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NEWNC's Election Saturday, May 14

North End Waterfront Neighborhood Waterfront Council's (NEWNC) annual election is on Saturday, May 14, 2016, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 N. Bennet Street, North End, Boston. All North End / Waterfront residents (Ward 3, Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4), age 18 and older, are eligible to vote in this year's election. Bring proof of residence.

Candidates night remarks can be viewed on video at northend-waterfront.com

Ballot order:

1. John Pregmon* - North St.
2. Brett Roman - Cleveland Pl.
3. Zach Zimmerman** - Hanover St.
4. Danielle D'Ambrosio - Hanover St.
5. Anne Roach** - Charter St.
6. Gennaro Riccio* - Hanover St.
7. Marie Simboli* - Prince St.
8. Michael Bonetti - Hull St.

Notes:

*Incumbent

**Not present for candidates night

The six candidates with the most votes will be elected for a 2-year term and join the other current six members that have one year left remaining in their term. The other six standing members on the 12-person council are Philip Frattaroli, Carmine Guarino, Sean Hennessey, Jorge Mendoza and Ralph Verrocchi.



Trump, Sanders, O'Connor, and Boncore Take Big Tuesday Wins

by Sal Giaratani



Donald Trump

This past Tuesday, May 10th, was another big election day for voters in Nebraska, West Virginia, and Massachusetts.

Hillary Clinton won Nebraska as expected, but Bernie Sanders upset Hillary in West Virginia where he beat her big, 51 percent to 36 percent. With his West Virginia win, Sanders has now won 19 states to Clinton's 23. Sanders vows to fight on and has been campaigning in California recently for that state's June 7th primary. However, Clinton inches closer to the 2,383 delegates needed to secure the nomination. Trump received a great vote in West Virginia, where he now keeps piling up votes to officially win the GOP nomination.

Meanwhile, closer to home, Republican Patrick O'Connor defeated Democrat Joan Meschino in a special state Senate election in the Plymouth and Norfolk District for the seat representing a number of South Shore communities. O'Connor, the Weymouth Town Council president, received 9,059 votes and Meschino, a former Hull selectwoman, received 8,092 votes. O'Connor will replace Republican Bob Hedlund, who resigned after being elected mayor of Weymouth in 2015.

Democrat Joseph Boncore claimed victory in an unopposed Senate election in the First Suffolk and Middlesex



Bernie Sanders

District, the seat formerly held by Democrat Anthony Petrucelli who left the senate to join a lobbying firm.



Joseph Boncore



Patrick O'Connor

News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

Most Common Name of Supporters

The *Washington Post*, not a crazy conservative newspaper, recently researched the most common names of those contributing money to Hillary's campaign and came up with their top three first names. This isn't a joke. This is real. The top three names are, drum roll please, Mohammad, Liz, and Juan.

I kid you not. I wonder how many Mohammads and Juans are legal voters. OUCH!

Captain Mexico to the Rescue

Recently out in California, anti-Trump demonstrators were acting like a bunch of brown shirts and thugs. They were blocking folks from going into a Trump rally. Pushing folks around. Assaulting folks. Turning over police cars. The liberal media referred to them as "rowdy protestors." Rowdy? Sounds more like violent to me. But what do I know? I was just a cop for almost 18 years.

Best photo during one of these "rowdy" protests was the sight of so many Mexican flags being waved and one character dressed up in red, white and green calling himself "Captain Mexico." Don't know about you, but the sight of a crazed Captain Mexico probably just added more folks in the Trump column.

I'm waiting for "Captain America" at the next Trump rally.

America Needs to do Better

When 45 million folks are on food stamps, when 94 million have dropped out of the workforce, and when 20 percent of American families have no household members working at all, this is not what America should be.

Mitt Romney was more right than wrong four years ago when he talked about the 47 percent of Americans

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THOSE SABINE GALS



The Intervention of the Sabine Women, by Jacques-Louis David, 1799.

753 is the date given as the beginning of Rome. Of course, there are few people who are unfamiliar with the story of Romulus and Remus. In their adult years, these twins had a great desire to found a city in the area where they were reared. Romulus took the Palatine and Remus took the Aventine. Each built walls around his domain. The most common story to come down to us from antiquity is that Remus leaped over the Palatine wall in mockery of his brother, whereupon Romulus, in great anger, slew him. At that time Romulus is supposed to have said, “So perish whoever else shall leap over my wall.” Romulus acquired sole power and founded the city which bears his name.

After attending to the worship of the gods, Romulus called all of his people together and gave them the rules of law, since there was nothing else but law that could unite them. The city was expanding because they built their walls and defenses to suit the terrain rather than the population. They were strong and could wage war on any of

their neighboring states, but the scarcity of women was their greatest problem because it posed the threat of being wiped out in a single generation and bring an end to the greatness of this young nation. Romulus sent envoys to the neighbors to make friendly advances and to provide for intermarriages, but they were rejected and returned without success.

Romulus concealed his resentment and started preparations for their national festival and games honoring Neptune, the mythical god of the sea.

The neighbors were invited, and many who lived nearby came to see the festival and this new city. The visitors included people from Caenina, Crustumium, Antemnae, and the Sabine country. Homes and hearts were opened to the visitors and they marveled at the rapid growth of the Roman nation. The start of the games occupied the attention of the guests and they didn't notice the assembling Romans in the background. At a given signal, the young males darted through the spectators to seize and carry off the maidens. Some

of exceptional beauty were marked out in advance for the Senators, and these were taken to pre-designated houses. The games broke up in panic and the parents of the girls fled in great sorrow. They charged the Romans with violating the very essence of hospitality. The stolen maidens were no less indignant, and Romulus visited them to explain that it was the pride of the parents in refusing intermarriages that caused this deed. During the ensuing wars, the aggrieved nations were quickly defeated by the Romans and it was the body of the dead king of Caenina that was mounted on a frame, carried up to the Capitol Hill and deposited beside a sacred oak. Romulus then marked out the limits of a temple to Jupiter. After suitable offerings, this became the first temple that was consecrated in Rome.

History makes no further mention of these Sabine girls, but alludes to a generation of very happy Romans. What else can be said except “Figlio maschile e cento anni.”

NEXT ISSUE:
The Sabines Three

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Romney for President?

“He came pretty close to being elected president, so I thought he may consider doing it, especially since he has been very forthright in explaining why Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton should not be president of the United States,” said William Kristol in a phone interview with the *Washington Post* last Friday. In that interview he reportedly confirmed that he and Romney had a meeting in Washington to discuss Romney’s potential run as an Independent.

Has the Republican establishment gone stark raving mad? Is Romney seriously considering this? I thought Mormons didn’t do drugs, but Kristol must have given Mitt something stronger than a caffeine-free diet Pepsi if he got him to buy into this scheme.

Let’s, as they say, break down the numbers.

1. Can Romney or any other Independent win? No. No Independent candidate has won a single state since 1968, when George Wallace won five states of the old Confederacy. He won’t even be on the ballot in Texas (38 electoral votes) because the deadline to file was May 9th. Can he get nearly 90,000 signatures by June 9th to get on the ballot in North Carolina (15 electoral votes)? Unlikely. Say he gets on the ballot in California (55 electoral votes), where he has until early August to get the necessary 180,000 nomination signatures, then what? In 2012, Romney got 37 percent of the vote in the Golden State as a major party nominee. With current polls showing Clinton winning by comfortable margins over Trump, and that even without Romney pulling votes away from Trump, it doesn’t take much analysis to see that Romney cannot win California. He has more time to get on the ballot in New York, and needs only 15,000 signatures. However, he must get at least 100 from each of the state’s congressional 27 districts. Even when he ran as a major party candidate, Romney was weak on the sort of on-the-ground, precinct-by-precinct organization needed to pull that off. But say he does get on the ballot and competes for the Empire State’s 29 electoral votes. Does he really believe that he can do better than New Yorker, Trump, and former New York Senator, Clinton? So, there are four states that account for a quarter of the electoral vote off the table. Romney would need to get two-thirds of all the remaining votes to win. In other words, the only way this late entry, non-major party candidate can win at all is if he wins in a landslide. The Las Vegas bookmakers have a name for betting on that happening, a sucker bet.

2. Can Romney win enough votes to deny both of the other candidates the 270 necessary to win, thus throwing the election to the House of Representatives where each State delegation would have one vote? That seems unlikely. If Wallace, with a more coherent, but repugnant, basis for a third-party run (Wallace was a segregationist who won some of the States of the old Confederacy during a time that the battle for civil rights for African-American was one of the topics at the center of political discourse) couldn’t do it, what makes Romney think he can? Can he win Massachusetts where he was Governor? Well, he couldn’t when running head-to-head with a Democrat, now he’d need to do it while splitting the Republican vote. Ditto for his native State of Michigan and adopted State of New Hampshire — he lost both in 2012. Perhaps he pulls off a win in Mormon Utah and gets 6 electoral votes. Will that be enough to deny the others 270? Who knows? Could that make a difference in a close election? Well, in 2004, Bush could have lost those 6 votes and still had 10 more than needed. In 2000, had Bush lost the then 5 votes from Utah and everything else stayed the same, the election would have gone to the House of Representatives. In the 1960 election, the closest ever in popular vote, Kennedy would still have won, even with 33 fewer electoral votes. In the unlikely event that Romney got enough votes to send it to the House of Representatives, it looks good for him. Remember, each State gets one vote. In 33 States, the delegation is majority Republican. Democrats are the majority in 14 delegations, while three are split evenly. Even though Trump is the Republican nominee, the Republican establishment does not like him and would likely vote for Romney. That would give us a President who most likely would have come in third place in both the popular and the electoral vote. Watch for a massive movement to change our voting system after that!

3. The most likely scenario. Romney takes just enough votes away from Trump that Clinton wins. The Republican establishment has no problem with Clinton as she represents the Democratic establishment and the Republican and Democratic establishment have much more affinity for each other than they do with their own voters.

Happy 105th Birthday

MARY RICCI

by Sal Giaratani



On Sunday, May 8th, the Friends of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel met at the Embassy Suites Hotel to celebrate Mother’s Day and the 105th birthday of Mary Ricci.

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Saint Remigius

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Remigius, the great apostle of the Franks, is one of the patron saints of France. He was famous for his learning, sanctity and miracles. Traditionally, it is believed that he was born at Cerny-en-Laonnois, near Laon, Picardy, into the highest levels of Gallo-Roman society. He is said to have been the son of Emilius, count of Laon, and Celina, daughter of the Bishop of Soissons, which Clovis had conquered in 486. He studied literature at Reims and soon became so noted for learning and sanctity that he was elected

Archbishop of Reims at the age of twenty-two. Remigius, as bishop, had as his chief aim the propagation of Christianity in the realm of the Franks.

