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## Palm Sunday



Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

## News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

### Biden for President? Seriously?

According to the latest polls, Joe Biden and President Trump are neck and neck in the presidential polls before the November election. How can this be? These got to be fake polls.

Since the pandemic began, Biden must have gone into the witness protection program. He's gone nearly invisible hiding from the coronavirus. When he does go live from his cellar, he keeps saying the same cockamamie things he has become known for.

This is the guy Democrats want to occupy the White House? I'm thinking that Tom Perez who chairs the Democratic National Committee must be hoping to keep Biden out of sight until after the votes are counted. Perez has to be smarter than he looks or sprouts. The more folks, even liberal Democrats, see and listen to Biden babble on, the more they have to see that his time has passed. Put a vibrant Trump against Biden one on one and even Democrats know that denial is not a river in Egypt.

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## International Christian Relief Organization Responds at the Epicenter of the Coronavirus in the U.S.



In Manhattan's Central Park, Mount Sinai Health Systems and Samaritan's Purse, an evangelical Christian aid group, erected a field hospital to serve about 68 overflow patients in the East Meadow. During the Civil War, Central Park also hosted a hospital to treat wounded soldiers. (Photo courtesy of Samaritan's Purse)

Samaritan's Purse deployed its Emergency Field Hospital to New York City, New York, where the local medical infrastructure is severely overwhelmed. In cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), New York state officials, and local hospital authorities, Samaritan's Purse opened a 68-bed field hospital, specially designed as a respiratory care unit. This response comes one week after Samaritan's Purse opened an identical unit in Cremona, Italy — making it an unprecedented medical response for the N.C.-based organization as two Emergency Field Hospitals are run simultaneously.

An advance team arrived in New York on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, to begin assessments and site preparation. The Emergency Field Hospital was trucked from North Carolina on four Samaritan's Purse tractor-trailers. Once it arrived on-site, it built and operational in roughly 48 hours. This convoy's arrival will be followed with doctors, nurses, lab technicians, water and sanitation experts, and other support staff.

"People are dying from the coronavirus, hospitals are out of beds, and the medical staff are overwhelmed," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "We are deploying our Emergency Field Hospital to New York to help carry this burden. This is what Samaritan's Purse does — we respond in the middle of crises to help people in Jesus' Name. Please pray for our teams and for everyone around the world affected by the virus."

The United States now has the largest outbreak of COVID-19 with nearly half of these cases in New York state. Thousands of new cases are reported each day.

## Coronavirus Cases in MA

As of March 31, 2020

Confirmed Cases Reported = 6,620

### KEY UPDATES

There were 4,142 new tests conducted for a total of 46,935  
There are 868 new cases for a total of 6,620  
33 new deaths were reported for a total of 89

Please see table below for details on these

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES	CATEGORY	NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES
<b>County</b>		<b>Sex</b>	
Barnstable	191	Female	3369
Berkshire	171	Male	3218
Bristol	306	Unknown	33
Dukes and Nantucket	8	<b>Age Group</b>	
Essex	784	≤19 years of age	137
Franklin	61	20-29 years of age	1081
Hampden	354	30-39 years of age	1181
Hampshire	69	40-49 years of age	1084
Middlesex	1340	50-59 years of age	1280
Norfolk	738	60-69 years of age	925
Plymouth	459	≥ 70 years of age	924
Suffolk	1373	Unknown	8
Worcester	433	<b>Deaths</b>	
Unknown	333	Attributed to COVID-19	89

These data are cumulative and current as of March 31, 2020 at 12:30PM.

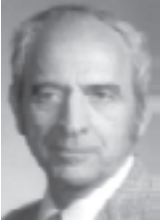
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**FOR A LIST OF OPEN EATERIES**  
**WITH TAKE-OUT IN THE NORTH END**



# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



HADES, THE PLACE



Last week, we learned that ancient mythology believed Hades to be the name of a god, and also the name of a place. We then examined the legend surrounding Hades, the god. He was the brother to Zeus, ruler over the infernal regions, and over the ghosts of the dead.

Today, our attention is directed to Hades the place, that mythological world of the dead. According to the belief of the ancients, this world of the dead and the abode of the god Hades was located in the depths of the earth. It was considered to be a place where all dead souls went while they awaited their judgment and final commitment. It compared with the place, we now assume to be Purgatory, represented as a grove of barren willows veiled in darkness or clouds, and where the sun never shone. The ground was covered with asphodel, a dreary plant of the lilt family that was often planted on graves. The entrance to Hades was on the far side of a wide river named Oceanus or Acheron (both names have been used).

The burial of the dead was a most solemn duty among the ancient Romans. It was incumbent upon anyone who found an unburied body, at least to cast earth upon it three times. If no funeral rites had been performed, the soul of the dead

person could not be received in Hades, but wandered homeless upon the earth for one hundred years. Other ancients believed that children who were released from all other obligations to unworthy parents were nevertheless bound to bury them. The neglect of burying one's relatives was frequently mentioned by orators as a grave charge against the moral character of any man.

Charon was the name of the boatman who conducted the souls of the dead across the river to the infernal regions. The fare that was charged for this service was one obolus (a coin of low value), and in order that the ghost might meet this demand, the ancients placed that coin under the tongue of the deceased person. To this day, we are told of the countless members of skeletons that have been found with coins that had been placed in their mouths.

The entrance to the kingdom of Hades was guarded by a dog named "Cerberus," a terrible monster with three heads, a tail of three serpents, and a body bristling with vipers. He was friendly to all who entered, but if a ghost tried to escape, the dog would seize that shade and hold him, fast. Brrrrr.

NEXT WEEK:  
Charon

# The RIDE Paratransit Service Updates

MBTA Discourages All Non-essential Travel  
Customers Encouraged to Visit: [mbta.com/coronavirus](https://www.mbta.com/coronavirus) for Full Details

The MBTA has announced temporary updates to the T's paratransit service, The RIDE, in a continuing effort to prioritize safety, protect the health and safety of the T's customers and workforce, and to preserve the continuity of transit services for those who must travel for purposes that are absolutely necessary.

"These measures are being implemented after carefully considering how the spread of COVID-19 could affect the most vulnerable members of our community," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "Although some of these changes may create inconveniences for some customers, these are being put in place in an effort to do everything we can to protect the health and safety of those customers and RIDE vehicle drivers, while continuing to provide this vital service."

Details on these changes are below with more available at [www.mbta.com/coronavirus](https://www.mbta.com/coronavirus) and [www.mbta.com/TheRide](https://www.mbta.com/TheRide):

- Eliminating Shared Trips:** Until further notice, every effort will be made to avoid trips where customers are sharing a vehicle. RIDE customers will continue to be able to take a personal care attendant or guests on their vehicle.
- Extending Eligibility and Postponing Eligibility Appointments:** The RIDE Eligibility Center (TREC) is currently closed to in-person assessments. On a temporary basis, existing customers with expiring eligibility will be extended automatically. New RIDE customers may be granted temporary eligibility if they meet the medical necessity criteria provided to their licensed healthcare provider by TREC.
- Booking Windows Adjustments:** Effective Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, RIDE customers will temporarily be allowed to book trips only 1-3 days in advance. This change is intended to prevent cancellations and service disruptions for customers with necessary travel as business availability changes due to COVID-19. All trips already booked will not be affected.
- Subscription Process Updates:** All RIDE customers with subscription trips will be contacted to confirm that their automatically renewing trips are still required. This is intended to reduce cancellations for destinations that are closed.
- Reduction of Transfer Trips:** The RIDE will make every effort to eliminate currently occurring

transfer trips to reduce customer interaction with multiple drivers.

- Daily Vehicle Cleaning:** All MBTA fleet vehicles, including RIDE vehicles, are disinfected every 24 hours.
- Delay of RIDE Software Transition:** Due to COVID-19, the Routematch Software Transition scheduled for late March has been delayed. The RIDE will be in touch when an updated timeline for the transition has been determined.

The MBTA strongly urges customers to avoid any and all unnecessary travel. Residents over the age of 70 or with underlying health conditions, who are considered at high risk when exposed to COVID-19, should limit social interactions with other people as much as possible, in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Public Health.

**Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfecting**

In addition to encouraging good hygiene practices and social distancing, the MBTA is continuing its enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols, which includes:

- Disinfecting all fleet vehicles — buses, trolleys, subway cars, Commuter Rail coaches, ferries, and RIDE vehicles — every twenty-four hours;
- Cleaning all high-contact surfaces such as handrails, fare gates, and fare vending machines in subway stations once every four hours.

