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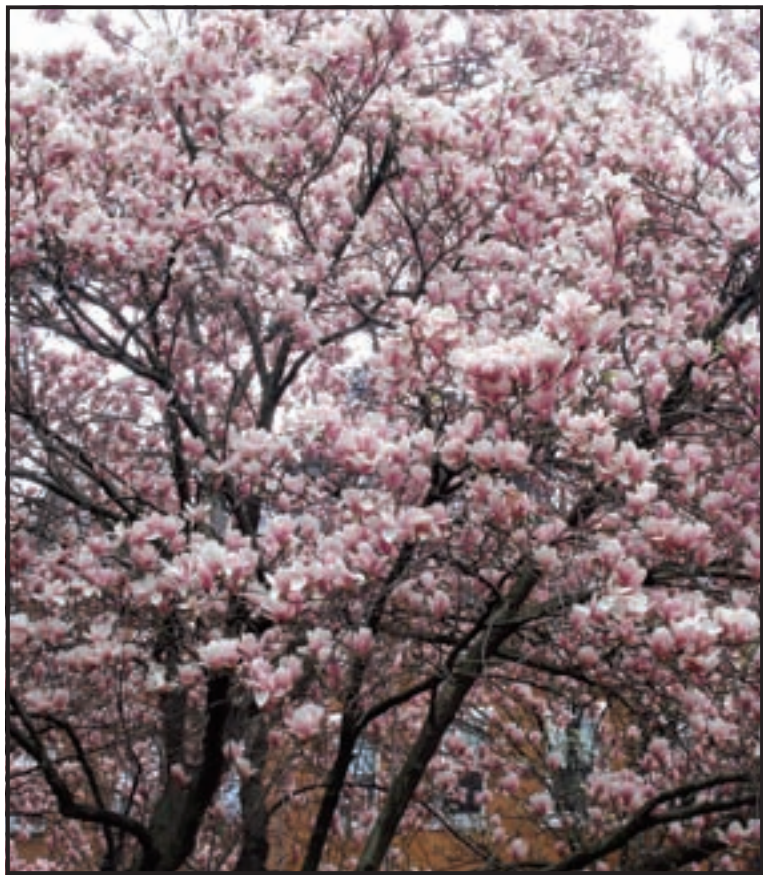
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Welcome Spring!!!



Spring has finally arrived in Boston. Pictured is the lovely abundance of flowers sprouting from the magnolia trees in Saint Leonard's Peace Garden on Hanover Street, North End, Boston.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Sounds Like the Clinton Foundation Might be a Laundromat

The latest news on Hillary Clinton: The Clinton Foundation allegedly received millions from the head of a Uranium company — and a firm promoting their stock — while the Russians sought approval for a takeover of the company from several U.S. agencies including the one headed by Clinton. Sounds like something is going on behind the Wizard of Oz's curtain.

Even the *NY Times* blasted Hillary over this latest scandal of sorts. Seems even moonbat liberals are getting pretty worried about Hillary's baggage. The libs want to keep the White House in 2016 and the endless stupid stuff from the Clinton campaign is taking its toll on supporters. Watch as they start touting Lizzy Warren again.

Never-mind Benghazi, this could take Hillary out of the running.

What is Wrong with GOP Leadership?

Seems the Republican leadership is pretty lame, huh? Latest stupidity is establishment Republicans giving the Obama White House everything it wants like Loretta Lynch's U.S. Attorney General post last week.

Campaign '16 Should be Interesting

Can Republicans hand off the nomination to Jeb Bush? Is the country ready for Bush 3.0? I'm

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Breakdown of Civil Society Front and Center in Baltimore

by Sal Giarratani

Sergeant (Ret.),

Special State Police Officer, Mass. Department of Mental Health, Boston, MA

As an American, I am appalled by what America is now witnessing down on the streets of Baltimore following the funeral of Freddie Gray, who died in a hospital following his April 19th arrest and transport to the police station for booking. The officers who took him into custody are all on leave while prosecutors hold an investigation into Gray's death.

This past Sunday, following some violence the night before, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake held a press conference at which she stated, "I have instructed (the police) to do everything that they could to make sure that the protesters were able to exercise their right to free speech ... We also gave those who wished to destroy space to do that." I am all for giving folks the right to exercise their free speech rights, but no

way should anyone be given space to loot, burn and attack police officers.

Her words are troubling. She seemed to be giving rioters permission to commit unbridled violence. Now she is saying she said no such thing, but her words were captured by the media, she said what she said. She owns those words. Trying to say the media was twisting her words seems incredulous.

Were the police ordered to stand down by City Hall? Where was the Police Commissioner Anthony Batts? If you were watching CNN, Fox News or MSNBC, that seemed to be the question most asked.

The mayor says she never said she wanted space for looters and all I can think about are the lyrics to an old song by The Who, "Who ya goin' believe, me or your lyin' eyes?"

Former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn, looking at the leadership failure allowing criminals to overrun you city reacted by saying, "The first thing you learn in Big City Mayor 101 is protecting innocent citizens and businesses. That's not happening in Baltimore. They've allowed the mob to take over. It is what you learn quickly as mayor or you pay the price."

Finally, I heard the president of the Baltimore City Council blast the media for focusing on the senseless violence, looting and burning rather than on Baltimore's positives. Perhaps, the media should shutdown their cameras and advise viewers to eat some good Maryland crab or see an Orioles game, huh?

Are all the Baltimore politicians in their own space as in outer space?

Boston's 5th Annual Wounded Vet Run



SATURDAY, MAY 9TH (Rain or Shine)

Ride Start - 12:00 PM

Registration 10:00 AM — "NEW" Boston Harley Davidson, 649 Squire Rd., Revere, MA

Ride End - 2:00 PM

Suffolk Downs Race Track: 525 McClellan Hwy East, Boston, MA 02128

Concert / Ceremony - 2:30 PM — Drinks and food are on location.

Non - Riders: Please join us at Suffolk Downs

to welcome the bikers and wounded veterans at the end of the bike run at 2:00 PM.

Boston's Annual Wounded Vet Bike Run inspired by Cpl. Vincent Mannion Brodeur began in 2011. One of the most severely wounded veterans in the nation, Vinnie is the recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. While serving in Iraq in 2007 with the 82nd Airborne, Vinnie was critically injured by an insurgent's improvised explosive device. After surviving 40 operations and a year long coma Vincent has become

an inspiration for people throughout the nation. All proceeds from Vinnie's Run went to creating a handicapped accessible living space for Vinnie.

Every year Boston's Wounded Vet Run will be dedicated to different disabled veterans. Proceeds raised go towards housing modifications, recreational objects, cars, basic

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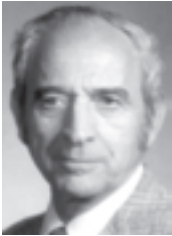
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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



MINERVA

Minerva, formerly Menerva, goddess of wisdom, was one of the great Roman divinities. Jupiter, the Roman counterpart to Zeus was first, his wife Juno was second, and Minerva who was identified with Athena, was third.

Demaratus was a wealthy citizen of Corinth who, with his family, migrated to Italy and settled in Tarquinii about 658 B.C. His son Lucumo eventually became a king of early Rome and took the name Tarquinius Priscus. This was the Tarquin who united Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva, into one common temple. It was also the reason why these three divinities were usually toasted as one whenever food or drink was sacrificed to the gods.

All of the attributes of Athena were gradually transferred to Minerva, however, because she was a maiden goddess, the Romans sacrificed to her only calves that had never borne the wooden frame that we call the yoke. Minerva was worshipped as patroness of all the arts and trades. During her annual festival she was called upon for help by all persons who desired to distinguish themselves in art or craft. As a special patroness of women, she conferred upon them skill in spinning, weaving and sewing, while at the same time she guided men in the dangers of war, endowing



Minerva Statue, 2nd Century BC

them with cunning, prudence, courage, and perseverance. Because of this attribute, she was often represented wearing armor, and the spoils of war were frequently dedicated to her. She was credited with being the inventor of musical instruments, especially the wind variety which were so often used in religious worship.

The annual festival honoring this goddess lasted from March 19th to the 23rd. It was called Quinquatrus because it began on the fifth day after the Ides (15th) of March. The festival was celebrated by artisans, poets, artists, and all other persons who were considered to be under the protection of Minerva. The first day of festivities honored the anniversary of the founding of her temple while the following days featured gladiatorial contests, musical presentations, social gatherings in private homes, and masked processions. Roman teachers and their pupils treated this festival time as today's colleges treat their mid-year vacation. They began a new course of study when classes resumed. This is also the time when teachers received their yearly stipend from parents of students. A bit of interesting trivia—persons who taught arithmetic, accounting or bookkeeping in old Rome were called calculators.

NEXT ISSUE: The Muses

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



May Day

Today is **May Day**, May 1st, which has little significance in America, but is widely observed in other nations.

For those Americans who have heard of May Day, probably the first thing that comes to mind is the celebrations in Great Britain. Dancing around the May Pole, crowning of the Queen of the May, Morris Dancers, and so forth. During the period of Puritan repression of the people of England (1649–1660) May Day was outlawed, which explains why here in New England, founded by Puritans, the May Day traditions never took hold. But even in the rest of America, May Day is not widely observed. May Day traditions are observed in various ways in several other European nations. The origins are unclear and may even trace all the way back to the ancient **Roman festival of Floralia**, which was celebrated on the fourth day before the Calends of May (April 28th in our calendar).

