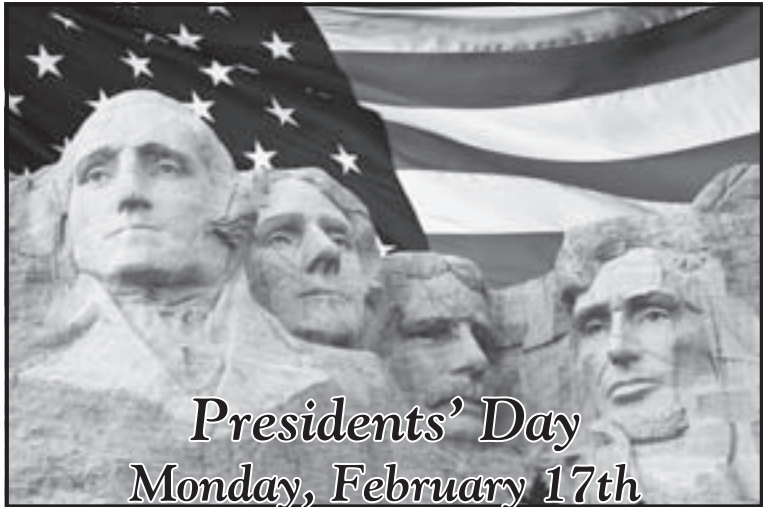
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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### ***GOP Lawmaker in Montana Says Constitution Allows Killing Socialists***

I kid you not. The above headline for this item is real news. Recently, State Rep. Rodney Garcia, (R-Montana), told a Republican crowd he believes the U.S. Constitution says socialists can be jailed or shot for just being socialists. He said this baloney at a campaign stop and repeated it to a local newspaper reporter.

The state party immediately went after him. Garcia reportedly believes there are socialists everywhere. The reporter apparently caught off guard by these remarks asked him to clarify his remarks and Garcia just doubled down on what he said.

By the way, Garcia was asked where in the Constitution it says socialists can be shot for just being socialists. He was unable to say where in the Constitution it says anyone has a right to shoot a socialist. It couldn't be found because it isn't in there. He was peddling fake news and didn't even seem to know what he was talking about.

How did this guy ever get elected in the first place?

### ***Ted Cruz Now Podcast Star***

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz decided to start his own podcast at the conclusion of each day's Senate Impeachment Trial closing. The trial ends and he runs to his podcast studio to explain what's going on. He has lots of followers too.

I assume the podcast is also reigniting Cruz's political future. Cruz also has a good sense of humor, something rare these days in Washington, DC

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## Bernie Edges Buttigieg, Klobuchar Close Third

by Sal Giarratani

The results of New Hampshire's first in the nation presidential primary are in and unlike the Iowa caucuses, we have a winner. U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (27%), who edged out former Mayor Pete Buttigieg (24%) of South Bend, IN, with U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, D-MI. (20%). Trailing far behind was U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (9%). and former V.P. Joe Biden (8%) Warren's campaign thought their candidate would be fighting for the top spot but that never materialized. While voters were still voting Biden fled the state early for greener pastures in South Carolina.

Sanders in his victory speech stated that the results of New Hampshire's vote "is the beginning of the end for Donald Trump." While Mayor Pete's reaction was to say the campaign moves on to Nevada and South Carolina and we will welcome new allies to our movement at every step."

The most energized candidate following the voting results had to be Klobuchar who declared, "We have beaten the odds at every step of the way." She is also now the leading woman in the race supplanting Warren.

All the candidates moving on will be awaiting the arrival of Mike Bloomberg on Super Tuesday, flush with his cash and more moderate message which he hopes will resonate with voters during this primary season. Bloomberg could actually be the biggest Democrat winner in New Hampshire without even having been on the ballot. Joe Biden certainly looked like the biggest loser in the Granite State as he live-streamed from South Carolina



**U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, D-MI; Mayor Pete Buttigieg, D-South Bend, IN; U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, D-MA; former V.P. Joe Biden; and Senator Bernie Sanders, D-VT**

to all his supporters still back at his NH headquarters telling them, "We'll be back to defeat Donald Trump."

WHAT'S NEXT? The Nevada caucuses are on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by the South Carolina primary on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Even before the polls closed, Warren's campaign seemed already shifting to Super Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, when 14 states, including Massachusetts, will draw significantly much more delegates.

Warren's latest spin seems to that this could be another drawn out primary fight lasting perhaps until convention time. A good spin for a candidate on a bad night at the polls.

The voter turnout this year in the Democrat primary was pretty flat, in fact, the turnout was below the 2016 turnout when Sanders walloped Hillary Clinton by 22 percent margin.

The Democrat Party appears to be at odds with each other. There's a battle raging between the centrist party establishment and the democrat socialist left. Will the establishment allow

Sanders to take the nomination or will the center of the party get behind a more centrist candidate like Buttigieg, Klobuchar, or someone else?

Many Democrats feel that if it's Sanders versus Trump, Trump wins and wins big. Is this country ready for an avowed socialist who honeymooned in the old Soviet Union. The polls thus far say not going to happen. We shall see.

Meanwhile, the biggest winner of the night was President Donald Trump who easily defeated former Gov. Bill Weld by more than 90 percent. Many of Weld supporters seemingly were actual anti-Trump Democrats who heeded Weld's advice, crossed over to the GOP ballot to vote for Weld. The energy on election night was evident on both sides, but much higher with Republicans.

Warren maybe right about a long nomination battle between the candidates, but she may not hang in there that much longer unless she starts to stop the electoral bleeding and soon.

## Nazzaro Building

### ***Boston Architectural College Gateway Project Study Report***

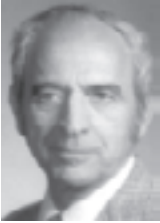


Please join us for the presentation of a design investigation of how the Nazzaro Building can remain a vital part of the North End Community on **Friday, February 21 at 7:00 pm at the Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennet St., North End, Boston**, the Gateway Program of the Boston Architectural College will be presenting the second phase of its study report on the Nazzaro Building. The Gateway Program team consists of BAC students who have been studying the history and current and potential future uses of the Nazzaro Building within the North End Community with the goal of keeping the building in community use. The presentation is open to all — please join us!

Stirpe  
Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



MITHRAS



A depiction of Mithras with Persian dress slaying the sacred bull at the Vatican Museum in Rome.

Mithras was the Persian counterpart to the Greek god Helios and the Roman god Sol. He was the Persian deity of light, earthly wisdom, chief of the good spirits, and ruler who conquered all the demons of darkness. After the death of Alexander the Great, the worship of Mithras was mixed with customs that were common in Western Asia, and then it extended to all Oriental kingdoms. Mithras is credited with killing the divine bull, from whose body sprang all of the plants and animals that are beneficial to man. The Greeks of Asia Minor identified Mithras with Helios and thereby contributed to the spread of his worship.

The adoration of this Persian deity was introduced into Rome about 70 B.C. by Sicilian pirates who were at that time masters of the Mediterranean, and during the early Empire, it spread rapidly throughout all of the provinces. His worship was favored by the Roman soldiers and remained nationally popular until the end of the fourth century.

Striking parallels have been noted between Mithraism and Christianity, especially in humility, brotherly love, communion, the use of holy water, the adoptions of Sundays and December 25<sup>th</sup> as holy days, belief in the immortality of the soul, the Last Judgment and the Resurrection.

Mithras is believed to have been born from the rocks, and therefore he is worshipped in caves, such as have existed in

all parts of the Roman Empire. The use of a cave signifies the world into which the soul must enter in order to be purified by many trials before leaving it. Those who were initiated into the mysteries of Mithras were required to undergo a lengthy series of increasingly difficult tests. A display of a fear-less and unconquerable spirit was required to be maintained in the face of fire, water, hunger, thirst, scouring, and solitude and all of this was only preparatory to the real initiation, which is said to have been terrifying.

Mithras is often represented as a young invincible hero, stabbing a bull or standing upon a bull that he has just thrown to the ground. The sacrifice of a bull and the purification of his worshippers with bull's blood formed a part of the rites of Mithras.

This ancient Roman ceremony was called "Taurobolium" — Tauro meaning bull, and bolium meaning to throw (no pun intended). In this ritual, a bull was sacrificed while standing on a high wooden platform. The blood of the bull was caused to flow down through the cracks in the floor to shower old Romans who were standing below. The philosophy regarding the ceremony is noted in the Latin expression "Taurobolio in aeternum renatus." This translates into "Those who have been anointed with this blood will enjoy renewed sexual vitality and the stamina of a bull for the rest of their lives."

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*Luna and Aurora*

Watertown Sons of Italy To Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Attorney Philip J. Privitera and

The Privitera Family Charitable Foundation Named Centennial Honorees

This year, 2020, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lodge Piave Fiume #1036 of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, located in the Town of Watertown. The Piave Fiume Lodge was founded in 1920 by 20 Italian immigrants living in Watertown, Massachusetts. Over the years, the Lodge has met at various locations, including: a backroom of a Nichols Avenue grocery store (its original location), the Windsor Club, the Eagles Hall, and Whitney Plaza. It wasn't until 1974, that a new building was constructed at 520 Pleasant Street, and became the permanent home of the Watertown Sons of Italy.

Over the century, Watertown's Piave Fiume Lodge has been a beacon for Italians and Italian-Americans to gather, socialize, and more importantly, take part in the Order Sons of Italy's charitable endeavors. Consistently, tens of thousands of dollars are raised and donated annually, to many deserving charities, scholarships, and other non-profit causes, including: the Cooley's Anemia Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association, the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, Watertown Youth Sports, and many more.

