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## The North End Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 144 Honors Fallen Heroes'



L-R: Commander Paul Spera, Joe Blazo, Christian Kulikoski, and Paul LaVecchia

On Memorial Day the North End Post 144 honored the North End's fallen heroes. There are many places in which to remember and name our fallen patriots, such as the plaque on Paul Revere Mall (Prado) that names the deceased of World War I and II along with Korea and Vietnam. The poignant dog tag Afghanistan/Iraq/ISIS Memorial Garden behind Old North Church is always heart rending with so many tags gently moving in any breeze.



VFW plaque on the Paul Revere Mall (Prado)

(Photos by Michele Morgan)

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Why are Asian American Voters Pushing Back Against Trump?

A front-page story in the *Boston Globe* told about Asian-Americans across the country who saw their businesses in the nation's Chinatowns dwindle before any cases of COVID-19 had surfaced here.

There were reported cases of assaults on Chinese-Americans over the virus, but overall most Americans pretty much blamed the Chinese government for hiding the origins of the virus from the world causing the global pandemic we are presently experiencing.

Massachusetts State Rep. Vanna Howard states, "We are not a virus." Of course they aren't. I think the so-called rising tide of anti-Chinese is getting blown up

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## Memorial Day *Fallen Heroes' Garden*

by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com



Many Memorial Day tributes went virtual this year, but wreathes and flags still showed up at various sites around Boston to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation and freedoms.

Photographer Gerri Paladino stopped by the Fallen Hero's Memorial Garden in the Seaport to take in their Memorial Day display.



(Photos by Gerri Palladino)


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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



DEMETER AND CERES



**The Rape of Proserpina, Artist Gian Lorenzo Bernini, 1621–22, Galleria Borghese, Rome**

The Greek goddess of agriculture was named Demeter. Her position in the pantheon of deities was equal to that of Poseidon, Hades, and Hestia. Her brief union with Zeus produced a beautiful daughter named Persephone. One day Hades came upon the fair Persephone as she was picking flowers and for him it was love at first sight. The maiden was abducted by that god who attempted to carry her to his underworld kingdom. The rivers refused to let him pass through to the lower world, but the earth opened yielding to his demand. Mother Demeter roamed over the earth for nine years, seeking information about the disappearance of her daughter. Finally, during the tenth year, Demeter learned the truth from the Sun, who of course was all seeing. Her sorrow now turned

to anger, and because of her position as the goddess of agriculture, she caused the earth to become barren, so that all mortals were threatened with destruction. The fruits of the earth were not permitted to flourish again until her daughter Persephone was allowed to spend the major part of each year with Mother Demeter. When this was accomplished, Demeter gratefully left the gift of agriculture and a fruitful harvest to mankind. When this was accomplished, she retired to the abode of the gods on Mt. Olympus. Ceres was the Roman counterpart to Demeter. Her worship started in Rome about 496 B.C. during a serious drought. The love for this Roman goddess was so greatly influenced by Demeter’s veneration that a Greek temple was designed and

built by Greek artists for a spot on the Aventine Hill in Rome. When completed, services in the temple were dedicated to Ceres, and performed in the Greek language by Italian women of Greek extraction. The temple was placed under the protection of plebian guards who controlled the corn market and resided near the structure. An annual festival celebrated the reunion of Ceres with Proserpina (Mother Demeter and daughter Persephone). Women who participated in the festival fasted for nine days, and then offered the first fruits of the harvest to Ceres. During this service, they wore pure white garments and a crown of ripe ears of corn. The worship of Ceres in rural areas usually required the sacrifice of a sow prior to the harvest season, along with a dedication of the first cuttings of corn. The next time you eat corn flakes, try to figure out how the name “cereal” originated.

Regarding the abduction of Persephone, I must remind our readers who are also art lovers, about the beautiful Bernini statues that are now standing in the Borghese Gallery of Rome, and specifically the one entitled *The Rape of Proserpina* (the Roman name for Persephone) which shows Pluto (Hades) in the act of abducting the goddess. We should also be reminded that the sculptor, Lorenzo Bernini, was the 14<sup>th</sup> architect to be employed during the 200-year construction period of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. He is credited with the design of the entrance plaza, an exterior fountain, the “baldacchino” (canopy) over the High Altar and the black marble twisted columns that support that 700-ton canopy.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*Apollo*

**Friends of the North End Cancel Annual Reunion**

The Friends of the North End has decided to cancel its 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion which was to be held at the Sons of Italy Hall in Winchester on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish all our Friends and their families a safe and healthy remainder of the year and look forward to 2021 when we will be able to continue the special opportunity to get together to reminisce about a truly unique neighborhood and a cherished boyhood.

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**Year-Long Green Line Closure Between Lechmere and North Stations Begin**

*by Klark Jessen, MassDOT*

The MBTA Green Line service between Lechmere and North Stations will be replaced with shuttle buses, which began on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, for approximately one year to accomplish work as part of the Green Line Extension project (GLX) and the Green Line Transformation Program (GLT): the closure, relocation, and complete replacement of Lechmere Station and work to demolish, relocate, and reconstruct sections of the Lechmere Viaduct.

During the Green Line diversion, GLX crews will remove the existing Lechmere Station, reconstructing a brand new Lechmere in a new location in Cambridge. The GLX team has also closely collaborated with the GLT team to close and replace the existing Lechmere Viaduct, which carries Green Line trains from Lechmere across the Charles River and into Downtown Boston. When complete, upgrades made to the Lechmere Viaduct will allow more trains to pass over the bridge, serving the new Lechmere Station and six new Green Line stations in Somerville and Medford constructed as part of GLX.

Shuttle bus service will replace Green Line trains between Lechmere and North Stations every day, including weekdays and weekends. Commuter bus routes (Routes 69, 80, 87, and 88) will continue to provide service to the existing busway at Lechmere Station during the Green Line service suspension. Customers should note that shuttles will be extended to operate between Lechmere and Haymarket Stations during some weekends in June, which are currently being finalized and scheduled.