Remigius is known to have corresponded with Clovis, but the king, although married to a Christian, Clotilda of Burgundy (later St. Clotilda), remained indifferent to religion until two incidents changed his mind. First, the couple's infant son was cured of an illness, and then, in 496, Clovis's army, near defeat in a campaign against the invading Alemanni, won a sudden and decisive victory. Convinced that these events were evidence of the power of Christ, Clovis sought to be converted. Along with his leading warrior chiefs, he was baptized by Remigius at Reims on December 25, 496.

Clovis granted Remigius stretches of territory in which Remigius established and endowed many churches. He erected, with papal consent, bishoprics at Tournai, Cambrai, and Terouanne, where he ordained the first bishop in 499. The authors of *Gallia Christiana* record numerous and generous donations made to St. Remigius by members of the Frankish nobility, which he presented to the cathedral at Reims. In 517, he held a synod at which, after a heated discussion, he converted a heretic bishop who held Arian views. Remigius is said to have baptized more than 3,000 of the king's soldiers at the time of Clovis' conversion. He was also credited with many miracles.

It is believed that Remigius passed away on January 13, 533. St. Remigius' relics were kept in the Cathedral of Reims until they were transferred to Épernay during the Viking invasions and, in 1099, to the Abbey of Saint-Rémy. His feast is celebrated on October 1st.

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Boston Architectural College Hosts Record-Breaking

Spring Into Design Gala

Exceeds Expectations and Raises \$350,000



Barry Sloane, CEO/President of Century Bank; Stuart Pratt, Real Estate Manager at Hunneman Management & Development Company; BAC President Glen LeRoy; and Dana Rowan, BAC Board Chair and Principal and Managing Partner at The Exeter Companies.

furniture auction items, the team of students worked together to design several mini-showrooms for people to walk through and experience the furniture.

In addition to the furniture auction, guests could bid on packages featured in the traditional auction, which ended up raising over \$13,000. The auction items were diverse and included a team-signed Boston Celtics basketball, fancy restaurant dinners with wine pairings, spa experiences, and beautiful paintings. An especially popular auction item was 24 hours with a Tesla Model S, the safest, most cutting-edge car in the world. The Tesla was



Caitlin Tamposi and Ben Cole.



Christina Oliver '90, BAC Alumni Board, and Gail Ravgiala, Gala Honorary Committee, Editor at *Design New England*, the Gala's media partner.

The Boston Architectural College welcomed over 400 guests to its largest fundraiser ever, the second annual Spring Into Design Gala, on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Seaport District's Innovation and Design Building. The event, which was completely sold out in March, exceeded all expectations and raised a record-breaking \$350,000 for the College. In only its second year, the Spring Into Design Gala doubled its attendance while significantly boosting sponsorships to a grand total of 73 sponsors, 15 event partners, 53 auction partners, and 21 food and beverage partners.

Focusing on sustainability and featuring food and beverage tasting tables around the venue, the event is unlike traditional galas, minimizing

the waste without sacrificing glam. All of the food and beverage sponsors were local and sustainable-minded, and offered guests the opportunity to try a variety of flavors and learn about local businesses. There was something for everyone — some of the fan favorites included Island Creek Oysters, Pavement Coffeehouse, Genji Sushi, Taza Chocolate, Tavern Road, and Harpoon.

As the event grew in scale this year, increased student involvement was central to its planning and execution. The furniture auction, which boasted a Knoll Sparrow Lamp, Eames Soft Pad Chair and Ottoman, Lumicor café table, and Bernhardt Manhasset Lounge Chair, was designed entirely by BAC Interior Architecture students. Using the

stationed on site and while many guests took advantage of bidding on the package, others simply enjoyed sitting in the car and had fun picturing themselves as the proud owner.

All of the guests, including architects, interior designers, landscape architects, developers, engineers, and BAC students and alumni, made the College's largest ever fundraiser an event to remember. Thank you to all of the Spring Into Design Gala sponsors who made the night delicious, and thank you to everyone who participated in this monumental event. All of the funds raised directly support the Boston Architectural College's deserving students and faculty through financial aid, campus improvements, and upgrades in technology.



Interior Designer Steven Favreau of Favreau Design, and Designer Dane Austin of Dane Austin Design.



Howard Elkus, BAC Board of Directors, Gala Committee Co-Chair, and Principal of Elkus Manfredi Architects; and Marc Pelletier, BAC Board of Directors.

(Photos by Roger Farrington)

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Fining Trust and Beauty in Nature

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Around this time of the year, when delicate spring gently gives way to the heat of summer, I feel the pull of nature calling me. The trees have erupted in full bloom, and whenever I look up through their branches, I see a bright mosaic of lacy green leaves silhouetted against the sunlight. Since the days are now longer, evening falls softly with a dusty glow, reminding me of dinners eaten outdoors watching the sunset. Yes, this is the time of the year when I want to spend as much time out in nature as possible. My husband and I often take walks in a state park near my town, reveling in the shady trees, the burbling waters of the streams, and the miniscule flowers dotting the meadows. Even just walking to my mailbox on a warm and sunny day, watching the birds dart in and out of the bushes, is enough to lift my mood. This desire to return to nature has roots in a deep and universal longing, so much so that many May holidays around the world

encourage celebrations in the outdoors. When I was in Italy with my family years ago, some of my most vivid memories recall places of natural beauty, along with the lovely human interactions they enabled. Our first stop was Milan, and we stayed at a small inn nestled on an old side road. I remember stepping into the hotel's courtyard, which blossomed with wild trees and colorful bunches of flowers. A worn statue of a Roman goddess peeked out from the foliage, making me feel as if I had stepped through a looking-glass into days long past. A friendly group of Japanese girls staying at the hotel offered us some oranges they had recently bought, and the experience felt transcendent, a crossroads of culture, nature and history. In Rome, my family wandered into a secluded area of some ancient ruins, where, far removed from the bustle of the busy city, we heard only the sound of the breeze flutter-

ing through trees and chirping birds. Until we started talking to two jovial college-aged brothers from Colorado, I could not shake the sensation that the breeze and the birds were really spirits of antiquity announcing their presence. The latter half of my trip to Italy was spent in my father's hometown of Sulmona in Abruzzi, a bucolic hamlet of rolling hills, braying sheep, and expansive meadows. It felt more like the real Italy than other places that cater exclusively to tourists.

The holiday of Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 15th, and Italians will spend this important Christian feast day incorporating rituals from the outdoors. Pentecost is part of the Easter festivities, occurring on the seventh Sunday after Easter, and it celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus. Some Italians refer to this feast as *Pasqua Rossa*, meaning Red Easter, due to the red vestments clergy wear in honor of the Holy Spirit. Many Italian churches scatter rose petals from the ceiling on this holiday, bringing the ubiquitous flowers of May into the celebration, as a way to commemorate the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples. In England, Pentecost Sunday is known as Whitsunday, and there the festivities heavily take on an outdoor quality. People celebrate with Whitsun Ales at town fairs filled with feasts, folk dancing, parades, and charitable collections to benefit the village church and poor families. The Easter season is one filled with multiple references to the rebirth and renewal of the Earth and vegetation, which in religious ceremonies also refers to the renewal of faith and hope. In Italy and other European countries, the Easter festivities do not end on Easter Sunday, but rather move on to encompass other feasts like Ascension Day and Pentecost, reminding us that the beauty of nature and the revitalization of the season continue as spring turns to summer.

May remains one of the most significant months for appreciating nature and all it has to offer. When I was an undergraduate student, I took a wonderful course on Buddhism. One spring day, the professor took us out to the woods to meditate. He explained that by becoming at peace with the outdoor surroundings, we do not separate ourselves from the world but rather reach down into our deeper consciousness and find ways to better our interaction with the world. I also learned this lesson while I was in Italy, and from investigating European holiday customs like those of Pentecost. By taking the time to appreciate the natural world around us, we are forced to look within, and honor our own mind and soul. Perhaps that is the message of the breeze fluttering through the trees after all.

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



April was a Headache for Me

I had a terrible sinus headache for over three weeks starting around April 5th and it wasn't completely gone until early last week. I've had sinus trouble before, but not for a long time. I was told that April was the worst pollen season in a long time and many people were having these horrible headaches. Hopefully, the pollen count won't get that high for a long time to come.

I finally called my doctor and he prescribed something that eventually worked for me. I also tried something my mom always used for her chronic migraine headaches, which was a head band, or what my mother called a "bandana." It worked for her, and I think it helped me, too.

Some of my friends were joking that I looked like Olivia Newton-John, but I was thinking more along the lines of a Johnny Depp pirate, or maybe Willie Nelson. I also thought my bandana looked cool. I got it back in March at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Southie from the Harley Davidson float. People kept asking me if I turned in my Dodge Avenger for a motorcycle, and I said nope. The last time I sat on a motorcycle, I wore shorts and got a third-degree burn on my right leg. The scar is still there.

Well, it is May now, the

weather still ^%\$##, but better days will come. On May 4th, I was another year older, and I still don't think I'm old. It is all in the mind and joint pains. I passed another physical — not exactly with flying colors — but my ship is still sailing.

I had a good laugh watching that cruise ship head into Havana, the first ship to land in Cuba in 40 years. All those taxis waiting for passengers, and all the passengers younger than those great 1950s Buicks and Chevs.

I assume that sooner than later, there will be newer taxis at the docks. But I did wonder, where are the hotels? I am sure the safest place to be is on the ship. Someday, Cuba will have good hotels again, but not today.

I am trying not to write too much this week because I want to enjoy as much of May as I can since most of April was spent with those little guys inside my head with those sledge hammers banging on my sinuses.

I can't wait for beach weather where I can start looking fashionably tanned and rested. I've already cleared out all the 2015 beach sand in my car, making space for this summer's brand new sand.

Go, Trump, Go. Make this a summer for the ages.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI16P2334GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO
G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304

In the matter of
JANET JOHNSON
of Woburn, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by George Johnson of Woburn, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Janet Johnson** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that George Johnson of Woburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of **May 31, 2016**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 3, 2016

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 5/13/16

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Docket No. MI16P2336PM

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G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of
JANET JOHNSON
of Woburn, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by George Johnson of Woburn, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Janet Johnson** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that George Johnson of Woburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 3, 2016

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Save the Date

6th Annual

St. Padre Pio Procession



On Sunday, June 26th, the streets of the North End will come alive as the sixth annual St. Padre Pio Procession takes place. Attendees will participate in an Italian mass at Saint Leonard Church organized by the Friends of Padre Pio beginning at 10:30 am, followed by refreshments.