"The Lodge has been an intricate part of the Watertown community," says Antonio Mastantuono, president of the Watertown Sons of Italy, "from holding fundraising events, to providing scholarships, to donating its function hall to charitable causes. I am honored to be the co-chair of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, and to be the current sitting President during the Centennial year."

To celebrate this historic event, the Piave Fiume lodge will host an Anniversary Gala on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The Gala is made possible by the generosity of Centennial sponsor Attorney Philip J. Privitera, the Sons of Italy National Recording Secretary. "It's an honor to help the Piave Fiume Lodge make its Centennial Celebration as grand as possible," Privitera explained, "some of the first brothers and sisters I ever met in the Order were from



L-R: Chair of the Privitera Family Charitable Foundation Attorney Philip J. Privitera and National President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Nancy DiFiore Quinn

the Watertown Lodge, and some of my closest friends to this very day remain from Watertown. Like all brothers and sisters, we may not always see eye-to-eye, but Watertown has always been there for me, and I will always be there for Watertown."

Privitera is sponsoring the Centennial Gala as a dedication to the memory of his mother, Jennie "Jean" Privitera (1936 – 2008). Jennie Privitera adored her brothers and sisters from the Piave Fiume Lodge, as well as, the fraternal time she shared with them at events in Watertown's elegant ballroom. Jennie was known to say that Watertown epitomized all the great qualities she loved about her Italian Heritage.

The late Jennie Privitera founded the Privitera Family Charitable Foundation which, over the years, funded both State and National scholarships for the Sons of Italy, as well as scholarships for numerous other Italian American organizations, including The Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, The Pirandello Lyceum, and others. The Privitera Foundation has also donated to the Cooley's Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Doug Flutie Jr. Autism Foundation. In addition, the foundation has donated several statues of Italian-Americans in the Boston area.

The Patriarch of the Privitera Family, 88-year-old Francis D. Privitera, congratulated the Lodge on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and stated, "it's an honor for the Privitera Family and our

Foundation to be an integral part of the Piave Fiume Centennial. We are so proud of our Italian roots and heritage, and the Piave Fiume Sons of Italy Lodge is an organization that is extraordinarily rich in both Italian culture and charity."

The Gala event will feature a dinner reception, live music by Pane e Cioccolato from New York, and special guests including the National President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Nancy DiFiore Quinn. Tickets and program book advertisements are available to support the cause.

**About the Organization:**

The Watertown Sons of Italy is a non-profit, 501(c)8 fraternal organization established in 1920. It is an affiliate lodge of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. It provides a place for members and their families to celebrate the Italian Heritage, socialize, enjoy activities, and raise funds to support educational and charitable causes. It holds several social events during the year for members and nonmembers alike. Membership is open to everyone.

More information about the organization is available at [www.WatertownSonsofItaly.org](http://www.WatertownSonsofItaly.org).

**About the Sponsor:**

The Privitera Family Charity Foundation is an independent, 501 (c)3 charitable organization. It supports and donates to Italian and non-Italian organizations alike. It has donated funds for several scholarships, educational prizes, causes, charities, and several statues around Boston (including Tony DeMarco in Boston's North End; St. Thomas More, at Boston College Law School, Newton; and Dante Alighieri, in Cambridge).

The Privitera Foundation was founded by Jennie "Jean" Privitera, and is maintained in her memory and honor, under the leadership of her son Philip, to the present day. Despite a premature death from an incurable illness, Jennie fought every day to help people and to make the world a better place.

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Keep Your Valentine Flowers Looking Their Best

by Melinda Myers

Nothing says Happy Valentine's Day like a fresh bouquet of flowers. Make sure your gift provides many days of enjoyment by selecting the freshest flowers and providing the best possible care.

Take some time to evaluate the quality of the cut flowers you plan to purchase. Select fresh flowers with upright and perky flowers and lots of firm buds that are just starting to open. Avoid flowers sitting in foul smelling water with drooping leaves and discolored slimy stems.

Consider color and fragrance as well as freshness. Many people love the sweet fragrance of roses, carnations and lilies. Some varieties are more fragrant than others, so you'll need to do the nose test. Other individuals prefer to look at and not smell their beautiful arrangement. For them, select non-fragrant varieties and other flowers like hydrangea, alstroemeria, gerbera daisies and lisianthus that lack a strong fragrance.

Select their favorite color or perhaps one that sends a message. Red is often used to represent love and passion, pink for happiness and sometimes love, yellow for friendship and cheer, and peach for gratitude. Include a card to make sure the message and sentiments are received.

Roses are a Valentine favorite, but a dozen may be out of reach for your budget. A single rose in a bud vase or large bloom floating in a shallow vase can bring a bit of beauty and lots of enjoyment to you or the recipient. Or add a few roses to your bouquet of other colorful flowers.

Once you make your selection, ask the florist to include a packet of floral preservative and wrap your flowers. This protects them from extreme temperatures and jostling during the ride home.

Extend the life of your floral gift with a few key steps before placing the flowers in a vase.

Remove the lower leaves, so just the leafless stems are sitting in the water. This minimizes bacterial growth that can shorten the vase life of cut flowers. Re-cut the stems and arrange your blossoms in a clean vase filled with fresh water and floral preservative. Cutting the stems on an angle increases the amount of exposed surface area to absorb water.

Change the water, clean the vase if needed, re-cut the stems and add floral preservative every two to three days. Remove any flowers that have faded to keep your arrangement looking its best. Doing this can double the life of your cut flowers.

Further extend the vase life of cut flowers by displaying them in a cool, draft-free location. Or move them to a cooler spot at night and back in a prominent spot during the day.

Even if you do everything right, roses sometimes bend or droop at the neck and disappoit. This can happen if they have not received enough water at some point between harvest and your vase.

Fortunately, there is a way to revive roses. Remove the roses from the vase. Re-cut the stems and submerge the whole rose — stem, leaves, flowers and all — in a sink or tub of warm water. Leave the roses submerged for 30 minutes.

Clean and refill the vase with fresh water and a bit of floral preservative. Re-cut the stems on a slant, underwater if possible, and place the roses back in the vase. You will have perky fresh roses to enjoy for a week or more.

And pick up an additional bouquet for yourself. Fresh flowers are a great way to brighten your home and lift your spirits.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is: www.MelindaMyers.com.



Adding a few roses to bouquets with less fragrant flowers, like hydrangea, will add the aroma that many people desire when receiving a floral arrangement.

(Photo by Melinda Myers, LLC)

N.E.A.D. Benefit Dinner at Domenic's Restaurant



N.E.A.D. Board members and friends with Domenic's Chef and Owner Damien DiPaola (middle, red headband) in front of the Restaurant



Damien DiPaola, Owner and Chef of Domenic's Restaurant

North End Against Drugs (N.E.A.D.) held a tremendously successful benefit dinner on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at Domenic's Restaurant thanks to the generosity of Damien DiPaola, who is the Owner/Chef. The restaurant located at 54 Salem Street in the North End, donated 100% of the proceeds which will benefit North End Against Drugs' programs for youth, teens, and families in the North End.

The event was extremely successful with close to 100 friends and family showing up to support a great program. The food was unbelievable, the atmosphere was fun, and classic old world North End, just like the old days!

"North End Against Drugs is grateful to Damien for his generosity. He is a fabulous chef and is offering his talents, his restaurant, and this wonderful opportunity for us to raise much needed funds and we are truly thankful." stated N.E.A.D. President John Romano.

This was a very important evening to raise money for a very good cause. A lot of us have

been affected by someone close to us, a friend or relative that has been affected one way or another by drug use." stated Damien DiPaola, "Whatever little we can do, does make a big difference."

The best part of the evening was that friends old and new came out to support us, stated N.E.A.D. President John Romano, including members of the original N.E.A.D. board and the first N.E.A.D. president, Joe Sgarano. It was a family atmosphere which is exactly what the group's motto is: "It's All About Family."

The event raised just about \$5000.00, an overwhelming amount of support for the small non-profit who is celebrating its' 31<sup>st</sup> year! Hat's off to Damien and his wonderful staff for all their hard work and dedication to the youth and families of the North End.



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# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Letting Love in Our Lives

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 Friday, 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, in 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 chose 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 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 radiated 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 Giarratani

## Wonder Woman, Greek Mythology, And OMG

I loved watching *Wonder Woman* recently. It came out a few years back and I heard the next *Wonder Woman* movie is coming out around June to be called *Wonder Woman 1984*. I can't wait to see it.

*Wonder Woman* was a great movie; good plot, good action, and a great looking *Wonder Woman* making it a great guy movie. As I watched it, the whole story line concerning Greek mythology started making me think.

When we think about the Greek gods in Ancient Greece, we remember there were so many gods. A god for this and a god for that. Greeks thought there was a god for almost anything you could think of. I loved that computer-generated battle between *Wonder Woman* and Ares the God of War. Also, I found out in the movie that *Wonder Woman* was the daughter of a god, making her a mini-god.

Now, we have one God, calling him different names depending on your faith. Most religions believe in the devil, Satan or Lucifer. In many ways, one could consider Lucifer to be the god of war, hatred and all things evil.

I am a Catholic and we have saints. They aren't God. We pray to them for favors or wants. Whenever I lose something, I pray to St. Anthony to help me find lost items. Some pray to St. Lucy if they have sight issues, etc. I wonder if an ancient Greek philosopher were to re-appear in 2020, would he see any similarities between Greek mythology and our religious beliefs today?

