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Palm Sunday,

APRIL 2, 2023



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (1320) by Pietro Lorenzetti: entering the city on a donkey symbolizes arrival in peace rather than as a war-waging king arriving on a horse.

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. For adherents of mainstream Christianity, it is the last week of the Christian solemn season of Lent that precedes the arrival of Eastertide.

In most liturgical churches, Palm Sunday is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches (or the branches of other native trees), representing the palm branches which the crowd scattered in front of Christ as he rode into Jerusalem; these palms are sometimes woven into crosses. In Syriac Christianity it is often called Oshana Sunday or Hosanna Sunday based on the biblical words uttered by the crowd while Jesus entered Jerusalem.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Number of Homeless and Migrants Living in Emergency Hotels Rises in State

As of March 21st, the number of families living in hotels reached 600 for the first time this year — a nearly 55 percent increase in three months, according to state numbers. The Department of Housing and Community Development, which oversees the state's emergency assistance program, said the shelter system uses hotels "when there are no other available options for immediate placement needs."

Curtains for Camaro?

The Chevy Camaro, a muscle dream car since the mid-sixties is ending production. General Motors says it will stop making the current generation early next year.

The future of the car, which races on NASCAR, seems a bit murky. GMC says there could be another generation of the Camaro in the works. When the current generation came out in 2016, 72,705 were sold. By the end of 2021, that number fell 70 percent to 21,893. It did rebound last year to 24,652.

Gas Dodge Bolts Too

The last gas-powered muscle car from Dodge isn't leaving the road without a few more squeals and crazyfast speeds. The 2023 Challenger SRT Demon 170 will

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MBTA April Service Changes

Will Allow Crews to Perform Track Improvement Work on the Red Line

Service Changes Also Planned for the Blue, Orange, Green Fairmount, Franklin/Foxboro, and Haverhill Commuter Rail Lines

The MBTA announced service changes in April on the Red, Blue, Orange, and Green lines, the Fairmount and Franklin/ Foxboro Commuter Rail Lines, and Haverhill Commuter Rail

April service changes on the Red Line will focus on rail and tie replacement work:

- Accessible shuttle buses will replace service between Braintree and JFK/UMass Stations during the weekend of April 1-2. This service change will allow MBTA crews to perform critical rail and tie replacement work along the track in multiple areas along the Braintree Branch that will alleviate speed restrictions.
- Evening weekday trains will be replaced with accessible shuttle bus service between North Quincy and JFK/UMass Stations beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April 3-6. This service change will allow MBTA crews to continue the tie replacement work on the Braintree Branch that began during the April 1-2 weekend and perform clean-up activities.
- Evening weekday trains will be replaced with accessible

shuttle bus service between Park Street and JFK/UMass Stations beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April **18-20**. This service change will allow MBTA crews to perform pre-work activities including equipment and materials staging in preparation for the weekend diversions on April 22-23 and April 29-30.

- Accessible shuttle buses will provide service between Kendall/MIT and JFK/UMass Stations during the weekend of April 22-23. This service change will allow MBTA crews to perform critical rail and tie replacement work along the track in this area that will alleviate speed restrictions near South Station.
- Accessible shuttle buses will provide service between Kendall/MIT and JFK/UMass Stations during the weekend of April 29-30. This service change will allow MBTA crews to continue rail and tie replacement to alleviate speed restrictions near South Station as well as perform work near the First Street gate in Cambridge.

April service changes on the Blue Line will focus on rail and tie replacement work:

- · Evening weekday trains will be replaced with accessible shuttle bus service between Government Center and Orient Heights Stations beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April 10-13. Shuttle buses will not serve Bowdoin station. This service change will allow MBTA crews to begin rail replacement and track alignment work on the Blue Line that will alleviate speed restrictions.
- Evening weekday trains will be replaced with accessible shuttle bus service between Government Center and Orient Heights Stations beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April 24-27. Shuttle buses will not serve Bowdoin station. This service change will allow MBTA crews to continue rail replacement and track alignment work on the Blue Line that will alleviate multiple speed restrictions.

Due to the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by private developer HYM Construction, Orange and **Green Line** service changes will take place in the downtown Boston area during the weekend

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Holy Week, & Easter 2023 at St. Leonard Church

320 Hanover Street, North End, Boston, MA

- The Stations of the Cross Will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 6:30 p.m.
- Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 p.m., The Sacrament of Confession will be available at Saint Leonard's Parish

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST @ 5:00 a.m. -The Vigil Mass of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem Fr. Bob Caprio

PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 2ND 9:00 a.m. - Mass of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem Fr. Michael Della Penna 10:30 a.m. - Mass of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem (Italian) Fr. Federico Cinocca 12:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem Fr. Michael Della Penna (Concelebrants to be determined)

TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK — APRIL 4TH Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross - Time TBD

No 12:05 p.m. Mass this day All parish priests are asked to attend this Mass

HOLY THURSDAY — APRIL 6TH No 8:15 a.m. or 12:05 p.m. Mass this day 8:00 p.m. - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Fr. Federico Cinocca

*Procession to the North End church's immediately following the Mass

GOOD FRIDAY — APRIL 7TH No Masses this day

12:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross Fr. Michael Della Penna

3:00 p.m. - Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ Fr. Federico Cinocca

*Confessions immediately after the passion

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross Fr. Federico Cinocca

EASTER VIGIL — APRIL 8TH No 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

8:00 p.m. - The Resurrection of Christ in the Holy Night of Easter

Fr. Michael Della Penna

EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 9TH

9:00 a.m. - Resurrection of Christ Fr. Michael Della Penna

10:30 a.m. - Resurrection of Christ (Italian)

Fr. Federico Cinocca

12:00 Noon - Resurrection of Christ

Fr. Michael Della Penna



by Prof. Edmund Turiello

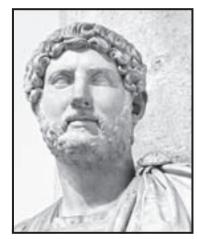
A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry . . . our lineage . . . our roots.



HADRIAN THE GREEKLING

Publius Aelius Hadrianus, commonly known as Hadrian, was born in Rome in January 76 A.D. When he was ten years old, his father died and Trajan, a second cousin, became his guardian. During his younger years, Hadrian became so deeply involved studying in Greece that he acquired the nickname "Greekling." He returned to Rome at the age of fifteen, entering the military service, and was sent to Italica, a city in Spain. He became so fond of hunting that he was often criticized for it, consequently Trajan recalled him to Rome, treated him as a son, promoted him to the office of magistrate, and later to the position of military tribune (second commander). Hadrian eventually married Sabina, the niece (or grandniece) of Trajan, and quickly rose to the position of companion to the emperor. He particularly distinguished himself in the war against the Dacians and shortly thereafter was appointed the Governor of Pannonia. His fame greatly increased when he was called upon to compose orations for the emperor.

Later, after being promoted to "quaestor" (chief magistrate), Hadrian read one of the emperor's speeches in the Senate and this is said to have provoked laughter because of his very provincial accent. He then gave serious attention to his studies until he became very fluent and proficient in his oratory. He also accompanied Trajan throughout the Dacian wars and was placed in command of the First Legion. The emperor even presented him with a diamond for his remarkable



Marble bust of Hadrian at the Palazzo dei Conservatori, Capitoline Museums

It is said that Hadrian was adopted by Trajan, but this is disputed by some authorities who attributed his rise to the intrigues of Trajan's wife, Pompeia Plotina, the sweet young thing who soon learned the ways of the emperor's court. Whatever the situation might have been, on August 9, 117 A.D., Hadrian was informed that he had been adopted as successor to Trajan and two days later he learned of Trajan's

Conflicting reports tell of Trajan's intention to appoint a man named Priscus as successor and not Hadrian. Another report claims that Trajan had intended to submit several names to the Senate along with a request that they choose their next emperor. A third and fairly convincing report tells us that Hadrian was not declared adopted until after Trajan's death. The emperor's wife, Plotina, smuggled in someone who impersonated the emperor and spoke in a feeble voice.

Hadrian did, however, assume the reins of government with the approval of many legions and the Senate. The day of his accession is listed as August 11, 117 A.D., and he immediately devoted his effort to a peacekeeping mission throughout the Roman world. He had strong feelings that the extent of the Roman territories made them extremely vulnerable. Also, many of the conquered nations began to revolt. The spirit of rebellion grew in Mauritania, Samartia, Britain, Egypt, Libya, and Palestine. Peace was negotiated with the Persians and the Parthians and outposts were established. This was an act that historically ended the expansion of the empire.

Hadrian did everything that was possible to gain popularity. He cancelled large debts that were owed to the government by private citizens and extended this policy to include many of the provinces. He gave orders to burn promissory notes in the Forum of Trajan and give property to senators who became impoverished. He made those grants in proportion to the number of their dependents. He provided subsistence money in order that worthy persons might hold public office and even donated funds to help a number of women sustain

Hadrian refused all honors except those which recognized his birthday and administered the empire so that all men knew it was theirs and not the emperor's. He maintained a close friendship with the Senate leaders and attended regular meetings of the Senate whenever he was in Rome.