Through close collaboration with MassDOT’s District 6 Highway Division and the City of Boston Transportation Department, Charles River Dam Road will include all-day, bus-only lanes in both directions to support the Green Line shuttle bus diversion, providing continued service for Green Line riders. In addition to MBTA buses, professionally driven coaches, shuttle buses, and emergency vehicles will be allowed to fully access the bus lanes. Dedicated bicycle lanes installed on Charles River Dam Road last year will remain in place and fully operational for the duration of the bus replacement service. Upon completion of the Green Line service suspension, Charles River Dam Road will be restored to its original condition.

In compliance with the Commonwealth’s Reopening Massachusetts Report, riders must wear face coverings while within the MBTA system, including onboard shuttle buses. Additionally, in an effort to promote social distancing efforts and protect the health and safety of MBTA riders and bus operators, ridership on shuttle buses will be limited with shuttles on standby to accommodate ridership demands as needed.

For more information, please visit: [mbta.com/GLEwork](http://mbta.com/GLEwork), [mbta.com/GLX](http://mbta.com/GLX), [mbta.com/GLT](http://mbta.com/GLT).

**Saint Christopher Magallanes Jara**

*by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari*

Christopher was born in Totatiche, Jalisco, Mexico on July 30, 1869. He was the son of Rafael Magallanes Romero and Clara Jara Sanchez, who were farmers. He worked as a shepherd in his youth and enrolled in the Conciliar Seminary of San José in Guadalajara at the age of 19. He was ordained at the age of 30 at Santa Teresa in Guadalajara in 1899, and served as Chaplain of the School of Arts and Works of the Holy Spirit in Guadalajara. He was then designated as the parish priest for his home town of Totatiche, where he helped found schools and carpentry shops and assisted in planning for hydrological works, including the dam of La Candelaria. He took special interest in the evangelization of the local indigenous Huichol people and was instrumental in the foundation of the mission in the indigenous town of Azqueltán.

Father Christopher erected a seminary in Totatiche and he and his companions secretly preached and ministered to the faithful. “Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!”

This was the slogan of the “Cristero” uprising in the 1920s against the anti Catholic government of Mexico which had instituted and enforced laws against the Church in an attempt to eradicate the Catholic faith in Mexico, even going so far as to ban all foreign clergy and the celebration of Mass in some regions. Father Christopher wrote and preached against armed rebellion, but was falsely accused of promoting the Cristero Rebellion in his area. He was arrested on May 21, 1927, while in route to celebrate Mass at a farm.

Father Christopher, along with 21 other priests and three lay companions, were martyred between 1915 and 1937, by shooting or hanging, throughout eight Mexican states, for their membership in the Cristero movement. The last words heard spoken by Father Christopher were from his cell, when he shouted, “I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico”.

Father Christopher was Canonized on May 21, 2000, by Pope John Paul II. The Feast Day of Saint Christopher Mahallanes Jara is May 21<sup>st</sup>.



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## Happy Birthday Rosemary



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## Janis Christina

of Boston's North End



Janis Christina, a lifetime resident of the North End in Boston, passed away on May 15<sup>th</sup>, after struggling the past few years with health complications. She was 72 years old.

Janis was the daughter of the late Louis and Mary (Gusmini) Christina, and sister of the late Louis Christina.

She will be lovingly missed by her sister Denise Weaver and her husband, Bruce, of Lynnfield. Janis was a much loved "Auntie" to Chris Pienta, Kathryn Léinn, Michael Christina, Abbie and Maggie Weaver, and a special "Gooma" to Kristen Simonelli. Her newest joy was being a great aunt to Avery Léinn. They meant everything to her and they will always cherish the fun that was had.

She was born in Boston and lived there throughout her life. Janis was so proud to live in the North End and owned and operated J&B Variety with her late partner and long-time companion, Bob Lynch. She so enjoyed her many friends who regularly visited the store to enjoy each other's company, and after retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her dear

friends at Casa Maria.

Due to the current health crisis, a celebration of Janis' life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Janis' name can be made to the North End Waterfront Health, c/o Jim Luisi, 332 Hanover Street, Boston MA 02113 or to a charity of your choice.

## Parks Parcel Priority Plan Survey Now Underway

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging park users and open space advocates to take part in the City of Boston's new Parcel Priority Plan (PPP) using an online survey. The survey results will be used in developing the open space acquisition Parcel Priority Plan, and the City of Boston encourages residents from every neighborhood to share their feedback.

Enhancing and enlarging Boston's network of resilient public open space is critical, and the Parcel Priority Plan will identify and evaluate lands in the city that should be acquired or protected as open spaces. This will be used for the development of the update to the City of Boston's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

- Questions that are a part of the survey include:
- Where would you like to see open space?
  - What should the City of Boston focus on when acquiring or protecting open space?

Residents' responses will shape the future of Boston's park system.

Survey responses will be combined with data modeling and the City's priorities to create the Parcel Priority Plan. This is an essential first step in understanding where the Parks and Recreation Department has opportunities to expand the open space network. Creating new open space and protecting existing open space will move forward as opportunities and funding are available.

The online survey is available in six languages in addition to English. To participate, please visit [boston.gov/parcel-priority-plan](http://boston.gov/parcel-priority-plan).

Interpretation and translation services are available at no cost. To access these services or learn more about the project, please contact Maggie Owens at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department 617-961-3025 or email [maggie.owens@boston.gov](mailto:maggie.owens@boston.gov).

## Answering the Crisis Call, East Boston Community Soup Kitchen Delivers for Families in Need

by Frank Conti

In 2016, Sandra Nijjar found herself without a job, a stark challenge for a resident where the cost of living in Boston increases every day. But unemployment wasn't an obstacle. If there was not a job out there for her, Nijjar decided to create her own dream job, one that would help out the vulnerable in East Boston.

With a burning desire to help the neighborhood's homeless, she started the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen. Located at the Our Savior Lutheran Church on Paris Street, Nijjar grew a food pantry and soup kitchen that today serves 40 to 50 men and 250 families. "The help from East Boston is overwhelming."