The Procession will take place from 2:00-6:00 pm, beginning at St. Leonard Church, with members carrying the statue of St. Pio through the neighborhoods of the North End, where devotees pin donations on ribbons.

All proceeds to benefit St. Leonard Church.

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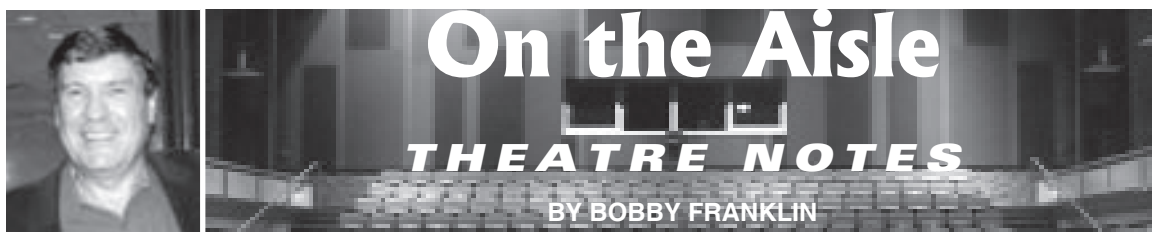
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KICKS OFF THE OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE 2016 SEASON



You know summer is fast approaching when the Ogunquit Playhouse opens its doors for the season. This year they are kicking off an exciting season with *Let It Be — A Celebration of the Music of the Beatles*. The show will run from May 18th to June 11th and promises to

be an exciting evening of music from the Fab Four.

The tribute show follows the Beatles from their beginnings in Liverpool's Cavern Club through the heights of Beatlemania, to their later masterpieces. *Let It Be* includes 40 of the Beatles' greatest hits,

including "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," "Yesterday," "Come Together," as well as the title tune "Let It Be."

Let It Be has played London's West End and Broadway and will now get the full Ogunquit Playhouse treatment, so I am sure you will not be disappointed.

The cast of *Let It Be* includes Michael Gagliano, who has spent the last 15 years perfecting his performances of the Beatles' music on some of the world's biggest stages, from Liverpool's Cavern Club to the Fuji Rock Festival in Japan, as well as on television all over the world; Neil Candelora, who as a six-year-old saw a recording of The Beatles performing on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and decided to learn to play guitar left handed; JT Curtis, who made his Broadway debut in *Let It Be* and has performed with several Beatles tribute acts from Los Angeles to New York; and Chris McBurney, who also reprises his role from the Broadway production of *Let It Be* and has toured as a drummer and multi-instrumentalist all over North America, Europe and Japan with numerous acts, while continuing to perform and record in New York.

The Music Director for *Let It Be* is Daniel A. Weiss, a New York City-based musician who was most recently seen music directing and arranging for a sold out performance of *West End Recast* in London, a concert featuring many of the West End's finest singers. Mr. Weiss was the assistant musical director and associate conductor for the original Broadway Company of *Rent*. He has a multitude of Broadway credits for both conducting and/or performing, including *Let It Be*, *Motown the Musical*, *Godspell*, *Hair*, *Taboo*, *Hairspray* and *Brooklyn*.

Contact the Ogunquit Playhouse for dates, tickets including information about season packages.

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Please join in celebrating Italian Heritage Month with the first Mercatino- Italian Craft Fair to be held on Sunday, October 30, 2016, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Irish American Club, 177 West Street, Malden, MA.

This event will feature handmade crafts and gifts made by Donne 2000 members and other local vendors and crafters. It will be a great opportunity to purchase unique holiday gifts.

Proceeds of this event will benefit the Donne 2000 Scholarship Fund and other local charities. Interested vendors and crafters must fill out an application by August 1, 2016, which will be approved by the committee.

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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.

There are ten reasons why German Shepherds are good family dogs. We all have a certain dog breed that we favor. But we still agree that we love all kinds of dogs and animals! Today I'll write my article about German Shepherds. They are amazing, handsome dogs!



1. The German Shepherd is a smart dog breed. The greatest percentage of the police and military dogs all across the world are German Shepherds. They are a very, very intelligent dog breed and can easily learn what you want them to do.

2. German Shepherds love their owners and guard them well!

3. German Shepherds have a lot of energy, which is another reason why they are the breed of choice for police and military work. This also makes them excellent guide dogs.

4. German Shepherds are faithful and can get or do anything.

5. German Shepherds are one of the best guard dog breeds; they understand how to protect their family (see #2).

6. German Shepherds make an enjoyable partner. They are patient and are friendly towards their family. Yes, they can be not-so-friendly with strangers, but for familiar faces, they are fun and loyal companions.

7. German Shepherds are a healthy breed if kept on a healthy diet and provided with

proper grooming and attention. If you are committed enough towards your dog and take care of him properly, he will be a healthy and happy dog.

8. German Shepherds love kids if provided the proper socialization and discipline from an early age. They love to play with children if they are taught properly to do so when they are young. Proper puppy training is necessary in addition to love, attention and respect for your pooch. Furthermore, don't let kids play with the dog while he is eating or attempting to remain alone. Respect.

9. German Shepherds can readily adapt to any lifestyle, which is considered one of the greatest things about them. So it is easy to plan your day with your dog; your dog can comfortably settle himself and suit your lifestyle, whatever you have planned.

10. German Shepherds need thirty minutes of activity daily, so they will make you healthy as well! Yes, they need at least 30 minutes of everyday exercise since they are an active dog, so you will have to be an active person, too!

I haven't seen a lot of German Shepherds in the North End, but for those of you that have one, enjoy and love them!

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Let's Design It!
by Jeanette Cataldo

A portrait of a woman with dark hair, smiling.

Let's Talk Shabby Chic Style ...

This started when there were so many mansions and stately homes along with their contents that were left to fade with age due to financial difficulties. Today, it is very popular and called "Shabby Chic."

This style allows you to play with the old and new. Newer furnishing is hand-painted and distressed to give an antique appearance.

Fabric in linen and cotton is muted and washed out. Colors pallets are soft and subtle. Florals are abundant in all areas of Shabby Chic decorating.

Lighting is embellished with trim. The teardrop style chandelier showcases rose trimmed shades.

Rugs entertain floral motifs and a vintage charm. I like to describe it as a warm, cozy, soft, and romantic style.

A color palette with various shades of pink, blue, and green.

A teardrop chandelier with pink rose-shaped shades.

A close-up of a fabric with a subtle floral pattern.

A close-up of a fabric with a vibrant floral pattern.

A bedroom interior with a bed, dresser, and chandelier, decorated in a Shabby Chic style.

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VIDEO VIEWS by Bob Morello

... more than meets the eye

BOOKNOTES: WWE: 100 GREATEST MATCHES DK Publishing

DK Publishing's release of *WWE: 100 Greatest Matches* is a 208-page hard-cover book that allows dedicated wrestling fans worldwide to relive these 100 memorable matches over and over. Displayed in striking full color photos along with in-depth analysis, this collection will bring back to life the memories of the matches that left a lasting mark on WWE history. For more than half a decade, WWE has delivered action, excitement and thrills across the globe, in person, via television and pay-per-view events. It was those matches through their continuing evolution that managed to consistently satisfy the passionate WWE Universe glued to their television screen. From jaw-dropping move combinations to shocking upsets, monumental triumphs, and bitter rivalries, however you define a truly great match, you are sure to find it in this awesome chronological collection titled *WWE: 100 Greatest Matches*.

The excitement builds immediately with a moving foreword by Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat. You'll be in a headlock reading about memorable Superstars from all eras, including John Cena, Brock Lesnar, The Undertaker, Stone Cold Steve Austin, Bret Hart, Rowdy Roddy Piper, Bruno Sammartino, and many more. The excitement builds with a breakdown of the action as well as the drama surrounding each contest. Also included in the coverage is an unveiling of which matches were deemed the greatest by the WWE Universe, *WWE.com*, *WWE Magazine*, and other noted historians. Plus full-color photos, many never-before-seen, on every page.

BACKTRACK (Blu-ray) Lionsgate Home Ent.

Adam Brody leads this spell-binding thriller that crackles with nail-biting suspense. Peter Bower (Brody), a psychiatrist haunted by the tragic death of his young daughter, suspects that his patients are linked by a shocking event from the past. Battling to keep his sanity, Peter begins a perilous journey to uncover the mystery ... and the terrifying secret he most fears.

HAVE GUN — WILL TRAVEL: THE COMPLETE SERIES (35-DVD)

CBS+Paramount

Headlined by Richard Boone in his iconic role as the gentleman gunslinger Paladin, *Have Gun — Will Travel: The Complete Series* is packaged in a shelf-friendly box with all 225 unforgettable episodes of the celebrated Western on a 35-disc set. A master of languages and fighting arts, and one of the fastest known gunslingers, Paladin travels the desolate desert of the Old West to the hardscrabble homesteads of desperate squatters as a mercenary gunfighter. Featuring guest appearances by Charles Bronson and Vincent Price, with writing by *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry, *Have Gun — Will Travel* is one of the most

beloved Westerns in television history.

NORTH OF THE NORTH (Blu-ray) Lionsgate Home Ent.

Life can be a real bear — just ask Norm, a polar bear with unusual talents and a heart as big as the great outdoors. When he hears that human homes are going to be built in his Arctic backyard, Norm heads to New York City with a ragtag team of lemmings on a freewheeling, fun-filled mission to save the Arctic.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST — THE THIRD SEASON (4-DVD) CBS+Paramount

Their love has always been extraordinary. But in all 13 episodes of the gripping third season, Detective Catherine "Cat" Chandler (Kristin Kreuk) and veteran soldier Vincent Keller (Jay Ryan) quickly discover that the price for being together forever may be more than they can bear. A secret and sinister plot to create super humans is quickly claiming innocents, and even though J.T. Forbes (Austin Basis) and Tess Vargas (Nina Lisandrello) join in the efforts to stop the spread of unnatural powers, it is ultimately up to Cat and Vincent to use their long-desired wedding plans to draw a dark and powerful killer out into the light. All-new television episodes begin June 2nd on the CW.

THE CHOICE (Blu-ray) Lionsgate Home Ent.

