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Happy Mother's Day

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Happy Mother's Day

"When you are looking at your mother, you are looking at the purest love will ever know."

— Charley Benetto

Hillary Warns Biden On "Huge Consequences"

Recently, the Biden White House decided to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan by September 11th and many liberal Democrats approve of this strategy ending this endless war. Some, like former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, cautioned about "huge and unintended consequences." The Taliban were driven out in 2001 by the U.S.-led invasion but easily regained control after September and could throw Afghanistan back into a new civil war.

Something to think about for the Biden Administration.

Rin Tin Star Lee Aaker Dies

I read this story in the *National Enquirer* which is not exactly the *New York Times*. It seems former child actor Lee Aaker, 77, who played Rusty on *The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin* back in the '50s has died. He was completely destitute and suffered a stroke. This is so sad. Another child actor Paul Peterson, 75, revealed that Aaker passed away on April 1st. He played Rusty for about five years when the show got cancelled, and like many other former child stars faded into oblivion.

Machin Hits Back

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia, challenged accusations by fellow Democrats that he is a "roadblock" in their ability to pass legislation in the narrowly divided U.S. Senate. He says he supports "good politics."

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Sons of Italy Foundation Salutes

The Polo Family - Yolanda Cellucci

Joseph Mele - Bob & Lisa Tramontano

at the 32nd Annual **NELA** Gala Friday, May 28, 2021



National Education & Leadership Award THE POLO FAMILY



Lifetime Achievement Award JOSEPH MELI

The Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF), the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA), will be hosting its 32nd Annual National Education & Leadership Awards (NELA) Gala on Friday, May 28, 2021. The gala will be held virtually and will recognize highly accomplished honorees, award scholarships to outstanding students, present a van donation to Help Our Military Heroes, and feature a special musical performance by "The People's Tenor" Michael Amante.

The Polo Family, successful aeronautic manufacturers, will be honored with the prestigious National Education & Leadership Award. The other honorees will be Fashion Entrepreneur Yolanda Cellucci (Excellence for Business Award), Bob and Lisa Tramontano (Humanitarian Award), and Engineer/Professor/

Designer/Inventor Joseph Mele (Lifetime Achievement Award). The recipients of the SIF's 2021 Scholarship Program will be recognized for their academic achievements. For the 18th straight year, actor Joe Mantegna will serve as the NELA Gala's Master of Ceremonies. General Peter W. Chiarelli (U.S. Army, retired) will serve as the NELA Gala's second-ever Honorary Chairman.

During the program, the SIF will award over \$75,000 in scholarships and commemorate its donation of \$20,000 to Help Our Military Heroes with special video presentations. The donation provides a fully equipped, adaptive minivan to our country's most severely wounded, injured, and ill service men and women who sustained their injuries while on active duty. The SIF will also recognize a past year of donations to several important causes — including \$15,000 to The V Foundation for Cancer Research and \$10,000 to Ronald McDonald House of New York.

The Event will feature a Live Auction, Cocktail Hour with Virtual Tables of 10 (your friends will see you!), and the 2021 SIF Scholarship Winners.

Auction items include an Italian Dual-Citizenship Package from My Italian Family, Lady Gaga VIP Concert Experience for Two, Your Choice of NFL Game Experience in 2021 or 2022, St. James, Barbados Private Luxury Golf Villa for 8 People in 2021 or 2022, and many other unique



Excellence in Business Award YOLANDA CELLUCCI



Humanitarian Award BOB & LISA TRAMONTANO

The SIF's annual NELA Gala has raised millions of dollars for such worthy causes and has hosted many distinguished individuals. Previous SIF honorees include President Bill Clinton; President George W. Bush; Italy's President Giorgio Napolitano; U.S. Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito; former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta; former Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne; science & medicine luminaries Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dr. Robert Gallo, and Dr. Michael Sofia; entertainers Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Annette Funicello, and Gary Sinise; and sports legends Mario Andretti, Geno Auriemma, and the late Tommy Lasorda.

For information about how you can support the Sons of Italy Foundation's 32nd Annual NELA Gala through a sponsorship, commemorative journal ad, or tickets, visit www.nelagala.org or email nela@osia.org

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



BYZANTINE CHURCHES



Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

The Latin cross is by far the most common form used today. Authoritative sources declared this to be the true form on which Christ died. The Latin cross has been found on coins. medals, and monuments, which date back many years before the time of Christ.

The cross which is perfectly symmetrical (all arms being of equal length) is known as the Greek cross. This form also predated the crucifixion by many years. It has been discovered on Egyptian monuments, Etruscan

pottery, and Assyrian tablets.

While the Early Christians were developing their churches along the lines of the Latin cross, the Byzantines were developing their houses of worship along the lines of the Greek cross. The desire of the Byzantine builders was to place a round dome over the square base at the crossing. The solution was finally achieved both structurally and aesthetically by using a pointed corner vaulting which became known as a pendentive. The invention of the

drill during these early times also permitted surface carving in stone, which gave it a lacelike appearance. Emperor Leo III, who came later, feared that paganism would be fostered by the use of certain kinds of sculpture, therefore, he outlawed all sculpturing of human or animal forms.