The MBTA continues to follow guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, with the MBTA encouraging its riders and the public to:

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least twenty seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Stay home if sick
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean areas that are frequently touched with sanitizing spray or wipes

MBTA riders and Massachusetts residents are encouraged to visit [mass.gov/COVID19](https://mass.gov/COVID19) for info on COVID-19 and [mass.gov/KnowPlanPrepare](https://mass.gov/KnowPlanPrepare) for additional preparedness tips.

For more info, visit [mbta.com/coronavirus](https://mbta.com/coronavirus), [mass.gov/COVID19](https://mass.gov/COVID19), and [mass.gov/KnowPlanPrepare](https://mass.gov/KnowPlanPrepare), or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

## MassDOT Advisories:

### Route 1 Chelsea Temporary Closures and Lane Reductions

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced that beginning the first weekend of April 2020, Route 1 northbound and southbound in Chelsea will be reduced to one (1) travel lane during five (5) weekends in the spring for necessary bridge repairs and safety improvements. This project to, in part, replace the Route 1 Chelsea Viaduct, is using accelerated bridge construction methods to ensure that the vital section of Route 1 through Chelsea can continue to safely and efficiently process passenger and freight traffic.

**Lane Reductions:** Route 1 will be reduced to one (1) lane in each direction during the following weekends: April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Lane reductions will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Fridays with two lanes available again by 5:00 a.m. on the following Monday. During the lane reduction weekends, work continues around the clock.

In addition, during the spring, the Carter Street off-ramp from Route 1 southbound in Chelsea will be closed on four weekday weeknights and also during three full weekends. Each closure will begin at 10:00 p.m. and conclude no later than 5:00 a.m. on the scheduled end date.

### Somerville to Medford Temporary Lane Closure on Route I-93N

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing a temporary closure of the left lane on Route I-93 northbound between Somerville and Medford.

The closure began on March 30<sup>th</sup>, and will last approximately two (2) weeks. The work will occur daily from 7:00 a.m., to 7:00 p.m., with the lane closed for the duration of the project. This impact is necessary to establish a work zone so that the contractor can make utility upgrades.

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions  
Visit: [www.mass511.com](https://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.  
Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions  
Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

**Closures:** The first weekend closure will occur on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 p.m. and conclude on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 a.m. The following weekend closure will occur on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 p.m. and conclude on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 a.m. The final weekend closure for the Spring will occur on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 p.m. and conclude on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 a.m.

Drivers are urged to utilize public transit options such as the Newbury/Rockport Commuter Rail Line and seek alternate routes. Drivers looking to exit Route 1 southbound in Chelsea should use the Route 16 westbound exit towards Everett and take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Ave.

Drivers are urged to reduce speed, exercise caution, allow extra time for their trip, and pay close attention to signage and directions by police while traveling through work zones.

All work is subject to weather conditions.

Please share this information with your friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers, or anyone else you think will benefit from it.

For more information about the project, please visit the project website at [mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project](https://mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project).

## Mother's Day Dinner

Join Us In Welcoming  
Fr. Michael, Our New Pastor

Friday, May 8, 2020  
7 pm - 8:30 pm  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Reservations Restaurant  
190 Main Street  
Saugus, Massachusetts  
Dancing - Music - Raffles

\* Italian Appetizers \* Hor d'oeuvres  
\* Choice of Steak or Salmon \* Side Dishes  
Complimentary Red & White Wine on each table  
Coffee & Cookies

\$60.00 per person - \$25.00 for children under 10  
Please call Saint Leonard parish office at  
617-221-2100 or Natalina Tizzano 617-367-2483  
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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.

COMMENTARY

Dealing with Our Bodies and Souls Without Losing Our Minds

by Sal Giaratani

QUOTE TO NOTE

"We cannot let the cure be worse than the problem itself."  
— President Donald Trump on Twitter

I do hope that our present nightmare has an end-time because living in self-isolation has its limits. Surprisingly, we have done pretty well as we move weeks into this new unnatural state of mind.

We have a public health epidemic that is altering our very being and as I view our political leaders, I still think many of them apparently think denial is a river in Egypt. While, Washington haggled over the contents of the recently passed and signed into law \$2.2 trillion stimulus bill, more people were getting sick and the shortage of medical supplies grew increasingly more urgent.

The issue at hand is dealing with this COVID-19 virus before it does us in and not funding pet projects using the virus as an excuse to pork barrel during this global crisis.

This is the number one priority and not the havoc the virus is causing to the economy. Without defeating this virus, we are pretty helpless in dealing with economic issues beside sending people checks in the mail. We can't stimulate anything with feel good measures.

The scariest thing happening right now is happening inside each of us. It is affecting our minds and messing us up pretty badly. Recently, we have been walking up a storm as we watch the walls of our rooms appear to be closing in on us. If anything, we are all getting more physically fit every time we leave our rooms.

However, I have seen too many just acting like scared rabbits around others. We were created to be social animals. We can't live our lives in solitary confinement. We don't need checks in the mail as much as each other.

I am not hopeless about this virus. This too shall pass. But we can't allow ourselves to go insane either. I do believe we will not come out of this present moment the same. We will be changed forever in our relationships and personal values. We will reassess our distractions. Mostly, I hope we come out better people. Which brings me to my soul, your soul, everyone's soul! We need to give up all of our petty Gods that keep us apart from each other.

The other day I heard R.E.M. singing "It's the end of the world as we know it" and I am not thinking that at all. The challenge we are facing can make us better if we allow that to happen.

We don't need politicians telling us how to act. We know what to do. We can do it by strengthening our bodies and souls without driving us bat crazy!

LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

Armando A. Ventola

Armando A. Ventola, age 95, of Boston's North End passed away peacefully, March 28, 2020, at his home. Armando was the beloved husband of the late Antoinetta (Ruzzo) Ventola. Born in Boston, Armando was one of eight children of the late Antonio and Maria Ann (DeMarco) Ventola.

In Addition to his late wife and parents, Armando is predeceased by his sisters, Carmela Corrente and Margaret Ferrullo, brothers, Angelo and Danny Ventola.

He is survived by his devoted daughters, Paula Luongo of Boston and Marie Perullo of Florida. He was the loving grandfather of Antonio Luongo and his wife Diana of Wilmington, Joseph Luongo and his wife Jennifer of Medford, Paul Luongo and his wife Christina of Walpole, Lawrence Perullo of New Hampshire and Melissa Perullo of Florida. He was the loving great grandfather of Daniel, Lorianne, Joseph, Ava and Gabriella. He is also survived by his brother Carmen Ventola of Everett, sisters, Maria Hynes of New Hampshire and Yola Gandolfo of Everett.

Armando was raised and educated in Boston's West End. He worked for forty years as a waiter at



the former European Restaurant in the North End of Boston where he made many lasting relationships with customers and coworkers over the years. Armando was passionate about baseball and was proud to be a fan of the New York Yankees. Armando was most passionate about his family and friends and the people of the North End of Boston. Nothing made him happier than to be surrounded by his family and those he loved.

He will fondly be remembered for his frequent visits to the North End

Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center where he would spend much time visiting friends that were in residence there. He will be greatly missed.

Due to the current pandemic and in keeping with Federal and State health guidelines, funeral services for Armando will be privately held. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Armando's memory to the North End Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, 70 Fulton Street, Boston, MA 02109. Arrangements by the Dello Russo Family Funeral Service of Medford.

Museum of Science, Boston

Brings the Museum Experience to Audiences Everywhere With a New Online Initiative, MOS at Home

Daily Live Presentations, at Home STEM Projects, and Fun Podcasts  
Delivered Daily by Museum Educators

The Museum of Science, Boston, one of the world's largest science centers, has launched a new digital Museum experience for audiences, MOS at Home. With multiple live presentations throughout the day, creative engineering projects, podcasts, kid-friendly activities, and more, the Museum is inviting the community to visit remotely at: [www.mos.org/MOSatHome](http://www.mos.org/MOSatHome) for new content every day.

"With MOS at Home, the Museum is bringing world-class STEM experiences to people everywhere, taking the learning that happens every day in our Exhibit Halls to everyone in our community and beyond," said Tim Ritchie, president of the Museum of Science, Boston. "Through MOS at Home, our talented team of educators and experts is making STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) accessible to people of every age and background, to help cultivate a generation of problem-solvers, doers and makers, one that enjoys and celebrates science, whether or not they are able to visit the Museum."

