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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Breaking News

AT&T which owns 70 percent of DirecTV has cancelled the NewsMax channel on its cable company service. It does appear to be politically driven since NewsMax is one of the fourth largest watched cable news networks. Fox News is the Number 1 cable news on the air. Former President Donald Trump has called for a boycott of AT&T and DirecTV. A number of Republicans in the House are urging folks who subscribe to DirecTV or use AT&T cell phones to contact AT&T to let that company know they oppose such a move as a form of tech censorship. More details on this news story as it comes in.

Lego Headquarters Moving to Boston

The Lego Group has announced last week that it will be moving its national headquarters from Enfield, CT to Boston over the next several years, a transition expected to bring hundreds of jobs to Massachusetts at a time when concerns are being raised over the state's ability to compete for big business in the Greater Boston area.

Sometimes Justice Comes from the Streets

A 17-year-old who drove into a mother walking her baby in a stroller back in 2021, then received a controversial light sentence was fatally shot last week in California. He was gunned down in Palmdale according to the LA Sheriff's Department.

A department spokesperson also confirmed that he was the same person who had been convicted of a hit-and-run that sent a woman and baby flying off the hood of his car in 2021 when he was 15 years old.

In that 2021 case, neither the woman nor the baby was seriously injured.

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President Biden Announces Plan to End COVID-19 Emergencies on May 11th

The COVID-19 national emergency and public health emergency (PHE) were declared by the Trump Administration in 2020. They are currently set to expire on March 1st and April 11th, respectively. At present, the Administration's plan is to extend the emergency declarations to May 11th, and then end both emergencies on that date. This wind-down would align with the Administration's previous commitments to give at least 60 days' notice prior to termination of the PHE.

To be clear, continuation of these emergency declarations until May 11th does not impose any restriction at all on individual conduct with regard to COVID-19. They do not impose mask mandates or vaccine mandates. They do not restrict school or business operations. They do not require the use of any medicines or tests in response to cases of COVID-19.

However, ending these emergency declarations in the manner contemplated by H.R. 382 and H.J. Res. 7 would have two highly significant impacts on our nation's health system and government operations.

First, an abrupt end to the emergency declarations would create wide-ranging chaos and uncertainty throughout the



health care system — for states, for hospitals and doctors' offices, and, most importantly, for tens of millions of Americans. During the PHE, the Medicaid program has operated under special rules to provide extra funding to states to ensure that tens of millions of vulnerable Americans kept their Medicaid coverage during a global pandemic. In December, Congress enacted an orderly wind-down of these rules to ensure that patients did not lose access to care unpredictably and that state budgets don't face a radical cliff. If the PHE were suddenly terminated, it would sow confusion and chaos into this critical wind-down. Due to this uncertainty, tens of millions of Americans could be at risk

of abruptly losing their health insurance, and states could be at risk of losing billions of dollars in funding. Additionally, hospitals and nursing homes that have relied on flexibilities enabled by the emergency declarations will be plunged into chaos without adequate time to retrain staff and establish new billing processes, likely leading to disruptions in care and payment delays, and many facilities around the country will experience revenue losses. Finally, millions of patients, including many of our nation's veterans, who rely on telehealth would suddenly be unable to access critical clinical services and medications. The most acutely impacted would be individuals with behavioral health needs and rural patients.

Second, the end of the public health emergency will end the Title 42 policy at the border. While the Administration has attempted to terminate the Title 42 policy and continues to support an orderly lifting of those restrictions, Title 42 remains in place because of orders issued by the Supreme Court and a district court in Louisiana. Enactment of H.R. 382 would lift Title 42 immediately, and

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Upcoming Service Changes on

Orange, Green, Red, and Haverhill Commuter Rail Line

The MBTA announced upcoming service changes on the Orange, Green, and Red lines as well as the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line. Because of the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by private developer HYM Construction.

Haverhill Commuter Rail Line service changes will take place between Haverhill and Reading from February 4th – 12th in order for the MBTA to perform Automated Train Control (ATC) work.

- The MBTA has been working closely with the City of Boston and the developer in order to accommodate the private Government Center Garage work affecting both the Orange and Green lines.
 - * Riders should note that Haymarket-area buses will not be diverted during these weekends and will continue to stop at the temporary Haymarket bus stops. A list of Haymarket bus routes and these temporary stops is available at *mbta.com*.
 - ♦ Orange Line train service will be suspended between Ruggles and North



Station during the weekends of February 4th – 5th and February 18th – 19th. With Orange Line service already suspended to accommodate the private Garage demolition work, the MBTA is leveraging this opportunity by extending

the service change to Ruggles in order to perform additional track work, including the replacement of rail fasteners between Back Bay and Ruggles stations. Orange Line

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



VESPASIAN THE CONNIVER

It cannot easily be proved that any innocent person was ever punished except in Vespasian's absence or without his knowledge. His only vice was a love for money. He not only revived the taxes that were repealed by Galba, but added new and heavier ones. In some cases, he actually doubled the taxes that were to be paid by the provinces. During the earlier years of his reign, the city was unsightly because of past fires and failing buildings. Anyone was permitted to take possession of vacant sites and build upon them if the rightful owners failed to do so. Vespasian began the restoration of Rome in person and was the first to start clearing the debris; some of it he even carried off on his own back.

He made no bones about selling offices to candidates and even acquittals to those being prosecuted, whether innocent or guilty. One of his favorite tricks was to promote the most corrupt of his administrators to higher positions so that they might further enrich themselves. Later he would condemn them and confiscate their illgotten gains. It was said that he used these men as sponges, soaking them when dry and squeezing them when wet. His passion for money even caused him to tax the use of public conveniences. When his son Titus found fault with him for doing such a thing, he held one of the coins to his son's nose and asked if the odor was offensive. When Titus said "No," he replied, "It comes from urine."

While emperor, Vespasian rose very early and read his correspondence and the reports of officials, and then admitted visitors while he was dressing.

After taking care of the business of the state, he would take a drive and then nap with one of his several concubines. He then bathed and dined, and at no other time during the day was he more good-natured. Friends and members of the household generally waited for this time before making their requests.

Vespasian was driven by necessity to raise money for the public treasury because of its desperate financial condition. He gave needy politicians an annual stipend, restored many cities that had fallen into disrepair, and he encouraged the arts. He accomplished all of this while at the same time his financial management was marked by great economy. He was never ashamed of the social level of his origin and was never annoyed at satire or ridicule. He was most generous to all classes of citizens, given needy ex-consuls an annual stipend and restoring or rebuilding many cities throughout the empire which had suffered from fires or earthquakes. He

encouraged men of talent and the arts, established salaries for Latin and Greek teachers of rhetoric, and rewarded artists.

One day, he was approached by a woman who said that she was dying of love for him, so he saved her from this imagined death by taking her to his bed. Her feelings must have been genuine because he gave her four hundred thousand sesterces (about \$20,000) for her favors. When asked how this sum should be recorded on his book of accounts, he replied, "A passion for Vespasian."

NEXT WEEK:

Vespasian's Colosseum

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI22P5582EA

Estate of IRMA W. SHAW Date of Death: August 18, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Edward W. Shaw of Everett, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Edward W. Shaw of Everett, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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> Docket No. MI23P0292EA Estate of

JANET ANN HOLLY Date of Death: October 27, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above cap tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert N. Brown of Newton, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Robert N. Brown of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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• Plan to End COVID-19 Emergencies (Continued from Page 1)

result in a substantial additional inflow of migrants at the Southwest border. The number of migrants crossing the border has been cut in half, approximately, since the Administration put in place a plan in early January to deter irregular migration from Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Haiti. The Administration supports an orderly, predictable wind-down of Title 42, with sufficient time to put alternative

policies in place. But if H.R. 382 becomes law and the Title 42 restrictions end precipitously, Congress will effectively be requiring the Administration to allow thousands of migrants per day into the country immediately without the necessary policies in place.

The Administration strongly opposes enactment of H.R. 382 and H.J. Res. 7, which would be a grave disservice to the American people.

• **Service Changes** (Continued from Page 1)

train service will also be suspended between Back Bay and North Station on Saturday, February 11th, from start of service until 8:00 p.m. Orange Line riders are asked to use Green Line service between Copley and Government Center stations during these weekend service changes. During the weekends of February 4th -5th and February 18th - 19th, free and accessible shuttle buses will also operate between Copley on the Green Line and Ruggles on the Orange Line, making stops at Back Bay and Massachusetts Avenue stations.

- Green Line trolley service will be replaced with free, accessible shuttle bus service between North Station and Government Center Station during the weekends of February 4th - 5th and February 18th - 19th as well as on Saturday, February 11th, from start of service until 8:00 p.m.
- Orange and Green line trains will bypass Haymarket station during the weekend of February 25th - 26th. Orange Line riders should exit at North Station or State and walk to the Haymarket area. Green Line riders should exit at North Station or Government Center Station. These stations are less than a half-mile from Haymarket, or a four- to eight-minute walk. Extra MBTA personnel and Transit Ambassadors will be on-hand to assist customers. Accessibility vans will also be available for on-demand transportation - riders should ask MBTA personnel for information and assistance. More information on alternate paths of travel will be available at mbta.com/alerts.
- * Riders are also advised that, due to the complexity of the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by HYM Construction, additional weekend diversions will be necessary in the coming months to accommodate the ongoing work.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

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

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

The MBTA apologizes for this inconvenience and will announce additional service changes in advance as they are confirmed and scheduled. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on Twitter for upto-date service information.

- · Red Line trains will be replaced with free, accessible shuttle bus service between Alewife and Kendall/MIT stations during the weekend of February 25th - 26th. This weekend service diversion will allow MBTA crews to perform critical power, lighting, and track drainage work within the tunnels near Alewife as well as rail replacement work that will remove a speed restriction near Harvard Station on the southbound side of the tracks.
- Haverhill Commuter Rail Line trains will be replaced with free, accessible shuttle bus service between Haverhill and Reading Stations for nine days from Saturday, February 4th, through Sunday, February 12th, to perform ATC work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed. Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Reading and North Station.

For further information, please visit mbta.com/alerts or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, or TikTok athembta.

