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St. Patrick's Day Friday, March 17th

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

DeSantis' Real Black History Support

According to Mark Bauerlein at the *Miami Herald* "the new English Language Arts standards that the Florida Department of Education adopted in February 2020 are called the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking," among the writers pushed are Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. Du Bois, Langston Hughes ... James Baldwin ...In seventh grade, teachers are encouraged to assign "Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott': in eighth grade, Nelson Mandela's 'Long Journey to Freedom' and Douglass' "Blessings of Liberty and Education; 'and in 12th grade, the poems of Countee Cullen."

Don's Single Tops Miley's

Donald Trump has knocked pop star Miley Cyrus off the top of her iTunes chart over the weekend. The former president's duet with the J^ Prison Choir, "Justice for All," features Trump reciting the Pledge of Allegiance while his background singers — people jailed for their role in the January 6, 2021, Capitol riot — sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The collaboration was No. 1 on iTunes Top 100 list Saturday, booting Cyrus's "Flowers" from the coveted spot. The two minute and 20 second ditty remained No 1 this past Sunday.

"Freedom" from Debt: House Caucus Plan

The House Freedom Caucus last Friday released its list of demands that, if met, would sway its Republican members to vote in favor of raising the debt ceiling. The list of spending cuts and policy changes was introduced by members of this caucus, after which U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-PA, blasted Biden for misrepresenting the

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OVERDEVELOPING

is Killing Our Neighborhoods

by Sal Giarratani

Growing up outside the East Boston community back in the 50s I often visited extended family members living at the Maverick Projects. As a small child, my family took that ferry from the North End where we lived at that time to East Boston where the boat docked just outside Maverick Square. Round Trip fare was four cents but it took the ferry at least 20-25 minutes to make the trip.

Since 2010, I have adopted this East Boston community as my home. This community has been going through constant change and has become a developer's dream and a pure nightmare for folks who love living here and see themselves getting squeezed out by all these "pots of gold" as a not-so-benign economic development rush continues adding more and more high-end, high-rise structures eating up East Boston.

One of these latest pots of gold can be found at 135 Bremen Street that was approved by Boston Planning and Development Agency and that news was disappointing to local residents. At a recent Gove Street Citizens Association meeting it was announced that the BPDA approved 135 Bremen to be the site of a 6-story building containing 94 homeownership units with off-street parking.

The developers also received a variance last May that reduce the off-street parking to 47 parking spaces from the original spaces further irritating nearby residents.

I noted much opposition to what has happened here and agree with Neel Batra, a Gove Street Citizens Association board member who had been advocating for the neighborhood with many concerns regarding affordability, parking, and the effects on the Greenway across from this construction site. How can I not agree with Batra's opinion that city officials don't care what the community thinks? What good is giving the community that will be impacted by a housing proposal a "community voice" if no one listens to them or takes their concerns into consideration?

Another of the association's board members, Carlos Munoz has added that it remains so frustrating to be engaged in discussions when our voices carry so little weight. I am not disappointed in what just happened. I, from experience, assumed the neighborhood's concerns would fall on deaf ears because it always does.

I am frustrated and just a little angry that the BPDA has given the green light to development plans that have 94 units, but only 47 parking spots. Where does the BPDA think the other 47 vehicles are going to be parked or the idea that each unit's occupants might just have more than one vehicle? Could they become additional on-street parkers? Does anyone anywhere in a position of power care to even think about this issue? I am beginning to think it's just another example of the peons getting peed on.

I think it is high time for all of East Boston's neighborhood groups to get together to build a larger voice for the community and demand a meeting with the Boston Planning and Development Agency officials. There is strength in numbers. What happens in the Gove Street area doesn't stay on Gove Street. What happens in Jeffries Point doesn't stay there either. Same thing for Eagle Hill, Orient Heights, or anywhere else in Eastie.

We need to stop being disappointed, and start growing our collective voices out so loud that they must hear us. Otherwise, where will ordinary homeowners and renters be forced to flee toward? Working together today will hopefully keep us together tomorrow. It ain't over until it's over. "Never give up, never, never, never," as Winston Churchill once said.

BPDA Orient Heights REZONING MEETING

March 22, 2023 @ 6:30PM

to be held at the

Madonna Queen Shrine Function Space

145 Gladstone Street, East Boston

The BPDA is planning to **PRESENT MODIFICATIONS to the Orient Heights Community** to their current rezoning plan.

The current plan for rezoning will move to eliminate one family homes by right, removing current zoning laws, which would change the entire fabric of the Orient Heights community.

In attendance:

Boston Planning Development Agency, Boston City Councilors

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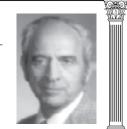
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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DOMITIAN: The Killer-Diller



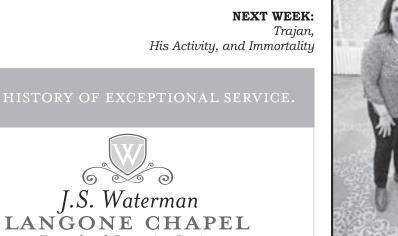
A complete list of Domitian's condemnations and the manner of his tortures certainly matches those of Caligula and Nero. He even devised a special truth extracting tech-

nique for use during inquisitions. This consisted of inserting fire into the privates of the witnesses. Financial problems brought about as a result of his shows and building programs resulted in economic measures — tax assessments, and confiscations — that were also equal to those of Caligula and Nero. The property of the living and the dead were seized anywhere, at any time, and on any charge that had been brought by any accuser. A mere word or action that could be construed as derogatory to the majesty of the emperor was all that was needed for condemnation. Domitian even confiscated estates of persons who were in no way connected with the emperor. All that was needed was for one man to come forward to say that he had at one time heard the deceased say that the emperor was his heir. He levied harsh taxes on the Jews and pursued them with the utmost rigor to force payment. One man who attempted to conceal his identity was examined publicly in a crowded courtroom and forced to reveal the fact of his circumcision.

Domitian was not to be outdone in his sex life, either. He was excessively lustful and was constantly engaged in sexual intercourse, which he called "bed-wrestling," and referred to this kind of activity as exercise. He even depilated his concubines with his own hand. It was said that he was such a down-to-earth guy that he even swam in the baths with common prostitutes. He refused a niece who was offered to him in marriage when she was a maiden, but later he seduced her after she became the wife of another. Still later, when she suffered the loss of her husband, he loved her ardently and openly, eventually causing her death by order-

Domitian was quite tall, with large eyes, handsome and graceful. In his later years, he suffered baldness, a protruding belly, and was spindle-legged. He exercised very little and was incapable of exertion, but instead was carried in a litter. His only interest in arms was archery. He was an excellent marksman and often killed wild beasts with two successive shots in such a manner that the arrows gave the effect of horns.

Domitian was killed by a conspiracy of close friends that also included his wife Domitia. The murder took place in his bedroom after a lengthy struggle. Stephanus, the steward of Domitia, concealed a dagger in a fake arm bandage. He stabbed the emperor in the groin while he was reading a paper. The emperor fought with Stephanus and both fell to the floor where they struggled for a long time. Domitian tried to get the dagger away from his assailant and even tried to gouge out his eyes with his own lacerated fingers, but eventually he was slain when Parthenius, a second assassin, stabbed the emperor seven times. The day of his death is listed as September 18, 96 A.D., in the fifteenth year of his reign. His corpse was carried out on a common bier by persons who normally buried the poor. He was cremated on his suburban estate, which was located on the Via Latina, and his ashes were placed in the Flavian family temple. The people received the news with indifference, but the senators were so overjoyed, that they immediately removed his shields and images from the walls of the Senate House and dashed them to the floor. They also decreed that all of his inscriptions be erased, and all record of him obliterated. Probably the one most significant feature of his reign was the manner in which he had advanced toward absolute monarchy.



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North End residents were extremely saddened by the passing of Anna Caso recently. Anna was known by many as Mrs. North End, always giving advice and joy to all. Anna received one of the largest attendees at St. Leonard Church I have ever seen in the North End. Anna Caso will be sorely missed by all who knew her, along with myself.

Over in the national spotlight the Republican presidential nomination has gained attention to the many republicans losing confidence in former President Donald Trump. With the many ongoing investigations that Trump is receiving, many Republicans are feeling that Trump is brining bad vibes to the GOP. Many feel it is time for a new younger, experienced candidate not brining the bad publicity brought by Trump.

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo's announcement of not seeking re-election this year has many current and former city councilors considering running for the open mayor's seat.

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Donne 2000

Celebrates 23rd Annual Festa delle Donne & Scholarship Fundraiser

by Doreen Giammarco



BOARD MEMBERS WITH CAKE — (L-R): Co-Treasurer Maria DiCenso, President Rosa Giammarco, Vice President Maria Ferrusi, Co-Treasurer Dora Volpe, Consigliere Anna Andreottola, Consigliere Concetta Graceffa, Consigliere Miranda Federico; Back Row: Co-Secretary Rita Susi Diecidue, Co-Secretary Doreen Giammarco

March 8th is International Women's Day. It is a very significant day in Italy and other European countries. The symbol of the day is the vellow mimosa flower, an expression of women's solidarity. This day is an opportunity for society to remember the importance of women, their important contributions to the betterment of our society, to recognize their sacrifices and to celebrate their achievements. It is also a day set aside to commemorate the women of the world who have endured injustices and fought for women's rights, which we enjoy today.