May Day is also, in many nations, **Labour Day** (or Workers Day, or some other name of the same effect). The connection of May 1st and honoring working men and women goes back to 1889, when some socialists named it International Workers Day. The Catholic Church celebrates **Saint Joseph the Worker**, as an optional memorial, on May 1st.

Here in America, where we don't have much use for socialist ideas, we celebrate our **Labor Day** on the first Monday in September. Actually, we capitalists had our Labor Day before the socialists. The first Labor Day celebration in the U.S. was on

Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York. The following year it was repeated on September 5th, which was a Monday. Fairly quickly the first Monday in September came to be designated as Labor Day, first by a few States, and then more, so that by 1894 Labor Day was a public holiday in 23 of the 44 States. (Civics quiz, which States were admitted to the Union after 1894? Answer at the bottom of this column.) In 1894 Labor Day, on the first Monday in September, was designated a federal holiday.

So, why is it that in the movies, when a plane or ship is in extreme distress, someone gets on the radio and cries, "*Mayday, mayday, mayday?*" Well, in 1923, a senior radio officer, Frederick Stanley Mockford, in Croydon Airport in London, England was asked to think of one word that would be easy to understand for all pilots and ground staff in the event of an emergency. He came up with **Mayday** from the French *m'aidez* ("help me!") In 1927, the International Radiotelegraph Convention of Washington adopted the voice call Mayday and defined it as corresponding to the French pronunciation of the expression "m'aidez." It is said three times to remove any possibility of ambiguity.

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Docket No. MI15P1994EA

Estate of
MARY ELIZABETH JACOBS
Also Known As
MARY ELIZABETH MAINOR JACOBS
Date of Death June 23, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Priscilla A. Jacobs of Anaheim, CA.

Priscilla A. Jacobs of Anaheim, CA 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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WILLIE ED KNIGHTON
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Glenda Knighton of Syracuse, NY.

Glenda Knighton of Syracuse, NY 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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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Merry, Marvelous May

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

When trees bloom, they bloom all at once. It seems that just a few weeks ago, the branches were bare, with only the smallest hint of a bud peeking through. While these were delicate and exciting signs of the spring to come, the season now bursts with the green of the first-forming leaves. As I see an increasing number of branches blossom with new leaves or ethereal pink flowers, I cannot help but shiver with excitement at the glory of nature. From the warm breezes that waft over a perfectly blue sky to the abundant berries that line shop shelves with their gem-like colors, the beauty of spring envelops the world. Indeed, spring seems to ready the world for celebrations and outdoor festivities in which to enjoy nature. For this reason, people have, since ancient times, honored a seasonal feast that revels in the growth and the fertility of nature as spring crosses over into summer. Known as May Day, this folkloric holiday pays tribute to the trees, flowers and mysterious rites of nature that characterize spring. In recent years, May Day has been adapted to a feast honoring the contributions of workers worldwide. However celebrated, May Day is a holiday that calls our attention to the magic and rebirth that blossoms around us during this time.

May Day, as the name may suggest, occurs every year on May 1st. For the ancient Celts, May Day was a holiday known as Beltane. Beltane marked the beginning of summer and the time when livestock could be moved to wider pastures to graze. In most European cultures, May Day celebrations start the evening before, on April 30th — a holiday called Walpurgis Night, in honor of a mythical Saint Walpurga. Since May Day functions as a transitional period, standing on the cusp between spring and summer, people believed that witches, fairies and a plethora of other supernatural beings wandered the Earth during this luminal evening. Modern Scandinavians and Northern Europeans still dress like witches on Walpurgis Night, and welcome May Day with picnics and bonfires.

Italy also retains a strong connection between May and the paranormal. The ancient Romans devoted the month of May to the worship of the dead, perhaps fueling the old superstition that it is unlucky to get married in May. Europeans now celebrate the legends of the woodland sprites that are particularly active during May, and indeed, May Day festivities honor the bounty of the spring forest. People decorate their homes with greenery and dance around May Poles bedecked with garlands and ribbons, a ritual which supposedly grants fertility to crops. Many Italian cities brim with quaint traditions on May Day, or *Calendimaggio*. In the small medieval city of Assisi, festivities take the form of a Renaissance fair, as costumed people enjoy parades, dances and concerts. The residents of Nogaredo, in the northern region of Trentino, dress up as witches for their *Calendimaggio* celebrations and decorate the city with a supernatural aura. Magic is definitely in the air during May Day, as what greater magic is there than the rebirth of nature during spring?

In addition to folksy nature celebrations, May Day also serves as Labor Day in many countries. In Italy, May 1st is a public holiday called *la Festa del Lavoro*, part of International Workers' Day. Italians both honor the contributions of workers throughout the country on this holiday, while also enjoying a day of rest. Families may flock to the beach or mountains and hold outdoor picnics — similar to the nature festivities of the ancient May Day — or visit famous Italian sites. Others focus on parades that commemorate the achievements of the Italian labor movement, or call for an end to workplace injustices that persist to this day. As Italian-Americans, we can respect *la Festa del Lavoro* by thinking about the strides that Italians have made in our very country. At the turn of the century, the majority of Italian immigrants arrived to America with little money or formal education, but worked hard, often in taxing and unrewarding

jobs, to build better lives for their families. Italians quickly became active in the labor campaigns that swept the country in the early twentieth century, as they formed unions, participated in strikes, and raised the call for shorter work days, compensation for injured workers, and an end to child labor. We have Italians and other immigrant groups to thank for the safety laws and job regulation advancements made in the workforce since that time. However, *la Festa del Lavoro* also reminds us to continue our ancestors' battles. In the United States and in the world at large, many labor injustices still exist, from slavery to child workers to a lack of safety factories and mines. Just as nature blooms anew during the spring, so should our consciences bloom, and bring attention to the issues affecting our fellow humans.

May Day is also about reveling in the beauty of nature, in all of its myriad forms and faces. The regrowth of Mother Earth manifests itself in the rites of May Poles and greenery and the decoration of homes with boughs and flowers, a practice the ancient Europeans called "bringing in the May." The mystery of our world, the appreciation for that which we cannot see, shines through May Day's emphasis on woodland spirits and witches and fairies. Finally, the basis of human nature, which should always include kindness and compassion, is evident in the respect for the dignity of others proclaimed in labor commemorations. This month, let us work on adopting all of these facets into our own personality. Let us make our soul regrow from despair much like the leaves bursting from the trees. Let us make our mind dance as we consider with childlike wonder the magic present in the most ordinary moments of our lives. Let us show concern for the Earth which we call our home, and for the people who inhabit it, our brothers and sisters. Once we open our souls to let in the meaning of May Day, we will truly embrace an eternal spring.

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a Graduate Student in History at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.

THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

"IMAGINE" HILLARY IN THE WHITE HOUSE?

As I ran through Jean York's piece in the *Weymouth News* on imagining U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz as our next president, I thought, he scares me far less than Hillary Clinton. She is currently carrying so much baggage from her days as Secretary of State that she would need Air Force Two to carry it all when she is travelling around the country or world.

Never mind her failed book tour which never took off. Too bad she didn't hire folks to come in and buy her books as she moved around the country's bookstores.

As Secretary of State, she will always be remembered for saying, "What difference does it make now?" At this point even the *NY Times* is starting to look like the Tea Party tackling Hillary's credibility or the lack of such. She isn't Bubba by a long shot. He could do no wrong, Mrs. Bubba on the other hand seems to keep falling into piles of you-know-what.

The Republicans on the campaign trail can leave the Clinton bashing to the moon-bats who can do all the dirty work for them. Watch and see, I am not imagining any of this, it is really happening. Soon the Clinton Foundation will sound like it should have been a business suite inside the Watergate.

Even President Obama is staying far away from her, he knows the third rail when he sees it.

America is in big trouble when our leadership lacks leadership, suffers from an ethics lapse and when too many voters would rather keep on getting all their free stuff pretending everything is hunky-dory.

We are a Democratic Republic with a Constitution but everything depends on all of us remembering Government works for us and not the other way around.

I can imagine many things worse than Ted Cruz!

Happy Birthday



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Saint Mark Society Annual Communion Breakfast

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

On Sunday, April 26th members of Saint Mark Society (Societa Cattolica Italiana di San Marco), their families and friends gathered at Sacred Heart Church for Holy Mass, as they have for many years. They meet to honor the evangelist and saint whose name the Society bears and to remember the deceased members of the Society.

Following Mass, breakfast was served at Saint John School Hall. Fr. Michael Simone, S.J., who had earlier celebrated Mass, gave the blessing and wished everyone a Buon Appetito. A sumptuous breakfast of scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, hash brown potatoes, French toast, fruit and pastries was served by Fasano's Caterers of Braintree.

Later in the breakfast, Joseph "Dom" Campochiaro was honored posthumously. Dom gave over 65 years of his life to the youth of the North End as a baseball coach and mentor. He was president of the North End Athletic Association (NEAA), a member of the Knights



Saint Mark Society Communion Breakfast.

of Columbus 4th degree, a member of the Sons of Italy, Boston Chapter, a veteran of the U.S. Army, a devoted member of Saint Mark Society and a true friend of the North End. Presenting the award was Dom's good friend and member of Saint Mark's, Arthur Lauretano.