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Docket No. MI23P0129EA

Estate of LILIAN M. JOHNSTON Date of Death: August 18, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Nancy E. (Catalini) Chew, Esq. of Harvard, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Nancy E. (Catalini) Chew, Esq. of Harvard, 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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My Compare Salvatore Meli ...

May He Rest in Peace

by John Christoforo



Sal Meli and Godson, John Christoforo, Jr.

My closest friend in my young life, Salvatore Meli, passed away on January 26th. Sal had been suffering the ravages of Alzheimer's disease for quite some time, having gone from independent living, to assisted living, to a nursing home. Sal and his family settled

in East Boston after immigrating from Sicily after WWII. Sal graduated from East Boston High School and served in the army around the time of the Korean War. Following his discharge, he went to work for Polaroid and stayed with their quality control division until his retirement. I met him at Constitution Beach in Orient Heights in the spring of 1960, and we became fast friends. We traveled the world together, double dated back home and shared similar interests in both Italian and American cultures. When I married Loretta, he was my best man and when our son, John, was born, he became his Godfather. From that point on, he was Compare Sal.

As of late, he was cared for by his sister Maria, but Alzheimer's disease being so progressive, forced her to relinquish his care to professionals. He was 88 at his passing on January 26th. My family and I now hope he is in a better place and at peace. I never had siblings but considered him my older brother. *Riposa in pace*, *Compare/Fratello Sal*.

LETTERS POLICY

The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor

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

Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor, The Post-Gazette, P.O. Box 130135, Boston, MA 02113

Salvatore Meli

September 28, 1934 - January 26, 2023

Salvatore Meli, 88, of Milford and formerly a longtime resident of East Boston, passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Born in Sicily, Italy, he was the son of the late Maria (Agro) and Carmelo Meli.

Sal is survived by his sister, Maria Paste (Dan Norton Sr.) of Holliston; his niece, Lisa Hardiman (Dan Norton); nephews, Kenneth Morrissey (Kristen) and David Salerno; great-nephews, Patrick

Hardiman, Jake Mackie-Morrissey, and Kenneth Morrisey Jr. (Emily). He is predeceased by his sister, Sandra Salerno, and his brother-in-law, Pat Paste, Maria's husband who passed in 2006.

Salvatore worked at Polaroid in Waltham for 30 years until his retirement. He was a member



of the Italian Club in East Boston. Sal loved nightlife. He especially loved Latin dancing and earned many trophies for his performances. He took pleasure in traveling all over the world, including Europe and Asia.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 4th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Chesmore Funeral Home of Holliston, 854 Washington St. A prayer service will be said at 3:00 p.m.

Interment will be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation at www.arthritis.org.

A Mass in Salvatore's name will be said on Sunday, March 19th at 11:30 a.m. at Saint Mary's Church, 8 Church Street, Holliston, MA 01746.

Anthony ("Cal") Francis Colarusso

Anthony ("Cal") Francis Colarusso, 90, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2023, at the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Beloved husband of the late Marie Angela (nee Martinelli).

Anthony was born on February 4, 1932 and lived in the North End of Boston with his parents, Francis Anthony Colarusso, and Eleanora (nee Imbriano).

Devoted father of six (6) children: Alan and his wife Marla Colarusso of Centerville, MA, Lynne and her husband William Winnett of Pepperell, Antonette and her

husband Frank Dardeno of Winchester, Marie and her husband Nick DeMagistris of Nashua, NH, Ellen Colarusso of Nashua, NH, and Anthony and his wife Nancy Colarusso of Dover, NH. Also survived by his sister Amelia Chiesa. He also leaves behind 15 grandchildren: Jessica Manger, William Winnett, Jr., Peter Winnett, Alison McDonald, Jillian Chaves, Kara Mathieu, Marie Auger, Tina Dardeno, Nicholas DeMagistris, Robert DeMagistris, Krista Collette, Michael Durkee, Jenna Zaiter, Suzanne Steinger, and Anthony Colarusso. He also leaves behind 20 greatgrandchildren: Maya Manger, Gabe Manger, Emerson Winnett, Willow Norquist Winnett, Violet Eleanora Norquist Winnett, Logan McDonald, Ava McDonald, Adi Chaves, Joseph Mathieu, Simone Mathieu, Amelia DeMagistris, Nicholas DeMagistris, Luca DeMagistris, Jameson DeMagistris, Bradley DeMagistris, Nicoletta DeMagistris, Lia Collette, Owen Collette, Mila Zaiter, and Daniel Zaiter.

He attended Boston Trade High School where he took the Electronic & Radio course and was



captain of both the basketball and golf teams. After High School, he joined the U.S. Airforce on May 5, 1950, just before the start of the Korean War, and served four years earning a Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. While in the service, he studied and mastered ground-based radar systems, earning a 3.95 GPA, and rising to the rank of Sergeant.

On February 2, 1952, he married his high school sweetheart, the late Marie Angela (nee Martinelli) in Baltimore. They eventually settled in Medford where they raised their six children.

Anthony had a very successful career as an Electronics Engineer developing several complex systems including: an anti-fire system which protected military jets from exploding when their gas tanks were hit by incendiary bullets, worked on a team in the 1970s to develop the first CAT Scan machine, worked on a team in the 1980s to build an Ultrasound Machine prototype for GE, and even built analog and digital telemetry units that were installed on NASA's Saturn V Rocket.

He retired in the late 1980s at the top of his field to spend more time with his beloved wife. They sold their house in Medford and moved to their property in Lyman, Maine located on Wadleigh Pond. There he told his grandchildren his legendary Doctor Doolittle bedtime stories. He eventually moved to Naples, Florida with his late wife for the majority of his retirement, where he became an accomplished pool player. In 2019, he sold his Florida home and moved to Cape Cod to live with his oldest son for the remainder of his life. Services will be held in private.

Angela Maraia

Mrs. Angela (Biondo) Maraia, age 83, of Saugus, died on Monday, January 23rd at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston. She was the wife of the late Albert A. Maraia.

Born in Boston and raised in the West End and Somerville, Mrs. Maraia was the daughter of the late Joseph and Vincenza (Tarantino) Biondo. She was a graduate of Burdette

Junior College and was a legal secretary for many years. Angela was co-founder of the Sons of Italy, Figli D'Italia Lodge #2692.

Mrs. Maraia is survived by two sons, Joseph M. Maraia and his wife Joan of Cohasset and Christopher J. Maraia and his wife Tricia of Saugus; three grandchildren, Christopher, Jr. and his wife Jaclyn, Tiana



and Jacqueline; two sisters, Janice Nassise of Easton and Diane Martorano of Everett. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sons, Stephen A. Maraia and Albert A. Maraia, Jr. and four brothers, Andrew, Gaetano, Robert, and Joseph Jr. Biondo.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours at

the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, Saugus. A funeral was held from the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Lynnfield. Interment in Riverside Cemetery in Saugus.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Angela's memory may be made to the American Heart Association at *heart.org*.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

February, Free and Fresh

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



All around me, nature shifts and pulsates with a renewed energy. I see this energy reflected in the increased number of birds hopping and singing around the bare branches of my backvard trees. I see it in the pinkish-orange sunset hue peeking through the clouds on a windy evening. The rushing sound of melting snow seems to sing the newness of the season, while the scent of damp soil brims with the promise of new life. The calendar has now turned to February, a month of transition, a month filled with the crackling air and delicate reminders of early spring. Above all, February functions as a month devoted to purification, to dusting out the metaphorical cobwebs of a stagnant past and ushering in a hopeful future. The Italian roots of the word "February" reveal the month's cleansing power, as it derives from Februa, an ancient Roman purification festival. Indeed, I love February precisely because it offers a new beginning, a chance to spring-clean the literal and figurative clutter in my life. This desire arises from seasonal cues and has been felt since ancient times, as evident by a plethora of February traditions held dear by our ancestors in Italy. Italian holidays and customs fully embrace the restorative nature of February, paving the way to an exciting

As a child growing up in the mountainous Abruzzi region of central Italy, my father may have plagued us during the

participated in a quaint ritual that introduced the changeable days of February. On the evening of February 3rd, he would walk through the crisp, windswept air to his local church, beautifully aglow with candlelight. There, the parish priest would hold two crossed candles against the throat of each worshiper and say a blessing. This was la Festa di San Biagio, or the feast day of St. Blaise, the patron saint of illnesses of the throat and neck. St. Blaise, a fourth-century Armenian bishop, reportedly saved a choking boy's life by dislodging the fish bone that was stuck in his throat. The ritual which my father fondly remembered from his boyhood sought to prevent congregants from acquiring any sort of malady or injury to the throat in the future. In her inimitable book Festa, author Helen Barolini mentions that Italians eat special hard biscuits on la Festa di San Biagio as yet another means to protect the throat. These curative customs practiced on St. Blaise's Day strongly remind me of the purification rites so prevalent in February. Just as a physical illness can be purged from a body, so too can the emotional drain of negativity be expelled. Similar to the way that candles and biscuits are inscribed with therapeutic powers on St. Blaise's Day, our sense of hope and positive thinking can cleanse us of the distractions, bad habits and despair that winter. La Festa di San Biagio, therefore, reminds us that the time is ripe for reevaluating the small improvements we can make in our lives.