In ancient Greek mythology the gods never made anyone do anything, they just planted ideas in the minds of folks. These gods never started trouble, they just planted the seeds within us. I see a real connection between Lucifer and those

gods of mythology. Lucifer seeks out victims to do bad things. You know that old saying about how the devil made me do it? However, in reality, we are responsible for our actions, no one else. All of us are born good and bad. Our human nature is weak. We fail often and endlessly. However, we have the capacity to overcome our weaknesses. Our track record isn't great, but we can find our better angels within us.

Why do we believe in something bigger than us whether in Ancient Greece or modern-day America? We need to believe that this life of ours means something important. We didn't just randomly land here one day in our mother's womb. We need to know our roots are much bigger than that. I also wonder if the ancient Greeks didn't pray to the same God, we do today. Maybe their understanding was just different. Remember as we continue to grow and understand who God is, we grow in our understanding of Him. We see Him differently

From time to time, even the best of us has our faith challenged. Is there even a God? Why did He create us? What is the purpose of our lives? Is this earthly existence all there is? We search and search for meaning in our daily existence. All of us, including *Wonder Woman*, have a need to believe in a Higher Source. It is who we are.

Someone famous whose name I have ironically forgotten once said, "I live as if there is a God because the alternative is far worse." Amazing what I got out of watching that *Wonder Woman* movie, especially that line by *Wonder Woman* who finally realized at the movie's end that our emotion of Love is greater than all our lesser emotions. We are all redeemable not matter how badly we have acted.



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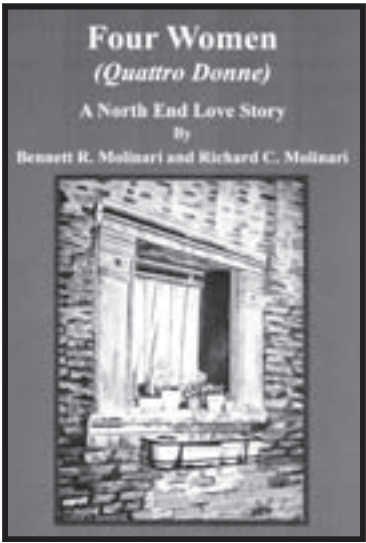
subtitle, **A North End Love Story**

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

Fenway Park (continued)

It was then two teenage girls sitting behind us made their move. Betty, a strawberry blonde with a Veronica Lake look-alike hairdo and too much makeup, grabbed Anthony by the arm while shouting in his ear, “Hi Doll, want to buy me a hot dog?” Cindy, a busty brunette done up like Jane Russell, was all over Pietro. “I heard you speaking. You’re Italian, aren’t you? I love your accent, it’s so sexy.” Anthony and Pietro looked at each other, shrugged their shoulders and decided to have some fun. Pietro stood on his seat, reached over to Cindy, and maneuvered her onto his seat and onto his lap. Anthony, who was younger and smaller, could not manage the same move, but liked what Pietro managed to accomplish. He improvised by asking Betty to step over the back of his seat, into his aisle, and onto his lap. Betty was obliging. All the while being the younger brothers, we kept yelling out, “When Mom returns and sees what you’re doing, she’s going to be really mad!”

Just as everyone was settling into their new seating arrangements, a voice could be heard above the crowd. It was Mom returning with the peanuts. “What the hell is going on?” She shouted, taking Cindy by the arm. She shouted again, “What’s going on? Who are these floozies?” Cindy pulled away and quickly shouted back, “Who are you, their grandmother?” Now she was in for it. Cindy hit the wrong nerve, the age nerve. It was not going to be pretty. Mom dumped her peanuts on Cindy and tossed the box at Betty. Anthony and Pietro were up in a flash, leaving the girls in the seats they once occupied as couples. “Isn’t this a pretty picture!” Yelled Mom. “Two floozies trying to tempt a priest and a young boy!” The word priest hit Cindy like an electric shock.



“You’re a priest!” She shouted. “You’re going to make me go to hell!” Pietro was now half out of his mind with Mom’s insistence on calling him a priest. “I’m not a priest. Why does everyone keep calling me a priest?” By this time, Cindy and Betty were lifting their skirts to climb back into their seats. Cindy kept shaking her rear end in Pietro’s face driving Mom crazy. Mom yelled out, “You’re tempting him again!” While she was saying this, Pietro was trying to steady Cindy by holding on to her rear end. Anthony was attempting the same maneuver when Mom gave him a whack on the back of his head, cutting him short, while at the same time telling Pietro, “Priests don’t act that way. Leave her rear end alone.” Mom shouted out to Anthony, “You’re going to get it when we return home!” He tried to put on a brave face, but he knew what Mom meant. She would tell Dad everything, and Dad who we sometimes called the Pilgrim because of his puritanical tendencies, was not going to like Anthony’s latest antics. Even Pietro was looking a bit sheepish at Mom’s threat.

While all this was going on, the National Anthem began. Gradually, we all settled down out of respect for the flag. While

the anthem was playing, Mom kept looking at Pietro with a look that seemed to be saying, “What’s going on with you?” The sight of Cindy sitting on his lap was setting off warning signals in her head, confirming an uneasy suspicion that was now identified (Is Pietro meant to be a priest?) As for Anthony, she figured sooner, or later girls would be in his life. She would prefer a little later, but she knew Dad would straighten him out. Pietro, on the other hand, was planning to be a priest, so what was Cindy doing on his lap?

The umpire yelled out, “Play ball!” All our attention quickly turned to the game. The booing from the crowd clearly announced that the Yankees were at bat. Mom began booing. The incident was over, at least for the moment. When Joe DiMaggio finally came on deck, you could feel the electricity in the stands with every practice swing he took. The crowd erupted in cheers. Yankee or Red Sox fan, everyone cheered for “The Yankee Clipper.” As the game proceeded, the Red Sox took a 7 to 1 lead which faded by the eighth inning when the game was tied 7-7; DiMaggio contributing 3 of the Yankees’ runs. Once again, DiMaggio was at bat, it felt like the calm before the eruption. The pitcher fired one across the plate. “Strike one!” The umpire shouted. DiMaggio, stepped out of the batter’s box, returned in a second, cocked his bat, and waited for the next pitch. The crowd was screaming. He swings, the unmistakable crack of the bat, announcing he was back for real. He knocked a two-run homer over the Green Monster, winning the game for the Yankees, 9-7, an all-too-familiar scenario that Boston fans had to once again suck up. Any goodwill generated by DiMaggio for the Yankees went down the toilet with that homer.

**Saint Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa**

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Nazaria was born on January 10, 1889 in Madrid the fourth of ten children to José Alejandro March Reus and Nazaria de Mesa Ramos de Peralta. Nazaria made her First Communion on Nov. 21, 1898, and made a personal vow of consecration to God. Unlike many children who are drawn to religious life at an early age, her family was indifferent to the faith, and grew so tired of her devotions that they once prevented her from going to Mass. By the time she was confirmed on March 15, 1902, her family had grown used to her piety, and allowed her to join the Franciscan Third Order and more actively practice her faith. She succeeded in getting several of them to return to the Church.

In late 1904, business disappointments drove the family to move to Mexico. It was there that she joined the Little Sisters of the Abandoned Elderly on July 12, 1908. She was sent to Oruro in Bolivia where she tended to the old and ill from 1908. In 1912, she was sent to Spain to do her novitiate which she did in Palencia. Nazaria assumed the habit on

December 9, 1909, as well as the religious name of “Nazaria of Saint Teresa of Jesus”. She returned to Oruro with nine other religious on December 23, 1912. She made her solemn profession on January 1, 1915.



Nazaria later met Monsignor Filippo Cortesi who expressed his desire to found a religious congregation dedicated to re-Christianizing the world. Nazaria left the order on June 16, 1925 to found a new religious congregation. Nazaria founded the Missionaries of the Crusade on December 12, 1926, and it later received diocesan approval on February 12, 1927, while later receiving the decree of praise from Pope Pius XI on June 8, 1935, and papal approval from Pope Pius XII on June 9, 1947 which happened after her death.

Nazaria travelled to Madrid in 1935 where she founded a home for the spiritual exercises to be run but left due to the dangerous and anti-religious Spanish Civil War.

The nun arrived in Buenos Aires in 1938. Her illness did not prevent her from taking part in the General Chapter held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1943. She started to suffer from pneumonia on May 14, 1943, and was admitted to the Rivadavia hospital to recuperate, her condition worsened over the next two months before her death.

Her order now operates in places such as Portugal and Equatorial Guinea and as of 2005 had 415 religious in a total of 79 houses.

Sister Nazaria was Canonized on October 14, 2018, by Pope Francis. The Feast Day of Saint Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa is July 6<sup>th</sup>.

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# The Real Christopher Columbus Story

by Carol Delaney, Ph.D.

The following excerpt is taken from Anthropologist Carol Delaney, Ph.D., book *Columbus Quest for Jerusalem*. Part five of a six part series.

PART V  
Columbus the Monk  
And the Third Voyage

Columbus the Monk!! Hardly the image we have of the man today!

The Indians with him were baptized and thus not enslaved. He petitioned the sovereigns to send another voyage and this time they authorized not only the construction of a settlement but also in clear departure from their earlier idea of just a trading post, said they could make grants of land to the settlers. Thus it was Isabella, not Columbus who instituted the *encomienda* system which heralded the beginning of imperial design on the New World.

THE THIRD VOYAGE

Finally, on May 30, 1498, he set sail on the 3<sup>rd</sup> voyage. Three ships would go with him and sail farther south while three others three would go straight to Hispaniola. Unfortunately, these went off course and landed on the far side of the island where a reel group under a man named Roldan were holed up.