Despite the growing prosperity that comes with new development, people living with food insecurity are growing and sometimes in the shadows. "I noticed that we have a population of middle-aged men without families and without small children who are addicts and live on the streets. They are pretty much without any help, particularly the undocumented folks." The soup kitchen is more than just food, she says: "My goal is to use food as a tool where men can then be connected to the services they need to become sober."

The East Boston Soup Kitchen also does a lot of advocacy work for its patrons such as making connections to existing services in the area when folks need a shower, clean clothes, detox services and even help with health insurance paperwork.

She says that she is blessed to have the support of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the many volunteers that have lent a hand over the years. "Everyone is pitching in."

Nijjar says the key to success is not only to be welcoming but non-judgmental. "No one is perfect and everyone has a story." She notes that some of her patrons suffer from childhood trauma or mental illness. The turn-arounds are tinged with sadness. "Once they are sober I don't see them anymore."

Like most small community-based human service agencies, Nijjar makes a dollar stretch. She collects perfectly edible food from local restaurants. "We really don't waste food here. That challenge of organizing, setting up and securing community support for the pantry nearly four years ago, pales in comparison to what she faces today: How to feed the homeless middle age men in the age of the coronavirus one of the neighborhoods most besieged by the novel disease. East Boston has one of the highest rates of COVID-19 infections and the virus has hit minorities the hardest.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the kitchen closed, but Nijjar's work didn't stop then even though she didn't report to a kitchen anymore. She started getting the word out to local organizations and supporters such as Resurrection Church. Any work during the shutdown required funding. It was just as the city was putting its stay-at-home policy in place that Nijjar received a call

from Pat Capogreco, community liaison for Cargo Ventures, who asked "how can we help?"

The industrial real estate and logistics firm kicked in much-needed cash. Food that was once prepared, served and consumed in the church basement was now made available by vouchers, gift cards and references to local eateries such as Taco Mex, Meridian Food Market, La Casa Del Pandebono. Cargo Ventures picked up the tab for all the meals without asking how much the meals would cost. "Cargo Ventures is my life-saving angel to say the least. They reached out the first day we closed," says Nijjar. "As an East Boston resident and Cargo Venture employee I'm very happy to be in a position to help out the soup kitchen which is helping people in the community who are in need," notes Capogreco.

Such help is inspiration for the future. Nijjar would like a more permanent place for the soup kitchen on this side of the Boston Harbor. Even though East Boston is a highly desirable place to live, it remains isolated. That makes it harder for the vulnerable who have to find their way to downtown Boston.

Competition for real estate is fierce but the East Boston Soup Kitchen has proved that it can overcome any crisis. By being there in the most trying crisis in modern times for the people who need it most, Nijjar, her band of volunteers, network of eateries and supporters like Cargo Ventures, have the will to make it happen.



# L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## A Journey into June

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



Ah, June! No other month brings as much joy to the heart of this schoolteacher. June is inextricably linked to summer in my mind. It means eighty-plus degree days when I open every window, trying to catch a pleasant ruffle of a breeze. It is days spent walking by the sea-shore, inhaling the salty scent of the ocean and listening to the plaintive cries of the gulls. June means days of ice cream dripping down cones and strolls in the late-evening sunshine. Finally, June means the last school bell of the year, opening up a summer full of possibility and hope. Yes, I truly love June, and so did my ancestors over in Italy. For June in Italy boasts a number of holidays that revel in the summery nature and outdoorsy aspects of the month. In truth, June can be an overwhelming time to visit Italy, as that is when most of the tourists descend, combining crowds with hot temperatures. However, those who go outside of the well-beaten tourist path will greatly enjoy this beautiful month in Italy, especially because of one of these four traditional festivities.

**1 Festa della Repubblica (June 2<sup>nd</sup>):** In the simplest terms, one can think of *la Festa della Repubblica*, or “Feast of the Republic,” as Italy’s independence day, a rough equivalent to our Fourth of July. This feast honors the date in 1946 when, after the turmoil of World War II, Italians voted on creating a republic rather than a monarchy. Nearly everything — banks, stores, tourist sites, museums — is closed or operates on holiday hours. Instead,

Italians celebrate by watching parades and attending outdoor parties or concerts. Expect to see the Italian tricolor flag, with its bright hues of red, white and green, adorning landmarks and waving from people’s homes. *La Festa della Repubblica* appropriately occurs in the summer, when people can take advantage of the lovely weather to go outdoors and show their communal pride in being Italian.

**2) Festival of San Ranieri (June 16-17<sup>th</sup>):** The feast of St. Rainerius, or *San Ranieri* as he is known to Italians, encompasses two days of merriment in the Tuscan city of Pisa. The eve of the feast day, Pisa celebrates its patron saint by lighting up the city’s buildings with over 70,000 glass-encased candles. These *lumini* cast a warm, romantic glow against the meandering Arno River. A fireworks displays caps off the night’s festivities. The next day, people gather to watch a regatta, or boat race. I find it interesting that this quaint and local holiday includes the two biggest hallmarks of solstice celebrations — fire and water—giving Italians cause to honor the sweet delights of midsummer.

**3 Saint John’s Day (June 24<sup>th</sup>):** This is one of my favorite holidays. It commemorates St. John the Baptist, the major religious figure who baptized Jesus, though many traditions originated from the pre-Christian festivities celebrating the summer solstice. In Northern Europe, St. John’s Day is known as Midsummer since it falls so close to the

summer solstice. People celebrate with rites honoring the sun (the summer solstice) and water (St. John the Baptist): building maypoles, floating garlands of flowers down streams, lighting bonfires. In Italy, this is *la Festa di San Giovanni Battista*. In the Lake Como region, people float hundreds of delicate lanterns on the lake and later continue the theme of light by enjoying a fireworks display. Florentines celebrate with a medieval tournament, while also holding a procession of rowboats carrying candles drifting serenely along the Arno River. These festivals perfectly capture the magic of the longest night of the year, harnessing the power of the sun and honoring the life-giving qualities of water.