Saint Mark Society was founded in 1884 for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of a church in

the North End that would address the cultural and linguistic needs of its burgeoning Italian population. The Society purchased the Seamen's Bethel from the Seamen's Association, still located diagonally across from the church. Sacred Heart also plays a historical role continuing the presence of a church at its location, unbroken since 1649.

East Boston Shines: Community Clean Up

Come volunteer to beautify and clean East Boston on Saturday, May 9th. East Boston volunteers will join East Boston Main Streets at 10:00 am at Maverick Square to kick off the 13th

annual East Boston Shines community clean-up campaign. Volunteers will clean the streets, paint the tree-pit surrounds, spread mulch, and plant flowers. We will then walk to Central Square

and do the same. Come join us — this is a family friendly event. Brooms, gloves, and T-shirts will be provided.

For further information or questions, please call Max Gruner, Executive Director of East Boston Main Streets at 617-561-1044.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1516-C1, FY15-17 PUMP & MOTOR SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE, BOSTON AND BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015** immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015.

The work includes **PROVIDE ALL LABOR, TOOLS, TESTING, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS TO SERVICE, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR WASTEWATER, STORMWATER, CONDENSATE AND OTHER PROCESS PUMPS, MOTORS AND CONTROLS OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS FOR ALL MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY FACILITIES IN BEDFORD, CHARLESTOWN, AND BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015.**

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

The estimated contract cost is **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$174,000.00).**

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, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority 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 **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)**. 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 also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Run date: 5/1/2015

Flea Market/ Bake Sale this Weekend

by Sal Giaratani



Patti Giovanniello from the Nazzaro Center shows off the growing mountain of items being donated for this weekend's flea market.

The North End Friends of St. Francis House will be hosting a Flea Market/Bake Sale to support this homeless shelter on Friday, May 1st from 8:00 am–6:00 pm and on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 am–1:00 pm at the Nazzaro Community Center. For more info contact jromano45@gmail.com.

This an annual event supports the on going need of homeless individuals. Stop by and check this event out. Everything goes for a good cause in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

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Skippy White's Gospel Train

by Sal Giaratani



L-R: Skippy White and Sal Giaratani behind the counter of Skippy's shop in Egleston Square in 1971.

Skippy White's Gospel Train will be holding a 54th Radio Anniversary program presenting Jim Watson & the Heirs of Harmony, Spiritual Wonders, Wall Beasley Gospel Explosion and the New Saints on the Block.

It all happens Sunday, May 3rd at the Charles Street AME Church on Warren Street in Dorchester. For more details, call 617-524-4500.

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Bless Me Sister

by Award-Winning Author Tom Zappala

Legas Publishing is pleased to announce the release of award-winning author Tom Zappala's new book, *Bless Me Sister*.

This slightly irreverent look at attending Catholic Grammar School, *Bless Me Sister* offers a light-hearted trip down memory lane from the late 1950s into the 1960s as seen through the eyes of an inner-city Italian American parochial school kid.

A native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, Zappala taps into his personal experiences to share many humorous anecdotes about growing up in an Italian neighborhood, attending school with 400 other Italian kids, and being taught by Irish nuns. *Bless Me Sister* touches upon topics that are near and dear to the heart of anyone who went to a Catholic school, such as, Confession, First Communion, and the "Clicker."

Zappala also includes many stories about his Italian American neighborhood, giving the reader a snapshot into life during those simpler postwar times.

Bless Me Sister is available online at www.blessmesister.com, and on Amazon.com. All books will be signed by the author.





ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



Leadership is Key



"The Silent Dolls" the students from GLTS show off their movie themed styles!

Ciao Bella,

There are some moments in your life that you can remember forever. Another one of those moments happened when I was invited to be a member on The Advisory Board of The Cosmetology/Barbering course at The Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover. Bring on the ideas and experience of a 3rd generation Cosmetologist! Mom and Nana would be proud! I was so excited to participate in this honor of being chosen by colleagues to be a part of GLTS's future with its students.

I toured the Cosmetology School with a teacher Linda M. whom I worked with many moons ago at her salon "Champagne." Absolute joy!

Those were the days my friends, of enjoying a fun job, making lots of cash, loving your craft of making people feel and look great! The many memories of my Cosmetology School days rushed in. Our "silent dolls," the practice manikin heads were plentiful here at the school with some pretty amazing braids and styles. Bravo Linda! You're teaching them well. Of course, practice on the silent dolls is great for learning, however, it is nothing to it compared to getting on the floor in a real, live salon, dealing with real, live people who talk! During our first meeting all

of us professionals were trying to explain that to a student who passed her cosmetology test recently. Congrats! However it's the real world that counts. Besides once you receive your license after school in Massachusetts, it's only a permit to work in a salon. Then after working, getting experience for 2 years you will receive your Class 1 Cosmetologist License that allows you to open your own salon. It's a big deal! Two years is long for some.

I was stunned to see the cosmetology textbook quadrupled in size compared to mine back in the '70s. You could barely pick it up! Learn well my future fellow colleagues.

I really feel like I can give some good advice to the committee and recommend a "Shadow" program that was brought up at the meeting. A program that would encourage students to interact in salons, experience the real world and at the same time achieve the confidence they need to succeed. I've seen the program nourish and teach the passion I hold dear with tremendous success!

Go forth all of you future stylists and curl it and swirl it!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or mary@mary4nails.com.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

not, how about you? I don't see the GOP leaders wanting Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio or Rand Paul. I am sure they will do whatever it takes to keep the Tea Party conservatives outside the main GOP tent run by the likes of Mitch McConnell and of course the one and only Johnny McCain.

U.S.A. Won't Recognize Armenian Deaths Genocide

The Obama Administration has once again avoided the term "genocide" to describe the deaths of hundreds of thousands who were forcibly deported from what is now Turkey. The United States had a chance to be on the right side of history and chose not to do so.

Apparently, today the United States does not want to say anything negative about what happened 100 years ago. It seems Obama-crats would rather take artistic license with history rather than call something what it actually was.

Kudos to Markey on Armenian

Recently, U.S. Senator Ed Markey criticized President Obama over not calling what happened in 1915 an act of genocide by the Ottoman Turks. Turkey seems still in denial over what happened and we have a president who seems to be placating the Turkish government for diplomatic reasons. Markey is right, what happened was genocide and the entire world needs to stand together on what happened.

As Markey stated, "Our president should call it geno-

cide and he should call it genocide now."

Hostile Takeover is Over

Last week, as I drove back to East Boston on Route 1A, I noticed all the commotion by the Hampton Inn Hotel. Lots of police presence and a slew of TV station film crew vans. I had heard that the Marathon Bomber's family was in town staying at an unnamed Boston hotel. Turns out it was actually next door in Revere.

Many of the guests at the hotel were irate over the scene and started cancelling plans to stay there or got out quickly at a loss to the hotel. I also heard that all his family was reportedly here on our dime thanks to Washington, DC. The uproar led to the Feds moving the clan to an undisclosed place.

I thought this whole thing was and remains crazy. Good country America, isn't it?

Miami Police Chief Should be Canned

Over last weekend, I saw a video that has gone viral upsetting many who viewed it. The City of Miami recently appointed a woman as police chief. I have no problem with that news, but I do not think the citizens of Miami should tolerate a police chief who apparently has a problem being patriotic to America. She can always go to the Middle East where as a woman she is a third-class citizen with little, if any rights to speak of.

If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I would not have believed it was even possible.

As a police chief, she is

a member of a municipal government, which to me seems hard to believe when she reportedly distanced herself from her roll in government. How can members of the Miami Police Department respect their chief after this insulting action on her part?

Doesn't Sound Like a Tour for Me

I was at my mechanic's shop in North Weymouth this week and started reading the latest copy of *Tow Magazine* and came across a two-page spread on The International Towing & Recovery Museum. When I asked another customer at the shop where he thought this museum was located, he said Alabama. He was wrong, but pretty darn close. It's in Chattanooga, TN. It has been there since 1995 and exhibits tow trucks and towing equipment dating back to 1916.

I asked my mechanic about this museum and he told me visiting Italy sounded much better.

Michael Goodwin in the New York Post

I love Michael Goodwin's commentaries in the *NY Post*. He did a great piece on Hillary on Sunday, April 19th called "Going Down-hill Fast. To quote a passage from Ernest Hemmingway fits the moment. In "The Sun Also Rises," one character asks, "How did you go bankrupt?" and another responds; "Two ways. Gradually, then suddenly." The exchange captures Hillary Clinton's red alert. She's been going politically bankrupt for a long time, and now faces the prospect of sudden collapse.

Also, Goodwin takes on Gov. Andrew Cuomo concerning those who call Cuomo's praise for the "courage" of Raul Castro in Cuba. Says Goodwin, "This is the same governor who banned state travel to Indiana during a phony war over gay rights, but happily takes an entourage to an island prison that hasn't had an election in 56 years."


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Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor,
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Through the Eyes of "Freeway" Meet You Up the Gassy

Yeah, that's what we all said in the '50's and '60's! That was our "hang around place." While many of the a capella groups practiced their singing down in the last Gassy, our guardians would be in the top Gassy mingling, playing cards, telling jokes and "ranking each other out" in a fun way. It was like tuning into the *Late Night Show*; entertainment every night!

We were just "standbys," faithful companions that grew up with that generation of "baby boomers." There was "Missie" Ciampa, a black and white highly animated Border Collie who managed to escape her Snowhill Street home every time there was an event that included fireworks! Meet "Duke" D'Amico, the "stud dog" of the North End.