MOS at Home offerings will include presentations and content from all familiar areas of the Museum. Audiences will be able to learn directly from Museum experts during multiple, live daily segments like, "Ask a Scientist," while others can download fun Engineering Design Workshop challenges to do at home. Additionally, parents and educators can interact directly with the Museum's EiE educators and get valuable tips on how to support STEM education through informative live webinars. Closed captioning will be available for both live and

recorded content and many will be available in languages other than English, beginning with Spanish-language videos.

Content streams include:  
**MOS Live:** these live presentations, delivered multiple times per day, will include opportunities for question-and-answer sessions on topics such as dinosaurs, space, reptiles, lightning, and COVID-19 updates.

**Science Snapshot:** the Museum offers its *Gordon Current Science & Technology Center* presentations, with Museum educators presenting the latest science news, with topics ranging from COVID-19 and quantum physics to the expanding universe.

**Pulsar: A Podcast:** a series of podcasts about a variety of science topics delivered by Museum educators.

**Family STEM Activities:** stimulating, at-home activities that bring the Museum's engineering design workshop and award-winning EiE STEM curricula from the classroom to audiences everywhere.

**Town Halls:** opportunities for people to come together, learn about, and discuss topics of interest. Town Halls convene thought leaders from across the science and technology sector to help participants understand, and shape, the world around us.

**Museum Resources:** from recommended resources that help keep STEM education continuing at home to exhibit content to explore remotely, these resources will encourage continued connection and engagement.

MOS at Home is the centerpiece of the strategic approach the Museum is taking to serve the public while the Museum's

doors are closed. Additional measures include the launch of a fundraising campaign, *Science Matters*, to support The MOS Fund, and developing opportunities for all staff affected by the closure to contribute remotely to continue Museum offerings and operations.

"Whether we are open or closed, our staff is and always has been the most important asset we have as a Museum," said Ritchie. "We will do all we can to support them for as long as possible. I am immensely proud of our dedicated team members — from every department across the Museum — who have joined forces, mastered new tools and skills, and completely transformed our model, practically overnight, and all while working remotely."

"The spirit of innovation, resilience and compassion that I have seen within our Museum over the past few weeks gives me hope. This crisis has reminded us of the importance of science-literacy, reinforced the importance of an evidence-based approach to teaching and learning, and of the power we all have to adapt, grow, and respond to a changing world. It has awakened in us a deep concern for our neighbors and those we serve. My hope is that we will emerge from this stronger, smarter, tougher and more empathetic," continued Ritchie. "Despite the many challenges, I'm certain the Museum of Science will become an even more vital community resource than ever before."

Those interested in the week's schedule of events available through MOS at Home or who wish to donate to The MOS Fund, can visit the Museum's website: [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org).



# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## The Exuberance of Italian Holy Week

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

NOTE: *L'Anno Bello* is reprinting articles that were written before the Coronavirus pandemic. Obviously, advice on gatherings and reunions contained within are not applicable to this current time when social distancing is the best practice. Please read these articles as a testament to the joy and love that imbues Italian celebrations — and as suggestions for ways to spend time in the future once this pandemic is but a memory!



After the damp and bitterly cold early spring fogs, 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 bowties. 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 the Abruzzi 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 spring cleaning in preparation for Easter and the days of visiting to follow. Holy Week ends with Good Friday, or *Venerdì 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 preparations, particularly those with an emphasis on the Italian traditions of my ancestors. My 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.

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THINKING  
OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

### Can America Ever be the Same Again?

The coronavirus has hit American life hard. The panic that goes along with it has caused even far more damage and some of this damage may never be repaired.

Shutting down the entire economy takes its daily toll and with compounding interests, too. We are all supposed to take care of how close we stand next to each other. This is called social distancing. I think for many of us we have already been doing this for a long time now. People never talk to one another unless it is on a mobile device.

The other day, I noticed someone walking her dog and as I said hi to her, she jumped five feet further from me. I could only wonder what she was thinking in her head. "What is this humanoid doing talking to me? Stay away. Don't infect me."

I remember a couple of books I read in high school. The first one was about how America had become a nation of strangers, and the second book was on how most of us live like mindless sheep following orders.

As I watch my government meltdown right in front of my eyes, I think our founding fathers must be rolling over in their graves. Calling each other names and playing politics just makes me fume. Both parties are doing this, but Democrats seem to be getting some savage pleasure out of it all.

I see this need to keep printing money hand-over-fist and bailing everybody out in a ridiculous fashion. In the end, flooding money around but with nothing to buy can only make matters worse. Wait until the inflation kicks in, we'll be paying ten bucks for a chocolate bar or a gallon for gas.

Our elected officials are nuking the economy in order, they say, to save it, but that's all bogus. How many small businesses will die on the vine never to return? How many will suffer like never before?

America was born in our revolution against the British crown. We were tired of a distant government telling us what to do. We decided to create a new form of government grounded in the people. For the first time in human history, we had a new kind of government that ruled from the people up and now it seems we are falling into an endless black hole where the people will lose everything and a new class of rulers takes back our liberties, values, freedoms, and our way of life.

If we stand by quietly, we will see the Bill of Rights GONE. We will see a government of, for and by the people GONE. We will see everything we fought for at Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, and Yorktown wasted away.

America hopefully will be stronger than most of us think. We will keep our democratic republic, but it won't be easy. Government is our business. Either we run it or it runs us.

The coronavirus surprised us thanks to China hiding it from the rest of the world too long, but the medicine to fight it comes from within us.

*Bottom line:* Washington, D.C. is going to need a good cleaning. Kick out those losers and put real Patriots in their place.

We have to keep our heads above water and stay sane among all this insanity going around us.

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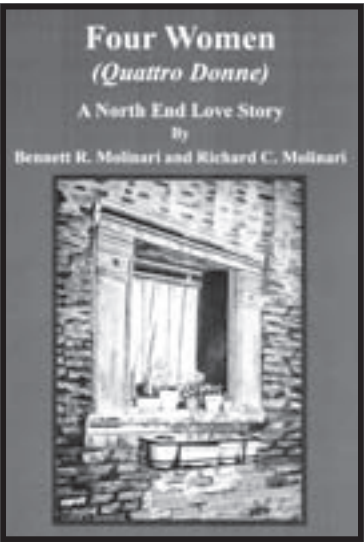
subtitle, A North End Love Story

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

The School Dance  
Continued

Mom was a great dancer and could not wait for Friday nights. We ate dinner in a flash. Mom had already sent Dad on his way to the late shift at the newspaper with a lunch made from whatever she was cooking up for us. Mom was determined to have Pietro come along with the four of us. This would be his first dance in America. She figured it would be nice for him to be with lots of young people his age. Pietro, at first seemed reluctant. He brought up his vocation and felt it would be inappropriate. Mom convinced him the dance was made up of people from the neighborhood who were familiar with his calling and would respect it.

The dance had already begun by the time we arrived. Paul Bianco was playing a tarantella. Mom couldn't wait to join the swirling circle of dancers. As she made her way to the dance floor, she shouted out, "Pietro, watch over Bobby and Charlie!" She cut into the circle and quickly joined hands with dancers to the right and left of her, immediately swept up into the swirl of the dance and the fun and laughter.



Mom had a strong voice you could always hear above the crowd. We could clearly hear her laughing as the tempo picked up and the dancing became increasingly hectic. As she was dancing, Mom spotted Grandma sitting with Auntie Stella and shouted in Italian, "Ma', vieni a ballare!" (Ma, come and dance!) Grandma kept waving her arms as if to say, "Don't bother me," when finally, Auntie Stella stood up and yelled out, "Old lady let's dance!" This brought Grandma immediately to her feet. She gave Auntie Stella one of her

dirty looks, and reluctantly followed her to the dance floor, where Mom grabbed hold of Grandma's hand who in turn grabbed hold of Auntie Stella's, and immediately they were swept up into the swirl of the dance. Grandma, instantly getting into the spirit of the dance, shot off her shoes while keeping pace with the rest of them, shouting out, "Ora, di chi e' una vecchia signora (Now, who's an old lady)?" More shoes were kicked off, and before you knew it, all the women were dancing in their bare feet as if they were back in their villages in Italy. The tarantella ended with shouts and laughter, accompanied by applause from the onlookers. The women then began searching for their shoes, which were all in a pile in the center of the dance floor. Auntie Stella kept bringing Grandma the wrong shoes, making her increasingly frustrated. Grandma then turned in the direction of Mom and yelled out, "The Little One did this to me!" Mom shot back, "Who told you to kick off your shoes?" This caused Grandma to laugh while taking one more spin in her bare feet. Mom knew she had a great time.