Roldan and the men with him went of rampages, raping and pillaging. All of this was unknown to Columbus who was sailing along what is now Panama, Venezuela, and the north coast of South America. Along that coast he thought he was near the Terrestrial Paradise (Garden of Eden) the discovery of which was a sign that the End Time was near.

In the meantime, the sovereigns had sent Francisco de Bobadilla to the settlement to check on the situation. It was a terrible choice as he “already had a reputation for being harsh and had been sued by the citizens of the towns he commanded” in Spain.

When Bobadilla got to La Isabella he saw that two of the Spaniards had been hung. Columbus had ordered their deaths because those men had done terrible things to the natives and he wanted to set an example that such behavior would not be tolerated.



His job was to go exploring, to find the Grand Khan: he thought the men he left in charge would follow his instructions ... but they just did whatever they pleased and are responsible for the terrible things that occurred.

Here a short digression. I would like to say that as far as we know Columbus never killed a native, or took a native woman, or had a slave, yet Bartholome de las Casas who is revered as the “Defender of the Indians” had slaves, had several *encomiendas* that were worked by slaves, and did not begin to change his views about slavery until years after Columbus’s death. But then it was only about the indigenous people in the Caribbean because he suggested that the colonists import Blacks from Africa instead!

When Columbus finally arrived back at La Isabella, Bobadilla captured him and put him in chains. His brothers were already enchained and on board a ship ready to return to Spain. Columbus knew nothing of this and when guards came to get him he feared they were going to behead him. Instead they were all sent back to Spain but on different ships. With Columbus out of the way, Bobadilla took up residence in Columbus’s house, confiscated all his belongings, and told his men they could take all the gold and women they wanted. Under his rule many more natives were killed.

Back in Spain. The Queen ordered that the chains be removed, told him she had not ordered his capture, and promised to replace Bobidilla. Shortly, she sent Nicholas Ovando with 35 ships and 2,500 colonists and appointed him Governor over the lands

Columbus had discovered — thus stripping Columbus of that title.

While recuperating Columbus turned his attention to the spiritual matter he considered of utmost importance — the apocalyptic significance of his discoveries. He wrote:

“Here begins the book or handbook of sources, statements, and prophecies on the subject of the recuperation of God’s Holy City and Mount Zion and on the discovery evangelization of the islands of the Indies and of all other peoples and nations.”

This came to be known as the *Book of Prophecies*. That book, written in Latin, is the most explicit and extensive expression of his quest for the liberation of Jerusalem. It remained unpublished for almost 400 years. In 1892, only a few copies of the Latin version were printed. Another hundred years went by before it was published in any modern language.

The English translation appeared during the Quincennial in 1992. Few people know about it, even fewer have read it.

For years Columbus had been collecting passages from the Bible and other religious sources which showed that the discovery of the islands was foretold and a sign of the impending end of the world. For example: God says:

“I will set a sign among them ... To the islands afar off, to them that have not heard of me and have not seen my glory.” (Isaiah 66:19)

Next to especially important passages he drew a finger pointing to it, as we would underline or put a post-it.

While Ovando was lording it over La Isabella, Columbus was allowed to make a fourth voyage but he had only 14 ships and 135 men. Isabella warned that he could not stop at Hispaniola, the very island he had discovered. He took his 12-year-old son Ferdinand with him.

## Pet News from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

### Five Fun Ways to Spend Valentine’s Day with Your Dog



Love is in the air between you and your pet this Valentine’s Day.

Between all the paper hearts, bouquets of roses, and boxes of chocolates don’t forget about the furry family member that loves you unconditionally. Your pet is your biggest supporter and number one fan, and a special Valentine’s Day is the perfect way to show you care.

Chocolate is obviously a bad idea and roses would be unappreciated, but there are other ways you and your furry/feathery/scaly friend can mark the holiday.

1. **Do something they love to do.** If your dog’s version of the perfect day involves running laps at the dog park, take him! If he or she loves going on long walks more than anything else, lace up your shoes and get going. Your cat would leap for joy if you joint in on their playtime, and even birds have favorite games they like to play. Whatever you do, remember it’s all about them. Try not to think about that co-worker that’s been stealing your lunch or the gift you still need to buy for your brother’s birthday. Just relax and enjoy spending time with your pet.

2. **Spoil them with a special treat.** You should steer clear of the candy aisle when pick-

ing out the perfect V-day treat for your furry friend, but don’t think your options are limited. Pet bakeries are popping up all across the country, and they’re serving up seriously delicious treats catered to animal’s dietary restrictions.

You can even whip up your own batch of pup cakes, muffins, or biscuits.

3. **Let them pick out a new toy.** Kids love going to the toy store and picking out what they want, and your pet is no different. Stores like Petco and Petsmart have an open door policy for leashed pets, and dogs and cats are always allowed to peruse the shelves.

Let them explore the store and take their time picking out the perfect toy. They’ll be so excited to take it home and start playing.

4. **Arrange a play date.** Valentine’s Day may be all about the love you share for each other, but the more the merrier. If your pet enjoys playing with others of his same species, invite his friends over for a good time. Puppy play dates are always fun for everyone involved. And even cats like playing with other friendly felines.

5. **Have a professional photo shoot.** Your phone’s photo gallery is already full of adorable pictures of your pets, but professional pet portraits are priceless keepsakes. Stores like JC Penny offer pet portrait packages, and it’s not hard to find professional photographers that specialize in taking pictures of dogs, cats, and other animals. Make it a big deal by taking them to be groomed and pampered beforehand, and don’t be afraid to get in front of the camera yourself. You don’t want to miss out on this opportunity. Don’t forget that on that play-date with your dog (and your dog’s friend).

Whether you look forward to February 14<sup>th</sup> every year or not, think outside the chocolate box when planning the perfect Valentine’s Day with your pet. Get creative and remember the most important thing is to let them know they’re loved and appreciated.

It’s not about plush toys, floral arrangements, rope toys, baked goods or even the new Ellen DeGeneres pet collections! This special day is about spending time with your best friend!

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## NEWPOLI

### ITALIAN WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at the City Winery



(Photo by Liz Linder Photography)

Newpoli crosses through time, culture, and musical styles as it performs 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 around 2003, by a group of Italian immigrants in Boston, MA. Now, over 15 years later they have toured all across the states and at home in Italy. They have recorded five CD's as of 2018. On their latest album Newpoli draws on southern Italy's deep traditions and trans-Mediterranean connections to humanize migrants.

Newpoli's Carmen Marsico, Angela Rossi and Fabio Pirozzolo grew up hearing the ornaments and songs in their corner of southern Italy, Campania and Basilicata: The ballads and women's songs vibrating with intricate ornaments, the voices raised at church or in kitchens to the thrum of the tamborello. Yet over time, they and their musical kindred spirits in the Boston-based band began to hear other things, the micro-tonal and rhythmic moments that hinted at a wider musical world.

From bare field recordings to passionately arranged traditional and original pieces, Newpoli traces and expands these sounds on Mediterraneo. Chants, pizzicas, and taran-

tellas (the latter performed to counteract the stultifying effects of spider bites) cross paths with new songs and tunes and instruments, insisting we bond more closely with both neighbors and the newcomers in our midst.

The wider geographic resonances of very regional traditions mirrors 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" / "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."

Newpoli Italian World Music Ensemble Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m., at the City Winery, 80 Beverly Street at One Canal, Boston, MA.

For more information and tickets go to: [www.newpoli-music.com](http://www.newpoli-music.com). Reserved seating.



## On the Aisle

### THEATRE NOTES

BY BOBBY FRANKLIN

### Pulitzer Prize Winning SWEAT

Extended Through March 1 - At The Huntington Theatre

Huntington Theatre Company has announced the extension of the Boston premiere of the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *Sweat*.

Due to high ticket demand, this "breathtakingly timely" (*The Wall Street Journal*), Tony Award-nominated play by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Lynn Nottage and directed by Kimberly Senior (*The Nieces at the Huntington*, *Disgraced on Broadway*) will now run at the Huntington Avenue Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston from Friday, January 31, 2020 through Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Five new performances have been added; the dates are Thursday, February 27 at 7:30pm; Friday, February 28 at 8pm; Saturday February 29 at 2pm and 8pm; and Sunday, March 1 at 2pm.

Hailed as "a gripping play with humor and humanity" by *Time Out New York*, *Sweat* is based on playwright Lynn Nottage's interviews with residents of Reading, Pennsylvania. The play chronicles years in the lives of a group of friends from this working-class community who are struggling to stay connected as the local factory industry, which has employed them for generations, crumbles. In a neighborhood bar, each of them reaches for their piece of the American dream while their friendships are put to the test.

Nottage weaves a tale of trust and doubt, longtime bonds and short-term possibilities. *The New York Times* raves "Superb...Nottage is writing at the peak of her powers."

*Sweat* was first performed at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in 2015, the following year it opened Off-Broadway at The Public Theater and transferred to Broadway at the beginning of 2017. After a run on Broadway, numerous regional productions throughout the United States and a stop at London's West End, *Sweat* comes to Boston in this moving and urgently relevant new production. Kimberly Senior (*The Nieces* and the upcoming, *Our Daughters Like Pillars* at the Huntington) takes the reigns of this play that *The New Yorker* designated "the first theatrical landmark of the Trump era" at the beginning of what could be our nation's most important presidential election year in history.