From Nicholas Sparks, the best-selling author of *The Notebook* and *Safe Haven*, comes this heart-lifting tale of how far we go to keep the hope of love alive. Travis (Benjamin Walker) is a fun-loving, smooth-talking bachelor who's never considered a serious relationship — until he falls hard for his beautiful new neighbor, Gabby (Teresa Palmer). But when fate threatens Travis and Gabby's love, Travis must make a choice that will alter their lives forever in this unforgettably moving romance.

JANIS JOPLIN — JANIS: LITTLE GIRL BLUE (DVD) MVDvisual

Janis Joplin is one of the most revered and iconic of all rock & roll singers, a tragic and misunderstood figure that thrilled millions of listeners and blazed new creative trails before her untimely death in 1970 at age 27. With *Janis: Little Girl Blue*, Director Amy J. Berg examines Joplin's story in depth, presenting an intimate, insightful portrait of a complicated, driven, often beleaguered artist. Joplin's own words tell much of the film's story through a series of letters she wrote home over the years, many made public here for the first time (and read by Southern-born indie rock star/actor Chan Marshall, a.k.a. Cat Power). Joplin was a powerhouse when she sang, and her recordings have never left the radio, or the hearts of rock fans. Berg's *Janis: Little Girl Blue* offers new understanding of a bright, complex woman whose meteoric rise and sudden demise changed music forever and continues to influence female musicians.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

EASTIE SHINES ON EAGLE HILL



Last Saturday, May 7th, was Boston Shines Day across the city's neighborhoods. Over in East Boston, the community along with the Boston Public Works, is seen here brightening up Eagle Hill along with the Boston Public Works. (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

WOUNDED VET RIDE SET FOR MAY 14TH

Thousands of motorcycle riders will be roaring across the North Shore and through East Boston as part of the 6th annual "Wounded Vet Ride" on Saturday, May 14th. The event raises money for local veterans wounded in combat.

This event was founded by Andrew Biggio from the East Boston ITAM Post 6, and former State Rep. Carlo Basile. It will follow a 40-mile route through North Shore communities, ending at Suffolk Downs with a concert and barbecue.

This year's beneficiaries are Army SSG James Clark, Sgt. Peter Damon, Army Specialist Sean Pesce, Marine Sgt. Eric Rodriguez, and Marine Sgt. Kirstie Ennis.

The Annual Vet Ride began thanks to the ITAM Post 6 and Biggio, who spent six years in Iraq and Afghanistan. As Biggio says, "Every year, Boston's Wounded Vet Ride will be dedicated to different veterans." The motto of the Vet Ride is "They Fought, We Ride."

CHARLIE BAKER NOT EXACTLY PROFILE IN COURAGE

Following Donald Trump's huge victory in the Indiana primary and the subsequent withdrawals from the race by both Ted Cruz and John Kasich, Governor Charlie Baker let it be known that he would be voting for neither Donald Trump nor Hillary Clinton come November. This news has sent shock waves through the conservative wing of the Massachusetts Republican Party. Already at odds with his party's conservative base, his announcement may have ruptured any hope of unity within the Bay State GOP.

While the governor attempts to show his principled Republicanism by running from national Republicans, many critics think it just showcases how much of a RINO Baker actually is. Would Baker have taken this principled position had he been on the ballot for re-election this year? I think not. It is easy to take a phony statesman position when you aren't on the ballot.

Here is one Democrat who voted for Baker in 2014, but

looking back it probably was a mistake. What has he really done in his first two years? I don't see much. Some think he's just been sitting at his window in the corner office, watching life drive by him outside on Beacon Street.

I think he may find himself facing a Republican opponent in the 2018 primary. He certainly hasn't earned the right to run unopposed, has he?

KUDOS TO EASTIE'S DENA DiMARZO

The Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan Airport on Boardman Street has honored Dena DiMarzo with the company's Spirit of the Garden Award, which designates DiMarzo as a top performer within the global brand Hilton Garden Inn hotels.

DiMarzo is an Eastie native and graduate of East Boston High School in 1998. Go, East Boston Strong!

SINGING IN THE RAIN, AND SOME DAYS, SUNNY WEATHER, TOO

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The Donna Summer Disco Party will be back at Boston City Hall Plaza on Friday, June 17th, at 6:00 pm. So boogie

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Docket No. MI16W0353

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WILLIAM TILTON
Plaintiff(s)

v.

KAREN TILTON-PALMA
Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant: Karen Tilton-Palma.

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, William Tilton, seeking Physical Custody of the child Aleigha Tilton.

You are required to serve upon William Tilton plaintiff - for plaintiff - whose address is 32 Perkins St., #6, Salem, MA 01970 your answer on or before June 7, 2016. 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 in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 26th day of April, 2016.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 5/13/15

on down in your best disco outfits and do your thing.

EAST BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDING NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Yes, I know the scheduled time for this event is 7:30 am, but it is a breakfast after all, right? The East Boston Chamber of Commerce will be holding a networking breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn on Boardman Street on Thursday, May 19th. Guest speaker for this event is Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins. For more info, call 617-569-5000 or email info@eastbostonchamber.org.

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Docket No. MI16P1378EA

Estate of
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Date of Death September 16, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Susan L. Weiner of Woodland Hills, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Susan L. Weiner of Woodland Hills, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 1, 2016.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.

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ANDREA BOCELLI — December 17, 2016. Bocelli has recorded fourteen solo studio albums of both pop and classical music, three greatest hits albums, and nine complete operas, selling over 80 million records worldwide. He has had success as a crossover performer, bringing classical music to the top of international pop charts. In 1998, he was named one of People's 50 Most Beautiful People. In 1999, he was nominated for Best New Artist at the Grammy Awards. "The Prayer," his duet with Celine Dion for the animated film *Quest for Camelot*, won the Golden Globe for Best Original Song and was nominated for an Academy Award in the same category. With the release of his classical album, *Sacred Arias*, Bocelli captured a listing in the Guinness Book of World Records, as he simultaneously held the top three positions on the U.S. Classical Albums charts. Seven of his albums have since reached the Top 10 on the Billboard 200, and a record-setting ten have topped the classical crossover albums charts in the United States. With five million units sold worldwide, *Sacred Arias* became the biggest-selling classical crossover album by a solo artist of all time, and with over twenty million copies sold worldwide, his 1997 pop album *Romanza* became the best-selling album by an Italian artist of any genre in history, as well as the best-selling album by a foreign artist in Canada and a number of countries in Europe and Latin America. The album's first single, "Time to Say Goodbye" was a duet with Sarah Brightman that topped charts across Europe, including Germany, where it stayed at the top of the charts for 14 consecutive weeks, breaking the all-time sales record, with over three million copies sold in the country.

The single went on to sell over twelve million copies worldwide, making it one of the best-selling singles of all time. Bocelli was made a Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic in 2006 and, on March 2, 2010, was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his contribution to live theater.

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MEGHAN TRAINOR: The Untouchable Tour — September 24, 2016. The 22-year-old singer will kick off the *Untouchable Tour* on July 14th in Vancouver, Canada, and bring the tour to a close September 24th in Boston. *Untouchable* promotes Trainor's new album, *Thank You*, which is scheduled for release May 14th. *Thank You* is the followup to *Title*, which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 in 2015. Trainor released the first single, "No," from *Thank You* in March, and "Better" featuring Yo Gotti in April. Trainor won Best New Artist at the Grammy Awards in February.
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wonder that people return time and time again to see the country superstar LIVE! Grab your opportunity to catch one of the most highly-anticipated tours of the entire year ... tickets are guaranteed to sell fast, so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND — August 20, 2016. Singer, songwriter, author, actor, and businessman Jimmy Buffett has been a staple on the American concert circuit since the early 1970s. Known for his anecdotal songs about a laid-back life on the beach, Buffett has described his music as "drunken Caribbean rock 'n' roll," or Gulf-and-Western, as it has been dubbed by others. Buffett moved to Nashville in the late 1960s with the dream of becoming a country singer, and he released his debut album in 1970. After his first marriage fell apart, he left Nashville for Key West and it was there that he developed the easy-going beach-bum persona that he has become known for. With 28 studio albums under his belt, and sell-out shows year after year, it's no wonder that Buffett has amassed a large and incredibly loyal following known as "Parrot Heads." Buffett will deliver an unforgettable night of fun times, hilarious stories and great music!!!

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OTHELLO IN THE SERAGLIO: The Tragedy of Sümbül the Black Eunuch — June 12, 2016. *Othello*, a uniquely powerful coffeehouse opera, tells an age-old story of passionate love and murderous jealousy. Sümbül, a Black slave in 17th century Ottoman Court, rises to power and riches, only to come to a tragic end. The opera is performed on European period instruments and traditional Turkish instruments by an ensemble of 12 musicians, singers and a storyteller. The storyteller spins out a well-known tale, a historically-based legend of love and jealousy, intensified by the crossing of boundaries between the free and the enslaved, white and black, Muslim and non-Muslim, East and West. The opera intertwines three different tales, including *The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice* by William Shakespeare, *Un Capitano Moro* (A Moorish Captain) by Giovanbattista Giral di (Cinzio), and *Kızlaragası'nın Pıçı* (The Bastard of the Chief Black Eunuch) by Resad Ekrem Koçu.
THE KINGSTON TRIO — August 28, 2016. Known for their role in the folk revival of the early '60s, their iconic takes on traditional folk classics like "Tom Dooley," and for their trademark three-part harmonies, The Kingston Trio returns to Rockport for an unforgettable evening of vintage folk classics. Currently featuring the talents of George Grove, Bill Zorn, and Rick Dougherty, the Trio will perform beloved hits like "M.T.A.," "Worried Man," "Greenback Dollar," and "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" among many other favorites. This summer, the Trio will be the subject of a high profile PBS special titled *The Kingston Trio: An All-Star Celebration*.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SHUBERT THEATRE
265 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
866-348-9738
www.CitiCenter.org
THE NAKED MAGIC SHOW — May 19-21, 2016. Following sold out shows and rave reviews in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the USA, the world's boldest and cheekiest magic show "The Naked Magic Show" is coming back to Boston! The show features magic, mirth and more than a touch of mayhem as these two hot and hilarious magicians say abracadabra and take magic to a whole new level. Left without sleeves or pockets, their saucy magic is baffling and entertaining, bringing a new meaning to "now you see it."