On March 12, 2023, Donne 2000 members, along with

together to celebrate "La Festa Delle Donne", also known as, Women's Day, at Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester. It was a beautiful afternoon filled with delicious food, music, and dancing. Music was provided by DJ Alan LaBella who kept the crowd dancing and entertained. It was a fun and memorable time!

This event was also the Donne 2000 Annual Scholarship Fundraiser. This scholarship will be awarded in the fall during Italian Heritage Month to a high school student who is studying the Italian language.

There were many raffles donated by Donne 2000 members and local businesses and friends. We wish to thank all our sponsors for all their generous contributions and donations to our raffle. Many thanks to Mike's Pastry who donated the beautiful and delicious cake.

Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization that keeps Italian traditions alive from generation to generation through ethnic and cultural events. Please visit our website Donne2000.com or our Donne 2000 Facebook Page.



Doreen Giammarco presents the Grand Prize Prosciutto, to winner Julie Niccoli which was donated by Michael Nobile in memory of Peter R. Nobile, Jr., one of our greatest supporters



Alan LaBella and the ladies

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DEMOCRACY SHOULD IMPROVE LIVES

By Lee H. Hamilton

We Americans tend to think it's self-evident that our system of government is superior. We value the freedom, independence and individual rights that are part of our democratic system. We take for granted that we should elect our leaders and hold them accountable.

But we should not assume everyone will see democracy the way we do. Yes, the desire for freedom and self-determination is universal, and rights are essential. But if people don't see that democracy will improve their day-to-day lives, they may be susceptible to the appeal of authoritarianism.

Samantha Power, the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, points this out in a recent essay in Foreign Affairs, titled "Democracy Can Win." For several decades, she argues, we have focused the promotion of democracy too narrowly on rights and freedoms and given short shrift to economic hardship and inequality. She calls for a new approach, "one that addresses the economic grievances that populists have so effectively exploited."

Not long ago, it seemed that democracy could take root and grow naturally. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, newly independent democratic states emerged in Eastern Europe. China became an enthusiastic participant in global markets, mixing capitalism with state control and opening itself to the world.

But those trends didn't hold. Russia turned aggressive and hostile, and its imperious president, Vladimir Putin, all but eliminated dissent and democratic opposition. Something similar happened in China, where Xi Jinping cemented Communist Party rule and has threatened Taiwan and other neighbors. Elsewhere, populist and far-right parties gained sway. Even American democracy wavered when Donald Trump refused to accept the 2020 election results and his supporters invaded the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

But Congress certified the election, Joe Biden became president, and U.S. democracy endured. Meanwhile, Putin and Xi overplayed their hands. Putin miscalculated that Russia's invasion of Ukraine would be quick and easy, but Ukraine's brave resistance has inspired the world and left Russia isolated. International surveys find most people in multiple countries have a negative opinion of Russia, often very negative. China angered its citizens with its harsh zero COVID policy, which interfered with trade and weakened the economy. When China lifted the policy late last year, infections and deaths spiraled.

As Power writes, these developments should create an opening for the United States and its allies to promote democracy and share its benefits. But Russia and China still have friends. In a recent U.N. Security Council vote, 35 nations, including important democracies like India and South Africa, abstained from denouncing Russia's invasion of Ukraine and calling for it to withdraw.

China, once one of the largest recipients of foreign aid, is now a major source of development assistance, which it uses to wield influence, especially in Africa. Much of the aid is in the form of loans - the World Bank estimates that China holds 40% of the debt owed by the world's poorest countries - making developing nations dependent on China.

Power writes that USAID is trying to "break down the wall the separates democratic advocacy from economic development." It is targeting assistance to emerging, fragile democracies. It is taking steps to address the root causes of corruption; promote civil society, the rule of law and a free press; and counter digital authoritarianism and misinformation. This month, the U.S. will co-host, with Costa Rica, the Netherlands, South Korea and Zambia, a global Summit on Democracy.

President Ronald Reagan said 40 years ago that democracy is not "a fragile flower" but that it still "needs cultivating." That's a good description of the state of democracy today. It's up to us to promote democracy – to cultivate it – in ways that benefit all people.

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Thomas M. Reppucci aka Antonio (Tony) Navarro

REVERE AND NORTH END OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

A North End Legend for Over 40 Years

On any given evening in Boston's North End, with the delightful aromas of traditional Italian cuisine enticing the senses, it was not uncommon to hear the faint accordion notes of That's Amore or many other classic musical stylings wafting through the air on Hanover Street. The music stopped March 8th, leaving a bittersweet memory with the passing of the neighborhood's beloved music man, Antonio Navarro.

Thomas Michael Reppucci, a.k.a. Antonio (Tony) Navarro, entered eternal rest after a long and wonderful life, at age 96.

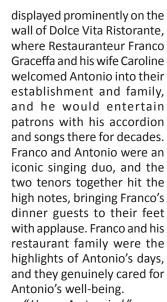
He was born on August 27, 1926, son of the late Michael and Lena (DeMarco) Reppucci, of Revere; brother of Barbara Houghton of Chelsea, the late Carl Reppucci (Carol) of Peabody and resided in his family home on South Irving Street for his entire

He was married to the love of his life, Virginia Reppucci, for over 30 years until her passing in 1993, and he mourned her loss every day since.

A product of the Greatest Generation, Tommy enlisted in the United States Navy at 17 and served his country during the Asia-Pacific War / World War II from 1943 – 1946. Stationed in the South Pacific, He credited divine intervention for sparing his life when kamikaze pilots attacked their ship in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, one of many attacks that killed over 100,000 American soldiers. Tommy recounted that the plane was so close to him he could see the pilot's actual teeth as he smiled upon impact, trying to destroy their American vessel.

He was employed by the City of Revere DPW, retiring in 1991 after 24 years, but the arts were his passion. Tommy was musically inclined, having learned to play the piano and the accordion at a young age. His love of the arts began a legacy of music and happiness for everyone around him. A professional dancer, musician, and screen actor, Tommy acquired his Screen Actors Guild card and took the stage name of ANTONIO (TONY) NAVARRO. A star was born. His most memorable role was the grandfather and narrator in the 2002 comedy film Ciao America, where he was cast alongside Paul Sorvino and Giancarlo Giannini.

Forever proud of his Italian heritage, Tommy's heart was in Boston's North End, where he was "Antonio," the accordion player. His portrait is



"Hey, Antonio!" was regularly shouted by first

responders, street workers, servers, and passersby of all ages as Tommy strolled down the street. He had a beat on the neighborhood and was a friend to everyone.

Before his evening gigs at Dolce Vita, Tony made his rounds to Modern Pastry. He ended the nights at Caffe Vittoria, where servers, kitchen staff, and visitors spent time hearing his stories and songs or watching out for him on his bus rides home. They were his very special extended family.

Antonio was an icon whose passing marks an end of an era where tradition, loyalty, friendship, and kindness were paramount in society. A kind and gentle soul, his legacy lives on in the streets of the North End, and his music will play in our hearts forever.

Besides his beloved North End community, Tommy leaves his dear sister Barbara Houghton of Chelsea, his nieces and nephews, and their families, with whom he was extremely close;

Carl Reppucci of Andover, Diane Argentieri of Needham, Stephen Fiore of Revere, Laurie Pelosi, Keith Houghton and Lisa Houghton of Chelsea, Robert Houghton and Karen Lodeon of Peabody, Susan Houghton of Melrose, and Karl Houghton of Littleton, NH.

Graveside service were held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett on Tuesday, March 14th.

The family of Tommy Reppucci would like to thank the healthcare workers at Chelsea Jewish Lifecare for their kindness and care toward our dear uncle in his final months.

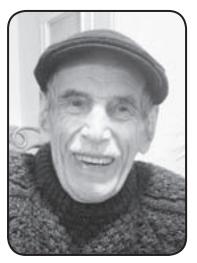
Donations in Tommy's memory may be made to the The Chelsea Soldiers' Home, 91 Crest Avenue, Chelsea MA 02150 or Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, 17 Lafayette Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150.

Giacomo Leonard Ficaro "Jack"

Tiacomo Leonard Ficaro "Jack" passed on to join his beloved wife Marie on March 6, 2023 with his family at his side.

Jack is survived by his three daughters; Joanne Joyce and her husband Fred, Eleanor Lundy and her husband James, and Nina Ficaro and her companion Robert Ahearn. He will be sorely missed by his five grandchildren; Derek and Jessica Curley, Maria and Olivia Rago, and Miriam

Joyce. Great-grandfather of Ty James Lawton. Brother of the late Steven Ficaro, Nicolo Ficaro, Charles Ficaro, Mary Tortorici, Antoinette Scola, and Ann Provenzano. Jack will be missed by his caretakers; Bernadette, Christine,



Mary C., Dory, Deana, and Christine T.

Jack was a lifetime member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, member of the Cottage Park Yacht Club, the American Airlines Vanguard and the Holy Name Society.