He did, however, permit these forms to be used in paintings and mosaic work. This edict forced many sculptors to leave Byzantium and it also forced the development of new forms, which were based upon plant life and geometric figures.

Perhaps some of us might now recognize a few of the major characteristics of Byzantine Churches, which are:

- 1. The floor plan laid out along the lines of the Greek
- 2. The central dome with four domes around it. One dome over each arm of the cross;
- 3. Richly colored mosaic interiors;
- 4. Lace-like carving: and

5. The absence of the human or animal figure in statue work.

For those who might be interested, a mosaic is any kind of picture or organized pattern made up from small irregular size pieces, and these are usually set in mortar. The mosaics of Italy can be divided into three general classes. The first is the brightly colored glass mosaics of Venice, second is the stone mosaics of Florence, and third is the ceramic mosaics of Rome.

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Romanesque Churches

ST. JUDE NOVENA

adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day, by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI20C0690CA In the Matter of ANDREA TERESA KING

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return

proceeding.

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 05/07/2021

Saint Bertha of Kent

by Molinari and Richard Molinari

Bertha is one of history's enigmas, little is known of her early life but from credible sources it is believed she was born in 539. She was a Frankish princess, the daughter of Charibert I, King of Paris, and a woman named Ingoberga, whose parentage is unknown. Unfortunately, the marriage of Bertha's parents does not seem to have been happy.

Bertha married King Ethelberht of Kent while in her early teens, which was quite common for an aristocratic woman of the period.

A condition of her marriage was that she should be allowed to maintain inviolate the practice of the Christian faith and of her religion. Bertha brought a Christian bishop named Leodheard with her to Kent as her confessor and they used the church of St Martin of Tours in Canterbury, which had existed since Roman times, as her private chapel. This church was later taken over by St Augustine of Canterbury and his companions as their base of operations. It is acknowledged that Saint Martin's is the oldest church in the English-speaking world where Christian worship has taken place continuously since 580 AD.

St Augustine was a monk from Rome, not to be confused with Saint Augustine of Hippo, sent by Pope Gregory the Great on a mission to restore and convert the pagan Anglo-Saxons to Christianity, beginning with

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Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20P4860PM CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER

PURSUANT TO

G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of

CLARA DOS VAIS of Wayland, MA

RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other

interested persons, a petition has been filed

by Royal Wayland Nursing and Rehabilitation

Center of Wayland, MA in the above captioned

matter alleging that Clara DosVais is in need

of a Conservator or other protective order

and requesting that Maria C. Moreira of East

Providence, RI (or some other suitable person)

be appointed as Conservator to serve With

The petition asks the court to determine

that the Respondent is disabled, that a protec-

tive order or appointment of a Conservator is

necessary, and that the proposed conservator

is appropriate. The petition is on file with this

You have the right to object to this pro-

ceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your

attorney must file a written appearance at this

court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **May 24, 2021**. 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 appear-

ance 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 05/07/2021

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,

First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 26, 2021

The outcome of this proceeding may

within 30 days after the return date

State expense.

Surety on the bond.



the kingdom of Kent. King Ethelberht gave Augustine freedom to preach and reside in Canterbury, and did ultimately convert to Christianity.

Modern retellings of Augustine's mission almost always include Bertha, suggesting that she played a role in welcoming Augustine. Without her support and Ethelberht's' good will, monastic settlements and the cathedral would likely have been developed elsewhere. In 601, Pope Gregory addressed a letter to Bertha, in which he complimented her highly on her faith and knowledge of letters.

Anglo-Saxon records indicate that Saint Bertha had two children: Eadbald of Kent, and Ethelburg of Kent. The date of her death is possibly 606AD

The Feast Day of Saint Bertha of Kent is May 1st.

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Docket No. MI21P1892EA

Estate of SUSAN CAMPBELL BROWNSBERGER Date of Death: February 08, 2021 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on April 02, 2021 that the Petitioner Carl N. Brownsberger of Belmont, MA intends to file with the above named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will, Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Represe tive, to serve without surety on the bond Carl N. Brownsberger of Belmont, MA.

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

Run date: 05/07/2021

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be

CITATION ON

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Andrea Teresa King of Reading, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Andrea Teresa

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

day of May 24, 2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

Date: April 26, 2021

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1971 to 1990

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

MassDOT Advisory: East Boston

Sumner Tunnel Swing Lane

Returning to Pre-COVID Operations on Monday, May 10th

Swing Lane will be Deployed Weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that the Sumner Tunnel "swing lane" will return to a pre-COVID operation schedule on Monday, May 10, 2021. The swing lane will be activated weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and will have scheduled adjusted openings on holidays and special events, as needed. This lane is utilized to accommodate returning traffic volumes on Route 1A.