The people of Catania, Sicily, get another chance at a purification festival with la festa di Sant'Agata, or St. Agatha's Day. Bright lights and raucous revelries mark these celebrations, which culminate on February 5th, the saint's feast day. Huge candles and intricate light displays illuminate the city as people march in processions bearing relics of St. Agatha, a third-century Sicilian martyr. These luminous lights mimic the sun, which is now appearing for a longer time in the sky, scattering the darkness of winter and welcoming the restorative days of spring. Like St. Blaise, St. Agatha also presides over the protection against certain illnesses, in her case diseases of the breast. However, St. Agatha further serves as the patron saint of bakers, and as such Sicilian bakers bring their breads and pastries to church for a blessing on her feast day. Now imbued with healing powers, these blessed treats will bring luck and renewal to those who eat them. I recently discovered the celebrations in honor of St. Agatha, and this holiday fascinates me with its themes of light and darkness, feminine power, and symbolic foods. It seamlessly captures the purifying mood of February with its desire to rid people of both literal and figurative maladies, as well as greeting spring in a blaze of warmth. In fact, even after St. Agatha's Day ends, Italians look forward to a whole season of festivities that metaphorically dispel the dark winter days and hail the spring, from the flowers of St. Valentine's Day to the mischief of Carnival. This February, I am eager

to jump into a fresh start. The pastel hues adorning the latest spring fashions, the birds chirping in the bushes, and the delectable Valentine's Day chocolates fill me with an irresistible energy and enthusiasm. I realize that I am certainly not alone in looking forward to the spring, while still enjoying the unpredictable nature of a season in transition. February is a liminal month, where folk customs around the world gleefully greet a new cycle in the year with traditions that emphasize cleansing and healing. In order to fully delight in the spring, after all, we must make good on our promises of the New Year and purge ourselves of the negativity left over from our metaphorical winters. It is our time to let bad habits, self-doubt and worries melt away like the snow during a thaw. Taking an example from the celebrations of St. Blaise and St. Agatha, we can realize that the power for change comes from within, and that with love and hope, our hearts will forever blossom like a spring

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by Sal Giarratani

Saying Goodbye to TOMMY BIRMINGHAM

I was saddened hearing of the passing of former Senate President Tom Birmingham who served the people of his senate district quite well. Always a vote and voice of his entire senate district back in the '90s, which included

Charlestown and Revere. I remember in 1990 when this unknown politician with both a Charlestown and Chelsea family pedigree was elected to represent a district that really needed someone just like him.

When he announced he was running for the State Senate, he did it as a Chelsea guy who no matter how far he had traveled over his lifetime never forgot where he came from and straddled both those worlds quite



well. As a political activist with strong Townie roots, I loved my Charlestown politics. I had moved out of Charlestown prior to Birmingham becoming its Senator up on Beacon Hill but hit it off well with the new sena-

tor from across the bridge in Chelsea.

Both his parents came from Charlestown as did my mother's side of the family. I remember when he ran for governor in 2002 and I supported him. We were kindred spirits politically. I remember chatting with him back in the '90s right after he became Senate President and we spoke of my published commentaries and he told me I was more than just a writer who represented my working class roots growing up, and that I had myself straddled over to a wider audience too while still maintaining my local roots. He may have graduated from Harvard University, Harvard Law School and ended up being a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University but he was always more connected to his working class Townie/ Chelsea roots.

The last time I spoke with him was over at the Knights of Columbus at a political function put on by today's Charlestown State Senator Sal DiDomenico. It was good to see Tommy again. He was now wheelchair bound but still had that glowing smile of his. We only spoke for a few minutes that evening but they were a good few minutes.

His funeral Mass was held at St. Francis de Sales Church up on Bunker Hill Street. I was there Saturday morning (January 28th) to say good-bye to a very good friend. He will never be forgotten by me and so many others he served so well.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI22D3007DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

MARIA A. BUIE DAVE WHYTE, JR.

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Maria A. Buie, 99 Loring Drive, Framingham, MA 01701, your answer, if any on or before March 02, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: January 20, 2023

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(781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI22D3017DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING VERONICA LOCRANO**

vs. MICHAEL LOCRANO

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Veronica Locrano, 11 Dingwell Street, Lowell, MA 01851, your answer, if any, on or before March 02, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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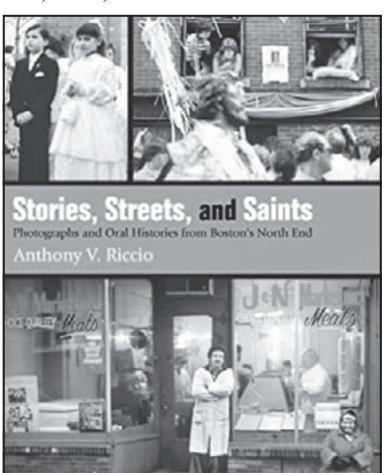
by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Stories, Streets, and Saints

Anthony Riccio was a young man when he worked among the elderly of the North End in the 1970s. He worked for the ABCD, (Action for Boston Community Development) located at the old convent on Tileston Street.

Anthony quickly became part of the North End and was much loved by it's Seniors. He touched our lives by helping to draw our Mom, Mary, out of the deep sadness she experienced after Dad's passing. He encouraged Mom to take an active role in her Seniors Club, which Anthony helped organize. Mom followed his advice and for the next 30 years was deeply involved in Senior affairs in the North End. Mom was just one of countless Seniors who's life was changed for the better by Anthony.

During his years in the North End, Anthony took hundreds of photos of Seniors as well as oral histories, which eventually became his first book entitled. Portrait of an Italian-American Neighborhood, the North End of Boston. He left the North End and eventually became Manager of Stacks and Collections Maintenance at the Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University, where he wrote or co-authored several other books then finally his last book Stories, Streets and Saints, published posthumously late in 2022.



This past Sunday, January 28th, at 3:00 p.m., as part of Saint Leonard's 150th Anniversary celebration, Jessica dello Russo, resident of the North End, hosted a well attended social hour in the Parish Hall of Saint Leonard's focusing on

Anthony's latest book. Guest speakers Tom Damigella of the North End Historical Society and Vito Aluia former resident of the North End spoke of their remembrances of Anthony Riccio and early years in the North End.



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Saint Luke Kirby

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Luke Kirby was born 1549. He was an English Catholic priest and martyr from the North of England, executed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

Kirby is said to have received his Master of Arts degree in England, probably at Cambridge, before converting to Catholicism at Louvain and entering Douai College in 1576. He was ordained a priest at Cambrai in September 1577 and left Rheims for England on May 3, 1578; however, he returned to England on July 15th, and then left for Rome. In Rome, he took the college oath at the English College, April 23, 1579.

During his stay at the College, he practiced charity towards his countrymen living in Rome who needed help Catholic and non-Catholic. He once went forty miles out of Rome to see some safely on their way. He was chosen to accompany Campion and Ralph Sherwin on their way to England, and the three set out from Rome on April

14, 1580, arriving in Rheims on May 31st. On June 16th, he left Rheims with William Hartley. They made the journey to the coast by Douay and Dunkirk on foot.

In June 1580, he was arrested on landing at Dover, and committed to the Gatehouse, Westminster. On December 4th, he was transferred to the Tower of London, where he was subjected to the torture known as the "Scavenger's Daughter" for more than an hour. Luke Kirby was tried at the same time as Edmund Campion, on the same charge of treason against the Queen, but his execution was deferred to the following May, and took place immediately after that of William Filby.

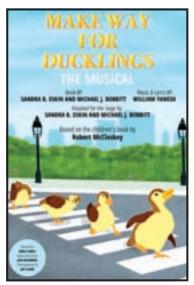
Kirby was condemned on November 17, 1581, and from April $22^{\rm nd}$ until the day he died was kept in chains. On May 30, 1582, he was executed. With him died Thomas Cottam, and Laurence Richardson. All were later beatified in 1885 by Pope Leo XIII. He was canonized as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales in 1970. The feast of Saint Luke Kirby is May $30^{\rm th}$.

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WHEELOCK FAMILY THEATRE Make Way for Ducklings The Musical



Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University (WFT@BU) proudly announces the World Premiere, in partnership with Adventure Theatre MTC of Make Way for Ducklings, the Musical!

Boston's most beloved story comes to life for the first time this winter in a musical adaptation of Robert McCloskey's book Make Way for Ducklings. Fans will be delighted by the playfulness of this story, as well as its tremendous ode to Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard and their Ducklings bring us on a journey of new beginnings through a series of Boston city landmarks - Boston Public Garden, Beacon Hill including the State House

and Louisburg Square, Longfellow Bridge, Charles River, and finally the ducklings make their way down Mt. Vernon St., Charles St., and Beacon St. back to the Boston Public Garden. Each seemingly small corner provides new adventures and challenges. Through song and dance, the ducklings bring us on their journey of self discovery, family and the meaning of "home".

"As we were all increasingly at home during the pandemic, the question of 'what makes a home' took on new meanings. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard's quest for a forever home and the community that surrounds it resonated all the more", says Director Emily Ranii and Artistic Director of Wheelock Family Theatre. Audiences will be enveloped by their love for their community in this triumphant and heartfelt tale.

Ranii leapt at the chance for WFT@BU to be part of the adaptation of this quintessential Boston show — "It's a tour of the city we call "home", she says. Patrons from all over will fall for the endearing Mallard family, and Boston-based fans especially will hold a special connection to the story they hold so near and dear. "Even though this work started before I moved to the Boston area, so much of the play has been enhanced by my immersion into the Boston Community", says Co-writer and co-creator, Michael J. Bobbitt.

Theater fans and Bostonians alike will enjoy this production, featuring WFT@BU familiar faces like Jared Troilo and Ricardo Holguin, newcomers and a wonderful youth ensemble."The story builds on the tropes of classic and golden age musical comedy, but touches on themes that everyone can relate to", says Bobbitt. At WFT@BU, intergenerational productions continue to soar! Bobbitt states, "My little secret when writing children's plays is that I truly try to entertain the adults as much, if not more than the kids. I think it's a toe tapping, sing-along, laugh out loud, hug your children kinda show.'

Wheelock Family Theatre is located at 180 Riverway, Boston MA

Tickets may be purchased by phone at 617-353-3001, online at wheelockfamilytheatre.org, or at the box office at 180 Riverway,

Discounts are available for groups and students. For a full list of discounts, please visit www.wheelockfamilytheatre.org/ discounts-promotions/

Accessibility: Open Cap-tioning provided at all events. Accessibility Performance Dates: March 5th at 2:00 p.m., and March 11th, at 2:00 p.m. Questions regarding access? Please contact Audience Services Manager Jamie Aznive at jaznive@bu.edu.