A black lab mix that we nicknamed "The Wanderer." We lost track of how many puppies he sired! Somewhat scary to some, but beautiful to others, was "Lucky" the black and tan German Shepherd, who guarded and protected Rocky's Garage, which then was located where the funeral home now exits. "Chico" Riciotti, truly a Heinz 57 variety, was the dog father of Snowhill, Sheafe and Hull Streets. No one messed with him because he was a seasoned veteran dog. "Tippy" Lauretano was a handsome tri-color Beagle who had an appetite that was unmatched! Independently, Tippy would visit one of the butchers on Salem Street and drag a beef bone from there to the top

tier of the Gassy, where he would dine for the remainder of the day. Invariably that bone was at least two-times larger than this tenacious little dog! Last, but not forgotten, was a silver sable shepherd named "Lady," owned by the Billitti family, but was housed in the rooftop office of the Brink's Parking Garage. Some of our human neighbors along with parking garage employees would take bets and keep a score board posted of how many puppies "Lady" would have in one season. Those were the dog characters that inhabited our little corner of "the neighborhood." Few were spayed or altered, less were on leashes and, who knew where any of them performed their daily "functions"!

Now, thanks to the members of R.U.F.F. there will be a cadre of new players at the Gassy. It's a more gentile atmosphere, where members and non-members, can gather with the next generation of dog companions. On May 1, 2015, R.U.F.F. will officially open their new North End Dog Park. Many responsible humans will take guardianship over the Gassy/Flights; a clean and safe place for my kind.

Come by from 5:00-7:00 pm and meet some of the new players! Trot will probably be the gate man. You'll recognize him as the Old English Bull dog that looks like he should be smoking a cigar!

"Freeway"

A.K.A. Canine from the Post-Gazette



Freeway Says ...

Due to his increasing popularity and several suggestions from readers (and after much negotiating on our part with his huge salary demands), our friend Freeway has consented to try to answer readers' questions concerning him or any of our little four-legged friends. You can email your questions to postgazette@aol.com to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

I looked at my calendar and remembered May 10th is "Mother's Day." I may be a little early with my article, but for all the women and mothers that read my articles, I don't want them to think I forgot them. Mother's Day is very special. Mother's Day is all about you MAMA.

Sometimes it seems like "alone" time is just a faint memory, but as a mom, taking time for YOU can be one of the most important things you do with your day. Having dinner with family and the wonderful feeling of having all your loved ones around you at the dinner table. Remembering fun times, times of love and joyful events. A mother is a gift, such a wonderful and loving gift, and as we get older we realize how precious that gift really is.

Here is a short story, if you don't mind me telling you about it?

There was a little boy holding a shopping bag, just waiting in the middle of the market for his mother. While he was waiting, some people got worried because he had been standing there for so long. One woman found a police officer and asked if he would check on the little boy as "she was concerned." The officer went over to the little boy and asked his name, he replied "Sam." The officer then asked why was he standing in the middle of the crowd at the market? Sam said, "He was waiting for his mother, she was the most beautiful woman in the world." The officer waited with Sam

and before they knew it, a woman came down the street with bags of food and a long skirt and old shoes and a scarf around her head. She looked old and worn. The little boy yelled up "Mama, Mama over here" and he ran towards her. Sam looked up at the officer and thanked him and said, "I told you my mother was the most beautiful woman in the world."

OUR MOTHERS ARE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN IN THE WORLD THROUGH OUR EYES. This is a story I will never forget, as my human companion told me this story, just as her mother had told her as a little girl. And you know what? For better or worse or indifferent they are OUR MOTHERS.

To all my readers, I wish you "A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY". Don't let me forget to wish my girls at the Post-Gazette "Happy Mother's Day"
That's all for now!

WHAT IS A MOTHER WORTH?

*I humbly appraise my mother's worth,
It began with pain to give me birth,
Which triggered off a love so strong,
Blossoming into a life-long bond.
When needed, she was always there,
Someone I realized would always care,
And the older I got the more I knew,
A mother's love sincere and true.
Now as I watch my mother age in years,
I'm happy to help and ease her fears,
Privileged now to play my part,
As she did for me from the very start.*

TIME TO FOCUS ON MASS AUDUBON'S ANNUAL STATEWIDE PHOTO CONTEST

*Hundreds of Photographers Expected to "Picture This"
as they Connect with Nature*

Now in its sixth year, Mass Audubon's popular *Picture This: Your Great Outdoors* photography contest has become a "must" on the calendar of hundreds of shutterbugs from across the Commonwealth and beyond. The contest runs through September 30th.

Photographers of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are encouraged to enter the contest and connect with nature while portraying the unparalleled allure of the Bay State.

The competition encourages participants to reveal the Commonwealth's natural wonders, large and small: birds and other animals in their habitats, lush forests and fields, and people enjoying the outdoors.

Last year, more than 600 photographers submitted in excess of 2,000 images that celebrate the magnificence of Massachusetts.

The contest includes two age levels: 18 and Older or Under 18.

And, in an effort to offer participants an even wider choice in subject matter, the number of submission categories has grown to seven: People in Nature, Birds, Mammals, Other Animals, Plants and Fungi, Landscapes, and new this year, Travel.

This latest category encourages people who've par-

ticipated in Mass Audubon-led trips during the last five years to enter images taken on those natural history adventures.

Each entrant may submit up to five photos, which must be taken in Massachusetts, at Mass Audubon's Wildwood Camp in Rindge, NH, or on a Mass Audubon-led trip (domestic or international).

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East Boston Kiwanis Club to Honor Three Long-time Members

Judge Ferrino, Dennis Lombardo and John Nucci to be Feted Tuesday, May 19th at Spinelli's in East Boston



Judge Ferrino

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston will honor three long-time club members – Judge Joseph V. Ferrino, Sr., (Ret.) of Winthrop, Dennis Lombardo of Randolph and John Nucci of East Boston – for their years of dedication and service to the community of East Boston and to the children of the world.

The Kiwanis Club will present Legion of Honor awards to Judge Ferrino for his 50 years of service to Kiwanis and community,



Dennis Lombardo

Mr. Lombardo for his 40 years of service and Mr. Nucci for his 30 years of service.

The Legion of Honor ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 starting at 6:00 pm in Spinelli's Function Hall, 282 Bennington Street, Day Square, East Boston. Dinner ticket donations are \$25 per person, which includes one 50/50 raffle entry. Dinner tickets are open to the public, but are limited in number.

For more information on



John Nucci

tickets or to RSVP, please contact Kiwanis Club President Clark Moulaison by calling 617-699-7121 or email at carmellasmarket@verizon.net.

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston was founded in 1947, and like Kiwanis International, it is an organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. Find the club on Facebook at "Kiwanis Club of East Boston."



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(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

President Angelo Federico says Associazione Amici will focus on promoting the Italian culture. Associazione

Amici in Italian means *association of friends*. With that in mind, we plan to hold various activities, such as encourag-

ing Italian education, fund raisers, offering scholarships, providing assistance to our members and families regarding any immigration concerns or questions they may need guidance with, holding annual dinner dances, bocce tournaments, family gatherings, etc. We also hope to become a valued asset in the city of Medford, and surrounding communities.

This organization, with the strong support of our members, has already started an assistance program where Pasquale Louise, Director of Patronato INCA of Boston will be at our location on Mondays to assist with any immigration questions one might have. We will also be starting Italian classes in the upcoming months. Further registration details will be posted in the near future.

For events going on in Massachusetts this SPRING, call the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism
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Genealogical Society Celebrates its 170th Anniversary in Royal Style



NEHGS Staff members at the event included (l-r) Beth Emery, Kelly McCoulf, Vice President Ted MacMahon, Manda Shepherd and Steven Solomon.



Barbara and Francis de Marneffe with David Allen Lambert, NEHGS Chief Genealogist.



HRH Princess Michael of Kent, who spoke on her recent book *The Queen of Four Kingdoms*, is pictured together with event host, D. Brenton Simons, President and CEO of New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), who presented her with a Lifetime Achievement Award in History and Biography, and revealed her relationships to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The nation's founding genealogical institution, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), began its 170th year in Boston with a celebration featuring a member of the English Royal family, HRH Princess Michael of Kent. Princess

Michael, who lives at Kensington Palace with her husband, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, the first cousin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, visited the genealogical society to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award in history and biography and to speak on her recent book *The Queen of Four Kingdoms*.

NEHGS President and CEO D. Brenton Simons presented the award to Princess Michael for her outstanding achievement as a historian

and author and regaled her with news of some of her distant American kinships, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. "The Princess's kinship to Franklin Roosevelt is especially fitting," said Simons, "because FDR was a godfather to her husband, Prince Michael, who even has 'Franklin' as one of his middle names."

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The founding genealogical society in America, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) was established in 1845. Today it has a national collecting scope



Susan Sloan

and serves more than 90,000 constituents through their award-winning website at, AmericanAncestors.org.

NEHGS's resources, expertise, and service are unmatched in the field, and their leading staff of on-site and online genealogists includes experts in early American, Irish, English, Scottish, Italian, Atlantic and French Canadian,



British Consul General in Boston Susie Kitchens.

African American, Native American, Chinese, and Jewish research. The NEHGS library and archive, located at 99-101 Newbury Street in downtown Boston, is home to more than 28 million items, including artifacts, documents, records, journals, letters, books, manuscripts, and other items dating back hundreds of years.