Family and friends attended the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, March 10, 2023, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John

the Evangelist Church, Winthrop. Services concluded with interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation at www.wish.org.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

From Resplendent Rainbows to Zesty Zeppole

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Hello, spring! I can feel the shifting of Mother Earth all around me, humming with the thrill of rebirth. The signs of spring manifest everywhere. They are present in the sound of gurgling water as melting snow rushes down the storm drain. They are evident in the delicate white crocuses I recently saw lining the front path of someone's home. They appear in the candy-colored Easter eggs and grinning cloth bunnies that fill the seasonal departments of big-box stores. Though the weather may still oscillate between balmy temperatures and wintry cold spells - perhaps even nor'easters! - spring fever nevertheless grips my mind with all the energy of a hopping red-breasted robin. After the chilly and dark days of winter, the song of spring profoundly reverberates in our soul. The reawakening of nature and the growth of vegetation mimics the renewed energy and cheer blossoming in all living creatures. The calendar has tapped into this sense of rejuvenation and grants us two folkloric feasts that welcome spring and its accompanying beauty and promise. March 17th bursts with green to herald St. Patrick's Day. Two days later arrives St. Joseph's Day, a holiday honoring Italian heritage and commemorating one of the country's most beloved saints. Jointly, these two feasts celebrate the joy of spring and usher us into a season of hope and renewal.

Every year, I eagerly anticipate
St. Patrick's Day. This holiday
shines like a beacon of spring,
an undeniable seasonal turning point. The very decorations
of St. Patrick's Day overflow

a rain shower rainbow arch
This is a decidence day, and as suppoper's hear joy and hope.

with spring imagery, from the lush green shamrocks to the rainbows which melt into pots of gold. St. Patrick's Day holds a special significance in Boston, due to our city's love of festivities and its large Irish-American population. I celebrate most holidays with symbolic food, and St. Patrick's Day proves no exception. I bake a creamy Irish soda bread studded with plump raisins and zesty caraway seeds. The bread is accompanied by a fresh spring greens salad laden with earthy beets, tangy goat cheese, and sweet caramelized pecans. Meanwhile, my fatherin-law goes the traditional route and makes an Irish boiled dinner replete with potatoes, carrots, turnips and parsnips. Sometimes he will whip up a batch of Guinness stout brownies to end the meal. These seasonal foods encourage me to live in the present, patiently waiting for and then reveling in the unhurried edible treasures of the Earth. However, there is much more to St. Patrick's Day than food. This feast day honors St. Patrick, or San Patrizio in Italian, a Roman-British man first brought to Ireland as an enslaved person. The most wellknown legend concerning St. Patrick states that the patron saint of Ireland used a shamrock to teach people about the Holy Trinity, thus establishing this little spring plant as an enduring symbol of the holiday. St. Patrick's Day reminds me of brisk spring days when the forest appears lush and green after a rain shower, and a gossamer rainbow arches across the sky. This is a decidedly spring holiday, and as such forever lives in people's hearts for its sense of

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Two days later, on March 19th, arrives another feast of spring that holds enormous significance for my family. It is St. Joseph's Day, or la Festa di San Giuseppe in Italian. My father lovingly remembered breezy St. Joseph's Day celebrations in his mountainous hometown of Sulmona in the Abruzzo region of Italy, where the tender tree buds and the baying of lambs whispered the coming of spring. St. Joseph's Day serves as Father's Day in Italy, reflecting on the role of San Giuseppe as the husband of the Virgin Mary and the stepfather of Jesus. In Sicily and other regions of Italy, including many Italian-American communities, people build altars to St. Joseph loaded with bread, candles, pastries and fava beans. Fava beans form an integral part of St. Joseph's Day festivities because, during the Middle Ages, this spring crop saved the inhabitants of Sicily from a famine after they prayed to St. Joseph for help. Another delightful Italian tradition involves doing charitable actions and donating food on St. Joseph's Day, a philosophy which should be carried throughout the year. My father spent the days before this holiday scouring the woods with his friends, searching for firewood to help construct il faló di San Giuseppe, a giant bonfire held on the eve of the feast. These bonfires, with their abundant warmth and light that illuminates the inky night sky, symbolize the sun on its journey from winter to spring. Sometimes, people will throw an effigy into the bonfire to represent making a fresh start for spring. Of course, St. Joseph's Day has also become synonymous with zeppole, or fried, puffy donuts. My father loved his zeppole sweet and stuffed with cream, like the ones he would buy from bakeries in the North End around St. Joseph's Day. Meanwhile, my grandmother preferred savory zeppole made with potato. Either way, they are delicious. All of these sweet treats remind me of a holiday that instills in me a pride in my heritage and gets me excited for spring. As two quaint and folkloristic

holidays approach us, we can revel in our anticipation for spring. After all, spring is not just a season; it is a resplendent manifestation of renewal, hope and optimism for the future. The greenery of St. Patrick's Day and the warm bonfires of St. Joseph's Day symbolize the essence of the spring season, calling to mind rites of purification and regrowth. Whether we admire the first crocuses and daffodils, take in the birdsong of the early morning, or enjoy Irish soda bread or zeppole, there are a myriad number of ways to greet the rebirth of nature. The most important thing is that we fill our season with love and optimism, always looking ahead. When we do so, we will find that springtime's sense of hope and promise is the best pot of gold there is.

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Kudos to thae Oak Island Neighborhood for Lifting Its Voice, Now Keep it Going

I grew up during a period from the fifties to the seventies where ordinary working folk grew stronger voices. Once most of those in my parents' generation depended on their elected officials doing right by them. On the local level, it actually worked pretty well. However, the higher up the political food chain you went, the less your voice was heard. This led many sadly to just give up fighting; it took too much energy battling the powers-that-be.

Starting in the '60s, especially after John F. Kennedy was elected president; many including myself started little by little finding our voices. At some point after reading a small paperback by Father James Keller who authored *Government is our Business*, I found my voice and at times wouldn't shut up. People hate when you don't shut up and listen to them.

One paragraph in his little book written back in 1950, by the way, stated, "Government is our business. Either we run it or it runs us. It will only be as good as we want it to be or as bad as we allow it to be." I have never forgotten those words and have carried those words forward into actions that needed to be addressed.

What the residents of the Oak Island neighborhood did

was make a powerful statement that we are the government, not them. I am so happy to see that folks in this neighborhood recognize the victory they just won. They could have just given up and accepted whatever was coming down the pike but they didn't. They were told that a developer could do as they wished because under Article 80 a state law, they didn't need the neighborhood's blessing

The powers-that-be saw what happens when they believe folks would be compliant. However, even Article 80 couldn't roll over them. Now it is time for more folks in more neighborhoods to form associations to defend their turf. They may try and guilt you but if you know you're right, the power of one and one and one and one more will persevere.

We need to elect good elected representatives at all levels of government but always remember we are the government and those we elect are our voices. Of course, you know the next step is not to be afraid to run for office yourself. Our founding fathers created, as Ben Franklin once said, "a republic if we can keep it."

Hold your heads up high over in the Oak Island Neighborhood. How does your first victory feel right now?

MBTA Spring 2023 Schedules Take Effect this Month

East Boston Ferry Service to Resume March 27th

The MBTA issued its Spring 2023 Service Schedules, which take effect at varying times this month. The MBTA typically adjusts service schedules quarterly to reflect the levels of service being delivered.

For a full listing of all upcoming service changes, please visit *mbta.com/servicechanges*.

Effective March 12, minor departure time changes will take place on the Red, Blue, and Orange lines, and time between trains will be similar to their current frequency. There will be no changes in service to the Green or Mattapan lines. Upcoming subway service schedules are available on *mbta.com/subway*.

Effective March 12th, some bus routes will operate with more frequency, one route with less frequency, and some routes will undergo routing or departure time changes. If a route or bus stop is affected by these schedule changes, the MBTA advises riders to use *Trip Planner* to find the most up-to-date service options. Upcoming bus service schedules are available on each route's individual webpage available on *mbta.com/bus*.

Effective March 27th, East Boston ferry service will resume for the season. Effective Memorial Day weekend, weekend service will also resume between Hingham, Hull, Logan Airport, and Long Wharf. Upcoming ferry service schedules are available on *mbta.com/ferry*.

Upcoming spring 2023 schedules for the Commuter Rail will be available soon. There will be no changes in RIDE service.

Riders can visit mbta.com/service changes for more information.

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First Free Community Dinner

Held at Sacred Heart Parish East Boston

bu Sal Giarratan

On Wednesday, March 1st, the Sacred Heart parish in East Boston held its first monthly community dinner for all. The dinners are free and open to the surrounding neighborhood. This first community dinner event seemed quite successful with as many as 67 folks packing the lower church hall and having a great time at this first communal meal together. The next community dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 12th from 500 p.m. until 700 p.m.



(L-R): Patricia Briand, State Representative Adrian Madaro, and Father Paolo Cumin



(L-R): Lydia Edwards, Fran Riley, Stephen and Sharon Scapicchio

If you have any questions or want more information, you can contact Tom Briand, community dinner coordinator at *thomasjbraid@gmail.com*.



Serving the macaroni



(L-R): Sen. Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gigi Coletta, City Councilor Erin Murphy's aide Tom Mannion, and Father Paolo Cumin



Enjoying dinner



(L-R): Zaida Adames, Richard Alm, Senator Lydia Edwards, Lorraine Curry, Joan Amaral, Ann Dinsmore, and Yamina Lachmi (Photos by Theresa Malionek)

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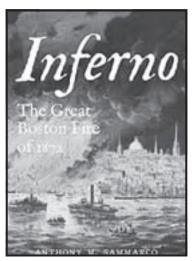
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THE GREAT BOSTON FIRE OF 1872

Anthony M. Sammarco Will Present a Lecture on His Best-Selling Book at the Boston Athenaeum, 10 ½ Beacon Street, Beacon Hill, Boston

on Athenaeum, 10 ½ Beacon Street, Beacon Hill, Bosto on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.