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Wheelock Family Theater will continue to follow Covid-19 guidelines set by the City of Boston and Boston University surrounding the health and safety of our staff, artists and audiences. Performers will be vaccine compliant, un-masked, and will abide by regulations set by the City of Boston, Boston University, and Actor's Equity Association. Any participant with symptoms that could be related to COVID-19 should not engage in group activities and should seek medical advice. For more updated information, please visit www. wheelockfamilytheatre.org/covid-19-update/

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Italian-American Attorney Michelle Gremo Kelley Appointed as a District Court Judge



(L-R): Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Judge Michelle Gremo Kelley, and Sergeant of Arms of the House of Representatives Ray Amaru.

Attorney Michelle Gremo Kelley was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the District Court on November 9, 2022. Judge Kelley, the daughter of second-generation Italian Americans, was born and raised in the Grafton Hill neighborhood of Worcester. Kelley received her Bachelor's Degree from Emerson College and earned a Master's in Business Administration from Suffolk University. She is a proud graduate of New England Law and became a member of the Massachusetts Bar in 1997.

Prior to being nominated to the District Court bench by Governor Charlie Baker, Kelley spent 27 years working in the District Court Department of the Trial Court. Most recently, she was appointed the Clerk-Magistrate of the Wrentham District Court in 2017 by Governor Baker. She also served as an Assistant Clerk-Magistrate in the Somerville District Court. Kelley has also been a part-time professor at Curry College for several years teaching business law.

"I am excited for this incredible opportunity and am grateful to Governor Baker," states Kelley. "I look forward to continuing to work in the District Court." Attorney Kelley has been assigned to the Worcester Region of the District Court.

Pat's Party

Back on the Agenda Again

by Sal Giarratani

Pat Capogreco held a party and everyone arrived at it or so it seemed. His Christmas/ New Years bash has become an annual tradition in East Boston for many years. The COVID



Armando Raponi and Pat Capogreco



Chris (Tiger) Stockbridge, Mike Mackin, and



pandemic halted it for a while but it has returned bigger and better than ever, This year, it was looking so big that Pat had to take it over to the Hilton Garden Inn on Boardman Street right by

This year it was held on January 8th and it was bigger and better than ever and no way could it have been held inside Pat's apartment like before. It was a grand old time with family, friends and many new acquaintances. Folks from all over Boston and beyond came out! It was once again a great idea to get together, to laugh and party.

Anyone who knows Pat knows he has a knack for bringing people together and one way to do that is with a great party atmosphere. Another way to party up is with great music by the deejay and there was plenty of action on the dance floor to enjoy your life again.

I have a feeling this party has grown so much, it can never go back to Pat's place again.



Lisa Cappuccio, Sheriff Steven Tomkins, and Mike Freedberg



Racquel Davey, Carson Pitts, and Maria Capogreco



Returns to Boston Common

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department present the annual Children's Winter Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground on Wednesday, February $22^{\rm nd}$ from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit boston.gov/winterfest for more information about this family-friendly school vacation week event.

The free festival is open to all and offers music, give-aways, winter activities, treats, and crafts. Featured attractions include large inflatable installations such as the All-Star Challenge, Everest Climb 'N' Slide, and a Fun House Maze. Kids and their caregivers can also enjoy rides in the park on the Trackless Train, a ski lift photo booth, slap shot hockey, snow throw, pop-up mural activity from the Mayor's Mural Crew, a LEGO build activity with a Master Model Builder, and much more.

The event is hosted in partnership with title sponsor Highland Street Foundation, presenting sponsor L.L. Bean, contributing sponsors Dunkin', H.P. Hood, College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving, and media sponsor The Boston Globe. Additional support is provided by Xfinity, Mission Realty Advisors, LEGO® Discovery Center Boston, Lighthouse ArtSpace Boston, and the Baby Lab at UMASS Boston.

The Boston Common Parade Ground is located at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets. Call 617-635-4505 or email *parks@boston.gov* for more information. To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, visit *Boston.gov/Parks*, join our email list at *bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails*, and follow our social channels *@bostonparksdept* on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

You are invited to attend: ABCD North End/West End's Valentine's Day Party! Tuesday, February 14th at 12 PM ABCD North End/West End NSC 1 Michelangelo St. Boston, MA 02113 RSVPs are encouraged! Contact us at 617.523.8125 Chinese food and festive desserts to be served! abcd

Tips for Growing Beautiful Dahlias

by Melinda Myers

Growing beautiful dahlias is easier than you think. Proper planting and care will result in an abundance of beautiful blooms for you to enjoy in your garden and summer bouquets. Use these strategies to boost your dahlia growing success:

Start Early for a Long Season of Flowers

Dahlias grow from sweet-potato-like tuberous roots often called tubers that are usually planted in late spring. For earlier blooms, start your dahlias indoors about four to six weeks before the last spring frost. Use one- or twogallon pots with drainage holes. Fill them with a damp growing mix and cover the tip of the tubers with one to two inches of soil. Water sparingly until the sprouts emerge, which can take two to four weeks.

Plant Outdoors in Late Spring

Grow dahlias as you would tomatoes. Choose a sunny location with fertile, well-drained soil. To encourage healthy root growth, take time to loosen the soil in the planting area at least 12 inches deep. Don't be in a rush to plant your dahlias. Wait until the soil is warm and all danger of frost has passed.

Good air circulation encourages strong, healthy growth. Space border dahlias 15 inches apart from the center of one plant to the next. Taller types should be spaced at least 18 to 24 inches on center. Plant so the top of the tuber is no more than one to two inches below the soil surface. It can take several weeks for the first sprouts to emerge, but once they do, the plants grow very quickly.

Pinch for Fuller Growth and More Blooms

When your dahlias reach a height of 10 to 12 inches, use scissors or sharp pruning shears to remove the top two or three sets of leaves. Pinched plants produce more side branches, resulting in sturdier growth and lots more flowers. Pinching will set the plants back by a week or two, but they will come back quickly.

Stake to Avoid Broken Stems

Dahlias that grow more than three feet tall benefit from staking. This is especially true for varieties that produce large flowers. Staking helps plants stay upright, minimizes damage from wind and rain, keeps the flowers more visible, and makes it easier to deadhead. To avoid damaging the tubers, add the stakes at planting time or soon after. For more information on staking and pinching dahlias to increase flower production, read Longfield Gardens' How to Pinch and Stake Dahlias (Longfield-gardens.com) article.

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Feed Your Plants and Don't Let Them Go Thirsty Dahlias perform best when the



The more dahlias you cut for bouquets, the more flowers the plant will produce.

will produce.
(Photo courtesy of Longfield-Gardens.com)

Dahlias perform best when they receive a consistent amount of moisture throughout the growing season. Too much or too little water causes stress and can reduce flower production. When the weather is dry, water deeply once or twice a week, using drip irrigation, a soaker hose, or a watering wand. Keep the foliage as dry as possible to minimize disease. Mulching the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic material will conserve moisture, moderate soil temperature, and suppress weeds.

Dahlias perform best when they are well-fed. Enrich the soil with compost and add a low-nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer at planting time. Once the plants are 12-18 inches tall, many gardeners boost performance with an additional slow-release fertilizer application or several liquid fertilizer applications every three to four weeks. Follow the label directions for the timing and application rates of the fertilizers you select.

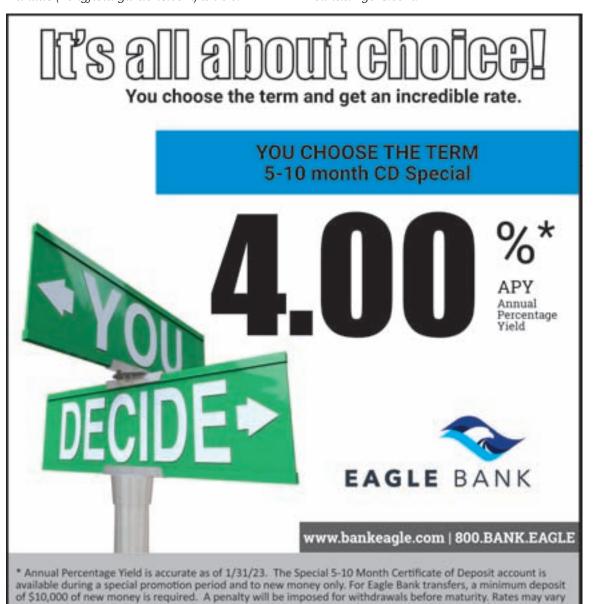
Pruning and Deadheading

The more flowers you cut, the more flowers you'll get. Harvesting flowers twice a week will encourage a plentiful supply of blooms. Spent flowers should be removed immediately (deadheading) to minimize pest and disease problems. Always use sharp bypass pruners or snips to make clean cuts. If you want flowers with long stems, be willing to sacrifice some side buds. Stems come back longer and stronger when you cut deep into the plant and close to a main branch.

Dahlias require a little more time and attention than many other flowering plants. But your efforts will be handsomely rewarded with a bounty of beautiful blooms and a sense of accomplishment.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www. MelindaMyers.com.

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FRANK KIMBROUGH 2003-2006 (4LP Vinyl) Palmetto Records

The jazz world was shocked and profoundly saddened by the news that pianist Frank Kimbrough had passed away in December 2020 at just 64 years of age. Among the many mourning Kimbrough's loss was producer and guitarist Matt Balitsaris, whose Palmetto Records label had released more than a half dozen albums by the pianist. In honor of Kimbrough's memory, Palmetto is now releasing Frank Kimbrough 2003-2006, which compiles a pair of gorgeous trio dates from a particularly fruitful period in his career. This LP version brings together 2003's Lullabluebye, featuring longtime collaborators Ben Allison (bass) and Matt Wilson (drums); and the 2005 follow-up, Play, boasting a new trio with the then relatively unknown bassist Masa Kamaguchi alongside legendary drummer Paul Motian. The two albums are brilliant showcases for not only Kimbrough's deft and subtle pianism, but also his witty and memorable compositions. Both have been newly mixed and remastered, allowing Balitsaris to focus the music more on the interplay within the two trios rather than the original, more piano-focused mixes.