NEXT WEEK: Hadrian the Administrator

Council Adopts the PACT Act

The Council adopted a resolution offered by Council President Flynn to inform veterans about the resources available to them through the PACT Act.

Signed by President Biden in August of 2022, the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act, addresses and expands the healthcare needs of U.S. service members who were exposed to burn pits,

Agent Orange and other toxic substances while serving on duty overseas.

It has been estimated that over 3.5 million veterans have been exposed to burn pits during operations in the Middle East. Prior to the passage of the PACT Act, many veterans lacked the proper documented evidence to prove these toxic exposures in order to receive treatment.

The Council urges those who have been exposed to burn pits while on duty to file for exposure benefits. Applying for VA benefits is a free and straightforward process, and applying for PACT Act benefits before August 10, 2023 will ensure benefits are backdated to August 10, 2022.

Those seeking claims should contact their local Veterans' Services Officer. Those who are not enrolled in VA Healthcare should visit their local VA to enroll, and can also contact the City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services at www. boston.gov/departments/ veterans-services

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Boston Ward 1 Republican Committee

EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



The East Boston Republican Ward Committee holds its bimonthly meeting Tuesday evening, April 4, 2023. The meeting will be at Kelley Square Pub at 84 Bennington Street (at the corner of Marion Street) in East Boston starting at 6:30 p.m.

Registered East Boston Republicans and unenrolled voters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information, please call the committee secretary at 617-569-4075 or text 617-755-7697.

The committee e-mail addresses ebrwc@yahoo.com eastbostonrepublicanwardcomm@qmail.com

LEGAL NOTICE

WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY 55 Waverley Avenue Watertown, MA 02472 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Watertown Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the 667-1 Accessibility Upgrades, #321082 in Watertown, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Abacus Architects + Planners.

The Project consists of: Site improvements including underground utilities, grading, paving, landscaping, ramps, site lighting. Building improvements including additions and renovations, asbestos abatement, kitchen and flooring replacement, fire suppression sprinklers.

The work is estimated to cost \$3,164,210.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 $44A-J\$ to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 526 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com . Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, General Building Construction, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below have already been received and are available at

www.biddocsonline.com SUBTRADES

Section 04 20 00 - Masonry Work

Section 07 50 00 - Roofing and Flashing Section 09 30 00 - Tile

Section 09 65 00 - Resilient Floors

Section 21 00 00 - Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems

Section 23 00 00 - HVAC

Section 26 00 00 - Electrical Work

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Watertown Housing Authority. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be riewed electronically and hard copy requested) or at **Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson**, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$150.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc. Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding

Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$150.00. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), non-refundable, payable to the

BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs. General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13.0% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (<code>David.McClave@mass.gov</code>) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date – NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

General Bidders: April 19, 2023 Site visit by Appointment: None.

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at

Watertown Housing Authority

55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472 - 617-923-3950 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 - 978-568-1167

ADDENDUM NO. 3

29 March 2023

To all Bidders on the Project titled: STATE -AIDED PROJECT: 667-1

Accessibility Upgrades, 667-1 Elderly Housing

McSherry Gardens - Watertown, Massachusetts - DHCD Project #321082

WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

55 Waverly Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472 - 617-923-3950 Reference Contract Documents (drawings and specifications) dated February 01, 2023.

The attention of bidders submitting bids for the above subject project is called to the following addendum to the specifications and drawings. The items set forth herein, whether of omission, addition, substitution, or clarifications are all to be included in and form a part of the bid submitted.

THE NUMBER OF THIS ADDENDUM (3) MUST BE ENTERED IN THE APPROPRIATE SPACE "B" PROVIDED AFTER THE WORD "NUMBÉRS" OF THE CONTRACT FORM ENTITLED "FORM FOR GENERAL BID," AND IN SPACE "B" OF THE "FORM FOR SUB-BID."

BID NOTES -

Item No. 1: General bid re-advertisement / bid extension:

1. The project has been re-advertised for general bids only. The bid opening date for general bids has been extended to the following date:

a. General bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 19th,

Filed Sub-bids have been received and will remain unchanged. All other portions of the Contract Documents remain unchanged.

Please be reminded to acknowledge this Addendum on the bid forms - End of Addendum No. 3 -

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

• MBTA April Service Changes (Continued from Page 1)

of April 1-2 and on Saturday, April 8. Orange Line train service will be suspended between Back Bay and North Station. Orange Line riders are asked to use Green Line service between Copley and Government Center stations. Green Line trolley service will be replaced with accessible shuttle bus service between North Station and Government Center Station. Accessibility vans will also be available for on-demand transportation -Orange and Green Line riders should ask MBTA personnel for information and assistance.

Fairmount and Franklin/ Foxboro Commuter Rail Line trains will be replaced with accessible shuttle bus service between South Station and Readville Station beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 31, during the weekend of April 1-2, beginning at approximately 9:00 p.m. on **April 7**, and during the weekend of April 8-9 to perform bridge replacement work at the East Cottage Street and Norfolk Avenue bridges. Over one hundred years old, both bridges are in the process of being replaced with updated steel infrastructures to improve safety and reliability. Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Readville and Forge Park/495 Stations.

Haverhill Commuter Rail Line trains will be replaced with accessible shuttle bus service between Haverhill and Reading Stations for sixteen days from April 22-May 7 to perform Automated Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially

unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed. Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Reading and North Station.

Due to an anticipated increase of riders expected to use the MBTA to travel for Boston Marathon events, there will be no scheduled service changes during the weekend of April 15-16

Signage will be in place during all scheduled changes in service to direct riders to shuttle bus stops. Extra MBTA personnel and Transit Ambassadors will also be on-hand to assist riders

Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on Twitter @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

The MBTA previously announced service changes taking place in March on the Red, Mattapan, Orange, and Green Lines as well as Haverhill and Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines. Riders are encouraged to visit *mbta.com* for a complete list.

The MBTA will announce additional service changes in advance as they are confirmed and scheduled. The MBTA apologizes for the inconvenience of these scheduled service changes, and appreciates the understanding and patience of riders as this critical and necessary work to maintain, upgrade, and modernize the system takes place.

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

LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

Federal Funding to Go Toward Renovating Public Housing in North End

\$1.75 Million in Modernization and Energy Upgrades at Ausonia Homes

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Senator Ed Markey, Congressman Stephen Lynch, and the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) to announce new federal funding for Ausonia Homes, a 100-unit public housing community for low-income seniors and people with disabilities in the North End.

"Boston residents across every neighborhood deserve the opportunity to age in place, and to do so in quality, accessible and affordable homes," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Communities like Ausonia are critical for older adults, people with disabilities and families to afford to live and thrive in the North End," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "That is Ausonia's promise, and I want to thank Boston's congressional delegation for securing these critical investments which will ensure Boston remains a city for everyone."

Through Community Project Funding in the Fiscal Year 2023 federal budget, Boston's congressional delegation secured two funding grants worth \$1.75 million towards modernization and upgrades at Ausonia Homes. Of that amount, \$750,000 will be allocated specifically towards modernization funding at Ausonia, supporting capital upgrades and accessibility measures that secure permanently affordable housing for extremely low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. The remaining \$1 million will be used towards health and climate retrofits, including weatherization, energy efficiency, installation of electric heat pumps, and other measures that improve air quality and reduce energy consumption.

"As Boston contends with encroaching seas, coastal flooding, and scorching summers, we know the climate crisis is not on our doorsteps — it is in our homes. Our shelters must be sheltered from this storm. That's why I'm so proud to be with Boston's own Green New Deal Mayor as we partner to advance the vision for a cleaner, greener, and healthier City and Commonwealth. We can and we must ensure all people — no matter their age, race, income, or disability - are part of that vision," said Senator Edward J. Markey. "Because we know a vision without funding is an hallucination, I am proud to have partnered with Congressman Lynch and Senator Warren to secure \$1.75 million in funding to complete essential maintenance and invest in energyefficient climate retrofits at the Ausonia Apartments."

"Since Ausonia Apartments opened its doors 45 years ago, federal public housing capital subsidies have not kept up with the needs of the property, and I am proud to have secured \$1.75M for its modernization," said Rep. Lynch. This funding is essential to improving the quality of life for its residents, which consists of seniors and the disabled, through renovations that will improve air quality and ensure the entire building is in full compliance with modern accessibility standards. I am grateful to Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, Mayor Michelle Wu, and BHA Administrator Kate Bennett for their dedicated work and commitment to securing this vital funding for the Ausonia community."

The new funding will help BHA leverage additional resources for a comprehensive modernization and rehab effort at Ausonia. BHA is working to systematically modernize and preserve all of its federal public housing for seniors, while preserving affordability, maintaining BHA ownership, and improving resident health and quality of life.