The Boston Athenaeum is thrilled to welcome author Anthony Mitchell Sammarco for this exhibition lecture on the great Boston fire of 1872.

Few events can be said to have changed the face of Boston forever. Eventually destroying 775 buildings and causing millions of dollars in damage to the commercial section that we now know as Boston's business district. This conflagration ranks among the most destructive fires in American history. Combining images and text to commemorate the 150th anni-

versary, Sammarco has created an entertaining and educational look at a critical and unsteady moment in Boston's past.

Virtual Ticket: https://community.bostonathenaeum.org/s/events?event=a2K8a000007cK92

In-Person Ticket Link: https://community.bostonathenaeum.org/s/events?event=a2K8a000007cK8x

The Exhibition Revisiting the Ruins will be open prior and after the lecture.

Following the 150th anniversary of the Great Boston Fire, Revisiting the Ruins (April 6, 2023 - July 29, 2023) will consider how this event — which ravaged Boston's central commercial district — was pictured, described, and circulated, presenting a range of media that documented the blaze and its aftermath. This exhibition will showcase powerful artifacts from a pivotal moment in Boston's history while prompting visitors to consider how it has been remembered (or forgotten) generations later.

Saint Teresa Margaret Redi

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Anna Maria Redi was born in Arezzo, Italy, on July 15, 1747. She was the second of thirteen children all of whom, except the firstborn and the fifth died as children, all consecrated themselves to God. She had a very happy childhood and was inclined towards piety, desire for sanctity and compassion for the poor.

When she was nine, she became a boarder in Saint Apolonia's college of the Benedictine nuns of Florence where she received an excellent education from 1756 to 1763. Anna felt called to religious life and considered entering the Benedictines. After a chance conversation with a friend who was going to become a Carmelite, young Anna felt she had a vocation to be a Carmelite. She left college to allow her decision to mature.

She entered the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Florence at age 17 for a trial period on September 1, 1764. A short while before finishing her postulancy, she had an operation on her knee and left the convent, not knowing if she would be readmitted. She re-entered and took the habit on March 10, 1765. She was professed on March 12,1766 and took the name of Teresa Margaret of the Heart of Jesus. Her knowledge of Latin made it easier for her to understand biblical and liturgical texts, which she enjoyed reciting constantly, seeking to live the Rule of Carmel by meditating "day and night on God's Word".

Christ crucified was always in her mind. After her 1758 spiritual retreat, she proposed in all her actions not to be motivated other than by love and to unite her will with that of God. She was assiduous in small services to the sisters and would not



allow gossip or criticism. She exclaimed constantly, "God is love". Her life was one of continuous thanksgiving, "which would prove to the person who does not believe in Him or not dare to approach Him, the goodness and generosity of our most loving God!" She was diligent in exercising charity. From the beginning, she offered to take care of the old and sick, in whom she saw Jesus Christ, and she was assistant to the infirmarian. Those who were sick asked for her and she offered to take care of the more difficult ones.

At the end of her life, she had great aridity in prayer. She redoubled her faith, living in abandonment trusting in God, reciting psalms, biblical phrases or the expression, "Good Father!" A lover of reading from childhood, at the end she was able to read only Saint Teresa.

She passed away from appendicitis on March 7, 1770. The Feast Day of Saint Teresa Margaret Redi is March 11.

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Freedom Caucus' proposal. This group also demanded that all future discretionary spending be capped at fiscal 2022 levels for 10 years. The cap would cut current levels of spending by \$131 billion and save taxpayers about \$3 trillion over the long term.

Don Floats Lake for VP

Former President Donald Trump is strongly considering a woman to be his 2024 running mate and views former Arizona candidate Kari Lake as a potential candidate who could suburban women.

Berlin Pools OK on Topless Swim

Women in Berlin will soon be allowed to go topless at the city's public swimming pools, like men. The new bathing rules allowing everyone to go swimming without covering their torsos following a discrimination complaint by a woman who was not allowed to go topless in a swimming pool in the capital. In reaction to the complaint, all the city's public pools have changed clothing rules.

End Quote

"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes, and one remembers one's exuberhelp shore up support among ance. Autumn passes, and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."

—Yoko Ono. yes, that Yoko Ono

Friends of the North End South

Annual Reunion

On Saturday, March 4th The Friends of the North End South celebrated its 13th Annual Reunion in Boynton Beach, FL.

Forty-nine guests were in attendance for the day reminiscing about cherished friendships and a beloved neighborhood.

This reunion was started by Camille and Louie Gilardi 13 years ago that live 1,500 miles away from the North End.

Attendees traveled from all parts of Florida and from as far away as Naples on the West

Victor Passacantilli read his essay about growing up in the North End.

Gus Pesaturo engaged the guests with his story of buying "3 loose" when we were youngsters.

North Enders were quick to remember the places where they could buy 3 cigarettes all over the North End!

Diane Pesaturo decorated the cake beautifully with memorable pictures.

Louie and Camille presented





Gus, Louie, and Victor

the "Gilardi Award" to Jeannie Manfra la Rosa and Nancy $Imbergamo\ Gaudin\ for\ correctly\ guessing\ this\ year's\ trivia\ question:$ what was "Gunga Din's" full name? It was Anthony Firicano.

During dinner, George Gaudin and Dom Piso discovered that they were cousins after more than 75 years!!

The room was filled with a joyous and heartwarming ambience that North End guys and gals can create whenever they get together.

> Long live our North End!! Victor Passacantilli



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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Lenten Events

AT SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Lenten events: Saint Leonard Church's 150th Anniversary Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on March 7th in Saint Joseph Hall to discuss upcoming events celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of Saint Leonard Church. Father Michael, Pastor, opened the meeting with a prayer and reflection. He also informed the Committee of a pilgrimage to Assisi in November, (the place of the Franciscan founder's birth.)



Special events are being planned as part of the yearlong celebration of this milestone year. On March 15th, Reads for

Lent, a newly formed book club will gathered at Saint Leonard's to discuss Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's *Seven Last Words*. Limited copies of this insightful book are available for purchase at the parish book and gift shop.

On March 21st at 6:30 p.m., kicking off the 13-week Novena to Saint Anthony, all are invited to Saint Leonard Church to "Meet Saint Anthony," a talk on the life, teachings, and miracles of the Wonder Worker of Padua and Patron of the Poor. Following the talk will be the Novena prayers and light refreshments.

Sunday, March 26th, Saint Leonard's Music Ministry and 150th Committee will sponsor the Stations of the Cross beginning with a social at 1:00 p.m. followed by Adoration at 2:00 p.m., and at 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

On March 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Hall, the movie *Changing Lanes* will be shown. You are invited to view and discuss its relevance to Lent.

Holy Week Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. the film, *The Passion of Christ* will be shown at Saint Leonard Church, a special way to begin Holy Week.





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Sondra Celli, known worldwide for her extraordinary crystal-embellished creations and her role as lead designer on the international hit TLC series, **My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding**, shares entertaining stories about shooting a reality show, how she became the "go to "designer for the Gypsy community, and being tapped for the New England Patriots Cheerleaders to update their uniforms — Including one she had wired to light up for night games!

YOLANDA shares how she went from humble beginnings selling wigs out of the back of her car to building a successful fashion empire, presenting extravagant "standing room only" fashion shows, dressing celebrities, and more!

JOIN US, Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Venue: Sondra Celli Company, 144 Moody Street, Building 24, Waltham, MA COFFEE AND DESSERT

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Private Lead Replacement Incentive Program



Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) is offering Boston property owners free inspections of their water service pipe. Some older properties built before 1978 may have lead pipes. Lead is known to cause serious health risks. BWSC has accelerated the incentive program by identifying and eliminating lead service lines, both in the public and on private property. In 2022, BWSC removed over 300 lead services. For more information on the lead program visit www.bwsc.org.



BWSC encourages Boston property owners to contact our offices for a free inspection of the property's water service pipe. If the pipe is lead, receive a no obligation estimate of the cost for replacement. Eligible property owners may qualify for a credit of up to \$4,000 towards the cost of replacement by taking advantage of this voluntary program.



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BABYLON (4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.

From Damien Chazelle, Babylon is an original epic set in 1920s Los Angeles led by Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie and Diego Calva, with an ensemble cast including Jovan Adepo, Li Jun Li and Jean Smart. A tale of outsized ambition and outrageous excess, it traces the rise and fall of multiple characters during an era of unbridled decadence and depravity in early Hollywood.