Kimbrough was probably best known for his more than 25-year tenure in the Maria Schneider Orchestra, but he was a revered player and educator in a number of diverse contexts. His radiant, tender but pointed style blended influences from Bill Evans, Thelonious Monk and Herbie Nichols, inflected by the singular voices of his mentors, Paul Bley and Andrew Hill. Shortly after arriving in New York City in the early 1990s, Kimbrough and Ben Allison co-founded the Jazz Composers Collective, a tightknit group of like-minded artists who recorded together in various contexts. That included the Herbie Nichols Project, which brought Kimbrough to Palmetto for the first time to record the 2001 album Strange City. It was during that session, Balitsaris recalls in his liner notes that he determined to record Kimbrough in a trio context. "The song 'Karna Kangi' was a trio of Frank, Ben Allison and Matt Wilson," he recalls, "and it was so loose and funky and swinging that it immediately became imperative to record that trio!" It took a couple of years to reconvene the three in-demand musicians, but in April 2003, they gathered at Maggie's Farm, Balitsaris' studio in rural Pennsylvania, to record what would become Lullabluebye. "The session was a leisurely affair," Balitsaris describes, "They are the kind of friends who provide punch lines to each other's jokes, their musical rapport evident in every phrase they play. You can hear their delight throughout." That's true from the off-kilter

That's true from the off-kilter swagger of the title track, a simple 22-bar blues, through the elegant tribute to Andrew Hill, "Ode," down to the darktinged, crystalline album closer, "Eventualities." While the majority of the tunes come from the leader's pen, Allison contributed the breezy "Ben's Tune" while "You Only Live Twice" is John Barry's theme song to the 1967 James Bond film, here rendered as a buoyant, bossa-tinged ballad. For his follow-up, Kimbrough wanted to try something different. He'd been working with the up-andcoming Kamaguchi quite a bit in the lead-up to the date, and wanted to pair the bassist with Motian's iconic sound. It's a testament to Kimbrough's gifts that the drummer was convinced to make a rare excursion outside of New York for the session.

The album is bookended by two renditions of Kimbrough's ballad "Beginning," the first highlighted by Motian's floating, cloud-like rhythmic nuance, the second a delicate duet between Kimbrough and Kamaguchi. Motian contributes both the gentle title track and the elusive "Conception Vessel," from his 1973 ECM release of the same name. The rest of the tunes, from the dizzying waltz "The Spins" (dedicated to Steve Lacy) to the knockabout "Little Big Man," are Kimbrough's, each ideally suited to this remarkable trio. Schneider singles out the atmospheric "Waiting in Santander," saying, "It reminds me of the pure joy and gratitude that so many of us felt every time we got to make music with Frank."

FAULKNER EVANS – THROUGH THE LENS (CD) Consolidated Artists Production

In the two and a half years that have elapsed since his wife Linda took her own life, pianist and composer Falkner Evans has sought every means available to understand and interpret his new reality. Those vibrant memories from the past like the snapshot that graces the cover of his new album, Through the Lens, of an antique camera unattended in the rain from a trip that Evans and Linda took to Venice. The deeply felt places where Evans dared to go on the album reveal themselves in the aching emotion and transcendent beauty of these five pieces. Beginning from a place of stark introspection, "Soul Witness" tenderly explores the journey of self-discovery that Evans has undertaken. Wading back into the dating pool served as inspiration for "Closeness... Desire." From the tentative to the tender, the confused to the passionate, the piece contends with the conflicting emotions brought on by the romantic urge. "Blues for Lucia" borrows Linda's middle name for its dedication. The questing, yearning "Living Forever" marks the transition into a new phase of life, one that is fully aware of mortality but looks intently forward to find new reasons for continuing on each new day. The album closes with the title track and its evocations of crystallized memory and

bittersweet happiness.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS ...

Journey's Steve Perry just turned 74 on January 22nd; Aaron Neville (82), Neil Diamond (82), and Ray Stevens (84) all celebrated birthdays on January 24th, As a side note, I have always loved Ray Steven's "Everything is Beautiful," a big hit of his from 1970. Brings back great memories.

Finally, actor Michael Ontkean best known for his rookie cop role in the 1972 hit TV cop show *The Rookies* turned 77 on January 24th, too. This show was one of ABC-TV's best Aaron Spelling TV shows of which he had many back in the day.

NOW BIDEN IS LAWYERING UP, TOO

I found some of the "Big Guy," Joe Biden's recent comments to reporters on all those classified documents being found by Biden lawyer's quite bizzaro. He says he is unable to say much about any treasure trove of top secrets just turned over to the FBI. What happened to all that transparency he talked about on the campaign trail? Both he and his White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre are zipping their mouths. I thought the president was supposed to answer to the people, but now he's lawyering up.

Biden says the lawyers have been finding these classified documents in several locales, even in the garage where Biden's 1967 Corvette sits. How did the lawyers know where to look? Apparently, there's a leaker out there. So, who is this leaker? Why is anything being leaked right now? Etc, etc, etc.

Oh, one more thing, Biden stated not to worry about the pile of top secret stuff sitting in the back of his garage on the floor behind that Corvette of his. He always keeps the garage door down and locked. Then, inside there his Corvette stands guard over that pile of papers on the floor with its very life.

Even the lapdog media isn't buying any of this anymore. There is obviously a limit to how much they can take.

THE ASSASSINATION OF

PRESIDENT LINCOLN Back when I was in the 4^{th} grade during art, Sister Marv Honor told us to draw a historical event. So, I proceeded to draw the assassination of Lincoln. I thought it looked pretty good. But when she walked around the room checking on the drawings, she stopped by my desk. Looking sternly, she took my drawing and tore it into teenyweenie pieces. She handed me a blank paper and told me to draw something without blood in the drawing. But my artistic inspiration was gone.

Thank God, today if you did that, your parents would have to come into school and you'd need to see a psychologist. Liked the way things got done quickly back then.

THEY'RE CALLING THE RECENT NIGHTCLUB MASS SHOOTING A HATE CRIME?

The Fake News media has started suggesting the recent mass shooting out in California that killed 10 and wounded another 10 a hate crime. Seems the nightclub was a popular Asian nightclub BUT the

shooter has been identified as a 70-year-old Asian man. Law enforcement hasn't found the shooter's motive yet. Pretty sure, it doesn't qualify as a Hate Crime but that's just common sense talking.

JIMMY FLAHERTY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST MARCH 4TH

The South Boston Citizens Association annual Evacuation Day event kicks off with the Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast on Saturday, March 4th at the Seapoint Restaurant at 10:00 a.m. The breakfast will be followed up by a host of events throughout the month of March.

143RD ANNUAL SBCA BANQUET MARCH 17TH

This year's South Boston Citizens Association events will include a memorial Mass and the annual Memorial Exercises up at Dorchester Heights on Friday morning March 17th. Later that evening the South Boston Citizens Association 143rd Annual Evacuation Day Banquet will take place at the Boston Convention Center.

For more information on any of these events or the parade itself on Sunday, March 19th, go to *tmcgrath1963sb@gmail.com*.

SAN FRANCISCO ALWAYS A FREE STATE NEVER A SLAVE STATE

News out of San Francisco gets whacky and more whacky. How many aging baby boomers like me out there remember faithfully reading those Superman DC comic books. The creators of this superhero strip even invented Bizarro World, which mimicked everything we did except in a bizarro way. They had a superman, too. He had a blockhead and an IQ around 20. Everybody in that parallel world was the complete opposite of ours. Good was bad. Smart was dumb. Right was wrong. Etc., etc., etc.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors, (city council) just overwhelmingly voted to create reparations for their city's African Americans over how blacks were harmed by slavery. Surely, the whacko mayor of the Golden State city will sign this ridiculous idea into law. The supervisors voted to give individually \$5 million to every Black resident, lots of this taxpayer-driven loot even though when California entered the Union, it came in as a Free State and never had slaves to begin with. I kid you not. Woke liberals obviously have an agenda and it has nothing to do with historical wrongs. It's about rewriting history to create a post-constitutional America where there is no free speech, only "group speak." All of this dystopian vision right off the pages of George Orwell's 1984 world run by Big Brother rule.

THE PRICE OF GASOLINE IS SITUATIONAL

Whenever I drive down Route 3A going to Marshfield, I always gas up at the Gulf station on the Marshfield-Pembroke line where gasoline is a true bargain. Last time down there, the price was \$2.99 and I have a photo to prove it.

If you are one of those strange folks who likes high-priced



Here's a price I think is right

gas, you can always stop by the Mobil station in Egleston Square where the price is only \$3.99 a gallon or on the other side of the city over in East Boston, you can get your gas down the street from Maverick Square for 3.89 a gallon. Why the fluctuation from gas station to gas station? Sounds like it could be geographical or something, don't you think?

PUBLIC EDUCATION THE NEW BATTLEGROUND

The best way to take over a society, a culture, or create a new form of government is to snatch our kids' minds in the classrooms of America. Indoctrination rather than education is to many the progressive's agenda to remaking America in its twisted ideology. To do nothing is to abdicate your parental authority.

America today is not perfect because human beings aren't perfect but our eyes should always be on the prize. We are a government of, for and by the people. Either we as citizens run it or it will run us. Woke progressivism is all about taking on more and more power from We, the people.

Kudos to the many parents who are standing up for their children's rights in the classroom. Large national teacher unions seem bent on moving as far to the left on the political spectrum as it can. It is up to parents in this country to stand up for public education doing the job of teaching basic skills for the future rather than knowing what pronouns to use or what gender to choose. Parents are pushing back. They really have no other choice, do they?

THERE'S A NEW CAT AT MY HOUSE



Close up of Smokey

Last May, I wrote about how my 14-year-old cat named Nica died after spending 12 of those 14 years living with me. I took the summer off from having another pet. However, by October, I knew I was ready and returned to the Quincy Animal Shelter where I had adopted Nice



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I've mentioned in my columns that I was a musician before I was anything else in life.

This is true and is the result of the generations that preceded me. Babbononno came to America as a musician. His three sons became musicians. His daughter married a musician. I didn't stand a chance with a grandfather, father and several uncles who were professional musicians. When I came along, it was just assumed that I too would be a musician.