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



Beauty Tips in the Coronavirus Era



Ciao Bella,  
Well not so Bella with all your beauty shops and spas closed! However, everyone must get up every morning make your bed which will be the first task of your day which will bring you to do the next task certainly giving you a sense of accomplishment!

These are crazy times, trying times, and each day should be productive in at least one thing.

Don't goof off by skipping your daily skin routine. Your skin needs its healing power now more than ever.

Ok ... so when you're out for fresh air and you're doing a drug-store run keeping everyone at a 6 ft. clearance, keep in mind that the drugstore is your friend.

By now you need a color. Darn those roots. At the drug store pick up a Clairol 10-minute root touch-up. Use only on your hairline and sides and get in a few inches. They give you plenty. Choose the color closest to your own. This is a tried and true product that works amazingly. Take it from an experienced cosmetologist!

Next is an at home facial ... whip up an egg white until stiff, add honey or even oatmeal for a calming effect. Apply with finger tips, let dry for 10-15 minutes, rinse and pat dry and you'll have baby soft skin. Bring the family or partner in on it and experience a few laughs. Something we all need now.

Remember that bubble bath/salts way in back of the closet that you never had time for?

Now is the time to light a few candles around the bath, sit, relax, and enjoy. Bring a mag. or a book.

Look on *YouTube* for some New beauty tutorials. There is so much to learn about all the New make-up out there. Hi Lites, Low Lites, Glimmer Lites are just a few of Ulta Beauty products you can find.

Nails, nails, nails! Look for a clear base and top coat to use as one. Then pick out a few snappy colors to uplift your spirits. Invest in a small manicuring kit so you can push back those cuticles, no cutting. This will tide you over until you can get back to the salon.

Hand cream ... everyone's hands by now must be quite dry. I carry a wonderful hand cream that when applied leaves a barrier of protection without that tacky, sticky feel.

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I feel at this time is a test of our faith, kindness, and resiliency. After all we are in this together. #alonetogether

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Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!  
— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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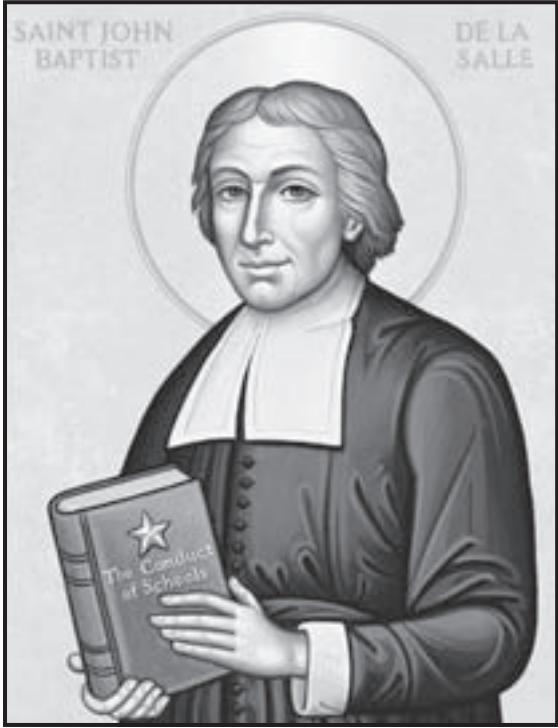
by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

De La Salle was born on April 30, 1651, into a wealthy family in Rheims, France. He was the oldest child of Louis de La Salle and Nicolle Moët de Brouillet. Nicolle's family was a noble one and ran a successful winery business and she was a relative of Claude Moët, founder of Moët & Chandon.

De La Salle received the tonsure at age eleven and was named canon of Rheims Cathedral when he was sixteen. He was sent to the College des Bons Enfants, where he pursued higher studies. When De La Salle had completed his classical, literary, and philosophical courses, he was sent to Paris to enter the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice on October 18, 1670. His mother passed away on July 19, 1671, and on April 9, 1672, his father died. This circumstance obliged him to leave Saint-Sulpice on April 19, 1672. He was now twenty-one, the head of the family, and as such had the responsibility of educating his four brothers and two sisters. He completed his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 26 on April 9, 1678. Two years later he received a doctorate in theology.

He fully intended to work among the wealthy people of his area throughout his career. Unexpectedly, De La Salle's life changed dramatically. A promise to a dying friend to assist a group of Sisters in their work with orphan girls brought De La Salle to education. Further assistance to a friend starting a school for poor boys in Rheims solidified his true vocation as an educator, an endeavor which would consume his entire life.

By 1684, having given up his personal wealth and title in society, De La Salle brought a group of schoolmasters together to form the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The Institute was soon after recognized as an official Congregation of Religious in the Roman Catholic Church. The Congregation's primary purpose



was to serve the educational needs of society, particularly among the poor. De La Salle passed away on April 7, 1719.

De La Salle and his Brothers took up the cause of education vigorously. In addition to the founding of schools in 22 cities by the time of his death, De La Salle contributed significantly to the entire field of education through his writings and innovative methodology. John Baptist de La Salle was Canonized on May 24, 1900 by Pope Leo XIII. Fifty years later, Pope Pius XII declared John Baptist de La Salle the Patron Saint of Teachers.

The Feast Day of Saint John Baptiste De La Salle is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Coffee and Tea

ACROSS

- Bookie's number
- Parents org.
- Slang for microwave
- Time distortion
- One with biggest share?
- Like a case of appendicitis, possibly
- Decanter
- Knowing about
- Mister in Madrid
- \*Usually served on ice, 2 words
- Barber's sound
- Accepted truth
- Took a load off
- Artist's office
- Excites passions, 2 words
- Comic book cry of horror
- Rude or sarcastic
- Chips, perhaps
- Roleplay
- Chinese "way"
- Ice floaters
- 100 centavos
- Merry
- Table scrap
- Breastbone
- \*Double shot of espresso
- Feather's partner
- Not here
- Nickname for Putin?
- \*Revolutionary event
- \*\*\*Tea is the only simple pleasure left to us," he wrote
- Research facial
- Typically used in the fairway
- Goodbye to amiga
- Plenty
- Why not
- \*Black tea, in China
- Bard's "before"
- Pay close attention

DOWN

- Be in the red
- Crows' cousins
- Actress Barrymore
- More like rumors
- '70s Ford model
- Native American emblem
- Dwarf buffalo
- Pueblo tribesman
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- Prowl around
- Embryo cradles
- Green pasta sauce
- One on the list
- Faux one
- \*Equal parts espresso and warm milk
- Fauna's partner
- Hudson's Bay Company original ware

- Experts
- Nose channels
- Kick the bucket
- Between countertenor and baritone
- Make this, not waste
- Affected by the moon
- Went down a slippery slope
- Kitchen flooring choice
- Tried follower
- Bygone era
- \*The Revolutionary one followed #52 Across
- The Simpsons's neighbor

(Solution on Page 9)





## Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

The country was caught with its pants down. Health officials knew that one day the United States being a country with an enormous amount of global travel would at some point face the likes of a deadly virus known today as the Coronavirus. Government and health officials failed to work on a vaccine that could fight viruses ... To date, there have been 4,570 deaths nationwide with 80%, most of them people over the age of 65. Hundreds that are infected are expected to recover. In Massachusetts, out of the 6,620 cases reported, 89 were fatal. People are suffering more from stress and media reports. Employees are losing money from unemployment, and their 401K retirement nest egg has plunged along with the stock market. The President is trying hard to appease the liberals, but whatever he does is not enough! People are losing money every day while their place of employment remains closed. What you don't hear is the survival rate from the Coronavirus. The liberal Media only reports people who have been infected. Why don't we hear about recoveries, and survivors???? ... A number of these deaths come from nursing homes where elderly people are fragile with pre-existing conditions ... Did the City of Boston wanting to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus provide covers over the bronzed ducks mother and eight ducklings in the Boston Public Gardens?? REALLY! ... A truck carrying toilet paper was hijacked recently. What's with the toilet paper??? Also, some small stores in Revere have raised the price of toilet paper to \$4.00 a roll, and water to phenomenal prices! This panic mode needs to

stop. If people would just shop normally, and stop being greedy and just buy what they need it would help calm some of the stress the Coronavirus pandemic is causing. And supermarkets would also appreciate it! At this point we're all Coronavirus battled fatigued, and God only knows when it will end!!! ... Let's talk about prescription drug costs that continue to soar. Families with chronically ill members and sick children depend on prescription drugs to keep them alive and comfortable. These are the pockets hit the hardest, senior citizens included! Many seniors go without pills because they can't afford them. It's the pharmaceutical companies and lobbyist that run this country through Washington Bureaucrats that are at fault. A recent documentary on *Netflix* exposed the amount of money one pharmaceutical company in the stock market made in profits, and it was enough to make you throw up! What are elected officials doing about this? I'll tell you one thing, I may not agree with U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren on a lot of issues, but Warren was the only visible politician that spoke out about growing drug prices in Massachusetts. Being able to afford prescription drugs is a very serious problem facing the public. Working families (not on Medicaid) unable to afford prescriptions drug costs due to inflated pricing is very dangerous. Is receiving thousands in campaign funds from pharmaceutical companies more important to politicians than human lives? Getting involved to lower drug costs is just as important as building The Wall!!! Write to your Congress, Senators, and Representatives to express your deep concern ... *Till next time. Stay Healthy!*