HATCH SHELL
Esplanade Park, Boston, MA
www.MyRadio92.9.com
RADIO 92.9 EARTHFEST — Saturday May 21, 2016. The 23rd Annual EarthFest, sponsored by Radio 92.9 and Whole Foods Market, is part of the Outside of the Box music festival. The Radio 92.9 EarthFest is usually the largest free radio station concert in Boston. Past events have drawn in excess of 100,000 people. Music on the main stage usually starts at 11:00 am, and this year's event will feature performances by **The Strumbellas, Joywave, and Fitz and the Tantrums**, with a local band that won the Battle of the Bands contest. The festival will also feature exhibits and environmental displays. Each exhibitor

is committed to raising awareness and offering educational information about different environmental issues facing the planet. The 2016 Radio 92.9 EarthFest will also feature once again The Kids Planet — an expanded interactive family area. The Kids Planet will feature a wide variety of musical acts and entertainment as well as environmental activities and educational displays. Additional activities in The Kids Planet range from face painting to healthy treats. Numerous booths onsite will offer educational displays, exhibits, and food sampling. The booths will be staffed by event sponsors and local environmental and non-profit organizations.

SUFFOLK DOWNS
525 McClellan Highway, East Boston
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL — May 27-29, 2016. Cirque du Soleil's brings its *Kurios* show to Boston for a dazzling performance sure to please the whole family. Part art, part human circus, part phantasmagoric spectacle — nothing quite matches Cirque's unique blend of music, dance, choreography, and acrobatics. This year's performance takes place under the Grand Chapiteau at beautiful Suffolk Downs.

REVERE BEACH
Ocean Avenue, Revere, MA
REVERE BEACH KITE FESTIVAL — Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 11:00 am. Celebrate spring by heading to Revere Beach, America's oldest public beach, for the annual kite festival. The first 300 kids under the age of 12 to arrive can build their own kite. If you don't want to get up that early or don't qualify for a free kite based on your age, bring your own. You'll see plenty of people of all ages flying kites, having a great time, and enjoying this lovely two-mile long expanse of sun and water.

LYNN AUDITORIUM
3 City Hall Square, Lynn, MA
781-599-SHOW
www.LynnAuditorium.com
JACK HANNA'S INTO THE WILD LIVE! — October 15, 2016. America's most beloved animal expert, Jack Hanna, brings his two-time Emmy Award winning television series to the live stage with *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live!* In this awe-inspiring event, Jungle Jack will introduce you to some of the world's most spectacular animals. Jack will also share humorous stories and amazing exclusive footage from his worldwide adventures. From the jungles of Rwanda to the savannas of Australia, Jack has explored the corners of the globe as one of the most visible and respected animal ambassadors. You've seen his countless appearances on *David Letterman*, *Good Morning America*, and so many others — now you can enjoy Jungle Jack's infectious energy as he takes you "into the wild!" to see some of the world's most fascinating animals, live!

THEATER

SHUBERT THEATRE
265 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
866-348-9738
www.CitiCenter.org
SHOW BOAT — June 22 through July 3, 2016. Based on Edna Ferber's bestselling novel, this grand American musical follows the lives of the performers, stagehands and dock workers on the Cotton Blossom, a Mississippi River show boat. A groundbreaking show when it debuted in 1927, *Show Boat* continues to touch audiences with timeless themes and unforgettable music. Featuring the classic songs "Ol' Man River," "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" and "Bill." Music by Jerome Kern, book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, based on the novel *Show Boat* by Edna Ferber. *Show Boat* is presented through special arrangement with R & H Theatricals. Directed by Meg Fofonoff and Stacey Stephens, choreographed by Wendy Hall, with music direction by Charles Peltz.

NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE
62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA
978-232-7200
www.NSMT.org
FUNNY GIRL — June 7-19, 2016. Bill Hanney's award-winning North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) is proud to announce that recording artist and Broadway veteran Shoshana Bean has been cast as Fanny Brice in an all new production of *Funny Girl*. *Funny Girl* is the hit Broadway musical that tells the story of Fanny Brice's rise from the stages of Vaudeville to becoming a world-renowned Ziegfeld star. But while she was cheered onstage as a great comedian, she had a more troubled private life. The musical's beloved score includes the songs: "People," "Don't Rain on My Parade," and "I'm the Greatest Star."

REAGLE MUSIC THEATRE
617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA
781-891-5600
www.ReagleMusicTheatre.org
CAROUSEL — June 9-19, 2016. *Carousel* was named the best musical of the 20th century by *Time Magazine*. Spanning heaven and earth to explore themes of human frailty and resilience, *Carousel* tells the story of roguish carnival barker Billy Bigelow and mill worker Julie Jordan, who meet and fall in love. It is a story of love, violence, hope and redemption. This iconic American classic features some of the most powerful music ever written for the stage, including "If I Loved You," "Mister Snow," "June is Bustin' Out All Over," and the iconic "You'll Never Walk Alone."

DANCE

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE
539 Washington St., Boston, MA
617-259-3400
www.BostonOperaHouse.com
SWAN LAKE — Now through May 25, 2016. Boston Ballet's spring season kicks off with Mikko Nissinen's *Swan Lake*, back by popular demand after a record-breaking world premiere in October 2014. While *Swan Lake* is more than 100 years old, it has truly timeless power and is probably the most beloved classical ballet in the world," explains Mikko Nissinen, Boston Ballet Artistic Director. "With so many sold out performances last season, I am thrilled to bring it back this year.

WANG THEATER
Citi Performing Arts Center
270 Tremont Street Boston, MA
800-982-2798
www.CitiCenter.org
MAKS & VAL LIVE ON TOUR — July 6, 2016. The thrilling all-new smash hit dance tour of the summer! Maksim and Valentin Chmerkovskiy, the hottest stars of ABC's hit show *Dancing with the Stars*, will be coming to the Citi Wang Theatre. Brothers Maksim and Valentin Chmerkovskiy are bringing to life the show they have dreamed about since childhood, combining an honest and unfiltered narrative of their life story, with the world-class dancing, creativity, and passion they are known for. Collaborating with the greatest choreographers in the business and supported by a cast of fellow dance professionals, the show will surprise and delight with timeless elegance and steamy seduction.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON
465 Huntington Avenue, Boston
617-267-9300 www.MFA.org
KENNETH PAUL BLOCK ILLUSTRATIONS — Through August 14, 2016. Kenneth Paul Block (1925-2009) is arguably the most important fashion illustrator of the second half of the 20th century. His versatility and ability to create a graceful gesture, or evoke the high-energy of the post-WWII generation make his work stand out among illustrators of his time.

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

On this day: The birth of Dante Alighieri, Italian poet, in 1265; and the death of Gary Cooper, film actor, 1961. Cooper is at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Southampton, Long Island, New York. Originally he was buried in Los Angeles, but he was moved 13 years later to Long Island to be near his wife.

Officials at San Francisco State University are investigating a videotaped confrontation between an African-American woman who grabbed a white student with dreadlocks and accused him of cultural appropriation. “You’re saying I can’t have a hairstyle because of your culture? Why?” Cory Goldstein asked the woman. “Because it’s my culture,” she responded, blocking his path. “She kept grabbing me” Goldstein later said.

Flying high! Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport remained the world’s busiest passenger airport in 2015 — holding off its closest competitor, Beijing, to take the title for the 18th year running. More than 100 million passengers passed through Atlanta’s international airport in 2015, a rise of 5.5 percent over 2014.

As we previously reported, our new faster-than-sound jet planes are wonderful. You can eat dinner in London and get indigestion in New York City!

Recent poll stuff: Neither one of the two remaining presidential candidates is regarded favorably by a majority of registered voters. Donald Trump remains the most disliked candidate, with 65 percent of voters viewing him unfavorably, and 24 percent favorably. Only 32 percent hold a positive view of Hillary Clinton, and 56 percent see her unfavorably — a gap almost twice as wide as it was last month.

Since 1976, 72 percent of the nation’s executions have occurred in the 11 states of the old Confederacy. Studies have shown that blacks are far more likely than whites to be sentenced to death when convicted of murder, especially if the victim is white.

Most unusual resurrection: The wife of the mayor of Cologne fell victim to the Plague and was buried in 1571. As he helped with the internment in the morning, the gravedigger noticed a beautiful diamond on the lady’s finger. That night he stole back to the grave and dug up the coffin. As the ghoul was removing the lid, the “dead woman” moved and groaned; it seems she had merely lapsed into a very deep coma and the doctors, in fear of contagion, had not checked too closely for vital signs. Delivered by a would-be grave robber, the mayor’s wife lived on for many years.

Two Hillary Clinton fundraisers in California hosted by George Clooney and his wife, Amal, raised an estimated \$15 million. Clooney called it “an obscene amount of money,” but said it was a necessary evil in the age of unlimited Super PAC fundraising.

This March was the hottest on record, making it the 11th month in a row to break the global high temperature record. Figures from NASA put March at 2.3 degrees Fahrenheit above the 1951-1980 average for the month. March was an even more drastic departure from the norm than February’s record-breaking heat, which climatologists describe as a “shocker” signaling “a climate emergency.”

The sophisticated equipment of today’s weatherman is what enables him to explain in greater detail why he was wrong.

Wow! Some 4.1 million marijuana plants were destroyed by local, state, and federal authorities in 2015. That cannabis eradication program costs \$18 million a year.

It has been said the best place to raise marijuana plants is at a cemetery.

Must admit, we know of some musicians who enjoyed smoking pot. They still were able to make music, even though they were stoned-out-of-their minds.

Most unusual alibi: Not every revolutionary group has the police making excuses for them, but when a women’s collective claimed credit for the bombing of Harvard University’s Center for International Affairs in October 1970, the Cambridge police gallantly defended them. “This was a very sophisticated bomb,” a police spokesman said. “We feel that women wouldn’t be capable of making such a bomb.”

What? Americans consumed more than 30 billion liters of bottled water in 2015, putting it roughly equal with U.S. soda consumption

for the first time. The shift to healthier drinks has companies like PepsiCo and Coca-Cola branching out into new products like flavored water, sports drinks, and premium juices.

Budget cuts at the IRS have trimmed the number of audits the agency conducts. Last year, the IRS audited 1.2 million individual tax returns out of a total of 147 million, the fewest in a decade. If you make less than \$200,000, your chances of being audited in 2015 was just 0.78 percent.

Worst congressional study: In 1970, United States Representative Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts, assigned a staff aide to prepare a detailed research report on the length of men’s hair. “We discovered that since the time of Christ, the male species has worn long hair and beards about 90 percent of the time,” the congressman reassured a hair-harried nation. “The western world turned to short hair and clean-shaven faces only after the Prussian victory over France. All the great heroes of America have worn long hair. It’s nothing for Americans to get alarmed about.”