As previously announced, the cast of *Sweat* features (in alphabetical order) Tyla Abercrombie (*Magnolia* at the Goodman Theatre, Showtime's "The Chi") as Cynthia, Norton Award winner Marianna Bassham (*Yerma* and *Romeo*

and *Juliet* at the Huntington) as Jessie, Norton Award winner Brandon G. Green (*An Octoroon* at Company One, *The Scottsboro Boys*

at SpeakEasy Stage Company) as Chris, Shane Kenyon (*Buzzer* at the Goodman Theatre, *Hushabye* at Steppenwolf Theatre Company) as Jason, Norton Award winner Maurice Emmanuel Parent (*Romeo and Juliet*, *Skeleton Crew* at the Huntington) as Evan, Jennifer Regan (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* on Broadway, *How I Learned to Drive* at Second Stage Theatre) as Tracey, Tommy Rivera-Vega (*A View from the Bridge* at Teatro Vista, *Three Sisters* at Steppenwolf Theatre Company) as Oscar and Guy van Swearingen (*The Time of Your Life* and *Taking Care* at Steppenwolf Theatre Company) as Stan. Actor Alvin Keith (*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* on Broadway, *Novenas for a Lost Hospital* at Rattlestick Playwrights Theater) joins the cast as Brucie.

*Sweat* by Lynn Nottage, now through March 1, 2020 at the The Huntington Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Purchase tickets at the Huntington Avenue Theatre Box Office, 264 Huntington Avenue and the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA Box Office, 527 Tremont Street in Boston's South End. Or call 617.266.0800 - On Line: [huntingtontheatre.org](http://huntingtontheatre.org)

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# Little Big Town Graces Bean Town



Country music superstars, Little Big Town came to Boston for the weekend (February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), as part of their *Nightfall Tour*, and left their mark on the Wang Center after two full houses and over two-dozen songs. LBT has come a long way since they got together in 1998, (Jimi Westbrook, Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman, and Phillip Sweet) although it wasn't until 2005 that they struck it big with their platinum single "Boondocks." Now, nearly 15 years have passed and they are still relevant, while spawning #1 hits, including "Girl Crush" written by Stoughton native Lori McKenna, "Better Man" written by Taylor Swift and "Pontoon," plus chart makers as, "Bring It On Home," "Little White Church," "Day Drinking," and "Tornado," as the group's four-part harmony remains in tact.

The night began with the strains of Willie Nelson singing the haunting Nat King Cole classic "Stardust" against a three-dimensional backdrop that set the stage for a night of pleasure. As Little Big Town slowly filtered onto the stage, they proceeded to deliver close to a dozen songs from their album *Nightfall*, along with past number one hits — "Pontoon," "Better Man," and "Girl Crush." Opening with the intimate "Next to You," followed by the album's title track "Nightfall," plus "Sober" and making waves with "Pontoon." If you came to hear LBT's ballads you were not disappointed, if you came to hear them rock — you weren't disappointed, if you came to have a good time ... you definitely weren't disappointed, as their baker's dozen track list was sprinkled with a bit of both and more.

2020 was the year and the success for LBT and their ninth album release *Nightfall*, which the band produced on their own. The album was the basis for their tour, and from the time it hit the charts it has been climbing since. They sang of the good times and the bad

times with cuts of note that included the foot-stomping, "Over Drinking," the soulful "Forever and a Night," and the ballad "Questions," before rocking the aisles with "Little White Church," and "Day Drinking."

Much of their interaction with the audience included how much they loved Boston, and their past performances here. If you wondered if the group has a humorous side, you only had to wait a bit before they delivered it via "Wine, Beer, Whiskey," the latter song cleverly filled with friends with liquor-associated names as "Tito" and "Jack." A salute to Elton John was their excellent cover version of "Rocket Man," followed by the pretty tearjerker "Trouble With Forever." LBT gave a nod to local songwriter Lori McKenna, in attendance, who played a hand in several of the selections on this album, the heart-wrenching "Sugar Coat," and the indecisive yet groovy "Throw Your Love Away." The tasty blend of Sweet and Fairchild's vocals on "River of Stars" was dynamite, trailed by the wind swept "Tornado." A tender moment came with the LBT-penned "Problem Child" which the entire group had a hand in composing, and deals with the trials and tribulations of a person who is different and doesn't feel they fit in. Their initial hit "Boondocks" exploded with the audience joining in profusely as the show wound down with the women-powered, tender "The Daughters," then proceeded to get the audience on their feet with "Stay All Night," before putting the finishing touches on their well-spent hour-and-a-half performance with the Lori McKenna penned "Girl Crush."

Minnesota native and Nashville reborn Caitlyn Smith did a great job as the warm-up act, filling her half hour slot with a few cuts from her upcoming solo album titled *Supernova* expected to hit the streets in March. Smith was perky and likeable as she displayed with her delivery of "Contact High."

## 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

VINCENT "SONNY"  
LoPRESTI, R.I.P.



Back in the late Sixties through 1975, I lived mostly in East Somerville where, of course, I was politically active and was a big supporter of Rep. Marie Howe. I remember how crazy politics were back then. In 1971, I supported Frank Mancini for Ward Three alderman. I think he was 22 years old at the time. He won on his first try. When I was helping Howe, I branched out to other candidates. I remember Vinny LoPresti well, always a great vote getter.

He served for many years as a Somerville alderman and then governor's councilor. It's sad to hear of his recent passing. He was steeped in Somerville politics, but never forgot his West End roots.

There will be a Celebration of Life held at the West End Museum on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, on what would have been his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. Visiting hours between noon and 3:00 p.m. I will be there to pay my respects.

### WIPER BLADES: UP OR DOWN?

In the wintertime when it's cold and snowy, do you leave your wiper blades up or down? Recently, I have seen many folks leaving them up. I still leave them down and in 40 plus years have never had a problem. In a recent survey, it was found that 66 percent of folks today leave them up in the air. Mine are still down and I'm okay with it. How about you out there? What do you think?

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO FEVER?

Back by popular demand, Wednesday Night Bingo for the kiddoes on February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., ages 6 to 9 ONLY. Price includes pizza and drinks. Call Laurie for more information at 617-635-5166.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ...

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley who just turned another year older. I won't blab how old she is. Let's just say she was a child of the '70s and leave it at that.

### WHAT'S UP WITH BILL WELD?

Former Governor Bill Weld, what is he doing in the presidential race? What's up with wasting his time and ours with badmouthing President Trump and running as a Republican to boot? He is so '90s, isn't he? His ship headed out of Black Falcon years ago. However, I did come up with a good campaign motto suitable for billboards and bumper stickers. What do you think: "Welding America Together?" But even a good motto can't help his ship.

### SETH MOULTON ENDORSES JOE BIDEN

I thought for sure that U.S.

Rep. Seth Moulton after dropping out of the presidential race would end up supporting Elizabeth Warren but he didn't. I knew Mayor Pete was out of his picture, too. Ending up with Joe Biden makes sense; a safe choice for him with no personal collateral damage. I assume Moulton still has aspirations of political grandeur. When Biden finally leaves the national stage, Warren will still be here. As for Bernie, he's out too because it would seem the Democratic structure doesn't want Sanders either.

### BAKER SEEKS TO LOWER T FARE EVASION FINES

Governor Charlie Baker has plans to overhaul how the MBTA handles fare-evaders by seeking to slash fines and making it illegal to arrest these lawbreakers. This position is one that has been pushed by advocates concerned about people of color and low-income folk being unfairly targeted by enforcement. What part of fare-evaders doesn't the governor understand? How about those advocates turning to their race cards on this issue.

Lowering the fines doesn't solve anything. Folks who evade fares, jump over the turnstiles, or whatever you call them now, would not evade less but only more. It is a game for these folks. They think they're scoring something. Why our governor doesn't see that is beyond me.

### GIVE BRITTANY HER OWN SHOW

Back in January while driving to work, I put WRKO on and Jeff Kuhner was out sick. Usually when he's out sick, Holly Robichaud fills in for him. When that happens, I usually change stations. Not that I don't agree with her views but she has the worse voice for radio. I can't take it.

Well to my surprise this particular day, it was Brittany Jennings, Jeff's sidekick. She has a great radio voice and I didn't switch stations on that morning.

I am thinking Brittany needs to get her own show. I'm thinking, take off *Kuhner in the Can* on Saturdays and put on *Live with Brittany* instead. Nothing against Robichaud. I always enjoy her printed commentaries, not so much her radio show. **POLICE CHIEFS CAN'T STAND WARREN'S ATTITUDE**

Massachusetts police chiefs are once again at U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren for ignoring their concerns and for her anti-police rhetoric even as she sought their support for her new gun control legislation. The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association fired off a letter to her campaign criticizing her over her police negativity and her refusal to take a phone call to discuss her recent statements.

I wondered like the police chiefs how she could have the audacity to ask for the group's support. Warren continues to find new ways to insult law enforcement.

### POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES YEAR OF THE RAT STAMPS

A new U.S. Postage stamp has been issued in time for the Lunar New Year celebration. The year 2020 is the Year of the

Rat and this rodent ranks first on the Chinese zodiac signs. The rat has characteristics of spirit, wit, alertness, delicacy, flexibility, and vitality. By the way, I was born in the Year of the Rat (1948), my niece Danikka was, too (1972) and my dad (1912). Just saying.

### AS A RETIRED COP I THINK THIS COURT DECISION MAKES SENSE

SJC recently ruled that police must determine if a passenger can drive before seizing a suspect's vehicle. The state's highest court ruled on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, that police must ask arrested drivers whether they want a passenger to drive their car home before officers impound and search the vehicle. The Supreme Judicial Court ruling came in the case against Wilson Goncalves-Mendez, who was arrested on August 4, 2016, in Dorchester after officers pulled him over for a defective brake light and learned there was a warrant for his arrest from a drug case. Police told Goncalves-Mendez his vehicle would be towed, and officers found a gun under the driver's seat during a search. That prompted authorities to charge him with gun violations.