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## Simple *TIMES* . . .

by Girard A. Plante



**Anthony LaBarbera**

my teens. So I began singing at private parties and weddings." One such performance occurred at the popular Grimaldi's restaurant owned by his future in-laws in Utica. "I was blessed to earn money singing at all the local Italian festivals while in high school."

His first big opportunity arrived in 2012 as he auditioned for a role in the hit Broadway musical *Jersey Boys* at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. "My cousin in New York City saw an ad in a newspaper to audition the next morning. I never auditioned before." Anthony auditioned for the role of Frankie Vali. Dressed in 1950s apparel, he read the script before the casting directors and sang "Big Girls Don't Cry" as a film crew shot the audition. Call backs occurred at Alvin Ailey throughout the day. He never won the role.

Undeterred, Anthony continued performing while a student at Herkimer County Community College, where he graduated in May 2013. Though he performed primarily solo, he joined two bands during his college years. Both band stints lasted only four years, because he says, "Staying together as a group was difficult."

While in Las Vegas at a family wedding in June 2013, he was asked by a cousin to sing. "After

I sang two songs, people from an Italian-American club suggested I move to Vegas. But at that time I couldn't commit to relocating." That spontaneous performance gave him exposure. And the confidence to set his sights on a big-time music venue.

The biggest show in his career happened last October at The Stanley Theater, a historic Baroque movie palace in Utica. The night's main act was Sal Valentinetti, who made it to the finals of *America's Got Talent* in 2016. Another rising star Austin Giorgio, from Rochester, New York, who appeared on *The Voice* in 2018, was featured as well. Anthony opened the show before a cheering audience of more than 1,000.

"That show came full circle. It's a progression since performing from age 14 at local smaller venues. I had my own dressing room. People buy a ticket and are eager to see a fun musical event. To be at a large theater in my hometown with two artists who made it on TV was amazing," Anthony exclaimed. But the icing on a fruitful night ended with Sal bringing Anthony and Austin back to do an encore: "We sang New York New York," Anthony laughs.

*Anthony is employed in aviation marketing at Jetnet LLC in Utica. He resides in New Hartford with wife Franca and their daughter. "My family and including my in-laws have been my biggest supporters."*

To see Anthony's music talents, go to [www.facebook.com/anthonylabarberamusic](http://www.facebook.com/anthonylabarberamusic)

**Editor's Note: Because of stay-at-home orders and self-quarantine relating to the Coronavirus, Anthony will perform LIVE on Facebook on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. ET.**

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **April 11, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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Signed

Gabriela Estrada, Owner

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VIN #1J4GL48K05W578889

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Estate of  
**RODERICK MacFARQUHAR**  
Date of Death: February 10, 2019

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Dalena Wright of Cambridge, MA**, Petitioner **Larissa MacFarquhar of Brooklyn, NY**, Petitioner **Rory MacFarquhar of Washington, DC**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Dalena Wright of Cambridge, MA**, **Larissa MacFarquhar of Brooklyn, NY**, **Rory MacFarquhar of Washington, DC** 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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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I never thought I'd say this, "I'm stuck in Florida." I love Florida, especially in the winter when it's cold and snowy in Boston. But, it's time to come home and I can't. Loretta feels that the inside of a plane would be like an incubator and I'm not going to argue with her. Everything has changed, restaurants are closed (just take out), supermarket shelves are bare, especially where bottled water and toilet paper are concerned. Dean Saluti told me the same thing exists back home.

Another reason we can't go home is our son Michael. He was out in Hollywood for a couple of months working, and when everything was shut down, he decided to come home. He is OK, but has quarantined himself for a couple of weeks just in case. He doesn't want to be near John's family until he's sure he is not carrying the Coronavirus.

I had been playing bocce two mornings a week and that is now on hold. I had been "hanging around a cigar bar" a couple of nights a week and that is now on hold. I had been using the pool several afternoons a week, and it is now closed. I had been playing cards one night per week and the clubhouse is now off limits. I prevent myself from becoming bored by improvising. I've recently bought a tabletop electronic piano and have been doing some medley arrangements of "oldies" from the *Great American Song Book*. A neighbor, Joe Kessler, is a guitarist and we practice our music. We had been getting together with a pianist, but that's now on hold due to the scare.

With the restaurants closed or only doing takeout, Loretta has been cooking up a storm and her Italian food is great. Her courses at Cambridge College are now on line and she is teaching via the computer. When I spoke to Dean Saluti and John Silva, my close friends who are also Professors at Cambridge, they said they have had to do the same thing.

We have heard from friends who live in Europe, and they are worse off than we are. Loretta's girlfriend and her mother live in Barcelona. Whatever they need, is delivered ... no gathering at supermarkets. Another friend who lives in Zurich can't get home. Her mother lives in Milan, but the Swiss/Italian borders are closed. Northern Italy seems to have had more cases of Corona flu than other parts of Europe. Someone said that it is because there is a large Chinese population in northern Italy and they have the corner on dollar stores, but I wonder if that is just a coincidence???

I think that we will have to stay put for another month or two and then see what the situation is like ... **I WANT TO COME HOME!!!** I miss La Summa's, Javeli's, Santarpio's, and one or two Chinese restaurants that are authentic. Being Italian, I think of my family first and food second. Actually, there are a few good Italian restaurants down here, as there is a large Italian population, but outside of Boston, New York, and San

Francisco, they don't know what good Chinese food is.

I do remember restrictions to our life style, but it was during World War II and we lived with Nanna and Babbononno. Food was rationed, gasoline was rationed, there were curfews and restrictions everywhere you looked. Uncle Nick was in the Navy. Uncle Gino was in the Army Air Corps. Dad was with the OSS, the forerunner to the CIA, and I was under the tutelage of Mom, Nanna, and Babbononno. When I went shopping with Mom and Nanna, they had ration books that they had to use to buy food, as you were only allowed a certain amount. So, a lot of what we ate was homemade by Nanna.

Car owners couldn't buy tires and did a minimal amount of driving to compensate. Gas was restricted. You were issued a sticker that was placed on the bottom of the passenger's side of the front wind shield. A capital A allowed you three gallons of gas per week. A capital B allowed you eight gallons. Class C drivers included war workers, police, doctors and letter carriers. Class T included all truck drivers and Class X was reserved for politicians and "other important people." I don't think the C, T, and X drivers had any restrictions. Dad, my uncles and most musicians had a letter B, and unless they were playing somewhere (at night), took public transportation.

I remember a couple of instances when Dad hadn't used his weekly allotment of gas. After Sunday dinner, he would take us for a ride. Uncle Paul would do the same thing. But no one would dare drive too far, maybe Revere Beach or Wood Island Park in the warm weather, or just somewhere close for a joy ride during the colder part of the year.

Uncle Nick was stationed at the Newport Naval Station. He had auditioned for the Andre Kostelanetz Orchestra, the band that serenaded the officers and men who were stationed or sailed from there. He had passed the audition and became a member of the reed section of the orchestra. As a result, he was often able to come home on Sundays. The war, unfortunately, led to his divorce from my Godmother, Aunt Ada, his first wife.

Uncle Gino served with the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force and was stationed in the Pacific constantly in harm's way. But, he survived, thank God. The times were tough and we were scared, but we survived. I remember one black out. Every home had to have their lights shut off and their shades drawn because of the threat of enemy bombers overhead. Again, thank God, it never happened.