Worst hemorrhoids: An article published in *The Wall Street Journal* on August 10, 1973, offers hindsight on the Battle of Waterloo. An overlooked factor in the French defeat was the health of Napoleon Bonaparte. According to medical historian Rudolph Marx, the emperor spent much of the day resting in his tent, laid low by an excruciating case of swollen hemorrhoids. Lack of sleep and opium administered by his physician left him too groggy to mount his horse and take advantage of a breach in Wellington’s flank.

Most unusual weather forecaster: Mrs. Fannie Shields of Baltimore, Maryland, owned a cat named Napoleon back in the 1930s who could predict the weather with an accuracy that was deadly. During an especially severe dry spell that gripped Baltimore in 1930, when human meteorologists were offering no hope for relief, Mrs. Shields phoned the Baltimore newspapers and told them that rain would fall within 24 hours. How could she be so sure? the papers asked. Easy she told them. She had just seen her cat Napoleon sitting with his front paws extended before him and his head on the ground, his own way of indicating that it was going to rain. The paper, needless to say, took her for a mad woman. The following day, it rained! In the ensuing months, the papers published Napoleon’s forecasts. They were accurate more often than not.

Most unusual beads: In some coastal areas of Italy, squid eyes are strung and used for necklaces and bracelets.

Most unusual racket: An article in the June 28, 1967, *New York Times* carried the following headline: GARBAGE CARTING IN GRIP OF MAFIA.

Worth repeating. Shortly after the United States declared war on Italy in 1941, the federal government classified more than 600,000 Italians living in the United States as “internal enemies.” During World War II, an estimated 1.2 million Americans of Italian descent served in the U.S. military, constituting one of the largest segments of the U.S. combat forces of about 12 million. Yes, I was one of them.

Our show biz great and noted musicologist Al Natale reveals what Wally Cox had to say about Arthur Godfrey. “People think what they see on TV is reality. That’s why everyone thought Arthur Godfrey was the salt of the earth. More like salt in your coffee! Ask anyone who ever worked with him — he was one of the meanest, pettiest, most rotten-souled performers, and I do mean performers, that ever worked on television or any other medium.”

Permanent address: Al Jolson, vaudeville’s great entertainer who passed away October 23, 1950, is at Hillside Memorial Park, Los Angeles, California. In the cemetery, there is a statue of the jazz singer resting on bended knee, arms stretched out, singing his famous rendition of “Mammy.” And Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion, is at Lauderdale Memorial Gardens, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. On the evening of his 46 birthday, he died when his plane crashed into the only oak tree in an Iowa cornfield.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Parla Come Mangi! (Speak as You Eat!)

by Alessandra Sambiasi



Benvenuti! Nestled between Abruzzo, Lazio, Campania and Puglia, Molise is the second smallest region in Italy. Once part of Abruzzo, Molise has been its own region since 1963. With a very similar topography to that of Abruzzo, Molise is a land of simple hearty flavors of the mountains. Molise has only a small piece of coastline located near the medieval city of Termoli. Pork is the dominant meat in the region and it is flavored and seasoned in many ways as it is used to make a wide array of sausages and specialty hams. Ventricina di Montenero di Bisaccia, a seasoned spreading sausage made from lean leg meat, famously comes from the area near Campobasso, Molise’s capital city. Goat meat and lamb meat are also widely used in Molise, as well as wild boar, chicken and rabbit. Mushrooms, black and white truffles, and olive oil are other well-known products of the region. Superior dairy products are also part of the culinary excellence of Molise thanks to artisanal production methods and the very high quality raw materials. Among the “pasta-filata” cheeses of the region, Fior di latte is a type of cow’s milk mozzarella produced in the Bojano area, near Campobasso. Another local specialty is Scamorza, a gourd-shaped melting cheese that is mild and slightly sweet. A very tasty cheese is the Caciocavallo which translates as “cheese on horseback”. Mild and slightly salty, Caciocavallo’s aroma and taste are similar to the provolone cheese when eaten young and gets sharper with aging. Another variety of cheese that is particularly interesting is the Burrino, a sort of small Caciocavallo with a heart of soft butter in the center — an absolute must-try! Luckily, to taste these wonderful cheeses you don’t have to travel as far as Italy. Molise-born and trained Master cheese-maker Luca Mignogna runs Wolf Meadow Farm in Amesbury, just north of Boston. His farm is truly an authentic “caseificio artigianale” (artisanal cheese facility) and his commitment to high quality and his passion and dedication to sustainable production methods fully reflect the Italian standards of excellence that can be tasted in every slice.

This week’s recipe — Fiadoni molisani — are a sort of mini calzone that are as easy to make as they are to eat. This dish, whose original recipe dates back to the Renaissance, makes a delicious appetizer. The cheese traditionally used for the filling is the Rigatino, made from a mix of cow and sheep’s milk. Rigatino is not produced in the States, therefore it can be substituted with Primo Sale, a very young cheese removed from the mold after first salting. Enjoy your home-made Fiadoni with a glass of Biferno bianco wine.

Fiadoni Molisani

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| 3 1/8 cups flour | 1/2 cup grated Pecorino cheese |
| 8 eggs (2 yolks, six whole) | Dried sausage (cut into small pieces) |
| 7 oz. lard or butter | 2 egg yolks (beaten) |
| Pinch of salt | |
| 28 oz. of Primo Sale | |

Preparation: Pour the flour onto a work surface (or into the mixer) and incorporate the lard or butter after cutting it into small pieces. Add a pinch of salt and the two egg yolks. Knead well, adding one or two tablespoons of lukewarm water as needed. Once a smooth dough is formed, wrap in plastic and let rest for about 30 minutes in the refrigerator. In a large bowl, prepare the filling by beating the remaining six whole eggs with a pinch of salt and adding both cheeses and the sausage. Mix well. With a floured rolling pin, roll out a thin (but not too thin) layer of dough. Cut out discs with a large cookie cutter (about 3”) and place 1 tablespoon of filling in the center of each. Wet the edges of the discs and fold them in half sealing the edges together with a fork. Arrange the Fiadoni on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Pierce the surfaces with a fork and brush them with the beaten yolks. Bake in a pre-heated 350°F oven for about 30 minutes. Serve while still warm. *Buon appetito!*

Fiadoni Molisani

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| 400 g di farina | 100 g di formaggio pecorino (grattugiato) |
| 8 uova (2 tuorli + sei uova intere) | Salsiccia secca (tagliata a pezzetti) |
| 200 g di sugna o burro | 2 tuorli (sbattuti) |
| Un pizzico di sale | |
| 800 gr di Primo Sale | |

Preparazione: Versa la farina a fontana su una superficie di lavoro (o nel mixer) e incorpora lo strutto o il burro (tagliato a dadini). Aggiungi i due tuorli ed il pizzico di sale. Impasta bene aggiungendo uno o due cucchiai di acqua tiepida se necessario. Forma un impasto liscio quindi avvolgilo con della pellicola e fallo riposare per circa 30 minuti in frigorifero. In una grande ciotola prepara il ripieno sbattendo le restanti sei uova intere con un pizzico di sale e aggiungendo entrambi i formaggi e la salsiccia. Mescola bene. Infarina un mattarello e stendi uno strato sottile (ma non troppo) di pasta. Con un coppapasta ricavane dei dischi di circa 10 cm di diametro. Poni un cucchiaino di ripieno al centro di ogni disco. Inumidisci i bordi dei dischi e piegali a mezza luna sigillandoli bene con una forchetta. Disponi i fiadoni su una teglia foderata con carta da forno. Fora la superficie con una forchetta e spennella con del tuorlo d'uovo sbattuto. Cuoci in forno preriscaldato 180°C per circa 30 minuti. Servili caldi. *Buon appetito!*


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

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



UNCLE GUS and MUSSOLINI Part V — The Conclusion

Before I begin, there are two things of importance that I want to share with you:

First of all, over the years, I've been looking for a picture of the front of the Seville Theater, my home from 1952 through 1962. Last week, I met with two East Bostonians, Fran Ippolito Riley and Theresa Malichek, to discuss my future involvement with the East Boston Museum and Historical Society. Among the things presented to me was a picture of the front of the Seville Theater from the photo collection of the late Paul Paulson. I am now in seventh heaven. More about this new friendship and my involvement with the museum and society at a later date.

Second: This Sunday, May the 15th, this column will be 25 years old. I'm proud of it and hope to continue writing it for another 25 years. To those of you who knew of this and congratulated me in advance, my sincerest thanks. I am eternally grateful.

Let's get back to Uncle Gus ...

Last week, I left off with Uncle Gus telling me about himself and several of Mussolini's inner circle who were left behind to deal with the Americans who were advancing north on the west coast of Italy. The Americans, after several fatal mistakes, finally kicked butt in Salerno, Naples, Anzio/ Nettuno, Cassino, and then headed to Rome where the people were ready to greet the American conquerors. Uncle Gus and a group of volunteers, who had been part of the Fascist inner circle, surrendered to General Eisenhower and General Clark and formalized the changing of sides. One of the first things they collectively did was abolish the Italian monarchy and set up a republic.

He continued with, "Mussolini, in the mean time, fearing his life was in danger, fled to northern Italy where the Nazis were still in control. In April of

'44, the partisans tried to capture him away from his German protectors. Fearing the inevitable, he left Milan and tried to make it to the Swiss border. The Italian partisans caught him and his lady friend, Claretta, near Lake Como. The next day they were shot to death and hung upside down in Milan's central Piazza. No one knows who really shot Mussolini because about a dozen people tried to claim responsibility or credit for the act. In my estimation, it was a Communist plot led by a guy named Audisio or another named Partini. I don't know at this point. But even better, as far as we were concerned, two days later, Hitler committed suicide. With the Americans setting up a new democratic republic, we insisted that Sandro Partini become the country's first president. So, much of what I just said is from what I had heard, because after Mussolini fled Rome, I stayed behind and awaited the American 5th Army."

This was a one-hour solo performance as we sat at the seaside restaurant relishing the fishes we had picked out of the salt water tank. Uncle Gus, after consuming several glasses of Lambrusco, seemed uncertain which side he was on, but I think, like most Germans and Italians, he became reconciled to the fact that the war was over, his side had lost, and it was time to get on with their lives. Actually, Italy was in shambles, and they had a new strange form of government which was broke. Germany was in the same situation with a generation of young men dead, but Gus didn't seem to care about them, and that's a story for another day.