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THE VOICES (Blu-ray)
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Jerry (Ryan Reynolds) is that chipper guy clocking the nine-to-five at a bathtub factory, with the offbeat charm of anyone who could use a few friends. With the help of his court-appointed psychiatrist, he pursues his office crush (Gemma Arterton). However, the relationship takes a sudden, murderous turn after she stands him up for a date. Guided by his evil talking cat and benevolent talking dog, Jerry must decide whether to keep striving for normalcy, or indulge in a much more sinister path.

SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED: THE SERIES (DVD)
Cinedigm

'Signed, Sealed, Delivered' is a wonderful combination of romance, comedy, and drama for the whole family. Included are ten one-hour episodes of the show, which initially aired on the Hallmark Channel. Following four postal workers, the Postables, who transform themselves into an elite team of Dead Letter detectives, who track down intended recipients of undeliverable mail. Their missions take them out of the office and into an unpredictable world where redirected letters and packages can saved lives, solve crimes, reunite old loves and change futures by arriving late, but somehow on time!

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WALKER, TEXAS RANGER (DVD)
CBS+Paramount

Chuck Norris is back in action with another installment of the exciting crime drama. In this two-part episode, Walker pursues a group of killers seeking the lost treasures of Hayes Cooper, a legendary Wild West Texas Ranger. In the midst of Walker's chase, the side effects of a rattlesnake bite leads to flashbacks of Cooper. To bring the killers to justice, Walker must bring himself out of the haze before it's too late.

MANHATTAN: SEASON ONE (3-Blu-ray)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Set against the backdrop of the mission to build the world's first atomic bomb, "Manhattan" follows the brilliant but flawed scientists and their families as they attempt to coexist in a world where secrets and lies infiltrate every aspect of their lives. WGN America's bold new drama has bonus materials that go behind-the-scenes of the set, fashion, history and 'making of Manhattan with featurettes, plus all 13 episodes.

I LOVE LUCY: I LOVE MOM EDITION (DVD)
CBS+Paramount

'I Love Lucy: I Love Mom Edition' contains four unforgettable episodes featuring the special moments of Lucy's journey as a Mom. Starring real-life couple Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, the collection begins with the emotional episode "Lucy is Enceinte," in which Lucy first learns she is pregnant. Followed by the hilarious "Lucy Goes to the Hospital," and the birth of little Ricky. In "No Children Allowed," the Ricardo's and best friends and neighbors, Fred and Ethel, deal with the stress of a screaming newborn. The event concludes with "Nursery School," as Lucy adjusts to sending little Ricky to school, and comforts him when he needs his tonsils removed. Make this Mother's Day a time of laughter and love, with Lucille Ball!

BLEACHING BLACK CULTURE (DVD)
Cinedigm

'Bleaching Black Culture' explores the African American influence on culture, with focus on music genres such as jazz, hip hop and R&B. White artists continually reach the top of the charts in these categories, with Robin Thicke, Justin Bieber and Adele achieving stardom in traditionally African American genres. The issue remains at the forefront of popular culture, with Iggy Azalea and Macklemore being criticized for cultural appropriation this past year. The documentary further states: "The imprint of cultural theft has a long legacy, and this power of influence in music, sports, fashion and art, translates into millions of dollars for our country."

WINGMAN INC. (DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

When Bobby's marriage proposal is turned down, he starts a business as a wingman for men down on their luck. He meets Kristy who's also had a breakup, so she's helping women fend off terrible men's unwanted passes at bars. Kristy and Bobby's sudden interest in each other, sets up a time bomb that will likely explode when they find out they are working on opposite sides of the dating scene.

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



L-R: Mary Ricci admiring that great birthday cake with her daughter Ann Albano.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL GROUP HOLDS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This past Sunday, April 26th, members of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Survivors Group in East Boston gathered for a surprise birthday party for Mary Ricci at the Embassy Suites at Logan Airport. She is truly a survivor celebrating her 104th birthday.

PATSY'S PASTRY SHOP NOW GONZO

Patsy's Pastry Shop on Broadway in East Somerville has been around delighting the sweet tooth of many since December 13, 1968. This place looked like you were back in the North End with all their goodies like cannoli's, banana cream pies, turnovers and all kinds of great stuff right out of the oven. They also have some great Italian bread. My parents always got their bread there. I can remember in the early '70s, walking up from George Street to buy bread and get one of those apple turnovers too.

This 47-year tradition comes to an end on May 4th, which also happens to be my birthday. Many will miss this great shop.

Thanks to the family who owned this place for many good memories.

NEW STATE MOTTO

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Office of Travel and Tourism is looking for a new state motto to greet folks visiting our state. The current one they say is too boring.

Many folks have been throwing out ideas. Some good, some not so good. One slogan I liked, "If you lived here, you'd be indicted by now." Another was, "We work so you don't have to." My own would simply read, "Massachusetts: We take a toll on you."

I THINK GATES IS THE BIGGER BOOB

While doing research on Ben Affleck's family roots, "Finding Your Roots," Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., discovered that Affleck actually had a great-great granddaddy who was a slave owner. Poor Ben didn't like that branch of his family tree and asked Gates to chop that part of the tree down before it aired on PBS.

After talking with Sony Entertainment CEO Michael Lynton, Gates apparently pruned the Affleck Family Tree history to exclude the slave-owning ancestor on the show. Affleck looks like an idiot for even asking for such a request of Gates, but Gates looks even worse. Research is research. You let

the facts fall where they fall. To change someone's history, you lose all credibility. Affleck can take artistic license with a movie plot, but Gates as a researcher can't seemingly do likewise.

Bottom line, who cares what Ben Affleck's ancestors did or didn't do anyway? What's past is past.

JOE AVATI COMING TO BOSTON

Joe Avati's *Back to Basics* world tour is coming to Boston with his stand-up routine growing up Italian in an English speaking country. He will be here on Saturday, June 6th at the Regent Theatre in Arlington.

For more information, go to www.RegentTheatre.com.

THE RETURN OF NEW ENGLAND'S LARGEST ALL-WOMEN BIKE RIDE & FESTIVAL

Mayor Marty Walsh recently announced that this all women bike ride celebration will take place in Boston on July 18th. Can you imagine if someone put together an all-male bike ride celebration, what the reaction of the moonbats would be?

HAITIAN DAY PARADE

This year's Haitian Day Parade will kick off in Mattapan Square on Sunday, May 17th. This community celebration has been around for a few years now and has already become a tradition.

A FAMILY RUN IN BOSTON

The Sunday before the Boston Marathon, I was over at the Embassy Suites at Logan Airport and noticed an unusual large crowd eating breakfast and mostly every-

one seemed to be favoring lots of bananas. I forgot about the next day's marathon and asked someone with four bananas on his plate what gives. He said he and most of the folks around him were running the next morning and were preparing with plenty of bananas and later pasta.

I wished the guy I was speaking with good luck. His name is Bob Steadman of South Dakota and he let me know that his two daughters, Cathy and Becca were running with him as Team Steadman.

Hopefully they had a great time here in Boston.

RINGO COMING TO BOSTON IN OCTOBER

Ringo Starr and his All Starr Band will be coming to Boston on Friday, October 23rd at the Citi Performance Arts Center. For more information, go to www.Citicenter.org.

ZONING BOARD DELAYS ACTION ON CONDOS IRKS SOUTHIE FOLKS

A few dozen South Boston residents left a public hearing shouting "Dirty Politics" after the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a delay for the architect of a \$735 million plan to convert the former Gate of Heaven School into condos.

The hearing was moved to June 23rd and Jennifer Thurston from Southie reacted by saying, "They know there's strong opposition and they're hoping if they defer it, we'll go away."

Neighbors of the closed school would rather see the Boston Archdiocese sell the property to another school.

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Wow! Here we are, the beginning of a new month. It was on this date, May 1st in 1931 the Empire State Building was opened by President Hoover; it had cost \$41 million to build. Big deal!

Ready for this? Most Unusual Oath: Since the Romans had no Bible on which to swear, it was the custom to place one's right hand on one's testicles when swearing to tell the truth. The English word "testimony" is derived from this practice.

This just in! Residents of Lucille Ball's hometown of Celeron, New York, are petitioning authorities to remove an unflattering statue of the iconic comedian because it is terrifying the populace. Critics have likened the life-size bronze — which shows a grimacing, wide-eyed Ball holding out a spoonful of medicine — to a zombie from the TV show "The Walking Dead." It doesn't look human," said one resident. "At nighttime it's even scarier." Sculptor Dave Poulin admits his work is "unsettling" and offered to fix Lucy's face, but Mayor Scott Schrecengost said he's asking for donations to hire a different artist to do the repairs.

For the record, Lucille Ball passed away in 1989, at 77, from a dissecting aortic aneurysm after heart surgery in Los Angeles. Her true name was Dianne Belmont. She was married to Desi Arnaz. She is at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Hollywood Hills, California As for Desi Arnaz, he was cremated.

Latest poll disclosed 47% of Americans believe that wedding-related businesses should be allowed to refuse services to same sex couples, including 68% of Republicans and 33% of Democrats. 49% think they're obligated to provide services for all.

After 288 consecutive weeks as the No. 1 evening news broadcast, NBC's Nightly News fell to second place in the ratings, lagging behind ABC's World News by 84,000 viewers. The rating loss comes two months after anchor Brian Williams was suspended for exaggerations in his reporting and replaced by Lester Holt.