SADNESS AND JOY IN THE LIFE OF GIRAFFES (DVD) IndiePix Films

Based on the play by

renowned Portuguese playwright Tiago Gomes Rodrigues and adapted for film by director Tiago Guedes, Sadness And Joy In The Life Of Giraffes follows the adventures of Giraffe (Maria Abreu), a quirky 10-year-old girl, tall for her age, addicted to dictionaries and determined to figure out how the world works for a school project. Unable to find the answers at home, she heads out across the city of Lisbon with her big, fat, mildly suicidal teddy bear companion, Judy Garland (Tónan Quito) in search of the only person who can help her on her quest: the prime minister of Portugal. A nationwide economic crisis, the Discovery Channel, a black panther, and the Russian playwright Anton Tchekhov are all part of the heroic journey of this little girl with an enormous problem to solve. Winner of Best Adapted Screenplay at the 2020 Portuguese Film Academy's Sophia Awards and nominated for Best Picture at the Guadalajara International Film Festival, Sadness And Joy In The Life Of Giraffes, garnered acclaim at film festivals the world over.

TUBULAR BELLS 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR: LIVE AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (Blu-ray) Cauldron Films

Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells is one of the most iconic pieces of music ever created. Recorded when Oldfield was just 19 years old, the album was released on May 25, 1973, as the debut album from Virgin Records. While initial sales were positive, the album became a worldwide phenomenon when the first track was used as part of the soundtrack for The Exorcist. Despite only being featured in a couple of scenes, Tubular Bells has become closely associated with the film, with many referring to it as "the theme of The Exorcist," and the haunting sounds regularly earning a spot on horror playlists. In the fifty years since its release, the album's popularity has not waned, racking up more than 17.5 million copies sold and 18 million streams. Tubular Bells was also a staple of the 2012 Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony. Academy Awardwinner Danny Boyle, director of the opening, stated that he wanted to make the music the "cornerstone" of a 20-minute

sequence of the ceremony. Tubular Bells has regularly appeared in advertisements, television shows, movies, and has been incorporated into live performance by Tori Amos. In celebration of the album's 50th anniversary, a live concert performance was held over three days at London's Royal Festival Hall. The music was accompanied by dance and acrobatic feats by the Circa Contemporary Circus to create a beautiful and memorable experience that truly brings this masterpiece to life. This once-in-a-lifetime performance was captured in 4K and is available on home video in both a 2-disc Blu-ray and 2-disc DVD set. Home audiences will be able to experience the unique performance while being treated to a feature-length documentary on the history of the Tubular

WENDY O. WILLIAMS – WOW: LIVE AND LOUD FROM LONDON (DVD) Pandemonium

Overlooked, and deserving of

a second mention is the release

of this rare live concert footage of

the indomitable High Priestess of Metal, the late Wendy O. Williams, featuring Special Guests Lemmy and Wurzel from Motorhead, on DVD. Wendy O. Williams — WOW: Live and Loud from London, was shot at London's Camden Palace in London in 1985 and originally broadcast on Sky TV, the footage captures Williams in a rare and pinnacle moment in her now iconic and legendary career with trademarked backbend screams and scorching vocals at an unmatched, blood-pumping, high-energy athletic pace. The largely speed-metal set features an appearance by Lemmy and Wurzel from Motorhead, who join Wendy onstage for the song "Jailbait," as well as audience sing-alongs for "Bump and Grind," with lead guitarist Michael Ray on Wendy's shoulders, the song "You'll Succeed," a crowd pleaser that never made it onto an album, Wendy's "Banana Rap," and much more. Wendy's musical career began in 1977, when she met radical counter-culture artist Rod Swenson in NYC and he created the Plasmatics, a band of changing musicians around her that revolutionized American culture, creating a shockwave still felt today. By 1982, after the release of two albums (New Hope for the Wretched, and Beyond the Valley of 1984), and an EP entitled Metal Priestess, the Plasmatics released the landmark punk-metal fusion album Coup D'Etat. For the next two albums, Williams and Swenson decided not to use the Plasmatics name, eliminate the theatrics ("been there, done that"), and focus on Wendy's vocals. Tragically, Williams committed suicide at the age of 48 via a self-inflicted gunshot wound, April 6, 1998. Tracklist from WOW includes: "Goin' Wild," "Pedal to the Metal," "No Class," "Party (Tonight)," "Jammin'," "Hoy Hey (Live to Rock)," and "Ain't None of Your

Business)."

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 ST. PATRICK'S DAY GRANDPA



Happy St. Patrick's Day to our Grandpa (Sal G) from Owen and Emily Morrison (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

QHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, MARCH 17TH-18TH & 24TH-25TH

This *Little Shop of Horrors* presentation is a zany musical adaptation of a 1950s horror film by the same name. A few months ago, I was able to watch an early TV adaption of this horror film that came without any music but plenty of suspense.

This production is intended for high school audiences and adults due to thematic material. It will be held in Quincy High School's auditorium. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$5 for students. Show time at 7:30 p.m.

SENATOR MIKE RUSH TO HOST HIS ANNUAL ST. PATTY'S BREAKFAST



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

This past Sunday morning, I was over at the Corrib Pub in West Roxbury for Senator Mike Rush's Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and once again, his breakfast celebration was well attended. As I entered the establishment, all I could see was a sea of green and Mike Rush up on stage singing a few Irish songs. I am sure if they had a tune about "Westie is My Hometown," he would have been singing it.

I GUESS WE CAN KISS GOODBYE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY GOING FORWARD!

A judge has recently ruled that biological men can now compete in women's powerlifting competition. There goes another assault on women's sports competitions. They might as well abolish Title IX protections for female athletics while they're at it.

The crazies are now in charge of our society today, they can't even define what the word "woman" means. I could say who cares, but I care and so do lots of young female athletes who are now under a full-scale assault on all women's sports competition.

Call yourself a "woman," and take home a trophy because all that matters is you. I guess that also means we can forget about the need to pass any ERA Amendment up on Capitol Hill because the crazies are twisting equal rights, too, and women are no longer in need of equal rights because today anyone can be a woman by just saying so. Maybe it's just me. Maybe not?

YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOTTEN OLD WHEN ...

This past Monday , March $13^{\rm th}$ was Timmy's $73^{\rm rd}$ birthday. I wonder how old Lassie is now in dog years. Happy birthday to Jon Provost that little kid is now an old guy like me.

By the way, if you're an O.G. like me, you remember before Timmy, there was Jeff who owned Lassie. The actor was Tommy Rettig who played Jeff Miller. By 1957, Rettig was aging out of the show at 16 years old and was replaced by Jon Provost. Rettig passed by the way in 1996 at age 54.

LOOKING FOR YOUR POST-GAZETTE IN REVERE?

If you are looking for your latest copy of the Post-Gazette over in the City of Revere, you can always find it at Luberto's Pastry on Broadway, and now there is a new spot for you. You can now also get the paper over at Vinny's Food Market on Malden Street. Angelo Prezioso opened this market in 1977 and on April 20, Vinny's Market will be celebrating its 46th anniversary in business.



Angelo Prezioso with Lucia Fasulo behind the counter waiting to service his customers. Angelo is holding up a copy of his favorite paper too, he loves getting his *Post-Gazette* every Thursday.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani) BOCCE ON THE BEACH 2023

Bocce on the Beach 2023 will take place this year on Saturday, July 8th. All proceeds will benefit the Rumney Marsh Burial Ground Committee. For more information, go to *rmbgcommittee@gmail.com*.

SHAMROCK SPLASHING FOR OUR BEACHES

This past Sunday a large bunch of shivering beach lovers took a plunge into Constitution Beach to raise money for Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Program Partnership. The so-called "Shamrock Splashes" have already raised more than \$45,000 on their way to their \$50,000 goal to protect all our beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

MET UP WITH JULIE DEVEREAUX AT WMEX RADIO



Sal Giarratani and Julie Devereaux (Photo by Benny Rabi)

Last week while down in Marshfield at the WMEX studio distributing food to veterans outside the radio studio's front door, I met up with the newest radio show host Julie Devereaux. She's been on the air a few weeks now and going strong between 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. As soon as I heard her name, I recognized it. She used to be on WROR years back on the FM dial with Lauren & Wally. I always had my dial on 105.7 back then before WMEX returned to the air where I listen to old rock and roll music today.

GAS PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT DOWN ON ROUTE 139 PEMBROKE-MARSHFIELD



Great price last week, so I filled up the tank instantly!



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I was in grammar school and was home for a week with either the measles or chicken pox, I'm not sure. As I recuperated, I felt better and was out of bed most of the time. As there was a period of semi-quarantine back then, Mom didn't dare let me out of the house. As a result, I was in the kitchen most of the time watching Nanna get the dinner menu ready. There was only so much playing with toys and reading books that I could stand before becoming bored, and watching Nanna afforded me whatever cooking skills I learned.

My grandmother had learned how to cook back on the family farm in Avellino watching her mother make the daily meals, but being unable to read, she only knew portions by what we might call the trial and error method. After several formative years of practice, Nanna became a good cook. As I watched her cook a generation later, she could only give me proportions and amounts by saying, "A pinch of this, a spoon of that," and that was the way I learned. Of course, seeing I was the first born male in an Italian family, I was the second coming and whatever I wanted was granted.

During my convalescence, I wanted to try my hand at cooking. With Nanna's guidance, I set out to explore my culinary skills. Today, we buy everything premade: pasta, gravy, sausages, meatballs, canned or frozen vegetables, pre-packaged lettuce or salad ingredients, salad dressing ... you name it, it comes wrapped, bottled, canned, packaged, frozen, dehydrated, or pre-mixed from a supermarket. Nanna would have none of this. She made everything from scratch.