When we headed for the rented FIAT 127, Sal and his father jumped in the back seat. They were short and the back seat could be quite cramped if you were over 5'8" which they weren't. Uncle Gus was about

6' and he sat in front as my copilot. He, once again, became quite talkative, "Let's look at the aftermath of the war; Mussolini was dead, Hitler was dead. The Americans were all over Italy and the Russians controlled much of Germany. To avoid a total Russian takeover, the French, British, and Americans had to hurry from the west to take over whatever they could just as the Nazi high command surrendered to the Russians. In the middle August of '45, you Americans ended the war with Japan with two new bombs."

"There was a proposal for a new international organization to replace the League of Nations which your President Wilson helped put together after WW I. It didn't work, and supposedly, I was to be part of a group of international representatives that was to layout the groundwork for this new organization that would avoid future wars and setup standards for human rights. They called it the United Nations and the cabinet of the new Italian government chose me to be one of the representatives considered for a branch of the new league that would maintain world peace, the Security Council."

"About three months after Japan quit the war, an international conference was held in San Francisco of your country. By the end of October, there were about 50 countries that would formulate the charter that would get things started and determine where the international headquarters would be located. A plot of excavated land on 49th Street and First Avenue in New York City was declared the site and that's where they built the United Nations World Headquarters."

"There were problems right from the beginning; they were called Communism. Russia was Communist. China's government fell to them in '49, and then Eastern Europe, one country after another. I was there, but I had no say ... no vote. Italy was not voted into the U.N. until 1955. After we were admitted, I worked with the Security Council until I decided to retire. And, here we are heading south from Palermo to Agrigento, with me talking all the way."

When Sal's parents retired and moved back to Agrigento and bought a luxury condo, Uncle Gus, a bachelor, shared it with them. A few years later, Carmelo, Sal's Father, experienced some health problems. The family sold the condo and moved to Boston where better medical treatment was available. Uncle Gus came with them, but returned to Sicily when his own health started to decline. I never saw him again. He passed away in Italy with just Sal physically capable of heading there for his funeral.

I wrote this story because I could only find bits and pieces of it in history books, and thought you should know about Uncle Gus while my memory is still intact.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Mass Audubon's Moose Hill Nature Center
Plant Sale

It's time to get your hands in the dirt, spruce up your yard and go native! Mass Audubon's Moose Hill annual Native Plant Sale is Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Offered are a wide variety of native perennials, ferns, and ground cover to beautify your gardens and attract hummingbirds and/or butterflies. Whether you have sun or shade, there will be plants to enhance your gardens. Often an assortment of plants from Moose Hill friends are available for sale. There will be 30 to 50 individual plants for each species.

Plants for sale may include favorites, such as Black-eyed Susan, Purple Coneflower, Christmas Fern, Wild Geranium, and Columbine; and specialty plants, such as Trillium, Jack in the Pulpit, Mayapple, Canadian Ginger, Ostrich Fern, Bird's Foot Violet, and more! Bring a tray or box to transport your plants to your car. All proceeds from this sale support Moose Hill's educational programs. Moose Hill is located at 293 Moose Hill Street, Sharon. Please call 781-784-5691 or visit www.massaudubon.org/moosehill for details.

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guaranteed to vote for the party of free stuff. Government assistance has become an addictive drug for all those millions on the check.

Growing up in the projects back in Roxbury, I remember this helpless mentality in many of those I called neighbors. Nice people, but they seemed so dependent on others for everything they needed for themselves and their families. Back as a kid, I called it the "Project Mentality." Generations of the same family living in the same housing project, and thinking it was all fine.

My stay in the projects luckily lasted just a few years, I never contracted the P.M. virus. Government can be our best friend and supporter, but it can also be our enemy when it destroys our pride and independence.

We need far better leadership from those we elect to lead us. We need leaders with that vision to push us forward and not hold us back as a

people. We are the government. It is not them, it is us.

What we see today is not what our founders envisioned over 200 years ago. Our rights do not come from government, but from our very selves. It isn't just about voting, it is about doing. It is about living up to those aspirations that created America.

I Just Watched "Motive" a TV Cop Series

I don't remember which TV network *Motive* is on. Personally, I wish I couldn't remember the episode I watched. In this TV show, we know who the culprits are right at the beginning. We watch the show to find out how the cops find the bad guys and the motive of the crime. I would rather watch paint dry. I don't know how it's made it to Season 3!


End Quote

"If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead."

— Johnny Carson

Nanna & Babbononno

Turns 25



Congratulations and many thanks to John Christoforo on 25 years as a columnist for the *Boston Post-Gazette!* "Nanna & Babbanonno" — John's memories about the exploits of three generations of his Italian-American family — has been one of the Gazette's most popular columns over the years, and thankfully there appears to be no end to the nostalgic and often hilarious memories that John continues to share with our readers. "Babbanonno John" has no plans to retire, and "Nanna & Babbanonno" will continue to entertain us all for years to come.

Thank you for 25 years, John!

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Massport) is soliciting Construction Management at Risk Services for **MPA PROJECT NO. L1430-C1, POST SECURITY CONCOURSE FROM GATES 37/38 TO THE FOOD COURT, TERMINAL B PIER A, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS** (the project). In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149A, Sections 1 thru 13, Massport is seeking a highly qualified and competent Construction Manager (CM) to provide preconstruction services and implement the construction of the Project in accordance with an agreement where the basis for payment is the cost of the work plus a fee with a negotiated guaranteed maximum price. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is being utilized to prequalify and shortlist CM firms who will be invited to submit proposals in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued by Massport.

The Gate Connector project is comprised of two major components. The first critical component of the project is to provide a post security connection from gates 37-38 to the existing foodcourt. This includes new offices for tenant airlines, a new concourse connecting the gate holdrooms to the foodcourt, and new airside toilet rooms dedicated to the new expanded holdroom space. Construction of the new gate connector space will require careful phasing to ensure that airline operations remain uninterrupted. The second component of the project is the replacement of ceilings and duct distribution systems in the departures level public concourse and in the new gate connector space.

A Supplemental Information Package which will provide more details on the scope of the Project as well as the selection process and evaluation criteria shall be available as of Wednesday, May 18, 2016 on Massport website <http://www.massport.com/doing-business/layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, on CommBuys (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project or by contacting Susan Brace by email at sbrace@massport.com.

In addition, a Project Briefing shall be held in the Capital Programs Department, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 3:30 PM. The briefing is not mandatory.

Responses shall be addressed to Houssam Sleiman, P.E., CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received in the Capital Programs Department no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Capital Programs Department, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909.

All questions relative to your submission shall be directed to CPBidQuestions@massport.com. In the subject lines of your email, please reference the MPA Project Name and Number. It is strictly prohibited for any proponent to contact anyone else from Massport about this project from the time of this solicitation until award of the project to the successful proponent.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 5/13/2016

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI16P2149EA

Estate of
MARGARET PHILOMENA DOLAN
Also Known As
MARGARET P. DOLAN

Date of Death October 31, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul J. Coakley of Winchester, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Paul J. Coakley of Winchester, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 20, 2016.

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

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 21, 2016
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 5/13/16

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI16P2281EA

Estate of
FLORENCE M. RAKIP
Also Known As
FLORENCE S. RAKIP

Date of Death December 11, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Ellen E. McCann of Leominster, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Ellen E. McCann of Leominster, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 26, 2016.

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

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 28, 2016
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 5/13/16

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Probate and Family Court Department
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Docket No. MI16D1513DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
McPHERSON, KERRELD O.
vs.
FAGAN McPHERSON, TERRYON A.

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for 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 **Kerreldo D. McPherson, 48 Coburn Street, #1, Framingham, MA 01702-2432** your answer, if any, on or before **June 13, 2016**. 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: May 2, 2016.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 5/13/16

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
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Docket No. MI15P4725EA

Estate of
MARY LOUISE JORDAN SMITH

Date of Death January 30, 2013

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sandra Rymer of Concord, NC**.
Sandra Rymer of Concord, NC 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. MI09P4633EA

Estate of
DOROTHY A. GALLAGHER

Date of Death July 3, 2009

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Martha A. Gallagher of Waltham, MA**.
Martha A. Gallagher of Waltham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

Remember that Great Game
Roger Clemens
Had 30 Years Ago



Roger Clemens

As Steve Buckley in the *Boston Herald* (April 30th) stated, “It was only the top of the third inning, Red Sox vs. Seattle Mariners, on April 29, 1986, at Fenway Park, but play-by-play man Joe Castiglione already had a feeling he was witnessing history. He turned to Ken Coleman and said, ‘Ken, this is different. They’re not even fouling balls off.’”

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Docket No. MI15D4206DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
PIERRE, HEBEL
vs.
DESLANCES, KETTLENE

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for desertion.
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 **Nunotte Zama, Esq., Law Office of Nunotte Zama, 35 Kingston Street, Suite 2, Boston, MA 02111** your answer, if any, on or before **May 24, 2016**. 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 13, 2016
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 5/13/16

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.
Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

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2012 TOYOTA RAV4
VIN #2T3BF4DVXCW226082

2009 NISSAN ALTIMA
VIN #1N4AL21E29N455276

2007 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER
VIN #JA4MT31XX1V015754

The above vehicles will be sold at auction online only at
TOWLOT.COM
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016
at 8:00AM at towlot.com
Run dates: 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 2016

Roger Clemens would go on in that game to get 20 strikeouts in the Sox’s 3-1 win and became the first pitcher ever to do so. Ten years later, Roger would repeat this amazing feat vs. the Tigers. In 1996, Roger was in his horrible 4-year stretch when he went 40-39, but against the Tigers he did look like Rocket Man once again.

In 1997, he went free agent and ended up with the Blue Jays where he surprisingly got back on top of his game again. Clemens spent two years in Toronto, then on to the NY Yankees where he continued to look like the superstar pitcher again.

Sadly, Clemens got caught up in the Steroid Era scandals which have kept him, to date, from getting elected into the Hall of Fame. Someday in the future he probably will, but those lingering questions are still too strong to open that door of honor to him.

By the way, Kerry Woods also struck out 20 batters in a game in the 1998 season.

Quote to Note

“A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.”

— Jackie Robinson

Did You Know ...

According to *Baseball-Reference.com*, in a recent game between the Yankees and Red Sox when Dave Ortiz and Alex Rodriguez both hit home runs, it was the first time that players age 40 or over homered for different teams in the same game since 1913.