Police just can't randomly stop you and tell you to allow them to search the motor vehicle's interior or the trunk. If they stop you for a taillight infraction and then find out there's a warrant out for you, the only way they can get into your vehicle is by asking your permission to search the trunk. However, if they impound your vehicle to keep it safe, then they can do an inventory search and whatever is found is legally found.

It does make sense that if someone else in the vehicle has a driver's license, with the driver's permission can take it home for him or her. Kind of sucks but that's how the Constitution goes.

### SNAPSHOT OF TASTE OF EASTIE



City Councilor Lydia Edwards and BPD Commissioner William Gross

(Photo by Sal Giaratani) While attending this year's recent Taste of Eastie event over at Logan at the Hilton Hotel, I bumped into City Councilor Lydia Edwards and BPD Commissioner William Gross. The event was packed and many new restaurants were added to this always-great event.

### DOG DAY AFTERNOON ADOPTIONS

First Priority Credit Union will be holding another day of Dog Adoptions on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at its Swift Street East Boston location. Check it out. Remember it's all about the dogs.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Babbononno never knew the actual date that he was born. When asked, he would say, “Era un freddo giorno di febbraio.” (It was a cold day in February.) So, we celebrated each year somewhere in the middle of the month. He knew that his birth year was 1875, and the month was February, but that was it.

Let’s see, that means in February of 1955, he was 80, and it was time for a celebration. I was in my junior year at English High School and had more time to myself during the day than my uncles or father. As a result, I was asked to take my grandfather to downtown Boston and have him pick out a new outfit, from the fedora on his head to a new pair of shoes. The family would chip in but I had to be the escort.

Babbononno was what they used to call a “Dapper Dan.” He loved to dress. He was conservative, but stylish. The only problem was that he was small. At 4’ 11”, he was short, muscular, and hard to fit. I had been going to Filene’s Basement since I was in Junior High School at the Joseph H. Barnes on Marion Street in East Boston. Since attending English High School, I have been befriended by a men’s department salesman in the Basement that was an English High graduate. I first brought Babbononno to meet my friend one afternoon after school.

My friend, who was African American, knew a few phrases in Italian and greeted my grandfather with, “E un piacere conoscerla signor Contini.” (It is a pleasure to meet you Mr. Contini) Babbononno was dumbfounded that a man of color knew his language, and responded with a handshake and a response in English. My friend, Lowell, had his problems from that point on. He did find a dress shirt that fit without alterations being necessary, and a tie that was to Babbononno’s liking. And, he did find a Borsalino fedora that fit his head and a pair of Italian dress shoes that were small enough, but that’s where it ended. He didn’t have any suits that fit him. Everything was too long, so long that alterations were impossible. So, I bought the hat, the shirt, the tie, the shoes and Lowell threw in a belt as a gift, and off we went without a suit.

Babbononno wanted to head to Raymond’s, a department store a block up on Washington Street from Filenes. He claimed that he had a Jewish friend who worked in the men’s department and the friend always took good care of him. Therefore, our next stop was Raymond’s. The men’s department was on the street floor just to the right of the entrance. Once inside, we headed to the men’s suits and a swarm of salesmen converged on us. Babbononno, getting excited or

anxious, yelled, “No, I’m only do biz-ee- nessa widda Sidney.” A man named Sidney was summoned, and as soon as they saw each other, he and Babbononno hugged and exchanged salutations, Babbononno in Italian and Sidney in Yiddish.

For the next hour, Sidney the salesman and Babbononno worked their way through the men’s suits trying to find one that fit Babbononno. I had remembered what Nanna told me before we left East Boston, “Non comprare niente alla sbruffone.” (“Don’t buy anything too flashy.”) This cut the supply down even more until almost all of the offerings in my grandfather’s size were exhausted. When all seemed lost, Sidney came up with a student sized navy blue suit that fit Babbononno as if it was made for him. The only alterations that were needed were to shorten the jacket sleeves and the pants being hemmed at the bottom. The alterations were free, but my grandfather insisted that only Billy the Tailor would be allowed to touch his new suit. Billy the Tailor was a paesano of Babbononno. His tailor shop was on White Street across from the entrance of East Boston High School. The two men had known each other since they were young men, and according to my grandfather, Billy had magic fingers and no other tailor would be allowed to touch his garments.

We bought the suit and Sidney fit it into a rectangular cardboard box, wrapped it with brown twine, and placed a wooden handle on the top to allow the box to be carried. Once we were ready to head home, the two men, Sidney and my grandfather said their goodbyes, a process which took about twenty minutes. I carried the large box with the suit and Babbononno carried the bags marked Filene’s Basement.

Once home, Nanna insisted that we head to Billy the Tailor for the alterations. What I mean by “we head” turned out to be Babbononno and me. The fitting only took five minutes, but the greeting and goodbyes took twenty minutes on each end. Billy must have put Babbononno on the priority list, because he called the next day to tell his paesano that the suit was ready. Fortunately, for me, I was in school when my grandfather headed to Billy’s shop. A cup of coffee, a couple of biscotti, lots of conversation, and a cigar later, Babbononno brought his suit home. The entire venture was about two hours long.

When he was back in the house, Nanna insisted that he put on his entire new outfit. About five minutes later, my grandfather was modeling his birthday outfit, and announced for all to hear, “Egyptian cotton shirt, Italian

silk tie, Italian Borsalino hat, a new belt, Italian dress shoes, and an English navy blue suit.”

Nanna loved the way her husband looked and was surprised that he only had positive comments about his appearance, as he was really fussy. His one negative comment was that the shoes weren’t shiny enough and he would have to give them a “spit shine” to get them to glow the way he wanted.

That Sunday, the entire family was invited to Nanna and Babbononno’s for a birthday dinner. Included in the guest list were their favorite relatives and friends, which meant lots of people. Babbononno was dressed in his new togs when he greeted everyone, but due to Nanna’s insistence, he had to take off his new hat. She yelled at him, “You’re not Jewish and you’re not Arab, so you don’t wear a hat at my dinner table.” So the hat was placed back in the hatbox it was housed in when we bought it.

The dinner was served, a Sunday dinner which consisted of everything from soup to nuts, after which Babbononno, in his new suit, shoes, shirt, and tie, made a short speech, and then blew out the candles on his birthday cake. He looked over at me and said, “Giovanni, mi nipote, mille grazie.” (John, my grandson, a thousand thanks)

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P0567EA  
Estate of  
NICHOLAS TOULOPOULOS  
Also Known As  
NICHOLAS S. TOULOPOULOS  
Date of Death: December 07, 2019  
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 William Touloupoulos of Arlington, 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 William Touloupoulos of Arlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 03, 2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 04, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/14/2020



Love is everywhere in Italy! From the gondola rides in Venice, to the star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet in Verona. The language itself is of great expression and emotion, and Italian people are exceptionally loving and affectionate. It is not unusual to see them sitting close together when talking, holding hands, or kissing each other on the cheek when saying hello or good-bye. It comes as no surprise that Valentine’s day, as well as Saint Valentine himself, originated in Italy. Valentine’s Day is known as La Festa Degli Innamorati or “the party of the lovers.” Unlike America, in Italy this day is celebrated exclusively between lovers. The tradition of giving cards and presents to each other is an American import. Whereas there are lots of older, truly Italian rituals that have been around for centuries. Years ago, writing letters and sending cards were used to express love on this special day. Today, exchanging flowers, perfumes, chocolate candies, and even diamonds are more common.



Say Valentine’s Day and the first thing that comes to my mind is chocolate. I couldn’t think of a better way to celebrate this romantic day than with this scrumptious “Chocolate Semifreddo.” Semifreddo meaning “half cold”, is a creamy sliceable gelato like confection. Perfect drizzled with crema parigina and topped with chocolate covered strawberries. One bite and you’ll truly be in heaven. If that’s not love, I don’t know what is! Buon San Valentino xoxo

CHOCOLATE SEMIFREDDO  
Semifreddo al Cioccolato

- Semifreddo**  
2 tablespoons butter  
4 ounces dark chocolate, chopped  
4 ounces milk chocolate, chopped  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons coffee liqueur  
3 large eggs and 1 egg yolk  
½ cup and 2 tablespoons sugar  
Pinch of salt  
2 cups heavy cream, chilled  
4 tablespoons water

**Crema Parigina (Italian Ganache)**  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 cup semisweet chocolate, chopped  
**Chocolate Covered Strawberries**  
1-pint fresh strawberries, washed, dried, keep tops on  
1 cup semisweet chocolate, melted

**Semifreddo**  
Generously grease a 8.5(L) x 4.5(W) x 4.75 (H) loaf pan (silicone works best) with butter. Place chocolate in a large heatproof bowl. Place a mesh strainer over bowl and put aside. Stir the vanilla and coffee liqueur in a small bowl, set aside. Whisk eggs, sugar, and salt in medium bowl until pale yellow in color. Heat ½ cup cream (keep remaining 1 ½ cups refrigerated) and water in medium saucepan over medium heat until bubbling, not boiling. Remove from heat and very slowly whisk hot cream mixture into egg mixture until combined. Return mixture to saucepan and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly and scraping bottom of saucepan with rubber spatula, until mixture is slightly thickened and registers 160 to 165 degrees on a thermometer, about 5-10 minutes. Do not let mixture boil. Remove mixture from heat and immediately pour through strainer over chocolate. Let mixture stand a few minutes to melt chocolate. Whisk until chocolate is completely melted and smooth, then whisk in vanilla-liqueur mixture. Let chocolate mixture cool completely.