"Ausonia is one of the few places in the North end that low-income seniors can afford to live," said BHA Administrator Kate Bennett. "I am grateful for the federal delegation prioritizing this critical resource and this wonderful community."

"We're very excited to see our homes get fixed up. The building really needs to be upgraded, but this is an investment in more than just a building. It's an investment in us, and in our home," said Ausonia Tenant Task Force President Cheryl Iftikar. "I've lived at Ausonia for seven years and in the North End my entire life. These efforts will make life better for seniors here in the North End."

The work at Ausonia is still in the planning stages, but the improvements are expected to include better insulation and heating systems, as well as renovated apartment units. BHA will prioritize resident health and wellbeing as part of this effort.

BOSTON HISTORIAN

STEPHEN PULEO

to Discuss Irish Famine

Stephen Puleo, noted historian and bestselling author of books dear to the hearts of North Enders, like Dark Tide, the Great Flood of 1919 and The Boston Italians will discuss his most recent book, Voyage of Mercy. Stephen tells the remarkable story of America's humanitarian assistance to the Irish people during the Great Famine, especially, the support the people of Boston sent to Ireland. His book also details the great suffering of the Irish people during that time. Stephen has a deep depth of historical knowledge and a love of history and his enthusiastic storytelling style brings history to life.

His talk will be followed by what will prove to be a spirited question-and-answer period concerning this very controversial time in Irish history.

This event will take place at the North End Library at 25 Parmenter Street, Boston on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the North End Library.

For more information concerning the Friends of the NE Library, please email *info@FriendsNELibrary.org* or visit Facebook and



Instagram pages at https://www.instagram.com/friendsofnorthendlibrary/; https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofNorthEndLibrary/ for membership information and a listing of other programs.

Remember our continuing daily book sale on the shelves in the back of the library which is the source of our funds to help pay for these exciting programs.

East Boston Ferry Service Resumes

The MBTA reminds riders that the East Boston ferry service project resumed for the spring season effective Monday, March 27th. East Boston ferry service schedules are available online with all ferry service schedules available at mbta.com/ferry.

The East Boston ferry service project operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf. A one-way fare on the

East Boston ferry is \$2.40 (or \$1.10 for Reduced Fare riders), which is the same as taking the subway. Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app. Printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7s are also accepted.

CharlieCards will also temporarily be accepted on the East Boston ferry for Blue Line riders seeking an alternate transit mode while speed restrictions remain in place on the line. Riders can simply show their CharlieCard to ferry personnel to board this service.

East Boston ferry service is funded through the Commonwealth.

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

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Sanctity and Joy of Holy Week in Italy

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



After the damp and bitterly cold early spring fog, in which every raindrop feels like the pinprick of an ice crystal, I look forward to the promise of Easter, the premiere holiday of the season. Signs of Easter sprout around me as surely as the first purple tulips spring from the rich soil. Marshmallow Peeps wink playfully at me as they line shop selves in brilliant hues ranging from robin's egg blue to bright tutu pink. Baskets and wreaths boast eggs dyed with bold solid colors or glittery patinas. At the mall, costumed Easter Bunnies pose for family photos with children in frilly dresses and crooked bow ties. However, as much as the coming Easter fills me with pleasant anticipation, I am reminded that the week preceding the holiday brims with its own unique customs and traditions. The week's very name, Holy Week, reveals its profound importance in the religious year. Italians call Holy Week la Settimana Santa and celebrate its arrival with much fanfare. The Holy Week festivities in Italy emphasize seasonal spring folklore while also paying homage to the intricate and inspiring spirituality of this period. Whether filled with displays of palm leaves or colorful eggs, Holy Week in Italy and around the world heralds the Easter holiday with the reverence, love, and joy it deserves.

Holy Week begins this year on April 2nd, which is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, when adoring crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches in the air. Along with its religious significance, Palm Sunday tions, particularly those with

remains attuned to the seasonal beat of spring, symbolically falling during the time of the year when tree branches begin to blossom. My father grew up in the mountainous region of Abruzzo in Italy, where he would spend Palm Sunday, or Domenica delle Palme, collecting the olive branches that grew plentifully in the hills and fields near his home. This was the same country wilderness, laden with ancient orchards and thick forests, about which village elders whispered stories of sprites hiding under rocks and wolves darting among the trees. My father and his friends would then bring the branches to the local parish, where the priest would bless them. This quaint sylvan ritual embodied all the pleasures of spring, such as communal outdoor excursions and metaphorical links to the themes of rebirth and spiritual awakening. Throughout Holy Week, Italians also give their homes a thorough springcleaning in preparation for Easter and the days of visiting to follow. Holy Week ends with Good Friday, or Venerdí Santo, the solemn remembrance of Jesus's Crucifixion. In Italy, processions of black-robed participants set the somber and pensive atmosphere of the day. Processions that focus on the Virgin Mary are known as the Addolorata, a name indicative of Mary's grief and pain. Therefore, Holy Week begins in triumph but ends in tragedy, encompassing all the emotional spectrum necessary for the joy of Easter.

For me, Holy Week has always meant Easter prepara-

parents would reserve a day, usually Holy Saturday, for decorating eggs with my brother and me. Eggs have formed an integral part of Easter celebrations since ancient times due to their rebirth symbolism: though they appear cold and sterile on the outside, they contain new life inside. I always enjoyed picking the egg dyes, and I would often choose a bright or glittery color to match the cheerful hues of the flowers growing outside my home. Easter eggs form a sweet part of Italian holiday customs as well. During Holy Week, my father would always buy a gigantic chocolate uovo di Pasqua (literally, "Easter egg") from a specialty shop in the North End, wrapped in pastel foil. We would patiently wait until Easter to ceremoniously break the egg open, eagerly anticipating the treats concealed within — usually candy. An Italian superstition decrees that everyone must wear at least one new piece of clothing on Easter, again illustrating the theme of renewal central to the holiday, and as such, my mom and I would often shop for a new outfit during Holy Week. When I was a child, this meant a lacy, flowery dress. Though I no longer seek out itchy dresses, I do pick my new clothes with bright colors or a flowered pattern to reflect the spring season. Finally, my mother and I spend much of Holy Week planning our Easter menu. On Holy Saturday, I bake my traditional Italian ricotta pie to be served at the feast the next day. Therefore, I associate Holy Week with the joy and promise of an exciting holiday to come. Its customs have instilled in me an appreciation for the blooming new season of spring, for the spirituality of Easter, and for my Italian heritage as a whole. Holy Week is a profound and

multifaceted period of the year. It revels in the springtime and the resurgence of nature all around us, from the flowers fluttering proudly in the sunlight to the bunnies munching on the fresh green grass. It grants us an opportunity to enjoy the warm spring weather and to find peace and reflection in the spiritual traditions of the pre-Easter season. In Italy, people honor Holy Week by engaging in symbolic rituals like collecting olive branches on Palm Sunday, cleaning their homes, and decorating eggs. No matter which customs we take to heart, we should celebrate them in a way that expresses gratitude toward nature and the cycle of the year. Easter, after all, is the supreme holiday of hope and rebirth, and Holy Week encapsulates that feeling. Holy Week teaches us that if we live in harmony with nature and with respect for the ways of our ancestors, we will find a strength inside us brighter than any spring sun.

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. *She appreciates any comments* and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.



What's So Bad About Saying the Pledge of Allegiance in School?

You know, I am getting so old now that few like me remember that up until federal law was changed in 1954 adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. I was a first grader at St. Anthony's Grammar School in Boston's North End. When that school year (1954-1955) began, we started each school day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance but without saying "under God." However, a few weeks into the school year the phrase was added and became part of our morning routine in the classroom. I never felt compelled to say it; I just did because the America I grew up in was proud to be an American. Nobody felt obligated to recite it; we just did as a mat-

ter of fact. However, that America no longer seems to exist any longer. Today, it would seem, more and more of us are acting as if they're ashamed to praise their country's ideals and honor our flag and all that it stands for. I don't love my government. Sometimes we have good and sometimes not-so-good leaders but we always have a beautiful country and are thankful for all the freedoms we take for granted. So many people across the world wish they lived here with all our freedoms guaranteed to us in our Bill of Rights. I am not saying we are perfect but we do strive forward to be more perfect than we have been over the last near 250 years.

Today's America obviously has passed through a Stargate and is now solidly Bizzaro America where right is wrong, up is down, and there is so much more lunacy that I will speak of at another time.

Latest craziness in South Carolina: parents of a ninth grade student who said she was accosted by a teacher for not stopping in the hallway and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance are now suing the teacher, principal, as well as the school district and state education officials.

The student says while walking down the hallway to class she did not stop for the Pledge of Allegiance on the PA system and was confronted by a teacher who she alleges pushed her against the wall. The student was then sent to the principal's office. The principal sent her on to class. She said she was utterly disrespected and told the media, "No one has apologized,

no one has acknowledged my hurt. The fact that the school is defending that kind of behavior is unimaginable."