CC Sabathia Has

Good Day on the Mound

On Wednesday, May 4th, CC Sabathia improved to 2-2 with a 3.81 ERA. He allowed six hits, walked two and struck out six in seven innings. It was

his 216th win and ties him with Wilbur Cooper for 22nd place on the all-time win list for lefties. Personally, I never knew they kept this kind of all-time list.

Franchise History Maker

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Mark Trumbo of the Baltimore Orioles, who had 33 hits and 22 RBIs in his first 25 games, set a franchise record with those stats.

“ESPN Goes Stalinist”



Curt Schilling

The above was the title of a recent *NY Post* editorial on Curt Schilling and ESPN. Days after getting fired for his opinion of the Transgender Bill being debated across the country, ESPN turned around and cut him out of the Red Sox documentary *Four Days in October* on Sunday, May 1st or, as the Stalinists call it, May Day. How can you talk about 2004 without mentioning Schilling’s bloody sock? But that was exactly what ESPN did, saying they had to edit the piece and unluckily the bloody sock didn’t make the cut.

ESPN can censor whatever it wants, but it makes them look so politically correct. They don’t call them the Especially Small *%\$ Network for nuthin’.

Happy Birthdays to ...

Wes Gardner (55), Steve Crawford (58), Rick Bursleson (65), Tom House (69) and Luis Aparacio (982).

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Docket No. MI16P0909EA

Estate of
MICHAEL STEPHEN
Also Known As
MICHAEL JOHN STEPHEN

Date of Death January 11, 2016

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Theodore C. Anthony Jr. of Framingham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Theodore C. Anthony Jr. of Framingham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Docket No. MI16P2354EA

Estate of
RITA ELLEN RANUCCI
Also Known As
RITA RANUCCI, RITA E. RANUCCI

Date of Death April 6, 2016

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Peter Lieberman of Newton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Peter Lieberman of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN



Benny Leonard.

With the recent publication of Mike Silver's book *Stars In The Ring: Jewish Champions in the Golden Age of Boxing*, I have been reminded not only of how boxing was once nearly dominated by Jewish fighters, but also how one, Benny Leonard, stood out above all the rest. It is surprising that in all the years since Leonard was champion, there has only been one biography of him published. That book was by the founder of *Ring Magazine*, Nat Fleischer. Unfortunately, it is not a very good book and does not do justice to the great Lightweight Champion. Fortunately, Mr. Silver fills the void with his chapter on Leonard in his new book. Mike captures the essence of Benny Leonard in his thoughtful and thorough look at the Ghetto Wizard.

While my thoughts turned to Benny, I was also lucky to come across an interview the reigning champ had given to journalist Robert Edgren in 1921. This historic piece was shared by boxing researcher Gregory Speciale, the man who has unearthed more incredible historic boxing items than anyone I know.

I thought I would share a few of Benny Leonard's quotes from both works along with some photographs. Remember, boxing experts have consistently rated Leonard among the top ten fighters, pound for pound, for decades. He is also considered by many to be the greatest lightweight of all time.

Mike Silver has a wonderful quote from Leonard that was passed on by the great trainer Ray Arcel. When asked by Arcel why he studied four-round preliminary fighters sparring in the gym, Leonard replied, "You can never tell when one of those kids might do something by accident that I can use."

Mike also has this passage, "In his prime, Leonard was far superior to most of his opponents, but he never sought to humiliate them. 'I don't want to hurt the other guy,' said Leonard. 'I want to stop him. But that does not mean I am eager to cut him up and murder his self-respect. The credo of the professional ring is to win with speed and your best means of execution. As for that 'killer instinct', I never had it as a kid when bringing home the pay was very important, and I never had it as a champion.'"

Here are a few gems from the Robert Edgren interview of 1921:

"Study is the thing that makes successful fighters nowadays. Yes, the day of the boy with a

strong back and a thick skull has gone by. You have to be a student to get to the top and stay there. I'm champion and any other lightweight could make a fortune beating me. Yet nothing can induce the best of them to meet me in the ring. I'm in a funny position as a champion without a contender for his title. Tendler, Jackson and the others know I can beat them, but they don't know why. They think it is because I have an awful 'kick.' They think I am bigger and stronger than I am. They don't realize I can beat them because I am a better student."

"You have to study three things to be a first class fighter.



Leonard with his Mother.

First, your opponent's mind and habit of thought; second, your own mental control of timing and movement; and last, physiology."

"Do you know what a knockout is? It's simply a shock to a nerve, carried to the brain. There are three knockout points on the head, each where nerves lie near the surface. For instance, a straight blow on the end of the chin isn't a good knockout punch. But hit a man on either side of the chin, an inch or so back, or above the eye tooth, and you deliver a shock to a nerve connecting with the brain. The nerve telegraphs the brain that you're knocked out, and down you go."

"Now for myself. I study myself most of all, because after all, it's my machine that does the work. Every blow I use I've practiced thousands and thousands of times, studying every detail of delivery. I've put as much study into the delivering of a lifting right hand body punch as a man would need to learn Greek. I follow every inch of the blow and try to improve it in detail."

"NOW, about those 'six-inch punches' they say I use. I've heard hundreds of people talk



Leonard vs Rocky Kansas.

about my knocking fellows out with a six-inch punch, the way they used to say Bob Fitzsimmons did. I never knocked out anybody with a short punch. I don't believe any other fighter ever did.

"What I do is just this. I fool the eye. The speed of your arms in feinting counts. I feint rapidly with my arms when advanced, and suddenly I strike. The feinting is intended to fool my opponent so he won't know when the real blow starts, and if it fools him, it fools the spectators, too. You see me feinting and hitting, and what your eye catches is the general effect, because my arms are moving as fast as I can move them."

"You don't know that when I struck the blow my elbow was drawn farther back than one time, and instead of striking six inches or a foot, I really drove my fist two feet or more. They say Dempsey uses short punches. Dempsey takes twice as long a drive as he seems to take, and as for Carpentier, I watched him beating Levinsky, and he puts the punch into the finish of a blow that travels a yard or more."

Leonard sounds more like a college professor than a boxer, but in his day many boxers looked upon the sport of boxing as an art and studied it as if they were going for an advanced degree. Well, that is just what they were going for. I hope you have enjoyed these tidbits from one of the all-time greats, and I also hope you will spend time exploring the rich legacy left behind by such champions as Benny Leonard.



Benny with Harry Houdini and Jack Dempsey.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



HOCKEY SAVED IN SPRINGFIELD — Like a last-minute goal that provided a much-needed victory, a number of investors have stepped forward in Springfield to make sure that there will be an AHL franchise in that city this fall.

You may recall that the Springfield Falcons were sold to the Phoenix Coyotes, who plan to move the team to Tucson, Arizona — much closer to that NHL club's base of operations. That would have ended an eight-decade presence of AHL hockey in the city.

But you had to wonder — in part because the AHL office headquarters for the entire league is also in Springfield. As the Springfield Republican newspaper stated "AHL President Dave Powers has always supported efforts to keep a team in Springfield."

All wondering ended two weeks later when it was announced that a group of Springfield investors had bought the Portland, Maine, franchise and would move it to the Western Massachusetts city in time for the start of the 2016-2017 season.

As a native of the Springfield area, your faithful correspondent feels somewhat divided — somewhat positive that there will be hockey in Springfield, somewhat negative that a team was poached from another community in New England to make that happen.

It leaves a bad feeling with you when one reads on the Portland Press Herald's website that taxpayers helped pay for a \$34 million renovation of the Cross Insurance Arena (formerly the Cumberland County Civic Center) in 2013 and are now looking at essentially a building with a significant surplus of open dates. Taxpayers also must cover any operating losses at the arena — which amounted to \$600,000 last year, even with the hockey team playing there.

The Pirates, who played in Maine for 23 seasons, had just completed the second year of a five-year lease. To get out of the agreement, the team needs to make a \$100,000 payment.

The Maine Red Claws, an affiliate of the Boston Celtics in the NBA Development League, play their home games at the Portland Expo Building and are not interested in moving.

It should also be stated just what is being moved and how it might be received in the Springfield area — given that region's underwhelming support of the Falcons in recent years.

Portland, like Springfield, has had attendance problems. The Pirates were last in the 30-team AHL in attendance during the 2014-2015 season (2,963 per game) and 29th in 2015-2016 (3,363 per game), just a bit better than Springfield, which had the lowest last season (3,108).

So, the team that was next to last in attendance is leaving that community and moving to the one whose team had the lowest attendance. Somehow, that just does not seem like good business sense.

In addition, remember that Springfield is only about 30 miles from Hartford, which has

its own AHL franchise — the Wolf Pack. Thus, as one travels south from Springfield, the fan base changes as you enter Connecticut.

We've read that officials in Springfield are hopeful that attendance will increase when the MGM casino opens there in 2018. Their thinking is that Springfield will become somewhat of a destination area and the hockey team would be seen as another entertainment option.

Perhaps. But don't bet on it.

SPEAKING OF SITES — It served the Celtics well over the years, but before too long the storied franchise will have moved on to a different address with even more modern amenities.

We speak, of course, of the Celtics decision to move from their current practice facility in Waltham into a new one in Brighton near the Massachusetts Turnpike.

There will be a familiar neighbor in the area — the Bruins will have their own new practice facility close by. And there will also be something else that's familiar — a new commuter rail station.

The announcement means that the Celtics will leave their practice area at Healthpoint in Waltham, a facility that has served the team since 1999.

Prior to that, the Celtics did not have a permanent practice area of their own, using the gym at Hellenic College in Brookline for such purposes. The Healthpoint facility was built during the Rick Pitino era and was state-of-the-art for its time. It features not only the Celtics practice area, but a complete health club for individual members as well.

The new facility, which is scheduled to open in 2018, won't be open to the public in that sense, but will host occasional community events as well as ones for season ticket holders.

More and more colleges and pro franchises are upgrading their practice facilities. There's the increased realization that it's the location where the athletes spend the majority of their time.

The building will have two basketball courts; the latest audio-visual technology; large strength, conditioning, physical therapy and rehabilitation areas; and an expansive locker room and players' lounge, along with an expanded facilities for media members.

IN MEMORIAM — Remembering Howard Garfinkel, whose well-known summer Five Star Camp in Pennsylvania became a destination for college coaches and elite high school basketball players. Garfinkel, who died in his native New York City on May 7th at age 86, hosted the camp for 42 years (1966-2008). Over the decades, it drew nearly 300 coaches and numerous players who went on to stardom in the NBA, including Michael Jordan, LeBron James and Moses Malone.

Garfinkel's first hire for a camp coach: Bobby Knight, who went on to become the head coach at the University of Indiana.