**4) Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29<sup>th</sup>):** Rome celebrates the feast day of two of the most important figures of early Christianity with great fanfare. The commemoration of St. Peter and St. Paul, or *San Pietro e San Paolo*, includes a special Mass from St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican (St. Peter was the first Pope). Many businesses in Rome are closed for the day as people admire elaborate flower carpets — a summer symbol — outside St. Peter’s Square. Like many summer holidays, the day ends with a fireworks display.

Of course, there are plenty of other ways to enjoy June in Italy. Lots of little festivals, known as *sagre*, dot the Italian landscape. These small holidays frequently devote their attention to a specific crop, and during the summer that can mean anything from peaches to strawberries to herbs. One of the best aspects of Italian holidays is that they so connect to the rhythms of the Earth and encourage reflection in the present moment. So, no matter how you celebrate, make sure to give thanks for the wonderful month of June and all of the delights it offers!

*Happy June!*

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### Don’t Like New Normal Power Nonsense

It does appear we can almost see the light at the end of the tunnel, but I won’t be getting too excited just yet. Slowly things seem to be improving on all fronts both with the virus and with the re-opening of our economy and getting people back to work.

However, it does also appear that Mayor Marty Walsh seems even more hesitant than Governor Charlie Baker with his staggered four phases of grief to end the econocide perpetrated by our hesitant elected officials.

As time goes on several shops and restaurants have been going under permanently. The latest reportedly was Stella, a hip South End restaurant that has closed for good. I still believe when everything is in the rearview mirror that some 25 to 40 percent of local business will no longer be among the living.

As for public religious services, they come back this weekend but can’t have more than a 40 percent capacity. Meanwhile, Mayor Walsh was advising the elderly population to avoid services for now out of precaution. I think people are smart enough on their own to know when it will be safe to return to the pews and don’t need politicians telling them what to do.

Everyone can still watch Sunday services online if they have underlying health issues, poor immune systems, or feel uncomfortable about re-entering life too soon.

I made up my mind to go to church this past Sunday. The decision was mine to make. I have been pretty good so far with precautions taken to stay safe and healthy. I won’t tell you what to do, we are all grownups. Do what you feel is the right thing to do.

Finally, Dropkick Murphys will be hosting a free, 90-minute, virtual concert featuring a remote guest appearance by Bruce Springsteen entitled *Streaming Outta Fenway* today May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. watch it on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, or Twitch.

*Streaming Outta Fenway* will benefit non-profit Boston Resiliency Fund, Feeding America, and Habitat for Humanity, Greater Boston. Donations can be made by texting “DONATE” to 404-994-3559.

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out of proportion by the media.

**P r e s i d e n t T r u m p**, Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Conservatives, and Liberals have all been blaming China for the outbreak.

#### **Liberals Giving Up On Civil Liberties**

The case against General Michael Flynn was based on endless abuses. Things like warrantless surveillance, multiple illegal leaks of classified information, false statements, and unused secret counterintelligence evidence, etc. Yet, liberals see nothing wrong here. This is the rule of law? Liberals have become defenders of the spy state. This cast of characters also mock those who raise concerns about civil liberties issues in the midst of the COVID-19 lockdown strategy that seems to be working out not so well.

#### **We are Still Killing the Economy**

Latest job loss numbers as of May 21<sup>st</sup>, now show that 39 million American are now out of work. Don’t kid yourself, this is a Depression now. On top of it we have moved into Stagflation too; just look at food prices at the supermarkets going up, and up, and up.

You gotta be a little old to remember stagflation. Last time I remember it happening was back in my twenties with President Jimmy Carter in the White House. High prices for food and long lines at the gas stations for high priced gas, too. Drivers could only get gas on certain days depending on the digits on your license plates. Thank God gas prices are so low right now or we could all be feeling even worse than we already are.

#### **Soon We Will All Be Using Monopoly Money**

In the past nine weeks or so, we will only add another \$8

trillion to our national debt, which already is approaching the size of our entire economy. We seem to be making a big, big mistake by dealing with a cash-flow crisis by introducing massive government spending, debt, and political intervention into our personal lives. Millions upon millions are out of work thanks to our elected leaders at all levels of government, recklessly ransacking our once strong economy in just nine weeks. And in the meantime, we are watching our democratic republic being less democratic and less a republic.

We better find those Monopoly card games in the closet; we may need that money now.

#### **Trump is Right on This**

President Trump is right on this. The re-opening of the economy cannot be dependent on having a vaccine available and that keeping businesses shuttered creates its own health crisis.

His latest tweets “RE-OPEN OUR COUNTRY” and “TRANSITION TO GREATNESS.” He’s right; we need to re-open America again, because it isn’t the virus versus the economy. There will be serious health issues connected to this prolonged shutdown. The longer the shutdown, the more damaging the health issues tied to it.

#### **Finally ...**

I have never said President Trump was the greatest president ever. I did vote for him in 2016, and still glad I did. I most likely will do likewise this coming November. Democrats, liberals, progressives, and worse have never let up on him since the evening of his defeat of Hillary Clinton. No way could I ever vote for Biden this year. Trump looks like Winston Churchill compared to poor Joe.

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

Businesses are slowly beginning to open! Lockdowns may not have been the answer as people begin to venture out, will their immune systems be able to fight even the common cold? ... A message from someone deprived of their rights: We had to give up our membership at the gym. We use to walk for exercise but gave it up because breathing in carbon dioxide with a mask instead of fresh air made us nauseous. We may look like hell because we can't get our nails done, or massages for aches and pains, but luckily the liquor stores never closed and cannabis stores are now open so we can all sit around and get stoned and not even notice how we look. Oh, and the Governor did open the beaches but only if you are lucky enough to live by them because there is a no parking allowed around the area. And

who wants to walk along the beach when you have to wear a mask instead of breathing in fresh salt air? I'm told you lose 60% oxygen when wearing a mask. ... Babies born November, December, 2020 and January, February 2021, had parents not following our Governor's instructions! COVID-19 precautions? Remember 6-feet apart, no kissing, and of course no extra activities in the bedroom. O.M.G. will Big Brother punish them! ... Democrats intend to keep this country in lockdown till the election, hoping President Donald Trump will lose to Joe Biden ... Health officials are testing everyone that dies of COVID-19. People that have had a cold or any other virus in the past will test positive even though they died of other causes, Health Administration officials will add these to statistics of the COVID-19 number of deaths ... We need to get our country out of cardiac