The parents are now suing everybody including the Lexington School District and the South Carolina Education Department in federal court saying their daughter's civil rights and her 1st amendment free speech rights have been violated. However, this lawsuit is also about a state law for over 30 years now requiring public schools to recite the Pledge of Allegiance once a day. However, the law does say no one can be punished who doesn't recite the Pledge of Allegiance. I see all this parental action as a bit silly and is turning a molehill into a

The principal never punished the girl. He apparently looked at this incident as nothing to see and sent her to her classroom after a chat. The teacher in this case made a mistake in how he or she approached the student in the hallway. It was overkill.

While I can disagree with the young student for not stopping during the Pledge of Allegiance, the teacher's reaction could have been better. I also agree with the family lawyer who stated students should not "feel threatened for exercising their constitutional rights."

However, all those rights being spoken of come through our constitution and its stated Bill of Rights. Our flag seems to get lost in the shuffle of hurrying to class. Too many of us have forgotten when we respect our flag; we are respecting ourselves and all of our guaranteed rights, too.

I never felt compelled to say the Pledge of Allegiance and honor our flag and all of our liberties that so many who came before us fought and died for.

To date, both the teacher and principal are still working at River Bluff High School, as they should be. They didn't do anything that would be considered fireable. The student is blameless, too.

It would be nice if more parents of school-age children taught their children to respect their national flag because in essence, our flag represents all of us and our communal aspirations going forward. God bless America, and God help us if we forget to be grateful for our freedoms, which are denied to many, many people living in this world of ours.



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Saint Gladys

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Princess Gladys, born in the sixth century, was the eldest daughter of the saintly Irish immigrant, King St. Brychan of Brechnock, Wales. She was raised at the Royal & Christian Court at Talgarth, where she grew into a beautiful young woman. Gladys came to the notice of some of the most eligible bachelors around, particularly Brechnock's menacing neighbor, King Gwynllyw Farfog (the Bearded).

Gwynllyw sent envoys to King Brychan requesting the hand of his daughter in marriage, but he sent them away. Gwynllyw was a rough pagan warrior king, quite unsuitable for his delicate and refined daughter. Gwynllyw however, was not so easily put off. With three hundred men to help him, he made a daring raid on Brechnock and made off with Princess Gladys. Her father, King Brychan pursued him but the two were accosted by



their High-King Arthur, who persuaded him to support Gwynllyw's cause and Brychan was eventually brought round.

Gladys reigned with her husband as a pious and wise monarch, tempering his, often rash, behavior and slowly converting him. They became the parents of Saint Cadog known as "the Wise" and several others. Their children were raised as Christians by St. Tathyw.

Gwynllyw desired to abandon his life of violence and seek forgiveness for his sins. A vision led him to found a hermitage on what is now Stow Hill in Newport, South Wales. Gladys accompanied Gwynllyw into an austere life of a hermit and for a while they lived together there, fasting or on a vegetarian diet and bathing in the cold waters of the river but moved apart to avoid temptation. Gladys then founded a separate hermitage at Pencarn, where, upon her husband's death, she lived at the Chapel; here, she was buried. A Celtic cross slab found there is thought to be her memorial. It can now be seen in Gelligaer parish Church.

The Feast Day of Saint Gladys and her husband Saint Gwynllyw is March 29th.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. SU21P0736PM **CITATION ON PETITION** FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

> Estate of FRANK DEMARCO

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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.

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: March 15, 2023

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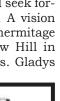
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A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Amerigo Vespucci

Vespucci was born into a wealthy family of Florentine silk traders near the city of Peretola on March 9, 1451. The Vespucci's were very prominent citizens of Florence and many held important offices. Vespucci received an excellent education and served for a time as a diplomat before settling in Spain just in time to witness Columbus' first voyage. Vespucci decided that he, too, wanted to be an explorer.

Vespucci had earned a reputation as

a skilled sailor. He was able to convince the King of Portugal to finance a three-ship expedition in 1499. He had become convinced during his first trip that the lands he had seen were not, in fact, Asia, but something altogether new and previously unknown which he referred to as the new fourth part of the world after Europe, Africa, and Asia. On this voyage, he discovered the Amazon River. On his third voyage, 1501, he explored the eastern coast of South America, including much of Brazil and discovered Rio di Janeiro. He may have gone as far as the Platte River in Argentina before returning to Europe.

On this journey, he became more convinced than ever that his recently discovered lands were something new. This put him at odds with Christopher Columbus, who never ceased to believe his discoveries were part of Asia. In Vespucci's letters to his friends and patrons, he explained his new theories. In 1508, he received in Spain, the prestigious office of Pilot Major. After his career as an explorer ended, Vespucci trained other sailors and explorers and continued to study all he could about the new world. He died of malaria, on February 22, 1512 in Seville, Spain.

In 1517, German mapmaker Martin Waldseemüler, first referred to the lands discovered in the New World as America, the feminized version of Amerigo.

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ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC)

St. Patrick's Day Party



A packed house!

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) held its St. Patrick's Day party on Friday, March 17th, well in advance of the local parade and other festivities around the neighborhood! Nearly three dozen members of the community, almost all of them older adults from the North

End and West End, came to the center at 1 Michelangelo Street in the North End to feast on traditional Irish corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, and carrots, coleslaw, cookies and cupcakes, and coffee. This feast was sponsored and served with love and care by the center's friends at Eagle Bank. In attendance from the

bank's North End branch were Haymanot Tadese, Sales and Service Associate and Gisella DiPaola, SVP Retail Banking Officer, who additionally serves



(L-R): Julia Power, Acting Director, ABCD North End-West End Neighborhood Service Center; and Tabitha Jones, Community Marketer, Marquis Health Consulting



Victor Brogna, ABCD North End-West End NSC Advisory Board Member, playing sweet Irish favorites for the crowd

on the NE/WE NSC Advisory Board.

Special guests included Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative Jay Livingstone, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and City Councilor Kenzie Bok, who made the rounds with their constituents and brought sweets as well. It brings such joy for the seniors to have their elected officials visit them in the space that so many consider a second home!

Victor Brogna, well known for his musical performances in the area, played traditional Irish music and other tunes on the trumpet. Victor is an Advisory Board member of the NE/WE NSC as well as a current member of the North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) as the Chair of the Zoning, License, and Construction Committee, lending his passions and talents too many civic affairs! Silke Evans, another volunteer, also played the piano, and gave a lesson or two to Marilyn Frissora, NE/WE NSC Service Coordinator. Volunteer and former NE/WE NSC Advisory Board member David Roderick



City Councilor Gabriela Coletta listening to issues concerning her constituents

and volunteer Teri Groome from Strada 234 also assisted with much-needed serving and clean up. Tabitha Jones, Community Marketer, Marquis Health Consulting Services, dropped by to meet with Julia Power, Acting Director, and to brainstorm future partnership opportunities and collaboration.

All in all, it was a delightful day spent in the drop-in center, with good food, conversation, and friends, for those who trace their roots back to Ireland's shores, along with the "honorary" Irish for a day!



Senator Lydia Edwards and Representative Jay Livingstone spending time with their constituents



Gisella DiPaola, SVP Retail Banking Officer, Eagle Bank, North End Branch, helping to serve lunch



City Councilor Kenzie Bok chatting with a lunch guest



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On Saturday, March 11, the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) unveiled more than 100 fresh works from the museum's global fashion and textile collection, including nearly 40 recent acquisitions that spotlight the vibrant and flamboyant collection of Boston-based entrepreneur and doyenne of fashion Yolanda Cellucci. PEM's Fashion & Design Gallery features more than 180 examples of contemporary and historic dress, as well as textiles, accessories, sculpture, studio glass and decorative arts and furniture drawn from PEM's vast and storied collection.

In 1968, entrepreneur Yolanda Cellucci entered Boston's fashion scene and changed it forever. The city's retail fashion scene at the time was robust, so Cellucci forged a business model focused on women's wear and self-care in a holistic, head-turning way. Her shop Yolanda's, based in Waltham, Massachusetts, became a hotspot for lavish evening and wedding ensembles. In addition to offering high profile American and international designs, including pieces by Hollywood favorite Bob Mackie, the store provided style consultations, personal shopping, cosmetology serrefreshments — all under one roof. Throughout the late 20th century, Yolanda's became a household name throughout the region and a shorthand for glitz and glamor.

In 2021, Cellucci generously donated her collection of 57 works of fashion and accessories to PEM, along with archival photographs and materials related to the legacy of Yolanda's. "PEM is honored to be the steward of this singular and highly memorable chapter of fashion history," said Petra Slinkard, PEM's Director of Curatorial Affairs and The Nancy B. Putnam Curator of Fashion and Textiles.

"With an eye for all things dazzling, Yolanda Cellucci influenced so many women's lives by encouraging them to embrace their own power and unapologetically command attention as they stepped out into the world," added Paula Richter, PEM's Curator overseeing the Yolanda Cellucci collection.