Just two-thirds of people living below the federal poverty line-\$23,550 for a family of four in 2013 — get more than SIX hours of sleep per night. But nearly 75 percent of households earning \$94,200 or more report sleeping at least that long each night.

Mail call! Forty-one percent of Americans say they still look forward to checking the mail every day. Nearly one in three says they have "positive" or "very positive" reactions to receiving a bill or a letter from a business.

Huh? Worst kiss! In Pontoise, France, recently, a girl was attacked on the street by a masher who tried to kiss her. In self-defense she bit off his tongue.

The economy just hit a speed bump, said Paul Davidson in *USA Today*. Employers added only 126,000 jobs in March, breaking a year long string of monthly job gains above 200,000. Though wage growth rose "modestly," the length of the average work week fell, "possibly signaling reduced demand for labor and a slowing in job growth ahead." The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.5 percent. Experts blamed the disappointing data on "unseasonably cold weather" in many parts of the country, and on the strong dollar, which has hurt exporters and manufacturers.

Gee, in 1829, when Mrs. Lydia Child wrote *The Frugal Housewife*, hair care was a lot different from what it is now. New England rum was considered to be excellent for cleaning the hair and keeping it healthy: brandy was supposed to strengthen the roots.

The brainy Kyle Waters of Swampscott disclosed. the first Spanish vessels to reach the New World were commanded by the Italian Cristoforo Colombo. The first English vessels to reach the New World were commanded by the Italian Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot). The first French vessels to reach the New World were commanded by the Italian Giovanni da Verrazano. No Italian vessels explored the New World.

Weird! A blind Frenchman whose dog was accused of biting a drug dealer has admitted that he, not his seeing-eye pooch, bit the man. The unnamed visually impaired

man became incensed when he paid \$100 for a bag of marijuana, only to discover that the drug peddler had sold him a bag of lawn clippings. Realizing he was being scammed, he began throwing punches and wound up sinking his teeth into the dealer. "It was me who bit him, not my dog," he told the court, "Guide dogs are not attack dogs." The blind man was found guilty of assault and sentenced to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet for four months.

Wow! There have been thousands of fatal shootings by police since 2005, yet only 54 officers were ever charged with a crime, according to an analysis of official records. Of those charged just 11 were convicted or pled guilty.

Interesting to note, The top 20 percent of taxpayers — those earning \$134,300 or more — account for about 84 percent of all federal income tax revenue. When you include all federal taxes, including those on Social Security and Medicare, the top quintile's share drops to 67 percent. The top 20 percent earn about 51 percent of total U.S. income.

The share of Americans without health insurance fell to 11.9 percent in the first three months of 2015, down 5.2 percentage points since Obamacare went into effect.

The principal of a Massachusetts high school accused one of her teachers of racism for saying teachers and students there are "colorblind." English Teacher Janice Harvey had defended the urban school in a magazine column saying there were no racial tensions there. Principal Lisa Dyer responded by asserting that "color blindness suggests racism" because it denies students the right to "honor the beauty of their complexions."

Stoned? Country music legend Willie Nelson revealed plans to open a line of legal marijuana stores featuring his own artisanal brand of weed, to be called Willie's Reserve.

Hey girls, the famous world-renowned dress designer Oleg Cassini was born in Paris, April 11, 1913. He graduated from the Academia Belle Arti, Florence, Italy in 1934, worked as a free lance designer in Paris, and owned his own studio in Rome before coming to America in 1936. He struggled in New York City for a few years, then moved to Hollywood where he became a noted designer for Paramount Pictures and Twentieth Century Fox and married screen star Gene Tierney in 1941 (divorced 1952 — two daughters). Returning to New York, he established Oleg Cassini Incorporated. His national prominence gained extra publicity when he designed clothes for Jacqueline Kennedy. He has served as a costume designer for numerous Broadway shows. Giuseppina cosce storte claims Oleg Cassini created dresses for Pamela Donnaruma, Robyn Waters, Denise Dunbar, Karen Gordinas, Sheila Hamilton, Peggy Barile, Linda Peterson, Barbara D'Amico and Christina Quinlan. Truly fashionable individuals!

Show biz stuff from the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Quentin Crisp says, "I read that Mr. Frankie Avalon has eight or nine children. I do not dare criticize, because a man of his celebrity can at least afford to rear so many screaming little tykes. Usually it is those who can least afford them that have the most offspring. Of course, having a child is an admission that a man requires help in making a name for himself. Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci never had children, yet I suspect that their names may be remembered long after those of my nephews or Mr. Avalon's children or Mr. Avalon himself are forgotten. A Philadelphia product, he was born September 8, 1940. He came to national attention with his early hits. *De De Dinah* and *Teacher's Pet*. He married a former Miss Rheingold contestant, Kathryn Diebel, in 1963.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Parla Come Mangi!
(Speak as You Eat!)
by Alessandra Sambiasi

Benvenuti! This week's recipe would be a perfect pairing with last week's recipe *savoirdi*. The recipe for this glorious Italian *dolce al cucchiaino* (spoon dessert), is believed to have been created in the 16th century by Italian Renaissance Chef Bartolomeo Scappi. Its name is said to come from Saint Pasquale Bayon because in Piedmontese dialect, *San Pasqual Bayon* runs together into one word: "Sanbajun," which with a little imagination sounds like "zabagliun." This Saint's feast day is celebrated every year in Turin on May 7th and in 1722 this Saint was chosen to be the Patron Saint of the "Associazione Cuochi di Case e Famiglie" (Association of Home and Family Cooks).

Zabaione

12 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1 pinch of cinnamon

3/4 cup Marsala
Small glass of rum

Preparation: in a small pot, whisk the egg yolks and sugar until the mixture is almost white. Dissolve the cinnamon in the Marsala and add the rum. Gradually pour the Marsala into the pot with the custard whisking continuously. Place the pot over a bigger pot with some boiling water in it (in a Bain Marie) and carefully, whisk the custard over a low heat until smooth and frothy. Remove from the heat and pour into dessert bowls. Serve warm or cold. *Buon appetito!*

Zabaione

12 tuorli
100 g di zucchero
1 pizzico di cannella in polvere

400 ml di Marsala
Un bicchierino di rum

Preparazione: in una casseruolina, monta con una frusta i tuorli con lo zucchero fino a renderli quasi bianchi. Sciogli la cannella nel Marsala e aggiungi il Rum. Gradatamente e mescolando continuamente con la frusta, versa il Marsala nella casseruolina con la crema di tuorli e zucchero. Metti la casseruolina a cuocere a bagnomaria a fiamma bassa e continua a mescolare con la frusta. Lo zabaione sara' pronto quando avra' assunto un aspetto spumoso e vellutato. Rimuovi dal fuoco e versa in coppette da dessert. Servi tiepido o freddo. *Buon appetito!*

If you would like to cook with me go to www.speakasyoueat.com

• Mass Audubon's Photo Contest

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I couldn't believe it, I drove north on Meridian Street in East Boston the other day and looked at what used to be the Seville Theater. It was a hole in the ground and my chin dropped. This was the premier theater in Eastie when I was a kid and I worked there for 10 years from 1952 through 1962. As a kid, Mom occasionally would bring me to a matinee if I didn't have school or if it got over early. Being a neighborhood theater, they would have a double feature every day. The opener would be a B-level film and the feature, a first run that just left downtown Boston.

There were several other theaters in East Boston during the first half of the 20th Century: The Central, which was part of the company that owned the Seville, The Gem that offered dishes or silverware to the patrons during the week to stay alive and The Orient Heights, which I remember, but never entered. The only thing I remember about the Orient Heights Theater was seeing two teenagers hanging out in front, former singer, Bobby Vincent and the late Tony Conigliaro. I understand there were other theaters in the '20s and '30s, but they were gone by the time I was knowledgeable about East Boston's types of entertainment.

Dad once told me that he went to work for a steel company just after graduating East Boston High School in the late '20s. He had been a machine shop major and accepted a job with the company that put up the super structure for the Seville.

When it was completed, it would be part of a neighborhood concept of theaters owned by the New England Theater Corporation, NETOCO. These neighborhood theaters were on a theme basis. As an example, the Seville was named after Seville, Spain, the English equivalent of Sevilla, Espana. The interior motif was that of southern Spain during the reign of the Moors. The ceiling was medium blue with blinking lights that represented stars. A cloud machine gave the ceiling the look of a night in the tropics.

As I said, there were several other theaters in the sections of Boston with geographic motifs, the Egyptian in Brighton and the Oriental in Mattapan. The former resembled Egypt during the days of the Pharaohs and the later, the Oriental, a part of China during the forbidden years.

Babbononno preferred the Central, the other NETOCO theater in East Boston. It often showed Italian films, and as a child I often accompanied him. Mom and Nanna liked the Seville as it featured a first run film that

had just left the downtown theaters, and for half the in-town price, you got a co-feature, a news reel and maybe a cartoon or a *Three Stooges* short.

Around 1951, a couple of my neighborhood friends who were a few years older, became ushers at both the Central and Seville. At about the same time, the parent company NETOCO was sold to the American Theater Corporation, and at the age of 13, lying about my age, I accepted a job at the Seville. I told the management I was 16 and used my neighborhood friends as references. I looked older than I was and thought I had them fooled. When I brought my uniform home, Babbononno made me bring it to his friend, Billy the Tailor for correct sizing so it would look like a custom fit. At the theater, I was the kid, answering to the Manager Jim Ray, Assistant Manager Jim Wall, the Head Usher Al Yanelli, Stage Manager Dave Turner, and whoever else seemed over me. That meant everybody.