At about the age of six, I was handed over to Babbononno to learn how to read music. His method of teaching me this art was by using Solfeggio, an Italian design on rhythmic articulation that, today is used at most music colleges around the world. Babbononno sat me down in front of a music stand with the Solfeggio book in front of me. He would open it to a page and I had to sing the notes of the exercise and beat them out with my right hand while he conducted the lesson with a baton, or in his case, a ruler in his hand. If I made a mistake, I got the ruler off my knuckles. By the time I was ten, I had knuckles like a prize fighter.

Once Babbononno gave the OK, it was time for me to learn an instrument. I tried every practical instrument imaginable but didn't take to any of them. I took piano lessons, accordion lessons, trumpet lessons, clarinet lessons, drum lessons but never practiced and the family was told by the teachers not to waste their money. I joined the drum and bugle corps when I attended the Joseph H. Barnes Junior High School. This was part of a military drill program that existed in all of the middle and high schools in Boston back in the day. I enjoyed being in uniform and marching with the other kids who were dressed like soldiers, but knew that playing a bugle was limited. I think that this was my psychological compromise. It was assumed that the son, grandson and nephew of professional musicians would follow in the family business.

Actually, if I came along a generation earlier, I could have made a living playing music. During the '30s, the swing bands dominated pop music, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, the Dorsey Brothers, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Vaughn Monroe, Artie Shaw, etc ... After World War II ended, the bands began to break up. The trend slanted toward small groups with a vocalist out front singing the latest pop tunes. After the early 1950s, rock and roll entered the equation, but even before this phenomenon came about, most musicians in cities like Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago were down to playing one nighters if they free lanced or just weekends if they played nightclubs or restaurants. Just a small percentage played steady engagements after the 50s began. For the rest of the

musicians, they had to find day jobs and hope they could get booked for a wedding, a private party, a christening, a dance or bar mitzvah on a weekend.

Before World War II, Uncle Nick and Dad were on the road with big bands. But by the time I was old enough to be part of the business, those days were gone. But, now you are going to ask, "What instrument did I learn how to play?" Well, it happened this way: I was sitting on my front steps one warm spring day in 1957. I was just finishing my first year in college at that point in time and working at the Seville Theater on Meridian Street. This was my 5th year at the Seville, and I had put studying music on a back burner. As I sat on the steps a friend who played bass walked past me on the opposite side of the street with his bass violin under his left arm. I yelled a hello and he stopped to talk. He told me that he had been drafted and was selling his bass to someone in the neighborhood. He also mentioned that the local band he was with would be minus a bass player. He knew that my father played bass and thought I might play the instrument too. If I wanted to take his place with the local band he would make sure I had the job. I had taken lessons on the bass from Dad, but like my concentration with other instruments, it was minimal. The idea of playing bass with a band seemed interesting and I told my friend that I might give it a shot. I did and that was the beginning.

I began to study the instrument on a serious note and practiced as much as I could. At times this was difficult. I worked at the Seville, at school I was on the swim team, played a couple of other intermural sports and in the spring and summer, baseball for the CYO league and the American Legion. But, I squeezed in practice time on Dad's bass. When I needed an instrument of my own, I rented one for a few bucks a month.

After a couple of weeks rehearsing with the local band, we obtained a job at a pizza place in East Boston. I think it was on Bennington Street. The owner wanted us there on Thursday and Friday nights, which fit into my schedule as I didn't have to work at the Seville on those nights. Well, working with that local band led to me becoming acquainted with musicians who dropped by to hear us. As a result, I started playing with other groups and eventually left the original band. The leader only wanted to play locally and didn't have aspirations of going beyond. When I discussed things with Dad and Babbononno, they agreed that it was time for me to move forward on my own.

At Dad's suggestion, I called the office of band leader Ken Reeves. He and his many bands played society music throughout the state and he had as many as 10 to 20 bands out on a weekend night. I called and spoke to a Mr. Cahn and

asked for an audition. At a given point in time, I reported to their Boylston Street office and auditioned with Mr. Cahn playing piano and me setting the rhythm with my bass. When I finished, Cahn told me that they really didn't need any more bass players, but thanked me for coming in. When I told Babbononno the events of the day, Nanna, who was listening in, offered, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." She had a point but the next day, I received a post card from Mr. Cahn offering me a list of dates (mostly Saturdays) for the next couple of months. I was thrilled and accepted them all. I bought my first car as none of the dates were local and I didn't know who I would be working with. When I reported to the first job, I was apprehensive as the rest of the band was composed of the top men in the Reeves' office. Mr. Cahn was the pianist and told me he was either going to break or make me. Dad and Babbononno had taught me well and I held my own. Later, during intermission, I discovered that Dave Cahn knew my uncles and Dad. They all lived in the same neighborhood as voung musicians. He even confessed that he bounced me on his knee when I was still in diapers. After he volunteered that information, the rest of the band sort of welcomed me as a new member. I staved with the Ken Reeves office for the next few years and paid my own way through college as a result. I continued to play for the next 64 years, and when asked what kind of music I have played, I reply, "Everything from symphony to soul." I'm not kidding.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Docket No. MI23P0188EA

Estate of SEBASTIANO BLANDINO Also Known As JAMES BLANDINO

Date of Death: December 02, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joseph Blandino** of **Lexington**, **VA**, Petitioner **John Blandino** of **Townsend**, **MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Joseph Blandino of Lexington, VA, John Blandino of Townsend, 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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What could be more delicious than a spinach and cheese, sausage and pepper, or even an eggplant parmesan "Calzone"? These half-moon shaped creations hail from Naples and were initially made as a way to be able to eat pizza, using one hand, while standing on the street. Over the years, they've gained popularity here in the states and it is highly unlikely that you will find a pizzeria that doesn't offer a variety of Calzones on their menu to choose from!

My Nonna made her own calzones from homemade pizza dough and an assortment of fillings. She never made them too big so they could be eaten without having to cut them in half or worry about the filling spilling out everywhere. One of her friends once told her that when she didn't have time to make her own dough, she could easily substitute using frozen dinner rolls. Nonna wouldn't try this, she was too set in her old Sicilian ways, but out of curiosity I did. I will always like my own dough the best, however, I must admit, these came out amazing. Nonna's friend was right, they baked beautifully and were just the right size to eat with one hand. "Mini Spinach and Cheese *Calzones*" are a great finger food for just about any occasion and absolutely perfect to add to your Super bowl Sunday spread!

MINI SPINACH and MOZZARELLA CALZONES Mini Calzoni Spinaci e Mozzarella



DOUGH

25 to 30 frozen unbaked dinner rolls 4 cup all-purpose flour more

½ cup all-purpose flour, more if needed

FILLING:

2 pounds of fresh spinach or 2 16-ounce bags frozen ¹/₄ to ¹/₂ pound pepperoni, sliced into bite sized pieces ½ to ¾ pound shredded mozzarella cheese
 ½ cup black olives, sliced
 4 cloves garlic, pressed
 ½ cup olive oil, more if needed

EGG WASH:

2 eggs, beaten with 2 tablespoons water

FOR THE DOUGH/CRUST:

Place the frozen rolls/dough on a baking sheet. Cover with a cotton towel and let defrost and rise for about 4 hours.

FOR THE FILLING:

If using fresh spinach, steam spinach in water until cooked, drain well and put aside. Sauce garlic in olive oil just until it softens, add drained spinach, pepperoni, olives, and season with salt and pepper (I like to use crushed red pepper) to taste. Cook over low heat for about 5 minutes. Turn off heat and let mixture cool. Add the shredded mozzarella cheese and mix together, set aside.

ASSEMBLING THE CALZONES:

Preheat the oven to 400°. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Roll out each dinner roll on a lightly floured surface into a 5-inch circle about 1/4 inch thick. Put 1 ½ tablespoons of the spinach and cheese mixture in the center of each circle. Brush around the outside of the circles with the egg wash and fold over the dough to form half-moon/calzone shapes. Crimp around the edges with a fork to seal. Place the calzone on the prepared baking sheet, spread apart slightly. Brush with egg wash and repeat.

Bake for about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Enjoy!

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

Remember Your Loved Ones



The Post-Gazette accepts memorials throughout the year.

Please call **617-227-8929**

2023 NEAA Baseball Registration is Underway

Hello All,

I see the sun today and that reminds me that baseball is right around the corner. We are looking forward to another funfilled season while we enjoy the warm weather and our children smile, laugh and run around on our beautiful fields. We will be offering baseball from age 4 to 18. To give everyone a heads up here is what we are thinking for 2023:

Your child's age is determined by how old your child is on 4/30/23. All baseball age 4-12 will be co-ed.

Age 4-5 will be our Instructional/T-Ball League. This will take place on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This could change based on how many children we have registered at both ages. If we get too many I will put the 4 year olds 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., and the 5 year olds 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Age 6-8 is our Minor League. Coach pitched to start and eventually player pitched if possible; Mon thru Fri starting at 5:30 p.m. on the turf field at Puopolo Park. Because of the continued growth in this age group, we have decided to add Fridays to the schedule. Also, this year Richie Perry will be commissioner of the minor league. It is the first time the minors have had their own commish but the league keeps growing. Richie has been with us a long time and represents everything we

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Docket No. MI17P2646EA

Estate of

MARY SIMMS

Date of Death: February 18, 2017

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above

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Shirley Simms of Newton, MA, a Will has

been admitted to informal probate

want in a commish. Please support him throughout the season.

Age 9-12 is our Major League. Mon thru Fri starting at 6:00 p.m. on the grass field at Langone Park. In addition to playing the other NEAA teams, we already have a schedule that includes games against the Hillhouse League. When we play HH our home games will continue to be at Langone. When we are "on the road" those games are at Boston Common. John Pregmon returns as commissioner of our Major League. John does a great job and as always the support of the parents are critical for our league to be successful. Please continue to support John throughout the season.

The NEAA will also put two teams in the Lou Tompkins All-Star Baseball league (ltasbaseball.com). This is a league consisting of over 60 teams located mostly in Boston and surrounding areas. This year we will have:

Age 13-15 Dodgers. These Dodgers will once again be coached by Kevin "Sully" O'Sullivan. Sully has run this team for the NEAA for the last few years and does a great job. This is a travelling All-Star team that plays half their games on the turf at Puopolo and the other half at various ballparks around the city. This is a tryout

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Docket No. MI23P0367EA

Estate of

HERMAN N. DEAN

Also Known As

HERMAN N. DEAN, JR.