Throughout her career, Cellucci hosted fashion shows and galas, showcasing her merchandise and raising funds for charities focused on health-care, the arts, and education. Events at Yolanda's influenced Boston's society pages for decades. Now in her 80s, Cellucci continues to make an

impression through her cable access TV show, a recently published autobiography *Beyond* the Glitz and Glamour and a series of books written in her daughter's memory, *Lindy Lou* and her Dancing Shoes.

PEM's Fashion and Design gallery, located on the third floor of the museum's new wing, opened with fanfare in 2019. Rotations regularly take place in the gallery in order to preserve light-sensitive objects, refresh important historic and contemporary works from the museum's collection, and showcase new acquisitions. "PEM's Fashion and Design gallery invites visitors to consider the way that we manipulate, respond to and mold our changing world. This installation unifies two traditionally disparate collecting fields to better understand what underlies our motivations and capacity for designing for ourselves and the world around us," said Slinkard.

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Join PEM and Yolanda herself as the museum unveils more than 100 fresh works from the global fashion and textile collection, including nearly 40 recent acquisitions that spotlight the vibrant and flamboyant collection of this Boston-based entrepreneur and doyenne of fashion. If you are able to attend, please <code>email rsvp@pem.org. \$20 for members - \$25 for non-members</code>

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Special features include: Rick and Morty: Inside Season 6: Take a trip through the show's portal-less sixth season with co-creator Dan Harmon, coexecutive producer Steve Levy, showrunner Scott Marder, and writers Heather Anne Campbell, Albro Lundy, Rob Schrab and James Siciliano Anatomy of a Scene: "Bethic Twinstinct" Co-creator Dan Harmon, showrunner Scott Marder, director Douglas Einar Olsen and writer Anne Lane dig into the carcasses of two scenes while you stare at them in a numb trance. Anatomy of a Scene: "Night Family" Clock the most extensive car chase in the series' history with co-executive producer Albro Lundy, showrunner Scott Marder, writer Rob Schrab and director Jacob Hair. Anatomy of a Scene: "Analyze Piss" Co-creator Dan Harmon, showrunner Scott Marder. director Fill Marc Sagadraca and writer James Siciliano go blow-for-blow on Jerry's fight with Pissmaster. Inside the Episodes. Take a deeper look into each of the ten episodes from the season.

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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 BIRTHDAY TO CAPT. KIRK



William Shatner

On Wednesday, March 22nd, Canadian-born actor William Shatner celebrated his 92nd birthday. He has been an active actor since 1951. He is best known as playing Captain James T. Kirk in Star Trek, which began in 1966. I still remember a great guest role he played on The Twilight Zone back in the late '50s. He played a passenger on an airplane flight that kept seeing a gremlin on the left wing trying to break things up. Every time he called the flight attendant, it disappeared. He starts going crazy thinking the plane will crash and nobody believed what he was seeing outside.

It was the first time I saw him on TV and within a few years, he became one of the most popular actors in Hollywood and a part of the crew on the USC Enterprise seeking new worlds out there on *Star Trek*.

UVALDE COPS HAD RIFLE FEAR

According to a new investigation, many cops who failed to rush in during the Uvalde school massacre repeatedly have admitted to being scared of the shooter's AR-15. Mass shooter training tells officers to risk their lives and quickly try to end the carnage, but many said they were afraid of being overpowered by the shooter's weapon.

One officer justified his and others' 77-minute delay even as trapped students called 911 begging for help. Nineteen students and two teachers died that day. I hope all those cops who did nothing out of fear are no longer in law enforcement.

Many now appear to believe that when cops do nothing because of one teen with an

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 22W0142
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
CONNYLL SORIMIL ARIAS LARA
Plaintiff(s)
V.

JAROL DIAZ HEREDIA Defendant(s)

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Witness, MAUREEN H. MONKS, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of March 21st, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court Run date: 03/31/2023 AR-15; it means it is time to ban those weapons. I am not in that crowd because when hundreds of cops turn into helpless bystanders, we have bigger problems with how we train cops and who we select as cops.

ANTI-WAR BAND FOUNDER DIES

Sad news here. Dmitry Svirgunov, also known as Dima Nova, the founder of the Russian band, Cream Soda, whose music was used during anti-war protests in Russia and a friend both died after they fell through ice while crossing a river on March 19th.

The band's "Aqua Disco" was sung at protests against the war in Ukraine. Ironically, in 2017 they released the song "Volga," which includes the lyrics about going "under the bottom and drowning." Twilight Zonish, right?

COULD THESE HOUSE PRICES BE COMING TO EASTIE SOME DAY?

There's a mansion up on the North Shore in Beverly just 24 miles from Downtown Boston going for \$18.275 million. A 17-room, three story "summer cottage." It is 28,000-square-feet with 400-square-feet of private beachfront.

I was thinking, with the soaring prices for homes in East Boston, how soon before some developer comes along to build a summer cottage unit here.

I must say these condos or "homeownership units" seem to be getting larger and larger, too. Hey, remember we are surrounded by water from Piers Park to Shea's Beach. I wouldn't put anything past the Zoning Board of Appeals with their love for granting variances.

NEWSMAX BACK ON DIRECTV

For at least six weeks or so, viewers of Newsmax who had DirecTV could no longer watch this cable news network on because AT&T, the parent company, decided to cancel the conservative network.

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. MI23P1395EA

Estate of JAMES TENNYSON JENSEN Also Known As JAMES T. JENSEN

Date of Death: February 18, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Deborah**J. Barker of Jackson, WY, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

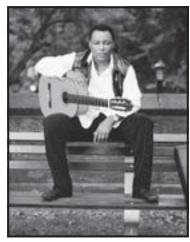
Deborah J. Barker of Jackson, WY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond

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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However, after much pressure from the network's fans and growing numbers of cancellations from irate conservatives, AT&T got the message loud and clear: uncancell Newsmax. Power to the people, right on!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MISTER "GIVE ME THE NIGHT"



George Benson

Capt. Kirk wasn't the only one celebrating his birthday this past Wednesday, March 22nd. It was also George Benson's 83rd birthday. I remember back during the late '70s, early '80s, it was Disco, Disco, Disco and everybody was on the dance floor and then in skates doing Roller Disco.

There were all sorts of dance clubs around; my favorite was down in the Seaport at a place called The Pier. When Roller Disco came along, we did it all on ice this time. My favorite spot for this was Spinoffs across from Fenway Park to the right and the Town Taxi garage to the left.

There were plenty of Disco singing stars and their music was the best ever. George Benson had his great Disco sound with "Give Me the Night." I loved dancing to it endlessly.

Well, Benson is now 83 years old and still kicking, but probably not as fast as he used to be but like the Bees Gees once sang, he's "Staying Alive."

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court Lowell Justice Center 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 656-7700

Docket No. MI23P1505EA
Estate of
DOROTHY A. WEDLOCK
Date of Death: January 16, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Janette A. Howland of Granby, MA, Petitioner Nanci W. Koutsoufis of Wayland, MA, A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Janette A. Howland of Granby, MA, Nanci W. Koutsoufis of Wayland, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



The other night I returned home from the cigar bar that is a popular "hangout" in Delray Beach, Florida. En route, I began thinking about the storefront social clubs that existed in Italian neighborhoods in many major cities in the U.S. where there were Italians or Italian Americans.

Babbononno and Grandpa Christoforo both belonged to a couple of social clubs in East Boston and the North End back in their day. Neither Dad nor my uncles (Mom's brothers) had time to follow in their fathers' footsteps. But they had something similar. It was gathering together at the musicians' union where they could socialize and take care of business. All involved had similar backgrounds which gave them commonality. In my generation, I admit I "hung around" a street corner for a few years, but that came to an end when I went in a different direction than the majority of my friends.

I was invited to join a friend at a Florida cigar bar about ten years ago and have found a group of diverse people with one thing in common ... good cigars. Since that point in time, one or two nights per week, I head to Puro's Cigars. Puro is the Cuban word for cigar. It really means "pure," not cigar, and is only used in Cuba and among Cuban Americans. So, a couple of nights a week I head to Puro's and sit with other men and women who love cigars and collectively, we solve the world's problems ... not really.

For the length of time I'm down here in Florida, each week, I bring copies of this newspaper with me for the crowd to read. As a result of a large portion of the gang being Italian, the *Post-Gazette* has a new fan base, which makes me happy. A couple of the guys were born in Italy ... One in particular is from Calabria. Angelo has done well in this country and shares his talents with the crowd by bringing us homemade provolone, soppressata, prosciutto, and wine made from imported Italian grapes.

The majority of the guys are from the New York-New Jersey area, a fact you realize when they speak, but that's OK. They tolerate my Boston accent and that of two other Bostonians that are part of the crowd, Tony Visone and Michael Athenas. Tony you might remember from his used Corvette dealership on Route 1, north. Michael Athenas is one of the sons of the late Anthony Athenas of Pier 4 fame. Michael is retired from the family business of restaurants and enjoys his old cars. I believe he has about two dozen of them, most in the Boston area where he spends the summers. Tony Visone owns several restaurants with Ocean One as the Delray Beach location. College hockey fans may remember his name from Harvard in the late '80s. He looked like he was heading for the pros after graduation, but he made other choices and today is quite happy and successful with his decision.