That first day that I felt well enough to stay with her in the kitchen was a Monday. Dinner was to be chicken soup with escarole and pastina, roasted chicken, string beans sautéed in garlic and oil, salad and dessert. She began by showing me how to make the chicken broth by boiling a chicken. When the soup was ready, she would have kept parts of the bird in the pot, the neck, the feet, the heart, the gizzard and other organs. The rest of the chicken was left out on the table to be picked at for lunch. For dinner, she cleaned the other chickens, stuffed them with homemade egg stuffing and baked them in the oven. These were not chickens purchased on a disposable tray and covered with plastic wrap. They were purchased live at a slaughterhouse and killed, cleaned and dressed just for her. The vegetables were fresh, having been

purchased from a green grocer. As a result, I learned how to cook a Monday chicken.

By Friday, I knew how to cook lamb chops, pork chops, stuffed veal, all with an array of vegetables and salad. Friday was fish day. If you were Catholic, you weren't allowed to eat meat on Friday. This meant that either Nanna or Mom would head to the fish store and pick up the makings of a Friday night dinner. Faber's Fish Market was a fifteen minute walk down the Brooks Street Hill from Eutaw Street. On that Friday, I learned how to clean and prepare smelts for the first course. The second fish might be cod and Nanna made it two or three ways, plain baked for Babbononno, broiled with bread crumbs and seasoning for the rest of the family and a few pieces to flavor the linguini which she would make aglio-olio (garlic and oil).

On Saturday, it was steak, but Nanna taught me how to make steak pizziola, a dish I still love to this day. The highlight of the week was Sunday dinner. Back then, regardless of what was going on it was family Sunday dinner with Nanna and Babbononno.

That Sunday, I got up at about 5:00 a.m. with Nanna. She was going to show me how to make gravy, the sauce that was a traditional necessity for the pasta and meat courses. She would start by searing spare ribs and pieces of pork in olive oil and garlic. Then she would add tomatoes, and later, maybe, a can of tomato paste, but this was after she had added in a pinch of basil, a pinch of oregano, a pinch of mint, par cooked ground beef, and later her par cooked meats which included meatballs and sausages. Of course she had to taste everything every few minutes to make sure they weren't any mistakes. When this large pan of gravy was ready to just simmer, it was time to make the pasta.

Babbononno had a machinist friend make a stainless steel rolling pin with V shaped grooves sometime back before I was born and Nanna used it every time she made spaghetti. She didn't buy a box of spaghetti that is hard and dry and might have been in the cardboard box for months. She made her pasta fresh ... from scratch. I watched her pour out a mound of King Arthur flour, make a hole in the middle, crack in several eggs, beat them, add semolina, salt and maybe a bit of yeast to taste, and roll the entire mix until she had the dough for the pasta. Then she let it stand on a dish under a damp dish cloth, which

she called a mappina, and when it had risen and was ready to be rolled out, she dusted her cutting board with flour, rolled a piece of dough until it was a flat circle and using Babbononno's invention, cut it into strips of spaghetti.

Later, she would choose which vegetables she would add in to her dinner and sauté them with oil and garlic. When all was said and done, the feast would be ready for the table, and of course, had to be accompanied by a couple of bottles of Zi'Antonio's best homemade red wine. Zio Antonio was Nanna's oldest brother and Babbononno's best friend. According to Babbononno, he was the best wine maker in either East Boston or the North End. (I remember his wine. It was THAT good-and I'm not a wine lover.)

That was the way I learned to cook as a kid, watching my grandmother prepare fresh food adding in a pinch of this, a pinch of that. Mom learned Nanna's secrets a generation before I was born, but even though she was a good cook, Nanna was a great cook.

That was many years ago and now I'm the old-timer in the family. Periodically, when I have time, I will cook, but I usually don't have the time. With our schedules, it's easier to get take-out or head to a local inexpensive restaurant and have them do the dirty work. In spite of the time restrictions and crazy schedules, I still like home cooked Italian food.

My son, John seems to have picked up of the desire to cook and he seems to have inherited the talent to make a gravy and prepare either fish or meat the way I like them.

Son Michael seems to have a flair for making international foods and surprises us with his creations when we visit him and his family.

Nanna and Babbononno would be proud of both my sons and and their abilities in the kitchen, but they passed away long before either John or Michael was born. My father would watch John when he was a kid trying to cook in our kitchen, and say, "That kid's going to be a chip off the old block." Dad knew how to cook, too, and saw John's potential. If Dad was here today, I would take his word for it. Before I close, Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day ...

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given by Gaeta's Enterprises, Inc. of 14 Newbury Street, West Peabody, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after April 1, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers' lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2016 MERCEDES GLC300 VIN # WDC0G4KB6GF096610 Vehicle is being stored at Gaeta's Enterprises, Inc.

Signed, Carmen Gaeta Gaeta's Enterprises, Inc. Run dates: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31/2023



Every Italian Nonna has her own favorite way of making a ciambella. These traditional Italian ring cakes typically consist of flour, butter or oil, sugar, eggs, milk, essence and leavening. The flavors vary from Nonna to Nonna, as well as the texture and density. Some prefer a citrus flavor while others opt for vanilla, or sometimes even anise. Some bake their ciambellas in a bundt or tube while many continue to use the old-fashioned ring pans. Regardless of the flavor, texture, or what pan these Italian ring cakes are baked in, nothing could possibly taste better with an espresso or hot cup of cappuccino than a slice of "La Ciambella Pasquale della Nonna"!

I can't begin to tell you how many versions of these Italian ring cakes or ciambellas that my own Nonna made. She made lemon, orange, vanilla and sometimes even marble, chocolate or pistachio flavored. Nonna often added ricotta, sour cream or yogurt to her recipes, and each ciambella always ended up being delicious. The recipe I am sharing today is one my Nonna would make during the Pasqua or Easter season. She told me it had been passed down throughout the generations. "Nonna's Easter Ring Cake " is anise flavored and when baked and iced, the flavor resembles a sweet Easter Tarrali. This slightly different, but oh so delicious "La Ciambella Pasquale della Nonna" is one that is perfect to serve for all of your Palm Sunday gatherings!

NONNA'S EASTER RING CAKE La Ciambella Pasquale della Nonna



4 eggs

¾ cup sugar

1 cup oil (I use sunflower)

1 cup whole milk, warmed (not hot)

3 tablespoons anise extract 2 ½ cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

Icing:

2 cups confectioners' sugar

2 tablespoons butter, melted 4 to 8 tablespoons whole milk

1 ½ to 2 teaspoons anise extract

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a ciambella, bundt, or tube pan. In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs and sugar until fluffy. Add oil, warm milk and extract, blend well. Sift in flour and baking powder, mix until smooth. Add mixture to the prepared pan and bake in a preheated oven for 50-60 minutes. Cool well.

To make icing: Place confectioners' sugar in a large mixing bowl. Add butter and extract, then gradually add in milk (more for a thicker icing, less for a thinner version). Ice cake and sprinkle with colored nonpareils.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions

of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that

they will sell the following vehicles on

or after April 01, 2023 beginning at

9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to

satisfy their garage keepers lien for

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VIN # 5NPEU46F76H003096

2012 HONDA ACCORD

VIN # 1HGCP2F36CA013048

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Signed

Todisco Services, Inc.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

(781) 865-4000

Estate of

MARCIA FOLEY

Also Known As

MARCIA E. FOLEY

Date of Death: January 26, 2023

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above cap-

tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michael

F. Foley of Amherst, NH, a Will has been

admitted to informal probate.

Michael F. Foley of Amherst, NH has been

informally appointed as the Personal Repre-

sentative of the estate to serve without surety

The estate is being administered under

informal procedure by the Personal Represen-

tative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro-

bate 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 ter-

minating or restricting the powers of Personal

Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any,

Run date: 03/17/2023

can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Women's History Month at the USS Constitution

The Purser and His Widow

Social Norms, Public Scandal and the Unraveling of a Presidency, 19th Century Style

The death of USS Constitution's purser John B. Timberlake in 1828 set off a chain reaction of events that would eventually lead to the near dissolution of President Andrew Jackson's Cabinet. The new blog post from the Museum's Public Historian Carl Herzog chronicles the journey of Timberlake's widow Margaret O'Neale to Washington, DC, where her elevated position in society would cause a firestorm of rumors, scandal, and gossip.

Read how Margaret's story unfolds as we highlight one of the diverse stories connected to USS Constitution during Women's History Month. [6 min read]

To read the complete article, please visit https:// ussconstitutionmuseum.org/2023/02/14/ the-purser-and-his-widow/



Boston Public Library Offering Free Bike Repair Workshops in East Boston

Hey, East Boston, need to repair your bike? Join us for a free, hands-on workshop and learn the basics of fixing a bike. Everyone is welcome, whether you have your bike or not.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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2010 TOYOTA AVALON

2004 SAAB 9-3

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Todisco Services, Inc.