Put remaining 1½ cups cream into a cold metal or glass bowl. With a hand or stand mixer, beat on low speed until bubbles form, then on medium until it begins to thicken, increase to high and beat until doubled in volume and cream forms soft peaks. Take ⅓ of the whipped cream and whisk into chocolate mixture. Take small portions at a time, use a rubber spatula, and gently fold remaining whipped cream into chocolate mixture until combined. No streaks should be visible. Pour mixture into prepared loaf pan and spread evenly with rubber spatula. Cover tightly with plastic wrap, making sure no air can get in and freeze until completely firm.

When ready to serve, remove from freezer and let sit for 10 minutes. Invert pan onto serving plate, remove plastic and smooth the surface of the semifreddo with spatula if necessary. Drizzle with crema paragina and place chocolate covered strawberries on top of loaf. Slice semifreddo and transfer slices to individual plates. Serve immediately, wrap and freeze leftovers.

Crema Parigina (Italian Ganache)

Place cream and chocolate in saucepan and cook until melted together. Set aside.

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Hold strawberries by their tops and gently dip into melted chocolate. Set on parchment paper to dry.

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

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## The Spanish Flu

The worst flu pandemic in recent years was overshadowed by the horrors of WWI, and yet the Spanish flu killed more people (670,000 in the United States alone) than both of the World Wars combined.

The first official reports came from Kansas in January of 1918, but it soon spread on a global scale. Its origins are unknown though livestock is a lead suspect. Its namesake has only added to the confusion. Because Spain was a neutral country during the war, it became easy to determine how many people died from it there while elsewhere in Europe the deaths were counted along with casualties of the war.

It started out negligible enough, especially for a world with its eyes turned toward war. Of the 10,313 sick sailors in the British Grand Fleet, only 4 died. In France it was dismissed as “three day fever” and, indeed, few were dying from it. The pandemic only caught attention when the King of Spain Alfonso XIII became ill.

Still, the flu, though it began spreading (and was beginning to make some headlines in American Army bases and affected huge portions of the Philippines when the American fleet landed there with a ship full of infected sailors) attracted little attention. The second wave, however, which started in August and peaked in October, would be a whole different story ...

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20P0614EA

Estate of

JENNY S.Y. LEE

Date of Death: November 13, 2009

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 Tammy M. Luk of Arlington, 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 Tammy M. Luk of Arlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 04, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: February 05, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 02/14/2020

Like most influenza strands, the 1918 flu spread through contact, airborne contaminants, and lack of proper medication. Governments, including the United States, were reluctant to discuss the pandemic for fear of disheartening troops and hampering morale. However, by summer the illness was being talked about on such a widespread scale that hiding it became a fool's errand.

The conditions of war likely increased the spread, with soldiers hiding in cramped fox holes, often suffering from malnutrition the strength of the virus spread and strengthened.

While records are shaky, the disease had killed at least 50 million people around the world by the time it stopped abruptly in January of 1919, roughly 15% of those infected.

Asia was hit particularly hard with India suffering the highest death toll (17million) but, per capita, the smaller islands lost more. Samoa, for instance, lost 22% of its population. Japan

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

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Docket No. MI19C1086CA

In the Matter of

AUBREY ROSE NUNLEY

CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of XXX, XX requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Aubrey Rose Ferragamo.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 27, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: January 30, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 02/14/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Middlesex Division

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Cambridge, MA 02141

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Docket No. MI20P0536EA

Estate of

PAUL J. DOLAN

Also Known As

PAUL JOSEPH DOLAN

Date of Death: February 25, 2011

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Noreen A. Dolan of Watertown, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Noreen A. Dolan 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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managed to keep its death toll under a million by quickly restricting sea travel.

In North America things were getting scary. Native American communities seemed to be especially prone to the illness, with entire villages being wiped out in Alaska. Many shops were closed and people kept off the streets all over America.

And then, just when the virus had reached a peak in October it abruptly stopped and disappeared almost as quickly as it began. By November, no more cases were reported anywhere in the world. Scientists claim that, in part, this was due to preventive measures being swiftly implemented. Doctors and medical experts also point out, observing how rapidly the strand mutated from its first to second wave, that it quickly mutated to a weaker strain before dying out.

The Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 has largely been forgotten since it came at a time when the world was still reeling from war and the rapidity with which it passed also helped its name disappear into history, but for many victims who survived the flu (among them future Ethiopian leader Haile Selassie) the terrors of that year would be hard to shake off.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court

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Docket No. MI19W1254WD

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

FLORIDALMA GARCIA CORADO, Plaintiff

v.

JOSE O GARCIA SAMAYOA, Defendant

To the above-named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking Custody/Support/Parenting Time/Order of Special Findings of Fact and Rules of Law that finds that reunification is not viable due to neglect and abandonment.

You are required to serve upon Jeffrey B. Rubin, Esq., - attorney for plaintiff(s), whose address is 1 Center Plaza, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02108 your answer on or before February 21, 2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and the adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 7th day of February 2020.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court

Run date: 02/14/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

2004 TOYOTA PRIUS

Vin #JTDKB22U240033697

2012 FORD FUSION

Vin #3FAHP0HA7CR440383

1989 CHEVROLET P-SERIES CAMPER

Vin #1GBKP37W6K3328612

2005 HONDA CIVIC

Vin #2HGES15515H571219

The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at

TODISCO TOWING

94 Condor Street, E. Boston

FEBRUARY 29, 2020

at 9:00 AM

Run dates: 02/14, 02/21, 02/28, 2020

### • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

**Avenatti Troubles Put Smile on My Face**

Remember Attorney Michael Avenatti from when *CNN* and *MSNBC* thought he and his client Stormy Daniels were going to take out Trump? He got far more than his 15 minutes of fame almost on a nightly sched-

ule. But, alas, it didn't work. Well, now it seems like he is in a pickle with the legal system and it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. I hear he starts talking to himself if you mention NIKE to him. OUCH!

**Mitt Romney Is Such a Phony**

Well, U.S. Senator Mitt Romney was the only Republican who crossed over and voted to impeach Donald Trump. In his speech talking about his decision, he made himself worthy of a new chapter in *Profiles in Courage*. Listening to that, I wondered how stupid he must think we all are. When he knew that President Trump would be acquitted by his Republican colleagues, he knew his vote was meaningless. He can now pretend how courageous he is when this is the ultimate fact news.

Thank God, he didn't win the presidency in 2012.

**End Quote**  
“We’re not IOWA.”  
— Governor Chris Sununu,  
R-NH

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20D0272DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY

PUBLICATION AND MAILING

LYDIA MUSISI

vs.

JAVIER YGUADO

To the Defendant:

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

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Lydia Musisi, 10 Floyd Street, Apartment 74 Building 4, North Billerica, MA 01862, your answer, if any, on or before March 11, 2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: January 29, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 02/14/2020

True

By Dr. John Christoforo

Short Stories

BOSTON ENGLISH HIGH

Ruminations of a 1956 grad who got away with just about everything!

Make \$20.00 check payable to: John Christoforo Beagsley Publishing, Box 342, Arlington, MA 02476

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The Trial Court  
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Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. MI20P0598EA

Estate of  
FRANCIS J. COUSINEAU

Date of Death: January 01, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carol A. Sexton of Northborough, MA**. Carol A. Sexton of Northborough, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 02/14/2020

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI20P0602EA

Estate of  
JOHN K. M. HAYES

Date of Death: November 4, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

**Jocelyn C. Hayes 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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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI20P0477EA

Estate of  
GLORIA S. CONDON

Date of Death: June 23, 2019

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 **Robert J. Condon, Jr., of Antrim, NH** and **Gail C. Heald of Chatham, 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 **Robert J. Condon, Jr., of Antrim, NH** and **Gail C. Heald of Chatham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 26, 2020.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 29, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/14/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI20P0463EA

Estate of  
WILLIAM A. VINCENT  
Also Known As  
WILLIAM ALAN VINCENT

Date of Death: October 16, 2015

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 **Andrew J. Avant of North Chelmsford, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Andrew J. Avant of North Chelmsford, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 29, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/14/2020



# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Author of Boys of Summer  
Dead at 92

Roger Kahn the writer who wove his memoir with baseball and attracted millions of baseball fans passed away recently. He loved the game and earned a place in the bookcase of baseball literature. He will be missed and his words will live on.

Kahn wrote 20 books and endless articles but was best known for his 1972 best seller that looked at his relationship with his dad through their mutual love of the Dodgers and, like many fans, never got over the Dodgers leaving Brooklyn for Los Angeles after the 1957 season.

Charlestown  
Little League Baseball

It is never too soon to think baseball. The Charlestown Townies Baseball is already gearing up for the upcoming season. If you live or go to school here in Charlestown, you can play for Charlestown. For more info call 617-513-5623.

Bryant Loses Grievance  
With Cubs

An arbitrator last week denied Chicago Cubs star Kris Bryant's grievance ruling that the players association did not prove that the ball club's reasons for holding the third baseman in the minors at the start of the 2015 season were a pretext to push back his eligibility for free agency.

Bryant had hit .425 with nine homers in 40 at-bats during spring training in 2015 but sent him to Triple A Iowa where he batted .321 with three homers in seven games. He

made his major league debut on April 17, 2015 and that timing left him able to get 171 days of major league service, one day shy of a full year of service. He had hoped to be eligible for free agency after the 2020 season to after the 2021 season.