I have a few friends who like

cigars and accompany me when I head for Puro's. Among them is Joe Kessler, my next door neighbor and the head of the board that governs the condo complex we live in. Joe, in spite of his name is Italian and is married to an Italian which gives us a lot of similarities, especially when it comes to culture and food. To relax, Joe began accompanying me to the cigar bar and is now part of the

There is another past-time I never had time for when I was young, playing cards. I taught during the day and played music or MC'd. events at night, and until I was married, worked almost every night of the week. We have a club house next to the common swimming pool and on Monday nights, a group of guys play penny ante poker. One of them, originally from Malden, invited me to play a few years ago and I now have Monday night to look forward to. Tuesday and Thursday nights are reserved for the cigar bar and the rest of the nights of the week, I leave open to take Loretta out to dinner or a concert or maybe an opera.

A couple of mornings a week, I tie up with some folks that live in another complex that has a bocce court. I love bocce and have become pretty good at it, if I say so, myself. Meeting up with the bocce crowd gives me the opportunity of speaking Italian as most of them were born in "the old country," and came here after WWII. The rest of the mornings aren't wasted. I do water aerobics at a health center that caters to us old folks.

I do miss my friends back in Boston, but I don't miss the cold. I can't handle it anymore and head south after the holidays are celebrated with family and those we are close to.

This column is easy enough to write as it done on my computer. As soon as I check my weekly stories for errors, I email the column to the computer at the office and they take it from there, which means that I can fulfill my weekly obligation from anywhere in the world.

Getting back to those store front social clubs. I remember Babbononno taking me to two in particular, one on Hanover Street in the North End and the other near Central Square in East Boston. Babbononno loved to show me off to his friends as his only grandson, which I was until I was 12 years old and Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna became the proud parents of twins, one of them my cousin Richard. Babbononno would enjoy a glass of wine or two or three and buy me a bottle of Royal Crown Cola at either club and I felt like an adult hanging out with my grandfather's crowd.

I would have the same experiences with Dad and Uncle Nick at the musicians' union. Monday was the main gathering day when the union was located on St. Botolph Street in Boston and both Dad and my uncle were prominent musicians back then. As a result of accompanying my father to the union, I got

to know many of the musicians in his and Uncle Nick's generation, many of whom put me to work years later when I followed in my father's footsteps and became a bass player. Some of the musicians would arrive as soon as the doors opened and get involved in a card game or head to the back of the union hall and shoot a game of pool. On Tuesday through Friday, there were several musicians hanging out at the union. They didn't have day jobs and had somewhere to go. Today this is almost impossible, as there are so few musicians who make a living at their craft. We have the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops and a couple of theaters left that have live music to back Broadway shows, and there are a few rock groups that play what's left of the nightclub circuit. I miss the playing as, at my age, I'm part of the past. But, I also miss the gatherings from those days gone by.

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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

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 April 01, 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.

2005 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER VIN # JTEDP21A450055439 2016 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT VIN # NMOLS7E71G1237099 2008 FORD ESCAPE

VIN # 1FMCU02Z28KC33595 2002 ACURA RSX VIN # JH4DC53872C006238

2005 ACURA TSX VIN # JH4CL96985C032357 2010 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER VIN # 5TDJK3EHXAS009866

2012 MERCEDES BENZ GLK CLASS VIN # WDCGG8HB9CF737045

2003 HONDA ACCORD VIN #1 HGCM66583A022710 2006 HYUNDAI SONATA

VIN # 5NPEU46F76H003096 2012 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP2F36CA013048

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

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. 03/17, 03/24, 03/31/2023



One of the most popular desserts you'll find in Italian-American homes for the Easter holiday is *Torta di Riso* or Rice Pie; the well-liked variant of its original predecessor, *Pastiera Di Grano* or Wheat Pie. Reportedly, *Pastiera Di Grano* was originally created by nuns from the San Gregorio Armeno convent in Naples. Using ingredients that symbolically recollected the resurrection, such as eggs, ricotta, candied fruit, and wheat, the nuns in this convent became renowned for their *pastiera*. Every Easter or *Pasqua* they prepared it in large quantities to be given out only to the affluent families in the city. Rice pie is a variation that was created in the Campania region. The wheat was replaced with rice due in part to Salerno's limited access to wheat and their abundance of rice fields. This recipe for *Torta di Riso* spread rapidly throughout Southern Italy, and eventually became one of the most widely recognized Italian Easter pies of all times!

In my family, Easter is a special holiday spent enjoying delicious foods and desserts with family and close friends. Traditionally, the pastries my Nonna would make included *Cassateddi*, Ricotta Pie, and her most sought after dessert, Rice Pie. Made with a sweet crust and filled with a moist pineapple ricotta rice filling, Nonna's pie always came delightful. To this day, when I make this recipe, I still picture her standing beside me explaining how to feel the dough to make sure it's "just right," and not to forget to "let the filling sit overnight in the refrigerator" so the flavors meld together best. I hope you and your family enjoy this *Torta di Riso* as much as my family and I always did!

RICE PIE Torta di Riso



Filling

1 ½ large organic oranges, cut in quarters

1 cup dry Arborio or Carolina rice, cooked together with the cut-up oranges, removing oranges when cooked and squeezing all of the juices into the rice, set aside to cool

1 can crushed pineapple, well drained

15 eggs

1 ¾ cup sugar

2 pounds ricotta

1 cup sour cream

2 cups whole milk

2 cups heavy cream

2 tablespoons lemon juice

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons vanilla extract

Pasta Frolla (sweet crust)

4 cups all-purpose flour

5 teaspoons baking powder

I cup sugar

½ cup plus 1 tablespoon shortening, chilled 4 eggs, beaten

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla extract

Egg Wash

1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon water

In a large bowl, beat together the eggs and sugar. Add in ricotta, sour cream and mix well. Blend in the remaining ingredients and mix until combined. Add the rice and drained crushed pineapples, blend, cover and refrigerate for several hours, or overnight.

In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and 1 cup sugar. Cut in the chilled shortening with a pastry blender and mix until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix in the beaten eggs and vanilla. Knead together and divide dough into 4 balls. Wrap in plastic, and chill for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 250°. Grease a lasagna pan or two 10-inch deep-dish pie plates. Roll out 2 of the balls of dough to fit into a lasagna pan or pie plates. Do not roll the crust too thick it will expand during cooking. Roll out the other 2 balls of dough and cut using a lattice cutter into narrow strips for the top of the crust.

Pour the pineapple ricotta rice filling evenly into the pan/s, top with strips of dough and then brush crust with egg wash. Place foil loosely on the edge of crust(s) to eliminate burning the edges. Bake in a 250° oven for about 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, or until done. Let cool, set before cutting, and refrigerate leftovers.

***Note: If you prefer, this pie can easily be made without a crust, using the same ingredients and directions for the filling!

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI20P2775EA

Estate of UMBERTO ROLAND FARINATO Also Known As **UMBERTO FARINATO**

Date of Death: May 31, 2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Danielle Marie Farinato of Melrose, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 25, 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.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 28, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 03/31/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

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

2003 JEEP WRANGLER, BLUE

VIN #: 1J4FA39S03P306988 Victor Micarone, Sr. P.O. Box 410146 Cambridge, MA 02141

2011 MERCEDES BENZ C300, BLACK

VIN #: WDDGF8BB9BR184157 Sean Duffy 41 Birch St Lynn, MA 01902

2007 CHEVROLET AVEO, BLUE VIN #: KL1TD66677B746175

Saymon Curitiba Dos Santos 11 Waverly Place Melrose, MA 02176

2001 JEEP CHEROKEE, BLUE

VIN #: 1J4FF48S61L567412 Alex Codeira 41 Main St., #B Allenstow, NH 03275

2015 RAM 1500, GRAY VIN #: 1C6RR7GT6FS640594 Jack R. Clarke

377 Willard St. Quincy, MA 02169

2008 ACURA MDX, RED VIN # 2HNYD28368H527883

Thais V. Gomes 9 Fremont Ct.

Arlington, MA 02474 2001 TOYOTA CAMRY, BROWN

VIN #: 4T1BG28K81U115599 Charles H. Cox Arlington, MA 02474

2011 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE, BLACK VIN #: 1GNKVGED2BJ312453 Janet M. Barry 130 Gardner St. Arlington, MA 02474

1984 CHEVROLET P-SERIES MOTORHOME, TAN

VIN #: 1GBJP37W1E3348623 Alex Golon 1413 Buhl Ter. Farrell, PA 16121

2008 LINCOLN MKX, BLACK VIN #: 2LMDU88C88BJ05771 William Y. Terrell

270 Wilder St., #2 Lowell, MA 01851

2008 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA, WHITE VIN #: 3VWRZ71K08M148385 Jhonatan Queiroz

32 Whitney St. Watertown, MA 02472

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

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

Docket No. MI23P1185EA

Estate of **RAYMOND FORTE**

Date of Death: October 12, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Pauline Forte of Watertown, MA.