arrest, and get the economy rolling. President Trump wants to open businesses ... Streets are deserted. Boston's a ghost town! But it's amazing, people would rather fight the traffic, than witness the economic destruction that is happening! ... Kudos to Cargo Ventures who teamed up with the YMCA to bring food to the needy during the pandemic ... Democrats will be advocating for a mail-in only November election. Make no mistake — this will mean that they will attempt to rig it. They "will find" ballots everywhere, as they seem to do in Florida every election cycle. We cannot allow this to happen. If we do not have the right to vote in-person, Congress needs to suspend the election altogether. If the citizens had to "just deal" with their businesses, schools, and lives being interrupted, then Democrats can deal with a few more months of Trump ... *Till next time! Stay Healthy*

The time has come, the walrus said,

## TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

### KUDOS TO JOHN CICCONE AT SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Kudos to my longtime friend and fellow writer John Ciccone who is the Publisher of the *South Boston Today* weekly newspaper. He's been a published writer and newspaper columnist going back over 40 years now, a solid common sense conservative writer. Ciccone and I worked together as writers back during the Forced Busing fight.

Recently, in the May 21<sup>st</sup> edition, he wrote, "The important thing to remember throughout this COVID-19 situation is FREEDOM. Most Americans cherish their freedom. All of us should. It's one of those things that make our country so great. The saying, 'Once Freedom is lost you might not get it back' is worth remembering. There are those who would rob us of that freedom forever. We can't ever let that happen."

When the virus is gone, we must make sure we have lost none of it to the NEW NORMAL and to be blunt, if they try to prevent it, we'll just have to do what our Founding Fathers did in 1776 — take it back by whatever means necessary.

### NO LONGER TIME OF GREATNESS FOR DEMOCRATS

It seems amazing that the 1960 presidential campaign is now 60 years old. Back then, I was 12 years old and already in political mode campaigning the kids in my South End neighborhood, advocating the election of John Kennedy for President. The Democrat Party then was a responsible center-left party with the emphasis on center. Looking back and thinking about Kennedy's politics, he wouldn't recognize today's Democrats and they wouldn't even give him the time of day.

I still call myself a Reagan Democrat and think the Democrat Party has been taken over by the Democrat Socialist wing of the party and no longer represent working families, unions, small business owners, and middle-class homeowners.

That was what fueled election



A 1960 Kennedy for President Campaign poster

victories by President Reagan and the 2016 surprise victory by President Trump's, and his most likely 2020 re-election, too.

The Democrats need to look in to the nearest mirror and return to its roots or watch party radicals take it over and destroy it in quick order.

Oh, I almost forgot, May 29<sup>th</sup> marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the 35<sup>th</sup> President, too!

### "IT'S TIME TO FIRE AYANNA PRESSLEY"

The Massachusetts Republican Party has begun running fundraising digital ads saying, "It's time to fire Ayanna Pressley calling her radical for the 7<sup>th</sup> District congressional seat."

The Pressley campaign has fired back with its own fundraising campaign saying the Mass GOP is trying "to advance their extreme right wing agenda ... but Ayanna won't back down."

A funny thing happened though, the day after getting that



7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate Rayla Campbell (Photo by Sal Giaratani)

Pressley campaign email, I met up with Ayanna's Republican opponent at an event I was covering.

The candidate is a very credible and first-time candidate named Rayla Campbell, 37, from Randolph. She, like Ayanna Pressley is an African American woman and this year's 7<sup>th</sup> District match-up will certainly test the determination of state Republicans to run a competitive race for a Boston-based House seat.

Ayanna vs. Rayla could become a very interesting race to keep an eye on.

### I AGREE WITH KUHNER ON CONTACT TRACING

It sounds too Orwellian 1984-ish to me. We have already have too much of a surveillance state going on here at the moment, and it seems our elected officials have gone Mussolini on us. Looking at both Gov. Baker and Mayor Walsh one can see that their actions and rhetoric sounds like the morphing of the progressive left with a hint of fascism. They know what's best for us. "Listen to me," they seem to say with the voice of authority.

The Boston City Council recently raised concerns over facial recognition technology. Even as a retired police officer, I am not comfortable with plate-reading technology, either.

o A Frank DePasquale Venture o

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



For about 20 years, I have taken part in a Memorial Day tradition. Needless to say, the full scope of it won't be operational this year, and ... well, let me explain. I belong to a retired military organization called The First Corps of Cadets, and each Memorial Day, we gather at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, place flowers at the base of our Civil War memorial, listen to a few works from our Chaplain, a few words from our President and salute as a bugler plays taps. Following the ceremony, we head to a pub and enjoy a bit of liquid refreshment, a slice of pizza and the company of friends. Dean Saluti mentioned that the First Corps will do something to commemorate the day this year, but he wasn't sure of what, when we last spoke.

I always enjoyed things military, and even had the nickname of "GI Joe" when I was in elementary and junior high school. I would head to the war surplus stores on Atlantic Ave. and buy things I could use as a Cub Scout and later, as a Boy Scout. If I combined what I bought with what Uncles Nick and Gino gave me after they were discharged from the Navy and Army Air Corps, respectively, I might say that I had quite a collection of military memorabilia. I have to add in things that Dad let me borrow. During the day, he was a member of the Department of Audio-Visual Education of the Boston Public Schools, and after WWII, he was given a lot of war surplus hardware, tank radios, telescopes, binoculars, sextants, bomb sights, etc ... and I loved using them to play soldier.