Date of Death: June 30, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Louise A. Furia of Ayer, MA, a Will has been

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admitted to informal probate

To all persons interested in the above

team meaning that just signing up isn't enough to make you a part of the team. You must go to coach Sully's tryout and display the attitude and skills necessary to be chosen for this team. We try to carry as many players as possible but LTA roster is limited to 20 players max so we cannot exceed that number. Its competitive baseball designed for players who are trying to get ready to play for their high school teams in the fall.

Age 16-18 Dodgers. These Dodgers will be coached by Dom DiCenso. Dom has been with the NEAA for 50 years as a player, coach and most recently umpire. He's does a great job mentoring and teaching young men baseball. Like the younger Dodger's team this is also a travelling All-Star team. This is a tryout team meaning that just signing up isn't enough to make you a part of the team. You must go to coach Dom's tryout and display the attitude and skills necessary to be chosen for this team. We try to carry as many players as possible but LTA roster is limited to 20 players max so we cannot exceed that number. Its competitive baseball designed for players who are trying to get ready to play for their high school and college teams in the fall.

In order to be considered for any of our programs you must go to our website neaabaseball. org and register for our league. The fee is a very modest \$55 and will cover uniforms, baseballs, bats and equipment as well as great coaching all our coaches will be CORI checked.

Registration will close February 24th, and payment will be due by March 1st in order to secure your spot. Registration fee's can be paid by VENMO: @NEAABoston or check made out to NEAA and mailed to:

NEAA c/o John Romano 30 North Bennet Street Boston, Mass. 02113

The NEAA will never keep a player from participating due to inability to pay our registration fee. If the fee is a barrier, please contact John Romano at 617-750-9749, all information is confidential.

Baseball ages 4-12 starts practicing in April with opening day being April 22nd and finishes June 30th. We typically put allstar teams in the Mayor's Cup and the Boston City league so the opportunity to continue to play into August will be there is you are interested.

Age 13-15 LTA Dodgers. Opening Day is 6/21 and Championship Sunday is 8/13.

Age 16-18 LTA Dodgers Opening Day is 6/21 and Championship Sunday is 8/13.

As always I am looking for qualified coaches. If you are interested please reach out to me directly by texting at 857-366-1213.

Looking forward to another awesome season.

The Commish

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The driver attempted to flee but was rammed by a witness in his pick-up truck. The driver was held at the scene until police arrived.

Last year, he was sentenced to just five months in a diversionary program at a juvenile probation camp. In a victim impact statement in court the young mother directed her ire at the LA District Attorney George Gascón.

When questioned by Fox News, the young mother stated she had mixed feelings, but "The universe delivered the justice we weren't given in Court, but a much harsher punishment than he'd have been dealt in a court of law."

FBI Agent Helping Russian Oligarch

A FBI agent who probed the fake "Russiagate" Trump case has been arrested for helping a Russian oligarch. Charles McGonigal was one of the FBI agents assigned to see if Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russia — allegations proven false by the Mueller Report. Now McGonigal has been arrested and charged with secretly trying to help Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska avoid American sanctions. McGonigal now faces up to 80 years in prison if convicted.

Busing and Academic Outcomes

Despite demographic changes inside Boston Public Schools, students are still being bused. Does busing have an educational upside today?

That was the basis for a new study tracking Boston's sixth and ninth grade students over a decade. The research conducted by MIT's Blueprint Labs found that students who were bused to schools outside their neighborhoods saw no academic benefit.

Speaker Has Marjorie's Back

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-CA, has been effusive in his praise of firebrand

U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green, R-GA, behind closed doors after she backed him for the speakership. "I will never leave that woman. I will always take care of her, according to a January 23rd New York Times report. As McCarthy told the Times, "If you're going in a fight, you want Marjorie in your foxhole."

Brawl at **Boston Latin Academy**

A brawl at Boston Latin Academy sent a female student to the hospital on Monday, January 23rd as police investigate whether a "dangerous sharp object" was used in the latest in a string of violent incidents in the Boston Public Schools.

The fight involved four middle school students with one student sustaining injuries to her hand. The student was seen by the school nurse and evaluated by Boston EMS.

Dems Sponsoring Bill Granting D.C. Statehood

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and other Democrat House leaders have sponsored a bill (H.R. 51) to grant statehood to D.C. as one of its first bills in the new Congress. In pushing this legislation, Jeffries has stated his justification for D.C. statehood by saying, "No taxation without representation. It's time to make the District of Columbia a state." The Democrats' new mantra this time around, "They are, in effect, powerless."

However, chances of this legislation passing in the House are remote with a Republicancontrolled House. Many House Republicans see this move as purely symbolic and the chances seem remote for Democrats getting this legislation passed and headed for the Senate.

End Quote

"People don't know what they want; they only want what they

— Anon

• Talk of Many Things (Continued from Page 8)

I found a three- to four-yearold male cat named Mr. B that sparked my attention and I adopted him. I settled on a new name, Smokey, which matches his fur color.

Smokey is getting better by the day, not jumping around all over the place. He's settled in and has a good appetite. Where Nica would start scratching me in the morning for breakfast if I didn't move fast enough, she upped things to biting the back of my neck, Smokey is racing around the room like a super cat, jumping on top of the bureau or bookcase and knocking things all over the

All cats are different and no cat ever replaces another cat, which is why I took a break for several months. Smokey is my new cat. I will always miss Nica. I still also miss Lily who passed back in the 90s. You never forget, you move on and keep the old memories up in your head.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY **DEPUTY SHERIFF'S** ASSOCIATION **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY** & BREAKFAST

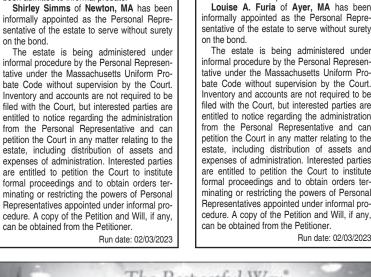
This past Sunday morning (January 29th) the Middlesex County Deputy Sheriff's Association held its annual



Chrissy Cerretani with Sal Giarratani at the MCDSA breakfast ceremony (Photo by Chrissy Cerretani)

swearing-in ceremony at the Andover Country Club in Andover, MA. Each year in January several hundred members from across the state gather to be re-commissioned as Middlesex County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's.

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian re-commissioned several hundred who gathered as Middlesex reserve deputy sheriffs for the county. Christine Cerretani as always opened this event singing the National Anthem.



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Docket No. MI23P0070EA

Estate of MARY M. THOMPSON

Date of Death: November 10, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Peter S. Thompson of Pawtucket, RI, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Peter S. Thompson of Pawtucket, RI 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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Estate of **EDWARD J. DIPASQUALE**

Date of Death: October 14, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Laura J. Cervizzi of North Reading, MA, Petitioner Linda A. Silva of Medford, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Laura J. Cervizzi of North Reading, MA Linda A. Silva of Medford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU23P0100EA

Estate of MADELINE CAROL WONG Date of Death: November 09, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert W. Wong of Saugus, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Robert W. Wong of Saugus, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Docket No. SU23P0023EA Estate of **SANDRA SIZER**

Date of Death: November 28, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Thomas A. Rockwell of Hyannis, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given by Export Enterprises, Inc., 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after February 11, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for

towing, storage, and notices of sale: 2007 JEEP COMPASS VIN # 1J8FT47W17D119321

> 1998 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCG5542WA193046

2020 SomEV VIN # 4T9SB1B20LS382006

2009 FORD MUSTANG VIN # 1ZVHT84N395125358

2009 TOYOTA MATRIX VIN # 2T1GE40E49C002145

2010 NISSAN VERSA VIN # 3N1BC1AP0AL416056

2013 HYUNDAI SONATA VIN # 5NPEB4AC6DH711792 2009 MITSUBISHI LANCER

VIN # JA3AU26U09U029856 2012 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 2HGFB2F54CH304551

2008 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP36828A070050

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

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



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Rolen Only Hall Of Fame Pick this Time Around

There were lots of players on the Hall of Fame ballot this year; some new candidates and plenty of retreads also! The only winner this year was Scott Rolen. Those who opposed the Rolen selection said, "It's not the Hall of the very good." If it were the Hall of the very good then Robin Ventura would already be in the Cooperstown shrine. Rolen was an elite two-way player. Kudos to Jason Mastrodonate for his Boston Herald piece on January 25th.

Why are so many baseball folks upset? Rolen was an 8-time Golden Glove winner at third base, a 7-time All-Star who finished with a career .281 average. He had a 17 season career with the Phillies (7 seasons), Cardinals (6 seasons), Blue Jays (2 seasons), and retired in 2012 with the Cincinnati Reds (4 seasons). When I think of him, I seem to think mostly of the Cincinnati Reds.

Scott Rolen received 76.3 percent of the vote where 75 percent was needed to gain hall entry. Todd Helton received 72.2 percent and Billy Wagner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and

Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 18, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

2011 NISSAN VERSA VIN # 3N1BC1CP5BL485498

2006 MAZDA 3 VIN # JM1BK323861507842 2010 CHEVROLET MALIBU

VIN # 5NPET46C67H255657 2007 TOYOTA PRIUS VIN # JTDKB20U377582579 2013 SUBARU FORESTER

2007 HYUNDAI SONATA

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

VIN # JF2SHADC0DH431085

Signed D & G Towing

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 25 Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after February 11, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2010 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP2F87AA025718

2018 MAZDA 3 VIN # 3MZBN1U70JM190241 2000 DUCATI M900

VIN # ZDM1RA4N5YB003485 2010 CHEVROLET COBALT VIN # 1G1AF5F52A7223404

2003 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF VIN # 9BWBK61J534067855 2013 CHEVROLET MALIBU

VIN # 1G11A5SA5DU131985 2007 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCM56787A196374

2007 SATURN ION VIN # 1G8AL58B27Z100700 2012 MAZDA 2

VIN # JM1DE1KZ8C0142542 Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

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

68.1 percent. After that, it was Andrew Jones 58.1 percent, Gary Sheffield 55.0, and Carlos Beltran and Jeff Kent tied at 46.5 percent, then the numbers kept dropping further downward.