Pauline Forte of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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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. MI23P1400EA Estate of ROBERT H. FRIEDMAN

Date of Death: September 06, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Rochelle R. Friedman of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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

Docket No. MI23P1343EA

Estate of **DONNA L. VANDERWERF**

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

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ericka Ayube of Lynn, MA.

Ericka Ayube of Lynn, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond

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deliver 1,025 horsepower from its 6.2 liter supercharged V-8 and the automaker says it will be the quickest production car

Chrysler-Stellantis will stop making gas versions of the Challenger, Chargers, and Chrysler 300 by the end of the

Trans Pol Joins "Women of Year"

Minnesota's first transgender lawmaker has been named one of USA Today's "Women of the Year." State Rep. Leigh Finke was honored along with Michelle Obama, Goldie Hawn,

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 April 08, 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.

1991 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER VIN # JT3FJ80W2M0031500

2008 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4AI 21F88N481590 2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

VIN # 1J4GW48S81C508432 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco

Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

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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 April 15, 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.

2013 HONDA ACCORD

2006 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCM66526A005440 2000 GMC SIERRA

VIN # 1GTEC14W2YZ131181 2007 HYUNDAI SONATA VIN # 5NPET46C07H237820

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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. 03/31, 04/07, 04/14/2023

and NSA astronaut Col. Nicole Mann as a select group of "local and national heroines who make a positive impact in their communities every day."

Everyone Gets Their Own Graduation

Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan has been criticized for hosting multiple and smaller graduation ceremonies alongside its general commencement for students of

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by O'Shea's Towing Service, 15 Speedway Avenue, Allston, MA. pursuant to the provisions of MA G.L. c. 255. Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after April 8, 2023 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicle is being stored at O'Shea's Towing Service.

> 2018 SUBARU FORESTER VIN # JF2SJAGC8JH452570

Signed Brendan O'Shea, Owner Run dates: 03/24, 03/31, 04/07/2023

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

Docket No. MI23P0527EA

Estate of LEONARD J. GITTLEMAN Date of Death: April 05, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above cap tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol A. Baldassari of Watertown, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Carol A. Baldassari of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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can be obtained from the Petitioner. Run date: 03/31/2023

have separate ceremonies for

different races, sexualities and

gender identities.

In April, the university will Black, Asian, Latino, Native American, and LGBTOIA+ students. The university also denied racial segregation.

Moderna Defends Vax Hike

Moderna plans on quadrupling the price of its COVID vaccine. The company's CEO told a Senate Committee hearing it will no longer have the economics of scale from government procurement when the shots move into the private market.

The company has flagged plans to raise the vaccine price to as much as \$150 per dose, which drew the ire of U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders who chairs the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

End Quote

"When you're a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

—Anonymous

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

Docket No. MI22P4306EA Estate of SHEILA M. QUINLAN Also Known As

SHEILA QUINLAN

Date of Death: August 19, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Maureen Devoe of Waltham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Maureen Devoe 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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Docket No. MI23P1452EA Estate of VIRGINA A. LYNCH Also Known As

VIRGINA AGNES LYNCH Date of Death: February 16, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ann Marie Lynch of Medford, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Ann Marie Lynch of Medford, MA 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 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

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can be obtained from the Petitioner. Run date: 03/31/2023

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

Oocket No. MI23P115

Estate of JAMES F. FITZGERALD Date of Death: September 29, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner James F. Fitzgerald, Jr. of Billerica, MA Petitioner Dawn N. Thurlow of Billerica, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

James F. Fitzgerald, Jr. of Billerica, MA, Dawn N. Thurlow of Billerica, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. SU23P0626EA Estate of **KEVIN ANTHONY DEVER** Also Known As

Date of Death: December 09, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** To all persons interested in the above cap

KEVIN A. DEVER

tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Patrick W.** Dever of Hudson, NH, a Will has been admitted Patrick W. Dever of Hudson, NH. Stacev

Adrien of Danvers, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

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

Docket No. NO22P3558EA

Estate of PATRICIA JEAN AHERN
Date of Death: September 30, 2022

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christine M. Ahern of Bridgewater, 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 **Christine M. Ahern** of **Bridgewater**, **MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 19, 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)

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. PATRICIA GORMAN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 15, 2023

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate Run date: 03/31/2023

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

Docket No. SU23P0662EA Estate of

FRANCES M. GIGLIO
Date of Death: March 09, 2013
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Sandra Cirignano of East 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 Sandra Cirignano of East Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 24, 2023

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Reggie Opens Up About Baseball and His Life

Reggie Jackson came up to Major League Baseball back in 1967 as a 20-year-old kid and began his career as a member of the Kansas City Athletics. In the early '70s, under Manager Dick Williams the Oakland A's made it to the World Series three straight years and the best team in all of baseball. I still remember him back in 1969, when he previewed his slugging career

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Docket No. MI23P1197EA

Estate of

KATHLEEN G. CHAPLIN

Date of Death: December 25, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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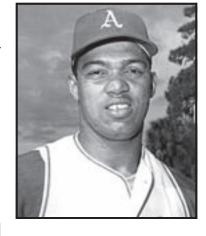
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to be. At age 23, he finished the season with 47 homers, 118 RBIs, and batted .275.

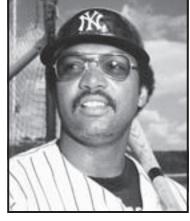
Jackson spent 21 seasons playing baseball and loved the game. His first nine seasons, he was with the Athletics, had one season with Baltimore, and played 5 years with the Angels. However, most fans remember his five memorable, controversial drama-filled years in pinstripes as a NY Yankee.

His last season, he returned to where it all began with the Athletics in 1987. Five years later, he was elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and began a 30-year post-baseball playing days with the NY Yankees' front office. He admits in the film, if not for George Steinbrenner, "I don't think I'm in the game — not for as long as I have been."

He also speaks of his bout with depression, his battles with fiery Billy Martin, and the racism he faced everyday as a young minor leaguer down in the deep South at the height of the Civil Rights area.

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Post-career, Jackson was part of a group interested in buying the A's, and then the Dodgers, but in 1998, the Dodgers were sold to Rupert Murdoch. Jackson says, "I didn't fit? Can I say it any plainer? Do you want me to say because I was colored I wasn't a fit? It's pretty easy to realize that."

When he retired after his 1987 season with the A's where it all began for him, his career stats speak for themselves. 563 home runs, 1,702 RBIs, 2,584 hits, and a .262 lifetime average.

Jackson recognizes that he was never one to hold back his feelings, "I wanted to speak the truth, and that sometimes pisses people off." Like Frank Sinatra, he never bent a knee to anyone. He stood tall when it came to principles whether in the game of baseball or the game of life.

This coming May 18th, Jackson will celebrate his 77th birthday and is still going strong. I plan to watch *Reggie* and you should too.

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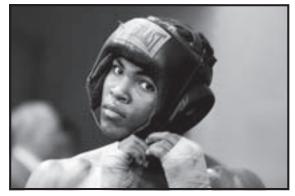




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Nature Vs. Nurture



Muhammad Ali

Boxing has been called physical chess. Gene Tunney once described the sport as "The art of thinking expressed in action." In fact, in spite of its primitive nature, boxing was the most cerebral of competitions. While the basics of the sport went back to Cain and Abel, the science developed over the centuries. Prizefighting became an art form, albeit a brutal one. When matches were made, fans didn't just discuss the size and strength of the men involved, they also argued over whose style would prevail. In the simplest of terms there were those who favored sluggers and those who favored "boxers," but it was more manced than that

It is easy to put fighters into an either or category. Muhammad Ali would be called a boxer by many while Rocky Marciano would be placed in the slugger file. However, it's not all that simple. While Ali had great speed and reflexes, when those physical attributes declined later in his career he ended up on the receiving end of some serious punishment. An example would be his fight with Earnie Shavers, a bout in which he took some horrific punches; hardly the performance of a "boxer."

Rocky Marciano would be put into the slugger slot by many fans. This does not do credit to the very great technical skills he had. Did Rocky ever take the type of brain rattling shots in a fight that Ali did when he fought Shavers? I think the answer is clearly no. On a technical level, Marciano had better defensive skills than Ali did.

Now I know many will be shaking their heads at that statement, but bear with me. In Ali's earlier career he possessed amazing physical skills. They could be called phenomenal. He had an uncanny sense for anticipating punches, something he called his "internal radar." Along with this sense he had the amazing speed to react to what his radar signaled him. As he aged he started to lose that ability to react. Once he slowed down he started getting hit more. In truth, he had never acquired the technical skills to mount a great defense as he slowed down. He started winning fights on guts and willpower. He got hit with a tremendous amount of punches in the second half of his career. This was what caused him to end up in such terrible condition towards the end of his career. This worsened after his retirement. He actually ended up in worse shape than any other heavyweight champion.