Phillies Honoring Halladay

The Philadelphia Phillies will retire Hall of Famer Roy Halladay's number, 34, on May 29, 2020, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his perfect game against the Marlins. It was the 20<sup>th</sup> perfect game in MLB history. He was only 40 years old when he was killed in an airplane crash in November 2017. I remember that day. I was down in Austin on vacation when I picked up a copy of the *Austin American-Statesman* newspaper and saw the story on his death.

He was 203-105 with a 3.38 ERA and 2,117 strikeouts over his career. He was 3-2 in postseason, all with the Phillies. He and Don Larsen (1956) are the only two pitchers to throw no-hitters in the postseason.

All Betts Back in Place

Well, the trade made by the Red Sox sending Mookie Betts and David Price was finagling a done deal but it got a bit spicy for a while. The Sox are still getting outfielder Alex Verdugo from the Dodgers but are now also getting prospects Jeter Downs and Connor Wong. Pitcher Brusdar Graterol won't be coming to Boston; too many concerns about the health of his pitcher arm and conditioning! He sounded too good and indeed was.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Electronic bids for MPA Contract No. W257-C02, HVAC IMPROVEMENTS WORCESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT (ORH), WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) immediately after the bid submission deadline.

Electronic General Bids will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020** immediately after which the electronic bids will be opened and read publicly in a designated room at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909.

Electronic filed sub-bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

No paper copies of bids will be accepted.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE WORCESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT – MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING, 375 AIRPORT DRIVE, WORCESTER, MA 01602 AT 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020.

The work includes **UPGRADES TO FAN POWERED TERMINAL UNITS, IMPROVED CEILING ACCESS IN MAIN TERMINAL LOBBY, BOILER FLUE DAMPERS, AIR CURTAINS, IMPROVED HYDRONIC DISTRIBUTION, VRF SYSTEMS, PIPE/DUCTWORK INSULATION AND NEW CEILING IN BAGGAGE ROOM.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020**.

Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27137/home> in the General Bid listing for this Project.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**. The estimated contract cost is **ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,650,000.00)**.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract, filed Sub-bidders must submit with their bid a current Sub-bidder Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and a Sub-bidder Update Statement. The filed Sub-bidder must be certified in the sub-bid category of work for which the Sub-bidder is submitting a bid proposal.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount in the form of a bid bond in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and /or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$3,000,000**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING	\$1,153,100
ACOUSTICAL TILE	\$380,000
ELECTRICAL	\$113,600

The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **ONE AND EIGHT TENTHS PERCENT (1.8%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
LISA S. WIELAND  
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 02/14/2020

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Docket No. MI20P0641EA

Estate of  
PETER G. WISWALL

Date of Death: January 03, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 05, 2020.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 06, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/14/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI20P0464EA

Estate of  
LAWRENCE G. ALTRICH

Date of Death: November 16, 2019

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 **Suzanne Ranger of Waltham, 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 **Suzanne Ranger of Waltham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 26, 2020.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 29, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/14/2020

Boxing




Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



REST IN PEACE  
**Kirk Douglas**  
*Legendary Actor was a Champion*

Legendary film actor Kirk Douglas passed away February 5th at the age of 103. He lived an extraordinary life appearing in over 90 movies. He is known for many roles but perhaps is best remembered for *Spartacus*, the leader of a slave revolt in ancient times. The movie won four Academy Awards but none for Douglas.

Kirk Douglas was born Issur Danielovitch in New Amsterdam, New York in 1916. He was the son of Jewish immigrants from Chavusy, part of the Russian Empire which is known today as Belarus. He knew he wanted to pursue a career as an actor when he first performed in high school plays.

In 1946, he made his film debut in *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers*, playing opposite Barbara Stanwyck. It was three years later when he broke out and became an international film star for his role in *Champion*. The movie was based on a short story by Ring Lardner. In it, Douglas plays boxer Midge Kelly who rises to the top of the fight game by knocking out opponents and turning on his friends. In it, he displayed the raw energy that would serve him in his career as a great actor. He received his first Academy Award nomination for his performance.



Douglas was a difficult person to deal with and he attributed his rage to his abuse to the neglect by his alcoholic father. In his autobiography, he said of himself, "I'm probably the most disliked actor in Hollywood. And I feel pretty good about it."

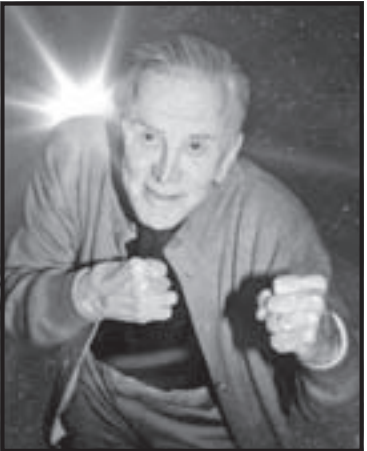
Because that's me ... I was born aggressive, and I guess I'll die aggressive."

In 1996, he suffers a stroke which seriously affected his ability to speak. Determined to not let that stop him he worked hard at speech therapy, and while not fully recovering, he was able to once again make public appearances and just two months later accepted an honorary Academy Award.

Along with his wife Anne, they donated tens of millions of dollars to worthy causes. The self-described "son of a bitch" had a big hard under that hard exterior.

It is sad to see these legends pass. They were from a different and much harder time but managed to lead great lives, not only being successful but in setting great examples by how they dealt with that success.

Kirk Douglas will always be remembered as A Champion.



**STERLING SILVER** — That's what it was, the 2020 Beanpot Tournament that was played in the Garden earlier this month during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of the building that opened on Causeway Street back in 1995.

The venerable tournament does, of course, predate the present structure, having first been played during the week after Christmas back in 1952. But if there ever was an event that served as an appropriate memorial to a special occasion then this year's tournament was it.

Both the championship game and the second contest on opening night went into overtime, providing a fitting capstone conclusion to both evenings of action. In addition, the large crowds, the best for the Beanpot in years, kept the energy quotient at a high level, particularly in the championship contest with its dramatic end of regulation action and overtime conclusion. Just under 18,000 packed the house on championship night.

For Northeastern, of course, it was an admirable third consecutive championship — a three-peat — by a school that once was considered such a proverbial also ran that some questioned whether its presence in the tournament should be continued.

A good portion of NU's success can be attributed to the hiring of Jim Madigan as head coach back in 2011. Now in his ninth season behind the bench, the former NU player, administrator, and assistant coach gradually reconstructed the program.

After a number of successful campaigns, including a 22-win season in the 2015-2016 season that earned him New England Division 1 Coach of the Year honors, the Huskies finally broke through in the Beanpot in 2018, winning the trophy for the first time in 30 years.

The re-energized Huskies returned to Causeway Street in 2019 as defending Beanpot champions — and left having retained their proud possession of the Pot for another 12 months.

That brought us into the first Beanpot of the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As fans piled in, it was Boston University that provided the initial excitement on opening night.

The Terriers, who had made it to four out of the previous five Beanpot finals only to be denied three times, advanced to the championship game in thrilling fashion, overcoming a two-goal deficit with a 5-4 overtime victory over Boston College. That contest actually foreshadowed the championship game in a very similar way, with BC scoring in the final minute to send the game into overtime before BU put in the winner in OT.

Northeastern also overcame an early first period goal by Harvard to come away with a 3-1 victory, setting up the championship clash.

In prior times, the Terriers had won so often that the event

informally become known as the BU Invitational, before seeding their dominance somewhat to Boston College. The Eagles captured five straight Beanpots between 2010 and 2014 and then picked up another in 2016.

However, of late the Terriers have been a major factor in the tournament — Knock, Knock, Knocking on Heaven's Door — by making it to the championship game four out of the last five times, winning it once in 2016.

Fittingly, the heroics of championship night would be saved for late in the game. Northeastern scored four goals in the second period to take a 4-2 lead. Then BU scored early in the third period to narrow the score to 4-3. That's the way it stayed until the closing seconds of regulation when BU pulled its goalie in favor of a sixth skater. The strategy paid off with a thrilling goal by Trevor Zegras with a mere 1.2 seconds left to send the contest into OT at 4-4.

That score, the culmination of a desperation goal-mouth scramble, lit up the stands in celebration with cheering coming from throughout the building, especially the BU student section.

However, the game was not over. That would come after a NCAA-mandated five-minute over was played to a scoreless tie and the tournament reverted back to its traditional 20-minute OT format.

It was just over five minutes into that overtime session that Northeastern's Jordan Harris scored on a power play, giving the Huskies their third consecutive Beanpot title, something that would have seemed almost impossible a decade ago.

But this is the Beanpot, where memories are made and championships won.

The Hockey East Tournament arrives in March. The fortunes of this year's editions of the Bruins and Celtics will play out in the spring. But for at least two bright nights in the middle of winter, the excitement was effusive, there was glitter that accompanied the glory and everything shone in a most substantial manner.

It was the first two Mondays in February, it was the Beanpot. And this year it was Sterling Silver.

**NBA TRIVIA** — It was 30 years ago (February 14, 1990) that Michael Jordan wore another number for one night only. Jordan is best remembered for wearing number 23 on his uniform for the bulk of his career. Later, in 1995, after returning to Chicago following an initial retirement, he wore number 45 — the number he had worn in baseball.

But on Valentine's Day night in 1990 before a road game in Orlando, it was discovered that Jordan's number 23 uniform was missing — some reports say stolen. So MJ donned number 12 — the practice jersey of a teammate — and went on to lead all scorers with 49 points. However, his individual effort was not enough as the Magic came away with a 135-129 victory in overtime.