Signed

03/03, 03/10, 03/17/2023

satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

VIN # 4T1BK3DB1AU362179

VIN # YS3FB49S241003958

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI23P1074EA

Estate of **WILLIAM KEVIN O'TOOLE**

Also Known As W. KEVIN O'TOOLE, WILLIAM K. O'TOOLE Date of Death: January 26, 2023

> **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kevin M. O'Toole of Naperville, IL, Petitioner Timothy S. O'Toole of Waltham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kevin M. O'Toole of Naperville, IL,

Timothy S. O'Toole of Waltham, 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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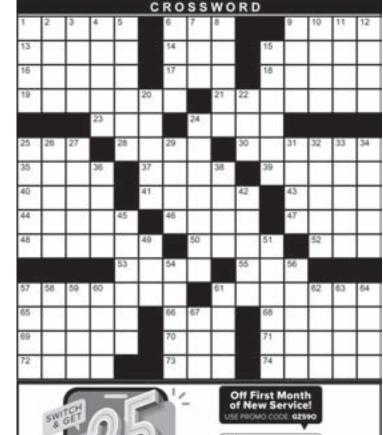
ACROSS

- 1. Necktie alternative
- 6. Finish line 9. Show of appreciation
- Biotic community 14. Hula dancer's necklace
- 15. House duty
- 16. Sofia Costanza Brigida Villani Scicolone's stage last name
- 17. International distress signal
- 18. Hogwarts professor, part werewolf
- 19. *"Avengers: __ ," second-highest grossing movie of all time
- 21. *Annexed Black Sea peninsula
- 23. Santa_ __, Orange County 24. Multicolored horse
- 25. *Rand Paul's title, abbr.
- 28. Youngstei
- 30. *Type of spinner popular in the late 2010s
- 35. Between duet and quartet 37. Newspaper piece
- 39. Pope's court
- 40. Bohemian
- 41. *Tonya and Harley Quinn to Margot Robbie, e.g.
- *Like Millie Bobby Brown and friends in "Stranger Things"
- 44. Prows
- 46. Vaulting prop
- 47. Fencer's blade
- 48. *Animated story of Elsa and Anna
- 50. Greek salad ingredient 52. Make #26 Down
- 53. Look through a book
- 55. Good times
- 57. *Global surveillance whistle-blower
- 61. *Swedish audio streamer
- 65. BBQ spot 66. Words at the altar (2 words)
- 68. Beneficiary
- 69. Anti-seniors sentiment
- 70. Ides mo.
- 71. Bone hollow
- 72. Prepare potatoes
- 73. Tide's backward flow
- 74. City in France

DOWN

- 1. Having the means
- 2. Land of Israel
- 3. *____-cutting, broadcast TV phenomenon
- 4. Opposite of alpha
- 5. Not owner
- 6. Something 7. Opposite of paleo
- 8. "Saturday Night Fever" music

The 2010s



10. Between trot and gallop

ALL CONSUMER CELLULAR

- 11. Operatic solo 12. Actor Sean
- 15. Healthcare facility
- 20. *Bill de Blasio, e.g.
- 22. England's airforce 24. Recite rapidly (2 words)
- 25. Walking stick
- 26. Fielding mistake 27. Part of TNT
- 29. *BTS' genre 31. *Home to Blue Devils, 2015 NCAA
- 32. Complain
- 33. Downy duck
- 34. Policeman's shocker 36. Court of law opener

38. Mark for omission

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- 42. Frame job
- 45. Not often
- 49. *Amal Clooney ____

Consumer

- 51. Naturally footless 54. Japanese cartoon art
- 56. Expressionless
- 57. Junk e-mail
- 58. Hindu serpent deity
- 59. Singer-songwriter Redding 60. Item on Santa's list
- 61. Acidic kind of apple
- 62. A fan of
- 63. *Plant in Zach Galifianakis' 2019 movie 64. Those not opposed
- 67. *Popular meme move

(Solution on Page 11)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. SU23P0497EA

Estate of FRANCESCO DeLEO Also Known As FRANK DeLEO

Date of Death: January 21, 2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John M. DeLeo of Arlington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that John M DeLeo of Arlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS **UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN. First Justice of this Court. Date: March 07, 2023

> Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Run date: 03/17/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. SU23P0460EA

Estate of **DENIS J. MARTIN** Also Known As **DENIS MARTIN**

Date of Death: November 25, 2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Charlotte Martin of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Charlotte Martin of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 21, 2023.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION **UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 10, 2023

Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/17/2023

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 March 25, 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.

2000 CHRYSLER VOYAGER VIN # 2C4GJ45R5YR837869 **2012 HYUNDAI ELANTRA** VIN # KMHDH4AE5CU390646

2013 HONDA CR-V VIN # 2HKRM4H38DH602378

2001 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCG66891A002951

2004 TOYOTA PRIUS VIN # JTDKB22U840003572

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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

> > 03/10, 03/17, 03/24/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI23P0742EA

Estate of KATHERINE T. LOPEZ NATALE Also Known As
KATHERINE LOPEZ NATALE

Date of Death: January 03, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol L Plotkin of Reading, MA, a Will has been ad mitted to informal probate

Carol L. Plotkin of Reading, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 03/17/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

(781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23P1367EA

Estate of PETER JONATHAN BADDOO Also Known As PETER BADDOO

Date of Death: February 15, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Geoffrey J.A. Baddoo of Reading, England, UK, Petitioner Nancy R. Baddoo of Reading, England, UK.

Geoffrey J.A. Baddoo of Reading, England, UK, Nancy R. Baddoo of Reading, England, UK 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

Casey Lundregan Burns, P.C. 71 Washington Street, 2nd Fl. Salem, MA 01970

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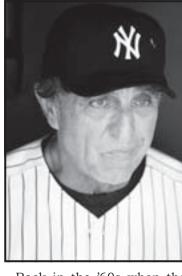


EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Joe Pepitone Dead at 82



Back in the '60s when the NY Yankees were king of the realm, this team had many legendary players going back to Babe Ruth. The Yankees signed this Brooklyn kid when he was 17 years old and he was up in the majors with them in 1962 at age 21. That off-season. the Yankees traded their slugging first baseman Bill "Moose' Skowron to the Dodgers and Pepitone became the team's first baseman immediately at the start of the 1963 season. He could run, throw, field and hit and had a sweet homerun

He played mostly at first but also the outfield. He was traded to the Astros in 1969 and eventually also played for the Cubs and Braves too. He retired during the summer of 1973 after playing 14 games over in Japan

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court** 24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU22P2123EA

Estate of ANTHONY JOHN BOBNIS Date of Death: April 20, 2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carla A. Gomes of Canton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Michelle Garcia of Lynn, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 04, 2023.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION **UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 28, 2023

> Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Run date: 03/17/2023

in the Japan Central League.

Pepitone was a three time All-Star by the time he was only 24 years old. Quite the charismatic character especially in his prime during the '60s, he had on paper what looked like a fairly good career with 219 homers, 721 RBIs, and a lifetime .258 batting average. However, he was a dominant player out on the field and one of the AL's best first baseman during the '60s. He also wrote an autobiography entitled *Joe*, You Coulda Made Us Proud in 1975, and many baseball fans say it is one of the best baseball books ever written.

Upon hearing of his death, Roger Maris Jr. wrote, "RIP Joe Pepitone. Always lots of laughs and fun to be around.'

Poor Baby Panda Padres

The San Diego Padres are actually thinking of starting this upcoming season with a six-man pitching rotation. However, thanks to the WBC going on, it might be difficult for manager Bob Melvin to find his Opening Day starter. Pitcher Joe Musgrove has a toe injury and Yu Darish is pitching for Japan in the WBC. Melvin reportedly is looking at options that include Blake Snell and/or Michael Wacha. Opening Day is March 30th against the Rockies

and the Padres are playing 24 games in 25 days. I sat, why stop at six starters, why not go to seven or maybe 10. With today's watered down version of baseball, any number might do. Who knows the next Cy Young winner may just go 9-8 with a 4.00 ERA. There are no more workhorses pitching today.

NBA's Ja Morant Must Love Getting into Trouble, Huh?

The Memphis Grizzlies' Ja Morant must love getting into off the court trouble and it very well could put a big dent into his wallet. Coca Cola's Powerade pulled its ads featuring the point guard after his team suspended him for flashing a gun on social media during a wild night at a Denver-area strip joint. It isn't yet clear whether the company has severed ties with him but his likeness is no longer on their website.

Morant just signed a multiyear endorsement deal with Powerade just days before the Instagram video went viral. His fast rise in the NBA has been overshadowed by his Instagram video showing him shirtless as he dangles a gun and belts out the lyrics of "Bring 'Em Out" by rapper Young-Boy Never Broke Again.

NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION **46 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE CONDOMINIUM TRUST** 46 & 48 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS **RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-34199**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is part of a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On March 1, 2023, 46 Commonwealth Avenue Condominium Trust recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION (Book 68738 and Page 258; Book 68738 and Page 295, respectively) on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the

- Any activities and/or uses which are likely to cause or result in the disturbance of soil six feet belowsurface grade (eight feet below surface at 48 Commonwealth Avenue property), the disturbance of soil beneath the boiler room floor, or groundwater and Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid within the Property boundaries without prior development and implementation of a Soil Management Plan and Health and Safety Plan in accordance with the Obligations and Conditions of this Notice of Activity and Use Limitation Opinion:
- The removal of soil greater than six feet below grade surface (eight feet below surface at 48 Commonwealth Avenue property), the disturbance of soil beneath the boiler room floor, or the removal of groundwater from within the Property boundaries, unless it is first evaluated by a Licensed Site Professional who renders an Opinion stating that such relocation is consistent with maintaining a condition of No Significant Risk; and
- Any construction of, or modification to, a building or structure unless such structure or modifications, are protected via vapor mitigation measures such as a vapor barrier designed to prevent infiltration of volatile organic compounds or a sub-slab depressurization system, and/ or additional assessment is conducted to demonstrate to the satisfaction of a Licensed Site
- Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., at 31 Bellows Road, Raynham, Massachusetts 02767; (774) 501-2176.
- The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the complete disposal site file can be reviewed at the MassDEP, Northeast Regional Offices, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts; (978) 694-3200, or on the MassDEP online file viewer at the following link: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/wastesite/3-0034199

Run date: 3/17/2023





Top 1970s Light Heavyweight Richies Kates Passes Away

Outstanding Boxing Historian
Mike Hunniciutt Answers His Last Bell



Richie Kates

One of the elite light heavyweight contenders from an outstanding era has passed away. Richie Kates who twice challenged Champion Victor Galindez for the title in the 1970s died on March 11th at the age of 69. Richie was a formidable force at a time when the division was in one of its most competitive eras. He was a slick counter puncher who came very close to winning a title helt.