After my first year, Mr. Wall left as there was no need for an assistant manager. The head usher fired me at least once per month, but was stopped by Mr. Ray. After coming up with excuses for three years for not having my working papers, at sixteen, I finally obtained them and pleased Mr. Ray. Years later, I would find out that he knew my age all along, but let things slide. I would also find out years later that he considered me the son he never had, but that's a story for another day.

On a given evening, Dave Turner, the stage manager, told me and a candy girl that Mr. Ray wanted us in his office without delay. After Theresa Guelli and I entered, Mr. Ray shut the door, glared at us and told us that he had caught the ushers and candy girls stealing from the cash box and stealing candy and popcorn to sell on the side. She and I stared at each other in shock not knowing what to say. Mr. Ray also mentioned that we weren't part of the conspiracy, and at age 15 for Theresa and 16 for me were now head candy girl and head usher, respectively. All the others were fired. These were positions we would hold until we left the Seville several years later.

When I told Dad and Babbononno about my new promotion, it was pizza and beer at Santarpio's, with Babbononno slipping me his beer when no one was looking as I was a teenager. Everyone looked the other way.

Things went well for me. In the late '50s, the company policy indicated that afternoon matinees were a thing of the past, and Mr. Ray concentrated on the quality of service extended to the

public during the evenings, and I was part of it. On Sundays, I would open the theater. I attended the 11:30 Mass at Sacred Heart and after opened the gates that protected the outer lobby from the street around an hour later. I would head for the boiler room, turn on the heat or the air conditioning — depending on the season — and burn the trash from the night before.

After Mr. Ray gave me the position of head usher, I had to hire a new crew and did this to the best of my ability. A couple of the new ushers were quite determined, followed orders to the letter and were still present when I left in 1962.

In 1961, Mr. Ray was let go. I had put a petition together, had it signed by 1,000 East Bostonians and submitted it to the corporate office. They didn't care. The ATC was on its last legs and they made changes throughout their theater chain. Mr. Ray was replaced by Frank Fereirra, who had been the manager of the Central prior to its demise by fire five years earlier.

Mr. Ray would wind up at the Adams Theater in Dorchester. I would meet him at Ken's in Copley Square about once every other week for a late-night bite to eat. I made the decision to leave the Seville by 1962. I was teaching school in Boston, playing music at night, taking graduate courses in between and something had to go ... it was the Seville.

After ten years of growing up and learning the ropes, I had to move on. The ATC would go out of business in the '60s and the Seville would close, never to open again. Now, it's a hole in the ground.

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HENRY AUGUSTIN

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown 1B.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party.
SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Marie C. Augustin** aka **Marie C. Alfred**, 91 Light Guard Drive, Medford, MA 02155 your answer, if any, on or before **June 1, 2015**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 17, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Middlesex Division
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Docket No. MI15P1790EA

Estate of
JAMES L. WILKERSON
Date of Death October 12, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Velma Wilkerson of Linden, AL**.
Velma Wilkerson of Linden, AL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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Estate of
IRENE SACHANKO
Date of Death April 4, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **William Sachanko of Henderson, NV** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
William Sachanko of Henderson, NV has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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Estate of
ARMANDO NESBITT
Date of Death March 31, 2013

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jane Nesbitt of Lithonia, GA**.
Jane Nesbitt of Lithonia, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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Estate of
ALLEN MARTIN
Date of Death June 11, 2006

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cynthia Sturtevant of Watertown, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Theresa Hamm of Boston, MA, Robert Hamm of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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Docket No. MI15P1761EA

Estate of
SUE CAROL THAGGARD
Date of Death April 11, 2007

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Meshanda Thaggard of Fayetteville, NC**.
Meshanda Thaggard of Fayetteville, NC has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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Estate of
TOMMY HENDERSON NICHOLS
Date of Death August 22, 2006

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Patsy T. Nichols of Johnson City, TN**.
Patsy T. Nichols of Johnson City, TN has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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with Christian A. Guarino



PATRIOTS HONORED AT WHITE HOUSE



“It is what it is” Belichick gives the President’s deflated humor a thumbs down.

In what has become a post-championship tradition in the United States, President Barack Obama hosted the Super Bowl XLIX Champion New England Patriots at the White House on Thursday, April 23rd. A day that is intended to be a celebration of a sports accomplishment sometimes turns into a semi comedy roast. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican or undecided, all can agree that at least in terms of his comedic game, the President needs work.

“I usually tell a bunch of jokes at these events,” started President Obama, “but with the Patriots in town, I was worried that 11 out of 12 of them would fall flat.” The remark was meant as a playful jab at the under-inflated footballs scandal that distracted a nation during the lead up to last February’s Super Bowl. The joke was met with a smile and big thumbs-down signal by Head Coach Bill Belichick.

The President also mentioned that he asked Tight End Rob Gronkowski to keep his shirt on while on the White House grounds. Never at a loss for words, when asked if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages on the trip, Gronk fired back, “There was no drinking. Maybe the president was wasted from his deflate joke.”

Super Bowl MVP Quarterback Tom Brady was not with the team at the White House sparking rumors and mixed reactions as to why he failed to attend. Brady is not the first member of a Boston sports team to skip out on a Presidential visit. In 2005, Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein backed out on Republican President Bush and in 2011 Bruins Goalie Tim Thomas was a no show for President Obama. To politicize this type of event is foolish no matter which political column you fall under. The party of the man honoring you is not important, his or her title is.

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Estate of
ANNE TRAINOR KENT
Date of Death January 25, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Charles R. Kent of Concord, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Charles R. Kent of Concord, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
OMAR JABBAR JEFFERSON
Date of Death January 5, 2013

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carrie Jefferson of Chicago, IL**.

Carrie Jefferson of Chicago, IL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P1796EA

Estate of
MILDRED L. WOOD
Date of Death December 25, 2009

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ervin W. Wood of Upper Darby, PA**.

Ervin W. Wood of Upper Darby, PA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P2001EA

Estate of
WINIFRED LUCILLE ONORATO
Also Known As
W. LUCILLE ONORATO
Date of Death March 17, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael F. Onorato of Acton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michael F. Onorato of Acton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P1825EA

Estate of
MARK PARIS WARD
Date of Death March 3, 2011

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sheila A. Ward of Dayton, OH**.

Sheila A. Ward of Dayton, OH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P1905EA

Estate of
LINDA L. TORTORA
Date of Death March 28, 2009

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joseph Tortora of Franklin Square, NY**.

Joseph Tortora of Franklin Square, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P1824EA

Estate of
MIKE MONTEROSSO
Date of Death June 20, 2010

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Susan M. Purdy-Monterosso of Wyandotte, MI**.

Susan M. Purdy-Monterosso of Wyandotte, MI has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P1753EA

Estate of
DONNA E. LeCURE
Date of Death January 30, 2014

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Timothy G. LeCure, Jr., of Okolona, MS**.

Timothy G. LeCure, Jr., of Okolona, MS has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
PINCU CORBER
Date of Death May 2, 2011

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Margalit Corber of Encino, CA**.

Margalit Corber of Encino, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
JOHN F. OBERHAUSEN
Date of Death April 1, 2010

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John F. Oberhausen, Jr., of Macon, GA**.

John F. Oberhausen, Jr., of Macon, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P1690EA

Estate of
MARIA E. VARGAS
Also Known As
MARIA ESTER VARGAS
Date of Death January 17, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Nelson A. Vargas of Newcastle, WA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Nelson A. Vargas of Newcastle, WA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Docket No. MI15C0144CA

In the Matter of
SADIQ NKOSINATHI BAGANA
A Minor By Mother
BLESSING DUBE
of BELMONT, MA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Sadiq N. Bagana** requesting that **Sadiq Nkosinathi Bagana** A Minor By Mother **Blessing Dube** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: **Nkosinathi Sadiq Dube**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Cambridge** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 8, 2015**.
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court
 Date: April 15, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
 Run Date: 5/1/15

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Docket No. MI14D4632DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
JIMMY G. ALICEA
 vs.
OMAYRA L. ALVARADO

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Jimmy G. Alicea, 12 Waverly Street, Apt. B, Framingham, MA 01702** your answer, if any, on or before **June 2, 2015**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
 Date: April 21, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI15P1975EA

Estate of
ELEANOR L. WAMBOLDT
Also Known As
ELLEN L. WAMBOLDT
Date of Death January 15, 2014

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **Kathleen L. Miller of Marlborough, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that **Kathleen L. Miller of Marlborough, NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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 May 15, 2015.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
 Date: April 17, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
 Run date: 5/1/15



by Sal Giaratani



Last Saturday, April 25th, the North End Athletic Association kicked-off Opening Day for the NEAA Baseball season in memory of Ralph Martignetti, Sr., at the field on Commercial Street. I caught up with good friend Lisa Rebino and her daughter Francesca, who was named the 2014 NEAA Pitcher of the Year during batting practice.

Wakefield Helping Frankie Viola III

Tim Wakefield is helping young Frank Viola III, a perhaps knuckleballer of the future. He is the 30-year-old son of Frank Viola, who won the Cy Young in 1988. Later in his career, he ended up in Boston for a brief period. He is now the Mets' Triple A pitching coach. Viola III has had Tommy John surgery in

2006. He was drafted by the White Sox in the 2004 draft. After returning, he ended up needing knee surgery and got released by the White Sox.