One thing I remember vividly. After dinner on a few occasions, Babbononno and I were the only ones still at the dinner table. He would take a long sip of wine, take me by the hand, walk me outside the house and point to the flag in the front window. It was a white flag with a red border and two blue stars in the center. He would point to the

flag and say, "Quelli sono i miei due figli." (Those are my two sons) When we returned to the kitchen, he would have another sip of wine and sigh. Mom and Nanna were more stiff upper lipped. We survived.

Uncle Nick came home and married Aunt Dorothy and they spent the rest of their lives together. Uncle Gino married Aunt Ninna who is still alive and the last one of that generation still with us. I get emails from her a few times a week. They are usually jokes as she is very funny. So, what I'm saying is, Don't despair. This epidemic will eventually blow over and we will make it. In a short time, we will be laughing about some of the things we hoarded, like toilet paper and bottled water.

To quote one of Frank Sinatra's hit songs, "Let's Take It Nice and Easy." See you next week. Keep safe and "Non Carborundum Igitmi," Latin for, "Don't let the bast\_ \_d wear you down."

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Docket No. MI20P1503EA  
Estate of  
FLORENCE M. CHURCHILL  
Date of Death: July 23, 2019  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elizabeth C. Mahoney of Malden, MA**, Petitioner **Robert W. Johnson of Malden, MA**.


**Elizabeth C. Mahoney of Malden, MA, Robert W. Johnson of Malden, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.


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

Run date: 04/03/2020



by  
**Marianna  
Bisignano**





Today, there are over 250 different types of *pane* (bread) made throughout Italy. Every region has its own variety that is typically rooted in the history and tradition of the area. For centuries, bread has been viewed throughout the motherland as the symbol of life. It was believed that the grain represented fertility. Therefore, the loaves it produced were regarded as sacred. This belief of bread being sacred lead to the creation of the communion host, which was initially baked by nuns using only the finest quality of wheat. To this day, specific breads are still baked for celebrations of devotion, and to commemorate various religious festivals. These breads differ between regions depending on availability of ingredients.

In my family, homemade bread accompanied almost every meal. One of my favorites was my Nonna's Pane alle Olive (Olive Bread). This soft bread was loaded with olives that excreted a unique salty flavor into the dough. The crust was golden crisp and the taste, absolutely amazing. Hailing from "Italy's Heel," the southern region of Puglia, Pane alle Olive is the perfect accompaniment to a holiday cheese board or served alongside of just about any meal you'd like!

**OLIVE BREAD**  
**Pane alle Olive**


olive oil  
1 cup warm water  
1 pkg. rapid rise yeast  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons shortening  
1 teaspoon olive oil

1/8 cup Sicilian castelvetro  
olives  
1/8 cup Sicilian black oil cured olives  
sea salt, black pepper, garlic powder  
1 egg beaten with 2  
tablespoons water (egg wash)

Generously grease a large bowl with olive oil, set aside. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside. In a small bowl, add warm water, sprinkle with yeast, set aside. In medium mixing bowl, add flour, sugar, salt, shortening and olive oil, mix well. While mixing, slowly pour in yeast mixture and continue mixing until dough forms. Knead with dough hook or by hand for 6-7 minutes until dough is soft and smooth. Knead in olives until combined. Place dough in greased bowl, turning once to coat, cover with plastic wrap and place in a warm dark place for 1 hour, or until doubled.

When ready, remove dough from bowl, shape to form a solid or braided loaf, and place on prepared baking sheet. Cover with plastic wrap and place in a warm dark place for 1 hour to rise. Preheat oven to 400 °. Uncover bread, brush egg wash all over bread, sprinkle with garlic powder, salt, pepper and place in oven for 25-30 minutes or when golden colored.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at [nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com](mailto:nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com)



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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 Giaratani

**JEFF KUHNER GETTING IRRELEVANTLY LATELY**  
I usually listen to Jeff Kuhner on *WRKO* in the mornings to get my blood pressure up. Lately though, he has been all over the place and off the wall, too. He seems to be either underestimating the threat of this virus or talking about some super-market workers organizing a sick out protest to seek more safety equipment and higher hazard pay.  
Mostly, he is opposed to draconian measures being taken by some mayors and governors like the mayor of Washington D.C., who threatens to fine those who don't stay in their homes and warn they could end up with a 90 day jail sentence, too.  
**MEANWHILE THOSE BEHIND BARS ...**  
Seems while innocent folks in Washington D.C., could end up in jail for not sheltering in place, civil libertarians, agenda

Democrats, and the Fake Media are trying to get the courts to free prisoners over this virus. At least behind bars, there is some control over distancing and movements. Free these prisoners and they could move anywhere they please. I support the sheriff of Bristol County, one of the state's best sheriffs.  
**SCARED TO RETURN TO WALMART ANYTIME SOON**  
Recently, I needed to go to Walmart to purchase a new radio after my old one must have caught the coronavirus. I must say the employees at the store I went to were doing a good job addressing the concerns of this pandemic but it was the many shoppers in there who seemed to have no concept of social distancing.  
I actually had to admonish one customer who got way too close to me. I yelled at him if truth be told. Another customer not far away gave me the

thumbs up sign. I ran through the store, grabbed on to what I needed, found the check out line and ran from the place.  
Oh, I almost forgot, as I was fleeing out the exit doors, I heard someone in a check-out line coughing up a storm. Coughing in a store nowadays is almost the same thing as a gun shot going off. Thank God I was a good 150 feet away from this nitwit.  
**CHARLIE ROSS ALWAYS SAID "KEEP ON PUNCHING"**  
Even though we have never experienced a virus like we have now, if we look at the past and the problems and heartache suffered by and remembered by some of our seniors, the wars and various viruses that came their way and they survived, maybe things could be worse. THIS TOO WILL PASS. STAY HEALTHY AND OBEY THE RULES SUGGESTED AND WE WILL SURVIVE.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

**As a Democrat ...**  
I am a registered Democrat but if my choice is between Trump and Biden, I think I might even consider Henry Wallace who once served as vice president and ran for president as a third party candidate in 1948.  
If the Democrats were smart, which they seldom seem to be, they might consider thinking out side of the box and push Biden to the sidelines and nominate NY Governor Andrew Cuomo who's only 62 years old and looks and talks like a president should. As an Italian American, it might be nice to see him in the Oval Office. Yeah, I know he's pretty liberal but he would always be better than Biden.

**Bottom Line in 2020**  
Bottom Line, President Trump has been showing a lot of leadership in dealing with both COVID-19 and our imploding economy. Many Democrats on Capitol Hill and in the Fake Media seem to be hoping that Trump will turn into Herbert Hoover, II but I think these losers are pipe dreaming.  
President Trump retains the odds to win a second term. With Biden as his opponent, we can all go to bed early on Election Night this coming November.

**It Appears the Debt Ceiling Has Been "Pacified"**  
Not long ago we had battles up on Capitol Hill between Republicans and Democrats over raising the on-going national debt argument but it does appear that the entire Washington establishment has given up on that fight. The current budget for the current fiscal year just rose another \$2.2 trillion in stimulus monies.

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It appears the coronavirus has now become the number 1 priority with the rising national debt and out of control spending thrown on the backburner.  
I hope those that are supposed to know better actually know better but I think when we keep spending more than we have eventually things will crash down into pieces. It could take us into a recession and then on into a Great Depression II.  
We are hoping and praying to God for a vaccine for this deadly virus but we can't just forget about how this virus and our public reaction to it is killing our economy and putting endless millions out of work. President Trump is right; we can't let seeking the cure for the virus and its continued spread end up destroying our nation's future.