Babbononno was proud, because, as a young man, had been a member of the Royal Italian Marines, and he was prouder still that two out of three of his sons had fought for his adopted country in WWII, and also that he and his son-in-law (Dad) were chosen to interrogate Italian war prisoners that were housed in the old forts and buildings located on Boston Harbor islands. He knew that he and Dad had been doing something right, as after Italy surrendered to the allies and switched sides, the prisoners were free to go home, and many didn't. They wanted to stay in Boston, and Babbononno and Dad helped them find employment and living accommodations.

When Babbononno saw that I loved things military, he thought I might head in that direction once I was out of school. He was so proud of the first time I

stood in front of him standing at attention with my army uniform neatly pressed. I had joined the Joseph H. Barnes Drum and Bugle Corps, and marched with them as a bugler. Later, at English High School, I marched with a rifle over my shoulder. Unfortunately, everything I tried to get involved in militarily after high school, didn't pan out.

When I began college, I took the exams to become a member of something called PLC, standing for Platoon Leader Class. It was similar to the ROTC offered at some colleges and I was interested in flying for the Marines. I figured that, if Ted Williams could fly for the Marines, so could I. I washed out because, when I flew, if we went into a dive, my nose would hemorrhage. After examining my nose, a Navy physician told me that it had been broken several times and the change in air pressure on my nose caused the problem. I was then told that I could be a mud Marine, which meant I would be in the infantry carrying a rifle. I was only seventeen, and Dad had signed for me to join the PLC. When I told him I could be a mud Marine, he ripped up the papers and I was a civilian again.

Babbononno was sad that his first born grandson was not going to be the 3rd generation in a row to serve in the military, but a few years later, I was recruited by the CIA to become part of an invasion group heading to free Cuba. I spoke Spanish, could pass for Cuban and could have been part of a reconnaissance group that led the way. But, they threw me out when I commented on a couple of things I thought they were doing wrong. Again Babbononno was unhappy. I knew that Mom was saying a Novena behind my back, and what she asked for must have worked, I was a civilian again.

I headed back to the East Boston Draft Board, which in those days, was housed underneath the library on Meridian Street. I knew that I would have to be reclassified as 1A and be eligible for the Army, which in the early '60s, was the only military organization involved in the draft. When I told the head of the draft board that I was teaching drafting and engineering subjects, she told me that they were classified as sciences, and as a result, I would be reclassified 2A, and receive a deferment. It seems that, after Sputnik, we had a lot of catching up to do, and anyone teaching a science would be deferred. As a result, I never made it into the military. By the time the war

in Vietnam was in full swing, I was a bit too old for military service. I lost a lot of friends and many students who headed for south-east Asia and never made it back home. I felt guilty that I had not participated, and still feel strange when some of my friends talk about their exploits in that war.

When I talk about my attempts at flying for the Marines, I add in that someone up there (and I point to the sky) must have been watching over me, because of all of the friends I would have flown with who went to Vietnam, none of them survived. So, when Dean Saluti, John Silva and the late Bill Hurley spoke to me about joining the First Corps of Cadets, I didn't hesitate to join. It today, represents the older generation and includes men and women who have served from WWII to the present. Our active component is the 211th Military Police, a unit that has served in Afghanistan in recent times.

When we meet, our uniform is a navy blue blazer with the organizational emblem on the breast pocket, gray slacks and a blue and white striped regimental tie. Of course, my shoes are always spit-shined thanks to Babbononno's early training on how to shine shoes.

On Memorial Day, I brought up a picture of the American flag on my computer, saluted it and said a silent prayer for those that I knew back in the day who never made it home. I guess my family was very lucky, from Babbononno's day to the present, every one of my relatives who was in the military, regardless of which war it was, made it home in one piece.

So, at this point in time, I sit on my Florida patio, realistically, unable to come home and think about all the things I had been involved in and what the realities of life would have been if things went in different ways. But, I can't complain, my family is all OK, my closest friends up there and down here are all OK, and besides my writing, I am practicing with a new bass guitar I bought last Friday.

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When you choose an *Affagato*, you'll no longer have a need to have to choose between an after-dinner coffee or dessert. Order an *Affagato*, which translates to "drowned," and you'll likely receive the perfect combination of a hot shot of espresso poured over a cold scoop of gelato. An *Affagato* can be sipped slowly or eaten with a spoon, making it an incredible way to enjoy dessert and coffee all in one. Add a shot of Amaretto, Frangelico or even Sambuca, and you'll have the ultimate after-dinner "dessert drink." The *Affagato* can even be topped with whipped cream, sprinkled with chocolate shavings, or drizzled with chocolate or caramel. While the options are endless, the two ingredients of most importance in making an *Affogato* are the gelato and espresso.

In an Italian restaurant or barista, everyone appears to have their own favorite way to order an *Affagato*. Yet, when making it at home, I've always preferred to use just a simple vanilla bean gelato and a shot of good quality espresso. This is not only the perfect base to which you can add toppings or liqueurs; it's also always been a favorite of all. For the espresso, I recommend what my Nonna always used, a stovetop espresso maker (Moka pot). For the gelato, homemade is definitely best. The following recipe for "Vanilla Bean Gelato" is my absolute favorite. Not only can you use it to make an *Affagato*, but it is perfectly delicious in a cone, dish or as a topping to your favorite *torta*!

### VANILLA BEAN GELATO

#### Gelato alla Vaniglia

|  |                           |
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| 6 extra-large egg yolks, at room temperature | ½ cup heavy cream         |
| 2/3 cup sugar                                | 1 tablespoon vanilla bean |
| 2 ½ cups whole milk                          | Pinch of salt             |
|  | Ice cream maker           |

In a large mixing bowl, whisk egg yolks and sugar for 3-4 minutes, set aside. In a medium saucepan, heat the milk and heavy cream until simmering, not boiling. Take ½ cup of the hot milk/cream mixture and drizzle while beating into the egg yolk mixture to temper/combine. Slowly add the egg yolk mixture back into the saucepan with the remaining hot milk/cream mixture. Cook while stirring the entire time, on medium low until it thickens, about 8-10 minutes.

Pour hot mixture thru a sieve into a heatproof bowl. Add the vanilla bean paste and pinch of salt, mix well. Let cool, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate overnight.