Kates was born in Savannah, Georgia, the 6th of 11 children. His parents were migrant farm laborers who moved to New Jersey when Kates was still a baby. Richie started working at an early age. Not fond of school he ended up spending time at a boxing gym in Millville.

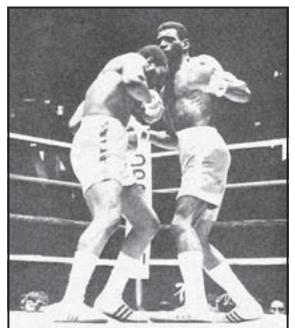
After a very brief amateur career, he turned pro in 1969 at the age of 16, lying about his age in order to get a license. A fast leaner, Kates ran off 18 straight wins before losing to the more experienced Eddie Owens at the Philadelphia Arena in 1972.

After the loss to Owens, Kates did not lose another fight until 1976 when he made his first challenge against Light Heavyweight Champion Victor Galindez. He earned his title shot by defeating such notable contenders as Paul Cardoza (twice), Jimmy Dupree, Don Fullmer, and Pierre Fourie. He also avenged his loss to Eddie Owens.

In the Galindez fight Richie was stopped with just one second left in the 15th and final round. The fight which took place in Johannesburg has been called one of the most savage ever seen in South Africa.

A year later on June 6, 1977 Kates got another shot at Galindez, dropping a unanimous 15 round decision to the prime South American. This would be Richie's last challenge for the championship.

He did continue fighting and in 1978 faced future champ Matthew Saad Muhammad at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. In a bout described



Richie Kates (Left) Vs Matthew Saad Muhammad



Kates vs. Galindez

by promoter Russell as "One of the most savage you will ever see."

After losing the first two rounds, Kates came on, winning the 3rd and 4th rounds, dropping Muhammad at the end of the fourth. The automatic bell did not go off, and when the referee stepped in between the two fighters, Richie thought he was stopping the fight and raised his hands in victory only to be told the fight was still on

In the 5^{th} Muhammad came out strong and dropped Kates late in the round. In the 6th round Matthew floored him again and the fight was stopped.

Kates continued fighting until 1983. In that time he racked up ten wins with just two losses. He was on a five bout winning streak when he decided to retire. In a quote from the Press of Atlantic City, Kates said "I was only 30, but people don't realize that I had been fighting as a pro for 14 years. Too many fighters stay too long. I wanted to be able to speak in complete sentences when I was older." A very wise decision.

After retirement, Richie worked for the State of New Jersey and also trained fighters and did some boxing promotions. He was on the deacon board of Union Baptist Church in Bridgeton, New Jersey. He spent a lot of time helping others. A decent man he will be remembered warmly by his friends and fans.

Rest In Peace Mike Hunnicutt



Renowned boxing writer and historian Mike Hunnicutt passed away at his home in Connecticut on February 23rd at the age of 68. His brother Kris posted on Facebook "Our family lost a great friend, brother, and uncle. He was truly an asset to our house. He was kind, thoughtful, sincere, sensible, strong, worthy of much love, and he was light on to himself."

Mike had a deep understanding of boxing. He spent untold hours studying films and reading newspaper archives about the fighters of the past, both known and forgotten. In articles, he explored the styles and substance of these fighters. He was a great admirer of Jack Dempsey. Mike's insights were priceless, and his work was always a joy to read.

Rest in Peace Mike, you will be missed.

I never spoke with Mike, but I did interact with him on social media. He was always thoughtful and respectful of others. His insights were outstanding. I felt a kinship with him.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

BOB COUSY'S LAST REGULAR SEASON GAME 60 YEARS LATER — There he is, smiling in his Celtics uniform as he dribbles a basketball, the tool of his trade, toward you. Number 14 looks all bright and chipper in this illustration that adorns the front cover of the official "Bob Cousy Day" program that was on sale as fans entered Boston Garden on that historic occasion — Sunday afternoon, March 17, 1963.

Those passing through the turnstiles were charged 50 cents for the publication that has become a keepsake in the region. Today, on the internet you might be able to find one for sale, with the asking price ranging from about \$150 to nearly \$350 depending on condition.

And if you do happen to secure one, you could still drive out to Worcester and get it autographed by the very player depicted on its cover. Yes, Bob Cousy, known as the Houdini of the Hardwood for his superb ball handling and passing skills, still lives in the Central Massachusetts city, never having left since he arrived from New York in 1946 to begin his collegiate career at Holy Cross. He will be 95 this coming August 9.

During a pregame speech--which had been planned for seven minutes but lasted about 20--Cousy became emotional as he addressed the adoring fans who packed the Garden that afternoon. At one pause, a lone voice from the stands broke the silence with a simple statement: "We love you, Cooz" — a pronouncement that encapsulated the entire proceeding into a short singular sentence.

When the program at the podium had concluded, he hugged legendary coach Red Auerbach — his only coach for his entire 13-year professional career with the Celtics — since Red did not employ any assistant coaches. The 1962-1963 season was the Celtics' 17th in the NBA, meaning that Cousy had played in all but four of them.

One might say there was a certain sadness to the moment, an acknowledgement that one of the most storied stars in the history of the franchise would never play another regular season game on the parquet floor.

But it was also a celebration of a career of accomplishments. He was a member of five NBA championship teams at the time (a sixth would be added five weeks later), averaged in double figures in scoring in every season with the Green and led the NBA in assists for eight consecutive seasons. His number was retired seven months later on October 16, 1963. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1971

But this was a pregame ceremony — meaning there was professional business to attend to that afternoon — and beyond as the playoffs loomed. The opponents were the Syracuse Nationals. This would be the last regular season game for the franchise based in the Central New York City. Their final game would come just nine days later (March 26, 1963) in a 131-127 overtime playoff loss to the Cincinnati Royals in Syracuse. In the fall of 1963, the Nationals would emerge as the Philadelphia 76ers.

Bob Cousy Day was the second game of one of those famed back-to-back NBA weekends. The day before the celebration in the Garden, the Celtics had defeated the Nationals 125-121 in Syracuse and had followed that up with a 125-116 victory at the Garden the very next afternoon.

That triumph enabled the Celtics to finish the regular season with a 58-22 record (.725 winning percentage), the best record in the Eastern Division, some 10 games ahead of the Syracuse Nationals (48-32 600)

The Celtics earned a first round bye in the playoffs and thus advanced directly to the Eastern Division Finals where they met the Royals — the team that had vanquished Syracuse. The series went the full distance with the Celtics prevailing in the seventh game 142-131 on April 10 at the Garden. Cousy led both teams in assists in four of the games, including the seventh when he dished off 16 times.

The Green and White thus advanced to meet the Los Angeles Lakers for the NBA Championship. Boston won the first two games at the Garden to take a 2-0 lead (Cousy was the assist leader in both contests with 11 in each game). The teams then split in L.A. and the Celtics returned home with a 3-1 lead. But the Lakers came back to snatch a 126-114 victory in Boston.

That game, played on April 21, proved to be Cousy's last appearance as a player at the Garden. He played 35 minutes, scored 12 points and had 14 assists.

Three days later, on April 24, the Celtics would claim their sixth NBA championship as they defeated Los Angeles 112-109 in Game Six on the West Coast to win the series and the title. In his final game in a Boston uniform Cousy played 30 minutes, scored 18 points and added seven assists. It was the Celtics fifth consecutive NBA title and sixth overall.

He celebrated by throwing the ball skyward as time ran out and then embracing a joyous Red Auerbach as the Celtics left the court. It was a moment for all time by one of the greatest of all time. As the decades rolled on there would be other Celtics teams and additional championships.

Cousy would not be with the Celtics. But he wasn't done. He was the head coach at Boston College for six seasons (1963-1969), during which the Eagles played in the NIT three times and the NCAA Tournament twice as he compiled a 114-38 record.

In 1969 he became the head coach of the Cincinnati Royals. During his first season he actually played briefly in seven games at age 41. None were against the Celtics. His final appearance was on January 6, 1970 when he played one minute against Phoenix.

He served as head coach of the franchise, which later moved to Kansas City-Omaha, for four plus seasons. Some fans may better relate to Cousy as the main analyst for Celtics televised games throughout the 1980s and 1990s, giving new meaning to "We love you, Cooz" for additional generations of Celtics Nation.