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Estate of  
**HOSSEIN KERAMATY**  
Date of Death: September 24, 2019  
**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE**  
G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306  
To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on February 7, 2020 that the Petitioner Maryam Keramaty of Medford, MA, Jasmin Keramaty of Littleton, MA intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will, Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond Maryam Keramaty of Medford, MA, Jasmin Keramaty of Littleton, MA.  
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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As someone who enlisted in the U.S. Air Force right out of English High in 1966, and luckily never left the states, I still remember when our forces were used to save villagers from the Viet Cong or RNV by destroying their villages from takeover. It was called the "Pacification Program." Not so good for those whose villages were firebombed to "save" them.  
**End Quote**  
"We do what we do because we get what we get when we do it."  
— Sal Giaratani from 2010

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Estate of  
**LEA MARIE MORRISON**  
Date of Death: November 15, 2019  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by William Streeter Morrison of Mill Valley, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that William Streeter Morrison of Mill Valley, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 17, 2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 20, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 04/03/2020

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Estate of  
**EUGENIA M. FRASSICA**  
Date of Death: February 18, 2020  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paula Christofori of Belmont, 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 Paula Christofori of Belmont, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 22, 2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 26, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 04/03/2020

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Estate of  
**ALFRED F. WILDE, JR.**  
Also Known As  
**ALFRED FOSTER WILDE, JR.**  
Date of Death: March 06, 2020  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jessica Gregory of Annandale, VA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that Jessica Gregory of Annandale, VA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
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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 24, 2020.  
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 27, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 04/03/2020

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**RICHARD PLEWA**  
Date of Death: November 27, 2019  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by David F. Plewa of Toms River, NJ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that David F. Plewa of Toms River, NJ be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 21, 2020.  
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 24, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 04/03/2020

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**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**  
In the matter of  
**SAMUEL R. PARKER**  
of Melrose, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Patricia E. Parker of Melrose, MA, Richard R. Parker of Melrose, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Samuel R. Parker is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Patricia E. Parker of Melrose, MA, Richard R. Parker of Melrose, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of April 15, 2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 18, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 04/03/2020



NOTICE TO TRADE CONTRACTORS  
REQUEST FOR TRADE CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from **TRADE CONTRACTORS** interested in performing work for **L1549: LOGAN AIRPORT PARKING PROGRAM**. The Authority is seeking Qualification Statements from Trade Contractors who have a demonstrated experience in the construction and implementation of similar work in terms of scale and complexity as required for the Terminal E 2,000 Space Parking Garage. In accordance with Massachusetts construction manager at-risk requirements, MGL Chapter 149A Section 8, Qualification Statements are being requested from trade contractors capable of performing the following classes of work: HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Miscellaneous Metals, Waterproofing/Caulking, Masonry and Elevators.

The contract includes the following scope of work: all identified trade work associated with the construction of approximately 2,000 parking spaces within a multi-level parking garage consisting of two sections east and west of the existing pedestrian bridge; the east section will consist of 4 total parking levels and the west section will be 6 total levels. The building will have a footprint of approximately 154,000 SF. The work will include installation of solar PV panels.

The estimated cost of the trade contractors' portion of this phase of the Project is approximately \$18,333,500 and the construction duration for this phase is approximately 24 months. The estimated value of work to be performed by trade contractors is as follows:

HVAC:	\$1,192,500	Miscellaneous Metals	\$1,987,000
Electrical/PV Panels:	\$8,533,000	Waterproofing / Caulking	\$1,165,000
Plumbing:	\$2,720,500	Masonry:	\$ 481,000
Fire Protection:	\$ 832,500	Elevators:	\$1,422,000

The Authority is implementing this project in accordance with MGL Chapter 149A, Sections 1 thru 13. This selection of trade contractors conforms to MGL Chapter 149A, Section 8, sub-sections (b) to (k) inclusive. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be utilized to prequalify trade contractors capable and experienced in the construction of parking garages and terminal buildings. The Authority shall utilize a two-step process including the prequalification of trade contractors based on an evaluation of the Statement of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed by an Invitation to Bidders that will only be issued to the prequalified trade contractors. A Prequalification Committee consisting of four representatives, one each from the Designer and the CM at Risk and two Massport staff. This Prequalification Committee will be conducting a qualifications-based evaluation of submittals received from interested trade contractors in order to identify prequalified trade contractors who will be invited to respond to a written Invitation to Bidders. Please note that the Authority is not utilizing this process to prequalify sub-contractors who are not trade contractors which shall be done separately in accordance with MGL C149A, Section 8, subsection (j).

Qualification Statements shall be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria; (1) Management Experience; (2) Project References including a Public Project Record and (3) Capacity to Complete including a demonstration that the contractor has the financial stability and long-term viability to successfully implement the Project.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on 04/01/2020 on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport <http://www.massport.com/massport/business/bids-opportunities/capital-bids> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, and on COMMBUYS ([www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com)) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Susan Brace at Capital Programs [SBrace@massport.com](mailto:SBrace@massport.com)

A Project Briefing will not be held for this RFQ.

Six (6) copies of a bound document each limited to 20 sheets (40 pages), exclusive of covers and dividers and resumes which shall be limited to one page, shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11") and shall be addressed to Mr. Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, FCMAA, NAC, Hon. D.Eng., Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs, and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday 04/23/2020, at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submittal that exceeds the page limit set here or that is not received in the Capital Programs Department by the above deadline shall be rejected as non-responsive.

Questions regarding this RFQ shall be submitted in writing and directed to [cpbidquestions@massport.com](mailto:cpbidquestions@massport.com) with the Project name and number included in the subject line of the email.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
LISA S. WIELAND  
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 04/03/2020

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Electronic General Bids for **MPA Contract No. W278-C1R., REHABILITATE RUNWAY 11-29 AND OTHER AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) immediately after the bid submission deadline.

Electronic bids will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020** immediately after which the electronic bids will be opened and read publicly in a designated room at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909.

No paper copies of bids will be accepted.

**NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, WORCESTER TERMINAL BUILDING, WORCESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT, 375 AIRPORT DRIVE, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, AT 11:00 AM (LOCAL TIME) ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020.**

The work includes **PAVEMENT MILLING, HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVING, CRACK SEALING AND CRACK REPAIR, SEMI-FLUSH AND ELEVATED LIGHT BASE ADJUSTMENTS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, PAVEMENT GROOVING, UTILITY STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS; LOAMING AND SEEDING; AND GUIDANCE SIGN INSTALLATION.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020.**

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

The estimated contract cost is **TEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,700,000).**

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

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

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

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **FIVE AND FOUR TENTHS PERCENT (5.4%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

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

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

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
LISA S. WIELAND  
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 04/03/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20P1541EA

Estate of  
**JOSEPHINE C. HEDGES**

Also Known As

**JOSEPHINE HEDGES**

Date of Death: January 27, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 22, 2020.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM  
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: March 25, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 04/03/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI19P5718EA

Estate of  
**AGNES M. CAMERON**

Also Known As

**AGNES CAMERON,  
AGNES MARIE CAMERON**

Date of Death: October 20, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Patricia R. Olson of Gloucester, 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 **Patricia R. Olson of Gloucester, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 16, 2020.**

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

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

Date: March 19, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 04/03/2020



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



The Babe Hits 54 Homers  
100 Years Ago

In 1919, Babe Ruth hit 29 homers during the dead ball era when the league average for teams was only 28 per team. In 1920, he hit 54 home runs himself more than the league average of 39 homers per team.

Chris Sale

Goes Under the Knife

Mid-week last week, Chris Sale had Tommy John surgery on his arm and will be out of commission for at least 14-months, if not longer. Good thing though, there may not be a 2020 season for him to miss. Oh, he also had the surgery on his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday too.

After his past two seasons of sub-par work, hopefully he will be worth everything we paid him to do. Last season was a year to forget as Sale when 6-11 with a 4.40 ERA in just 25 starts before missing the rest of the season.

Quote to Know

“We are a resilient group. This is just a hiccup in our journey. We will be ready to go for #Tokyo2021.”

Delaney Spaulding

— American softball player

Little Leagues

Ban Astro Brand

Sixty miles east of Williamsport, PA, a little league director sent a strong message to his 4,000 players concerning the sign stealing Houston Astros. They're out! The Astros

team name now barred. The Little League pledge is clear. Part of it says “Play fair and strive to win.” Same thing happened out in southern California where two little league organizations banned the Astros team name.

Narron Returns  
As Bench Coach

The Red Sox has looked to the past for its new bench coach picking Jerry Narron to their coaching staff. He once served as bench coach in 2003 for Grady Little. He also was bench coach for the Brewers from 2011-15 under new Red Sox manager Ron Roenicke. He was also Torey Lovullo's bench coach with Arizona 2017-19.

Tony Fernandez, R.I.P.

So much has been happening lately with the coronavirus; I failed to mention the passing of the great Tony Fernandez, a big name shortstop for both the Jays and Yankees. He made five All-Star teams in 17 seasons helping the Jays win the 1993 World Series. He passed at 57 years old. He played for five teams and retired after the 2000 season.

Bottom Line

“After all the cheers have died down and the stadium is empty ... the enduring thing that is left is the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can to make the world a better place in which to live.”