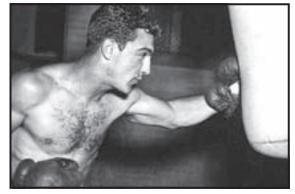
Why did this happen? It was because Ali became a victim of his own natural talents. He never learned the fine points of the art of boxing. He didn't need to when he was young. He did so many things wrong, but never paid a price for these mistakes because he was so fast. Once the speed left him he had no skill set to fall back on other than his ability to absorb punishment and his improvisational moves.

Now let's look at the slugger, a man whose natural abilities were not the greatest fit for boxing, but when schooled properly he was able to take what he had and become an unstoppable force in the ring. He also used the schooling he received to become a difficult target for damaging punches.

Rocky Marciano was not the usual model for becoming successful as a heavyweight fighter. He wasn't as tall as the average competitor, he had short arms, weighed under 190 pounds, and came to boxing later than most (his first wish was to be a professional baseball player).

When the great trainer Charley Goldman was initially asked to school the young prospect from Brockton, he didn't have much hope for him turning into a top boxer, but once he got to know Rocky he could see there was something special in this man.

Marciano though clumsy, possessed amazing strength, stamina, willpower, self-discipline, and



Rocky Marciano

an extraordinarily hard punch. Goldman was able to work with him to develop a style that played on Marciano's plusses and compensated for his weaknesses.

Over time the Rock became one of the greatest heavyweight champions of all time. Goldman schooled him well, but the style Marciano used would not have worked for a man that didn't possess his unusual physical attributes. He became a cagey yet brutal force in the ring. It wasn't just his powerful punch but also his ability to throw one blow after another with all the force of his body behind it while moving forward. Yes, he had skill, but he also had the endurance to be as strong in the later rounds as he was in the early rounds, in fact he actually got stronger as his fights progressed; just ask Archie Moore.

Some fighters are called "naturals." They are the ones that show tremendous talent from the moment they first step into the ring. This talent is the type that is not taught, it is rather a combination of great physical ability and good instincts. Ali possessed both of these traits. Marciano, while very powerful, was not blessed with great moves right out of the box. His had to be developed.

What Charley Goldman did with Rocky was to come up with moves that would take his strengths and build on them while compensating for his shortcomings. It took time and a lot of dedication and hard work to mold the diamond in the rough from Brockton into the great champion he became.

Ali, on the other hand, had so many natural moves that Angelo Dundee pretty much let him ad lib his development. This is not to say he did not give Ali instruction, but this advice came more as suggestions rather than schooling. This method worked as long as Ali had possession of his amazing physical gifts, but he paid a huge price for having not learned to supplement that gift with a schooling in the Art of Boxing.

In Ali's career you can see an arc in his skills. That arc follows the changes in his athleticism, and the decline that ensued as his physical abilities waned. With Marciano the trajectory you see shows continual progress. He was always learning, always listening, and always improving.

With both men their physical strengths played a major role in their greatness. But with one, Ali, he almost exclusively depended on his natural gift, while the other, Marciano, nurtured the strong points he had. When comparing the two I would say nurture was the better path than nature.

Rocky Marciano retired in 1955 at the age of 32 after his 49th fight, and until his death in 1969 he was clear headed and showed no signs of damage from his career. Of course, because of his unfortunate death at the age of 45 there is no telling how he would have fared as he got older. But we do know when he walked away from the sport he was fine.

Ali retired in 1981 after his 61st fight. He was 39 years old and had already been showing signs of brain damage for a number of years. He not only stayed in the game too long, he took terrible punishment in those later years. Much of this is attributable to the fact he never learned good defensive skills. Those would be the kind of skills men like Archie Moore and Harold Johnson possessed that allowed them to fight for many years without ending up badly damaged. If Ali had at least some of the skills these men possessed he very well would have been able to avoid the awful shots he took from Earnie Shavers and others.

Just imagine how great Muhammad Ali would have been had he allowed himself to be schooled in the finer points of the art. If he had, he may have walked away as Marciano did, rather than becoming the poster boy for boxing head injuries.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB S

by Richard Preiss

As the Bruins continue to play out the remaining games of the regular season before starting the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, one can count on them to still make news in this most successful of regular seasons.

Earlier in the year, it was goalie Linus Ullmark who scored a goal, the first netminder in franchise history to do so.

In the recent game against Nashville, it was an empty net goal that cost the Bruins a tie and perhaps an eventual victory.

Nashville entered the game badly needing a win in its bid to attain a playoff wildcard berth. The Predators led 1-0 in the tightly fought contest with two minutes to go. That's when the B's pulled Ullmark in favor of a sixth attacker. It is a play that is used virtually every night somewhere in the NHL.

But it backfires fairly often and it seemed to do so this time as Nashville scored an empty netter to make it 2-0 with 1:19 left.

What happened next was inspirational. With Ullmark returning to the nets, the Bruins carried the attack to Nashville with David Pastrnak scoring with a mere half second left in the game. Thus, the difference was the empty net goal. The Bruins lost because of it. It was not the only thing that was rare on that night. The loss was only the second setback at home for the Bruins in a regulation time game (no overtime) this season. And for those on hand, another night to remember in a most remarkable year.

BIRD AND MAGIC AND THE SHOWDOWN THAT ALMOST NEVER WAS — As the college basketball Final Four is celebrated throughout America, veteran fans of hoops can still recall with some clarity the 1979 showdown Final Four championship game between Indiana State and Michigan State.

That matchup 44 years ago pitted the Sycamores led by Larry Bird against the Spartans who had Earvin "Magic" Johnson as their floor leader. In that famous game the Spartans defeated the Sycamores 75-64 to claim the national championship.

Johnson was named the MVP of the Final Four but it was Bird who had the numbers for the entire playoff run. In five tournament games he led all scorers with a 27.2 points per game average and also was tops in rebounding with 13.4 captured caroms per game.

Rivals that day and later in their NBA careers (Bird with the Celtics, Johnson with the Lakers), the two became friends as time went on with Johnson attending the retirement ceremony of Bird's number 33 jersey at the original Boston Garden on February 4, 1993.

While some fans may remember that Indiana State entered the showdown game for the NCAA championship undefeated at 33-0, few may realize that the Sycamores faced two stiff challenges on their path to the title contest. Only a pair of last second victories enabled Indiana State to compete in the championship matchup. Michigan State, by contrast, advanced through its four games without major difficulties.

The first challenge for Indiana State was in the finals of the Midwest Regional where Arkansas nearly upset Indiana State, the Sycamores squeaking by the Razorbacks, 73-71 on a last second 10-foot shot by Bob Heaton.

This was a different era in college basketball. There wasn't a shot clock back then. That meant that teams that were ahead often held the ball in the closing moments while those that had possession in a tie game often let the clock run down before attempting a shot, the thought being that a missed shot would at least see the game continue into overtime.

Thus, with the game tied at 71 against Arkansas, Indiana State gained possession on an Arkansas turnover and held the ball for the final 62 seconds before Heaton made the winning shot as time ran out to give the Sycamores the victory. Bird had done his part, scoring 31 points but was held to just two baskets in the final 14 minutes.

According to the *New York Times*, "Indiana State had to battle every second" to secure the win — a test that included having to fight back from a seven point deficit at one juncture.

That victory sent the Sycamores to the Final Four where they faced DePaul on opening night. Once again, Bird was the overall star with 35 points, 16 rebounds, and nine assists but it was Heaton's baskets in the closing moments that made the difference.

Early in the game Indiana State gained an 11-point lead. But the Blue Demons came back, holding a 73-71 edge with just under five minutes remaining and a 74-73 lead with 1:37 left. Heaton had two baskets in the closing stages, the second giving Indiana State a 75-74 lead with 36 seconds left. Then DePaul missed a shot and the Sycamores made a free throw, winning 76-74 to advance to the championship game.

DePaul's veteran coach Ray Meyer stated the sentiments of hundreds of coaches who have lost close games over the years. He realized that it was earlier missed opportunities that really determined the outcome. "There were hundreds of plays in the game that could have made the difference for us. Any one of them could have made us a winner," he stated.

Two footnotes down a path to a memorable national championship college basketball game. For behind all the glitter and the glory is the reality that because of those two close games it remains The Showdown That Almost Never Was.

TERRIERS TOTE BOSTON'S BANNER TO TAMPA FOR FROZEN FOUR — It will be Boston University playing in the premier men's college hockey event. The Terriers will face Minnesota on opening night (April 6^{th}).

They will be led by head coach Jay Pandolfo. He is very familiar with the national setting. During his playing days, he competed in four consecutive Frozen Fours for BU, winning the title in 1995. Quinnipiac will face Michigan in the second game. The championship final is set for April 8th.