When ready, remove from refrigerator and place in freezer for 15 minutes. Prepare ice cream maker and then pour custard mixture into maker and churn for manufacturers recommended time (I use a simple Cuisinart and it churns about 25 minutes). Place in freezer safe container and freeze until set.

### AFFAGATO

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| 2 scoops vanilla bean gelato<br>(see recipe above, or you may use store bought) | 2 shots espresso |
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Place gelato in heatproof glass cup. Pour hot espresso over gelato and serve.

**Optional:** add a shot of liqueur to espresso, top with whipped cream, shaved chocolate, or drizzle with melted chocolate or caramel syrup. The choice is all yours!

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


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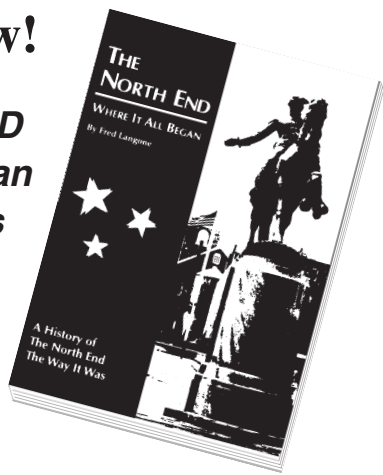


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**TRINA BUNCH-JENKINS**  
**vs.**  
**JOSEPH JENKINS**

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

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 **Ilene S. Klein, Esq., New England Law/Boston, Clinical Law Office, 46 Church St., Boston, MA 02116**, your answer, if any, on or before **June 29, 2020**. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 7, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**  
**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Katherine L. Donahue of Reading, 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 **Katherine L. Donahue of Reading, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With 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 16, 2020.

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

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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**  
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Date: May 19, 2020

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**Date of Death: April 29, 2019**

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**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

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

The Petitioner requests that **Michael J. Slawinski of Dracut, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael R. Alexander of Wayland, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Michael R. Alexander of Wayland, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

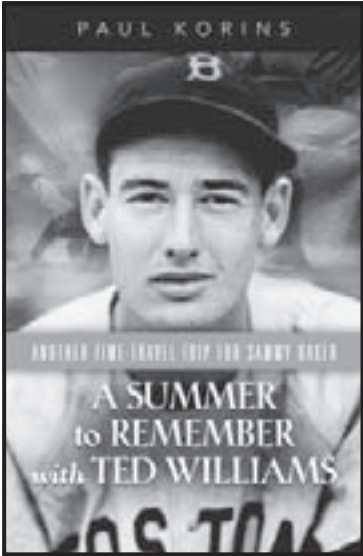


Sammy Baker (13), is transported from 2018 to 1960, and is the Red Sox Batboy. Sammy lives in Dorchester and the story revolves around his relationship with Ted Williams and other adventures. Paul also mentions many Dorchester landmarks where he grew up. A great read for our grandchildren.

## The Whole 2020 Hangs in the Balance

Right now, the fate of baseball being played this year hangs in the balance, as negotiations have begun between the owners and the players association. No one ever takes the first offer made. Comments by some of the players show how overpriced athletes just don't get it by making some really dumb comments to the price.

Either both sides can reach a place of agreement or not. No one really expected things to be quickly resolved. Here's hoping an agreement is reached, but if it isn't, it won't be the end of the world or baseball.



## “A Summer to Remember With Ted Williams”

Just wanted to let you know author Paul Korins has just written his fourth children's book and its being sold on Amazon. The name of the book is: *A Summer to Remember with Ted Williams*. The book is geared for boys nine to thirteen and the main character,

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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 **Maria A. Felix, 46 Warren St., #1, Cambridge, MA 02141**, your answer, if any, on or before **June 23, 2020**. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 5, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/29/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Middlesex Division**  
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**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
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**Docket No. MI20P1570EA**

**Estate of**  
**ANTHONY J. DICASTRO III**  
**Date of Death: January 03, 2020**

**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael DiCastro of Fitchburg, MA**.

**Michael DiCastro of Fitchburg, 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. MI20P2004EA**

**Estate of**  
**MARIE THERESE JACKSON-THOMPSON**  
Also Known As  
**MARIE OLIVER JACKSON**  
**Date of Death: January 21, 2020**

**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 **Toney A. Cellitti of Holliston, 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 **Toney A. Cellitti of Holliston, 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 June 12, 2020.

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

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

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

**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 15, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/29/2020

## Quote to Note

“It’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward; how much you can take and keep moving forward.”

— *Rocky Balboa*

## This Could be Blown Out of Proportion

A South Korean soccer club has apologized after being accused of putting sex dolls in empty seats at a game. However, they still insisted that they used mannequins not sex dolls to mimic a home crowd during a recent game. The use of fake crowds as teams play in empty stadiums during the coronavirus outbreak has been done by many teams, soccer and baseball. Team owners said they were told by the company who supplied the fake fans that they weren't sex products. The company does however manufacture sex dolls and all the fake fans in the stands were female in design.

Maybe, the FC Seoul Club should stick with empty seats because a chair is a chair is a chair.

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**Docket No. MI20P2053EA**

**Estate of**  
**DAVID G. ALONGI**  
**Date of Death: April 30, 2020**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**  
**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Robert G. Ripley, Jr. of East Falmouth, 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 **Robert G. Ripley, Jr. of East Falmouth, 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 June 15, 2020.