I always liked Carlos Beltran, he had a great career, but his role in the 2017 Houston Astros cheating scandal did him in. It could be a while for that stench to wear off. Looking at his stats it should have been a no-brainer for him to be inducted into Cooperstown. He had the fourth most home runs by a switch hitter with 435, trailing only Mickey Mantle, Eddie Murray, and Chipper Jones all in the Hall of Fame. Too bad, he was stained in that 2017 business.

Happy Birthday to ...

Former Red Sox reliever Alan Embree turned 53 on January 23rd. He played for us from 2002-05. The lefty had a 16-season career. With the Sox, he only had four saves, but was super valuable. He appeared in 11 games in the 2004 postseason, helping to lock down eight victories, including the final out in Game 7 of the ALCS against what turned out to be the hapless Yankees and also got two outs in the eighth inning in Game 4 of the World Series.

Former Yankee Shelley Duncan Hired As Skipper and ...

Former Yankee Shellev Duncan was hired to manage the Yankees Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre Triple A club.

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Notice is hereby given by MJS Towing, Inc., 1589 Hyde Park Ave, Hyde Park, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 11, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN VIN # 2D4RN5DXXAR223931

2007 HONDA CIVIC VIN # JHMFA36227S006705

1998 MERCEDES BENZ SLK230

VIN # WDBKK47F9WF045222 **2013 NISSAN ALTIMA**

VIN # 1N4AL3AP2DC179189 2011 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP2E30BA132892

2004 HONDA VT750 VIN # JH2RC50334K012702

Vehicles are being stored at MJS Towing, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed MJS Towing, Inc. Run dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street., Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on February 4, 2023 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien

> 2017 SUBARU WRX, GRAY VIN # JF1VA1B60H9816150 Kevin H. MacDonald 34A Rockingham St. Lowell, MA 01852

thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of

notice and sale:

2005 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER, BLACK

VIN # SALME11465A185997 Bianca Torres Carreon 2051 W. Steele Ln., #511 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

2007 FORD FOCUS, GRAY VIN # 1FAHP34N17W299453 Valdivino Alves De Oliveira 39 Hyde St., Apt. 1 Revere, MA 02151 Run dates: 1/20, 1/27, 02/03/2023 The 43-year-old was drafted by the Yankees in 2001 and hit .231 with 43 homers and 144 RBIs in the Majors with the Yankees, Indians, and Tampa

Former Yankees World Series Champion Homer Bush has been named the new manager of the Staten Island FerryHawks.

Did Ya Know?

On January 21, 1953, Dizzy Dean and Al Simmons were both elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Baseball writers passed over Joe DiMaggio in his first year of eligibility. Sixteen years later, on January 21, 1969, both Ray Campanella and Stan Musial were elected to the Hall of Fame.

Sad News off the Mound

The mother of Mike Clevinger's 10-month-old daughter has accused the White Sox pitcher of domestic violence and child abuse. The woman accused him on her Instagram story writing that the 32-year-old threw an IPad at her while pregnant, strangled her, and threw used chewing tobacco. She alleges injuries happened last year while Clevinger was playing for the Padres. Per The Athletic, MLB is investigating these claims. The White Sox have stated they were unaware of these allegations when they signed Clevinger to a one-year \$12 million contract in December.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

2017 HYUNDAI ELANTRA VIN # 5NPD74LF5HH100467

2016 INFINITI Q50 VIN # JN1EV7AR5GM342966 **2014 NISSAN ROGUE**

VIN # JN8AS5MT1EW616735 2007 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCM56167A121412 2015 MERCEDES BENZ ML350

VIN # 4JGDA5HB6FA440658 2015 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 19XFB2F57FF223221 Vehicles are being stored at

Vehicles are being stored at Stanley Service,

Inc., and may be viewed by appointment Signed Bill Blinstrub, Owner

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street,** Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 11, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

> 2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN # 2G1WT58K679403686 2009 TOYOTA CAMRY

VIN # 4T1BE46K69U350714 2003 HONDA ODYSSEY VIN # 5FNRI 18023B071084

2007 INFINITI G35 VIN # JNKBV61F07M820970 2001 GMC SIERRA

VIN # 1GTEK19T61E145342 **2005 INFINITI G35** VIN # JNKCV51F45M314392

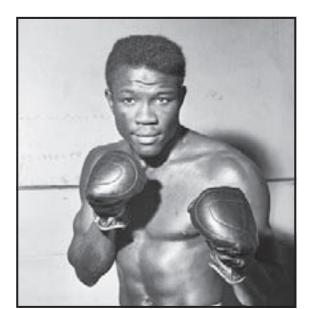
Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed Todisco Services. Inc.

01/27, 02/03, 02/10/2023



Remembering Emile Griffith on His Birthday



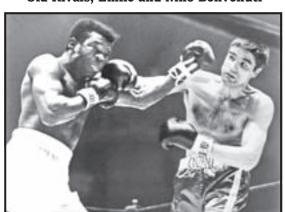
Emile Griffith



With Manager Gil Clancy



Old Rivals; Emile and Nino Benvenuti



Emile Vs Nino



Being interviewed by Don Dunphy

Former Welterweight and Middleweight would have Turned 85 on February 3rd



Emile receiving one of many Championship Belts from Nat Fleischer



The Champ



Losing a disputed decision to Carlos Monzon in their second fight



Defeating Ralph Dupas



Second fight with Joey Archer

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

It is that time of year —when the pro franchises leave town and a festive collegiate atmosphere takes over at the Garden, the facility coming alive with the spirit and enthusiasm of younger generations as they cheer on their respective teams in one of Boston's most storied athletic events.

We speak, of course, of the Beanpot hockey tournament, which takes up residence on Causeway Street for the first two Mondays in February with a vibrancy that brightens the winter landscape that has been rather barren since the close of the brightness of the holiday season. Chants from the student sections representing Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern and Harvard will enliven the proceedings as teams from the fours vie for possession of the historic Beanpot trophy.

The year's 70th edition of youthful vitality that is encapsulated at the time honored tournament heralds the arrival of a new sponsor, a pair of fresh faces behind the respective benches at two of the schools. With three of the participating institutions already being mentioned as candidates when the conversations turn to national championship considerations.

For the first time in its seven decades the tournament has a title sponsor (Dunkin'). Fans attending the tournament will see promotions for the locally based company within the arena. Those watching at home will see tournament and product promotions aired within the NESN broadcast of the games.

Opening night on February 6th has Boston College taking on Harvard in the tournament's first game at 5:00 p.m. That will be followed by a rematch of the last year's championship contest with Boston University going against Northeastern at 8:00 p.m.

The championship game is set for 7:30 p.m. on February 13th following the end of the consolation matchup. And just a word about that consolation contest. It is not a throwaway game since it counts as an official result in the won-lost records of both teams. A victory in the consolation game is another win that may be important when it comes time for the selection committee to select teams for placement in the upcoming NCCA regionals in March.

BU and Northeastern have faced each other in the championship game for the last four years with Northeastern winning three years in a row (2018, 2019, & 2020) before the Terriers were victorious last year in an exciting 1-0 title game. It was the first Beanpot title for the Terriers since 2015.

Beyond anything else, what this year's opening night pairing guarantees is that these two teams will not face each other in the championship game this time around. Only one will make it, with either BC or Harvard providing the opposition.

Three of the four teams are currently highly rated in the two weekly pooling services that cover college hockey. Boston University is ranked third and Harvard is ranked eighth nationally in both polls while Northeastern is ranked 20th in one poll and just misses out on a ranking by three points in the other. All three have been mentioned as possibilities in the national championship picture that will come into better focus during the NCAA Tournament next month.

There will also be new faces behind the bench at two of the schools. Greg Brown is now calling the shots at Boston College, having replaced the legendary Jerry York who retired last spring. It marks a return to The Heights for Brown, who at one time served as an assistant on York's staff for 14 seasons. Just down the road a bit on Commonwealth Avenue, former BU standout Jay Pandolfo is in his first year leading the Terriers, having replaced fellow alumnus Albie O'Connell at the end of last season. Pandolfo most recently served as an assistant coach with the Bruins for five seasons.

Off the ice there will be some moments of significance as well. Current Boston Bruins defenseman Grzelcyk, who played at Boston University and his father John Grzelcyk, will both be inducted into the Beanpot Hall of Fame prior to the start of the championship game on February 13th.

The elder Grzelcyk has been a member of the Garden crew that changes the Garden into its various configurations (hockey, basketball, concerts and commencements) for 55 years. He rates his son's feat of scoring the winning goal in the 2015 Beanpot championship game as one of the top moments of his life.

Like his father, Matt Grzelcyk is a native of Charlestown. He went on to play four years of college hockey at BU. During that time he played in three Beanpot tournaments with the most memorable appearance coming in 2015 when he scored the winning goal in a thrilling 2-1 victory over Harvard. It was his second goal of the night and earned him Beanpot MVP honors.

He finished his college career with 26 goals and 69 assists for 95 points across 125 games .He served as team captain of the Terriers during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 seasons.

Interestingly, Matt revealed during the Beanpot luncheon that the first time he saw the Beanpot in person was the first time he played in it. "During high school my dad made sure I did all my homework on school nights," he explained. To John we say: congratulations for instilling such values in your son.

Making the announcement of the coming dual induction was Bruins Foundation President Bob Sweeney, himself a member of the Beanpot Hall of Fame.

Some 40 years ago in 1983, as freshman for Boston College, Sweeney scored four goals and added four assists as the Eagles defeated Harvard and Northeastern to claim the Beanpot title. He was selected as the tournament's MVP for his outstanding performance. At the time, it was BC's first Beanpot title in seven tears. He was inducted into the Beanpot Hall of Fame in 2010. Following his graduation in 1986, Sweeney played six seasons with the Bruins before moving on to also play for Buffalo, the New York Islanders and the Calgary Flames.