Says Wakefield, "I think he's got a chance. He's got to go somewhere to pitch." Wakefield thinks he need a pitch, it might be the knuckleball. He is headed for the independent leagues and to a team run by Butch Hobson in Lancaster, PA.

We should remember Frankie Viola III and see if he gets some good news and a return to the biggies.

Meanwhile, Happy Birthdays to ...

Rick Miller (67), Frank Viola (55) and Spike Owens (54).

First Pitch at Fenway

Boston City Hall has always played an important

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Estate of

JEANNETTE L. ALFE

Also Known As

JEANNETTE ALFE

Date of Death March 27, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Francis Alfe of Medford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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role at Red Sox home openers since the days of Mayor John "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald, who threw out the first pitch ever at Fenway Park on April 20, 1912.

"Welcome to the Harry"



I was up Lynn, Massachusetts recently at the 60th Annual Harry Agganis Tournament 2015. This annual event has been going on since 1956, celebrating Agganis' ideals of leadership, scholarship and sportsmanship. This National Hellenic Invitational Basketball Tournament has been sponsored by St. George Orthodox Church in Downtown Lynn. It was held between April 16th through April 19th.

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Estate of
ROSA DELL'ANNO
Date of Death January 22, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carmina Dell'Anno of Stoneham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Carmina Dell'Anno of Stoneham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Is Wladimir Klitschko an All Time Great? Galento



Klitschko pawing with his jab.

A Heavyweight Championship fight taking place in Madison Square Garden has always been an exciting event.

Unfortunately, it is a very rare occurrence these days, so I have to admit I was a bit excited to have the chance to watch last Saturday night's matchup between World Champion Wladimir Klitschko and Bryant Jennings.

There was a lot of talk before the fight of how Klitschko ranks among the all time great champions. He was even compared to Joe Louis. With a record of 64 wins, 53 coming via knock out, against just 3 losses, and not having lost a fight in 11 years, the numbers look very impressive. He was going in against an undefeated fighter with a lot less experience, 19 wins, 10 by knock out, and no losses, but who was being touted as a worthy challenger. Jennings certainly appeared confident, so I was looking forward to what I hoped would be an interesting fight, and it was. I will not go into detail about the bout, but instead take what I saw in his performance, along with what I have seen in the past, to see how Wladimir stacks up in the all time great ratings.

To begin with, Klitschko has many of the qualities of a great champion. He is a class act from start to finish. When asked about the referee's behavior during the bout, where it seemed the third man was badgering the Champion, Wlad was gracious, he didn't complain and just said the ref had a job to do and did it as best he could. There is also never any trash talk from Dr. Steelhammer. He comports himself well, he is always in good shape, and he put his life on the line by returning to the Ukraine during the Russian invasion to show support for his countrymen. He and his brother have also been appointed "Ambassadors for Integration," a role they have embraced as they work to emphasize the commonalities of the peoples of the world. The Champion, who has a PhD in Sports Sciences, is a tremendous role model for young and old alike, something that boxing has had too little of in recent years. The only flaw when considering putting him on an all time great list is the fact that he really has very little boxing talent.

I hate to say that, and I know I will be criticized for it, but the fact is Wladimir Klitschko uses a very basic European amateur style. In the Jennings fight, against a guy who was shorter than he is, Wlad never threw an uppercut. He gets flustered when hit and he rarely throws a combination, but when he does, it is not more than two punches. He is very heavy on his feet and lacks rhythm. He may be athletic, but he does not move well in the ring. He has done well because his opposition has been so poor. His size and strength have gotten him through most of his fights, and in the Jennings fight, against a guy who, frankly, looked like an amateur, he had a very difficult time dealing with movement. He even admitted after the fight when asked why he had not

thrown many right hands, he didn't feel he could hit such an elusive target. That does not speak well for someone with so many fights under his belt.

As I thought to how he would stack up to previous champions, I decided to begin from the reign of Larry Holmes and go backwards. I honestly cannot think of one former champ who would not have defeated Klitscho. In the past I have given my opinion on how Wlad would have done against another very physically big champion, Primo Carnera (I picked Carnera to beat him.), so I thought now I would think a bit about some of the contenders of the past and how he would have done matched up against them.

Off of the Jennings fight I got a pretty good indication of how he would do against a fighter in a crouch, though Jennings certainly was no Jack Dempsey. Wlad was wide open for an overhand right as well as a left hook to the body, providing his challenger would pivot a bit to the right first. He is basically open to a sucker right. I immediately thought of Tony Galento, a fighter who is often joked about, but one who actually was a very good fighter. Galento knew how to slip a jab and deliver a solid left to the body followed by an overhand right that he would have landed flush on Wlad's jaw. The Champion would never have seen the punch coming, which would have really shaken him up. Galento would have moved just enough to his right to be in Klitschko's blind spot. Two Ton Tony would have ended this fight in one or two rounds as he would have spotted the flaws in the Champion's defense as soon as the bell rang.

It is sad, but true that Wladimir Klitschko is a below average fighter when it comes to past eras. His jab is tentative and his right, while powerful, is not effective against a fighter with some skill and movement. His size, which is what he gets by on today, would not have helped him in the past. Could he have been better if he had better schooling? I really don't think he would have improved a lot as he is too muscle bound and tight.

I ran this idea about past contenders challenging Wlad by historian Mike Silver, and he told me he thought even Charley Burley, the all time great middleweight, would have taken him. I have to agree.



Galento crouch vs. Joe Louis

A Note about Last Week's Column ...

Last week there was an error in the column printed in this space. I had been doing research on a piece I was writing about the 1967 Folley Ali bout, and while doing this I copied and pasted an article by Mark Kram from *Sports Illustrated* to Microsoft Word so I

could refer to it while writing. I inadvertently sent that file instead of the file containing my story to the paper, and that is how it ended up appearing here. I apologize for the mistake. My story on Ali Folley will run next week.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



When it was over, all over, you knew that this had been much more than a four-game series for the Boston Celtics.

Those four games with the Cleveland Cavaliers had been a boot camp, a training experience and an introduction to the NBA postseason that will serve those young men in Green and White well in the years to come.

Keep in mind that the playoffs are unlike any other experience in basketball. In high school and college you might play an opponent twice during the regular season, but often with weeks between games. Then in the playoffs the winner of one game advances while the loser goes home.

Not in the NBA. Whether you win or lose the first game you live to play another day — and another and another and another — and even more if a series is stretched to its full length of seven games.

Really, there's no other test like it in basketball. You play your opponent both home and away in short order. The player who did just grand in game one might just be the goat in game two. Adjustments are made as the series progresses. Just ask Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas who virtually couldn't buy a basket in the last two games of the series. In game four he came out and missed his first ten shots. "The Cavs made it tough on me and all my teammates," he said.

Yes, that's what can happen in the playoffs as teams make changes to focus on certain players. But you know what? You learn from something like that. You learn to live another day as you make adjustments — even if another day isn't until the playoffs next year.

"You're learning every minute of every day," said Head Coach Brad Stevens in his final press conference of the season shortly after the conclusion of Game Four. "I've always said I've learned from every coach I've coached against. I thought the Cavs did a lot of great things. I thought their individual talents stretched our defense. And I thought our guys responded well a lot of times, but not quite well enough. We had three eight point losses in a row. You're always trying to grow and get better."

And much like a scientist who has just conducted a field study, there's loads of data and information to study.

"We have a lot of information and that's good," explained the coach who just concluded his second season on Causeway Street. "That's a really a good thing. We know where we can get better. We know individually where we need to improve. We know collectively where we need to improve. And the

best thing that I take from the whole year is that there's growth, there's building and there's progress. Now we have to build on it. That's the challenge. The hard part now is continuing it and building on it. But we've got a good environment. That's a real positive moving forward."

For a coach whose team just absorbed four defeats, Stevens refused to dwell on the negatives and continued the theme of taking positives from the sweep his team endured.

"I think the biggest thing for us is that we got some experience (in the playoffs). But we didn't get it against a run-of-the-mill team. We got it against a team that a lot of people think will come out of the East. I think playing against some of the best players in the world — that stretches you and that's a good thing. That's why I'm glad we played the Cavs. You're going to be chasing that level of player, trying to figure out how to stop them or how to make it more difficult for them. We've shown that we've been in games, even though we haven't controlled everything we can control. I've learned a lot and I'm excited about where we stand, but I know we have a lot of work to do."

And that was a point that Stevens really stressed. That he wasn't satisfied. "We haven't played a perfect game yet. We were 40-42 (in the regular season) and lost 4 straight in the playoffs," as he emphasized that there was room for improvement all around. "I think we can get a lot better. None of us signed up to play for the Boston Celtics for a quick exit. That is something to keep in mind moving forward. The (Garden) crowd was as good as it gets and the longer that you play — I can't imagine what that would be like."

The coach even drew upon a business image as an illustration. "I've heard this term thrown around in basketball circles some and certainly in other industries as well: it was a great opportunity to build upon and extend our corporate knowledge. Being able to reflect back on times when we guarded a certain action because we were forced to do so — and being able to do that on the fly maybe next time. Being able to reflect better on how somebody is guarding us because we can think back on it."

By making the playoffs, the Celtics won't be participating in the draft lottery later this month. That's reserved for teams that didn't make it to the postseason. The next big day on the calendar will come at the end of June when the annual NBA Draft will be held. The Celtics have two picks available. But Danny Ainge is known as a dealer. There could be quite a bit of action off the court come summer.