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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 18, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/29/2020

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Boxing





Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



**It's Going to be an Odd Summer,  
But Keep a Champion's Spirit**



**Jack Dempsey with a couple of Bathing Beauties.**



**Tony Galento and the Gang.**

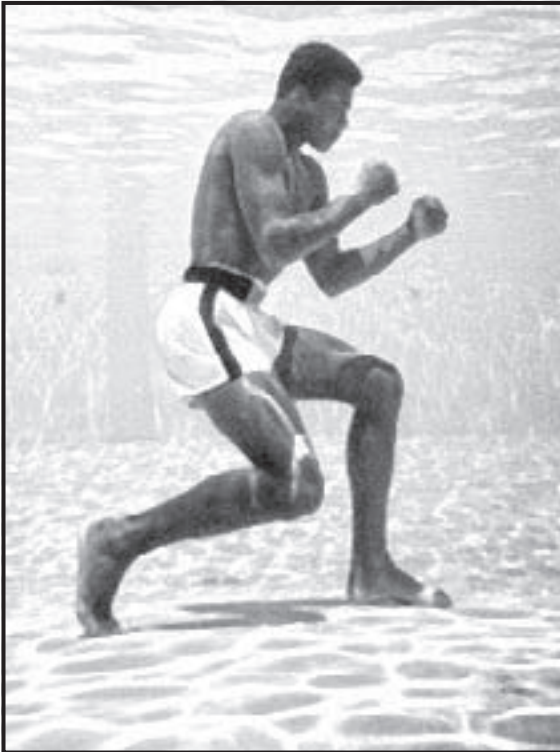


**Mickey Walker resting up before a swim.**



**Jack Dempsey and his daughter breathing in the salt air.**

With Memorial Day behind us, this is the time of the year when we would be making our summer vacation plans. Many people love being at the ocean. This year things are going to be very limited and most beaches will have restrictions if they open at all. It can be depressing to think about, but we are all in the same boat. Let's think about keeping the boat afloat and our spirits up. At some point this nasty virus will be knocked out and we will get back to our normal lives. In the meantime, be kind to one another and stay safe. Here are some photos of champs at the beach. Maybe they can deliver a knockout blow to that chump Covid.



**Muhammad Ali takes on the water.**



**Rocky Marciano and friends after a swim.**



**Tommy Ploughman catching some rays.**

NOT THAT BIG A CHANGE — The National Basketball Association recently announced that it will part ways with the company that has supplied the league's official game balls for nearly four decades.

Spalding has provided the NBA with its game balls since the early 1980s. Starting with the 2021-2022 season, they will be manufactured by Wilson.

It may seem like a significant change and outwardly it will be since "Wilson" in large letters will be prominently displayed on all game balls in place of "Spalding." But, it seems, when you read between the lines of the press release; that may be the most significant change.

That's because the league has stated that the Wilson balls will use "the same materials, eight panel configuration and performance specifications as current game balls and will also source the same leather currently used in the NBA."

The first basketballs used by the NBA were made by Wilson in 1946, an initial agreement that lasted some 37 years. The league has been using Spalding basketballs since 1983. However, Spalding has been more closely identified with the NBA because its ball has been used since video assumed ascendancy through *ESPN*, *NESN*, etc. During the Wilson years far fewer games were televised and those that were on TV were not broadcast in high definition.

The move by the NBA represents a severance, of sorts, with a company that was long associated with the state of Massachusetts and paralleled its success with the rise of sports in America.

Company founder Albert Goodwill Spalding was born in 1849 in Illinois and became a star pitcher for the Forest City team located in Rockford. In an era when many talented players remained amateur, he turned professional and played for the Boston Red Stockings of the National Association.

The young hurler proved to be a standout on the mound in Illinois and wound up playing five years in the Hub for the Red Stockings, actually the forerunner of the former Boston Braves and the current Atlanta Braves franchise. The current Red Sox franchise had its genesis in 1901.

In a biography entitled *A.G. Spalding and the Rise of Baseball*, author Peter Levine devotes an entire chapter to "Boston's Hero." He notes that during the five years that Spalding pitched for Boston (1871-1875) the club finished second once and then won four consecutive National Association league championships.

Over the course of those five seasons in the Hub, Spalding won 19 games in his first year followed by 38 in his second, 41 in his third, 52 in his fourth and 54 in his fifth. He also had a batting overage of .323 over that span. He then played two more seasons with the Chicago White Stockings, the forerunners of the present Chicago Cubs National League franchise. The Chicago team in the American League adopted the White Sox name in 1901.

Spalding and his brother Walter started a sporting good business in Chicago during the 1870s and eventually expanded to the East Coast.

As the decades passed, the name Spalding became particularly familiar to residents of Western Massachusetts since one of its main manufacturing facilities was located in Chicopee (a city between Springfield and Holyoke) for decades.

The plant also operated an on-site factory outlet store that sold a wide variety of Spalding products. Some first run items were sold at a factory discount but the main draws were the so-called "blemished" items that sold at even steeper discounts. Performance wise, there was nothing wrong with these basketballs, footballs, baseballs and golf balls. It was simply that the printing or stamping on an item was blurred. The "damage" was purely cosmetic — but enough so that they couldn't be sent to stores, placed on shelves, and sold at full price.

Spalding is now headquartered in Bowling Green, Kentucky and proudly notes on its website that it created the world's first basketball at the request of the sport's founding father (James Naismith) in 1894. Today, the leather for all Spalding official NBA game balls is first processed by the Horween Leather Company in Chicago. It is then sent to China where the basketballs are produced. The finished products are then shipped to Alexander City, Alabama where they undergo a series of tests that can last up to three weeks.

The story of the first basketball games featuring a ball being tossed into a peach basket is true. But the ball used in it the game's earliest years (1891-1893) at the Springfield YMCA was a soccer ball — repurposed for basketball duty.

When the announcement of the severance came, the Spalding Corporation noted that the company "developed the first basketball in 1894, nearing a century before tipping off a historic partnership with the NBA. We are proud of our nearly four-decade relationship."

As an aside we should note that the sport of volleyball was invented in 1895 in Holyoke, just up the road from Springfield. As with basketball, Spalding made the first volleyballs. Springfield is the home of the Basketball Hall of Fame. Holyoke is the home of the Volleyball Hall of Fame. Albert Spalding, who died in 1915, at age 66, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. in 1939.

Thus, he lived to see basketball become a true international sport, the game being included in the Olympics for the first time in Berlin, Germany in 1936. The U.S. won the gold medal that year.

The man who had been a baseball star spent most of his life providing equipment to those who enjoy participating in athletic activity. We often think of the great stars in sports but where would they be if they didn't have the equipment that enabled them to perform their remarkable feats? Something to think about!