— Vincent Lombardi

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Electronic General Bids for **MPA Contract No. H207-C2, EAST RAMP REHABILITATION PHASE 2 AND REPLACE TAXIWAY J EDGE LIGHTS, L.G. HANSCOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) immediately after the bid submission deadline.

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The work includes **ASPHALT MILLING; P-401 ASPHALT OVERLAY; P-501 PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE SLAB REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS; PORTLAND CEMENT PAVEMENT JOINT REPLACEMENT; DRAINAGE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT; PAVEMENT MARKINGS; LOAMING AND SEEDING, TAXIWAY EDGE LIGHT REPLACEMENT AND OTHER INCIDENTAL ITEMS OF WORK.**

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The estimated contract cost is **\$1,100,000.**

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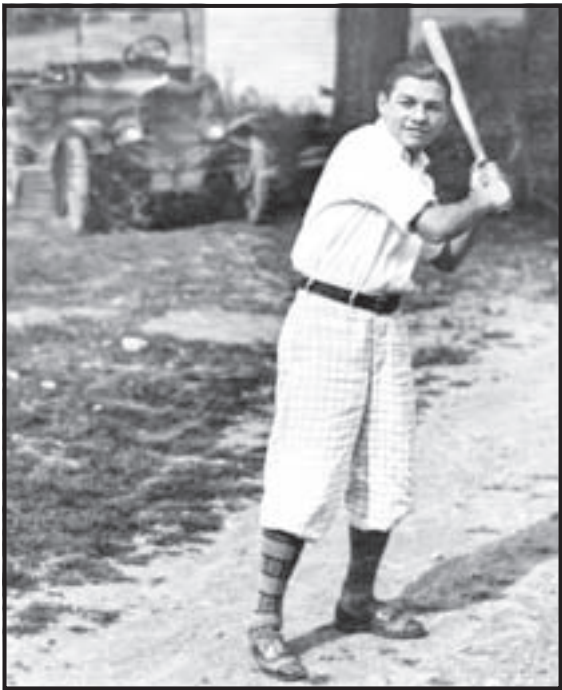
WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



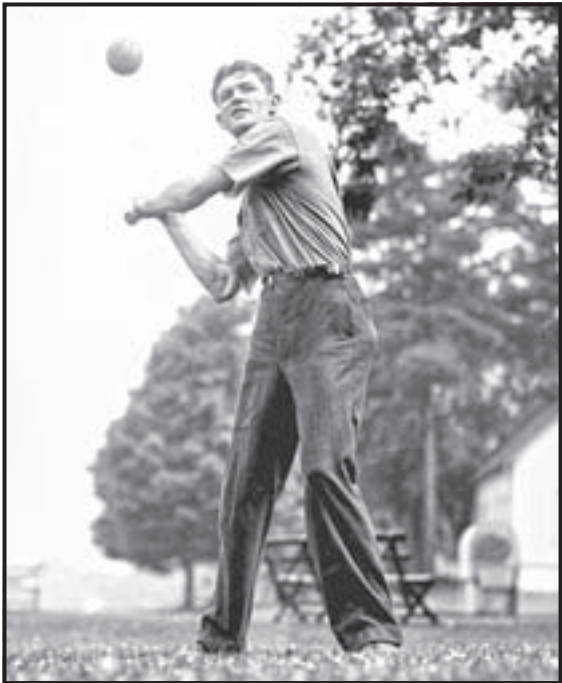
Boxers and Baseball  
For This Delayed Season Opening



Tony Canzoneri steps up to the plate



Rocky Marciano and Yogi Berra golfing



Jimmy Braddock at bat



Babe Ruth gets in some sparring

Each year at this time when baseball fans are getting excited about opening day, I post baseball related boxing photos. This year things are different because of the Coronavirus with both baseball and boxing being put on hold. Life has certainly changed for all of us, and we have had to change our ways while we weather this storm. I thought even though we are dealing with this new normal it would be good to stick with some of the traditions we can still enjoy, so here is my annual baseball/boxing tribute. I hope you still enjoy these photos while we wait for things to return to normal. Stay safe.



Joe Louis with Detroit Tigers Catcher Gordon Stanley



Tom Sharkey, Babe Ruth, and Jim Jeffries



Jess Willard squares off with Babe Ruth



Jack Sharkey with Giants Catcher Shanty Hogan

Maybe a sportswriter could be forgiven if the scribe had made a typo when writing about Bill Sharman, one of the standout players to grace the roster of the Boston Celtics in the 1950s and the early 1960s. You see, replace that “h” in Sharman’s name with a “t” and you have an apt description of one of the most versatile performers ever to stride upon the storied parquet floor at the original Boston Garden. That’s right, “Starman” would be a correct summation of his career. O was he ever. William Walton Sharman was the real deal, adept at two sports, not just one before choosing the path that would eventually lead to his induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1975 as a player and in 2004 as a coach. Bill Sharman was born in Abilene, Texas in 1926 and, following military service in World War II, went on to have a stellar career in both baseball and basketball at the University of Southern California. As a first baseman, he was a member of the 1948 Trojan team that won the College World Series. When the action turned to the hardwood, he was named a basketball All-American and the Pacific Coast Conference Player of the Year in both 1949 and 1950. Following graduation in the spring of 1950, it supposedly was decision time but in an era when the sports seasons did not overlap he enjoyed the best of both worlds. He signed a minor league contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers and was selected in the second round of the NBA draft by the Washington Capitols. For the next five years, he would play both sports on the professional level. However, he only would make it onto the roster the Brooklyn Dodgers once — in September of 1951, when MLB teams are allowed to increase their rosters. But he never got into a game. After five seasons of minor league ball, Sharman saw that his future was on the court, not on the diamond. By then, he had been playing for the Celtics since the 1951-1952 campaign. In another era, far into the future, there would be the Big Three of Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parrish. Back in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Sharman would team with fellow Boston star Bob Cousy to form a “Terrific Twosome” backcourt for the C’s. To this day, some basketball historians consider it the finest backcourt in the history of the game. The pair would combine to win four NBA titles together in the 10 seasons that Sharman played on Causeway Street before he concluded his years with the Green at the end of the 1960-1961 campaign. Most everyone likes things that are free but Sharman made a specialty out of the basketball version of that word. He was one of the best free throw shooters that ever took the floor.

He led the NBA in foul shooting for seven seasons — including five consecutive years (1951-1952 through 1956-1957) — and finished with a career percentage of 88.3 from the line. He went over 90 percent twice (90.5 percent in 1957-1957 and 93.2 percent in 1958-1959). Twice Sharman had consecutive foul shooting streaks that topped 50. The first occurred in the 1955-1956 regular season when he hit 55 straight. The second came in the 1959 playoffs when he made 56 in a row — an achievement that still ranks first in the NBA playoffs. And even when Sharman was guarded he had an eye for accuracy. In nine of his 10 seasons with the Celtics, he shot over 40 percent from the field. How did he acquire all that accuracy? By practicing, of course. It is common today for NBA teams to have a morning “shootaround” on the day of a game. It gives the players a chance to have a somewhat longer time on the practice floor than in the pre-game warmups. It also allows the coaching staff to further evaluate players whose status might be questionable for that night’s game. The routine of the morning “shootaround” was inaugurated by Sharman, who lived in what we now call the Metrowest region during his playing days. Eager to get in some additional practice time on the day of a game, he sought out various gymnasiums where he could shoot baskets. From a practice for one to a practice for all, the routine took hold not only with his Celtics teammates but throughout the rest of the league. After his playing days had concluded, Sharman entered the coaching ranks, first at Los Angeles State, then with the Utah Stars of the old ABA, then with the San Francisco Warriors and finally with the Lakers — yes, those Los Angeles Lakers. He guided the 1971-1972 Lakers that featured stars Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West to a then NBA record 69-13 regular season mark (that included a record 33-game win streak). That culminated with the first NBA championship for the franchise since it had moved to the West Coast from Minnesota in 1960. Sharman was named NBA Coach of the Year. Sharman coached for four more seasons before moving into the team’s executive suite as General Manager. While serving in that post, he oversaw the drafting of Magic Johnson and the acquisition of two more NBA Championships in 1980 and 1982. He then became president of the franchise and was in the top seat when the Lakers won three more championships — in 1985, 1987, and 1988. He then retired but remained with the club as a consultant. When he died from the complications of a stroke in October, 2013 at age 87 he certainly left the legacy of a full life lived.