MassDOT suspended the use of the swing lane due to reduced traffic volumes at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. MassDOT will now resume the regularly scheduled deployment of the swing lane to support traffic levels that are slowly rebounding and in conjunction with the input from the community.

Signage and messaging will be in place to notify drivers. MassDOT encourages the public to be mindful of this traffic adjustment.

For more information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

Dial 511 before heading out onto the roadways and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

Visit www.mass511.com, a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, access to traffic cameras, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic

Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

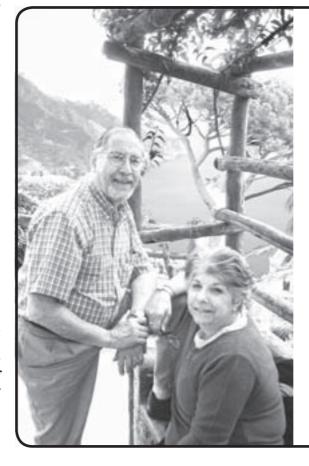
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- · This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
- Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published. Submission by the deadline does not guarantee publication.

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

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Please join us for a A Memorial / Funeral Mass In Memory of Jim DiPrima passed May 10, 2020

> Jean DiPrima passed May 12, 2020

on Sunday, June 30, 2021 at 9:30 am Saint Raphael's Church 512 High Street Medford, Massachusetts

8 Mom & Dad

Forever in our hearts. You'll always be loved. We cherish the memories. We miss you so much.

Taken from us too soon

Anna Marie (Polvere) DePinto

July 2, 1932 - April 30, 2021

Anna Marie (Polvere) DePinto of Stoneham passed away on Friday, April 30, 2021 at Winchester Hospital. She was 88 years

Born on July 2, 1932 in Boston, Ann is the loving daughter of the late Donatangelo Polvere and Maria (D'Antonio) Polvere. Ann was a warm, kind and caring daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt

Ann is the beloved wife of the late Francis J. "Frank" DePinto. She is the devoted mother of John DePinto, Frances Carino and her husband John, Donato DePinto, Annette Slattery and her husband Christopher, Francis DePinto, Jr. and his wife Jackie and Anthony DePinto. The cherished grandmother of 18 and doting great grandmother of 12, Ann is the dear sister of Theresa Tempesta and Viola Orlando and her husband Anthony. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews and

Ann went to work for Hayes-Bickford after high school. As the years passed, she became a loving wife to Frank and a devoted mother to her six children. Her days were filled with creating a warm and nurturing home filled with laughter and love. Daily activities could include instruments, and Mother's Club. Her home was St. Cromwell, CT 06416. open and welcoming to all family and friends. Ann was an amazing cook who openly shared BarileFamilyFuneralHome



her cooking talents with her children and their spouses. She was renowned for her "mile high" apple pie and Sunday "gravy."

Ann's never-ending love and support to her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren remained constant throughout her life. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her such joy. Nana's home was a place of great story-telling, warmth,

and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who laughter, and fun. She taught them all the fine art of scratching a lottery ticket.

> Travelling with Ann's family brought her such happiness. Vacations in New Hampshire and Cape Cod created happy memories that lasted a lifetime. Ann's sisters, brothers-in-law and friends also filled her life with memorable times. Places they visited together included Hawaii, Italy, Las Vegas, Aruba, and Foxwoods. Salisbury Beach was the annual summer residence where aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews gathered to create some of her most cherished

> Ann gave a sense of belonging and family unity that will be greatly missed by all.

> Family and friends gathered and shared memories with Ann's Family on Wednesday, May 5th at the Barile Family Funeral Home, 482 Main St. (RT 28) Stoneham.

Donations in Ann's memory can be made to school, sports, PTA, Girl Scouts, dancing school, the Padre Pio Foundation of America, 463 Main

For more information, www.facebook.com/

May She Rest In Peace

Nazzaro Center Will Officially Open

For In-Person Programming for Ages 6-18 Only Beginning May 10th

The BCYF Nazzaro Center will officially open for in-person programming for ages 6-18 only beginning May 10th. This (unfortunately) does not include the use of the community rooms, weight room, gymnasium or senior center — we hope to have more information about these in the coming weeks.

The in-person programming will consist of various recreational, fitness, sports, games, and craft activities. Keep in mind that these programs are considered "one-offs" or "workshops" and will require children to be dropped off and picked up at the start/end of their activity. Children will not be permitted to stay in the center other than to participate in the scheduled activity. Therefore, we are asking for parents to be mindful of the drop-off & pickup times.

Registration is currently open with all programming beginning Monday, May 10, 2021. Please

remember that you MUST be pre-registered in order to attend any of the in-person programs. COVID restrictions and the wearing of masks/face coverings will be enforced.

For a list of programs and/or classes and to register, please visit Boston.gov/ BCYF-Registration.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at steven. siciliano@boston.gov.

We hope to see you soon!

the day Jesus ascended into

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Holiday Fun and the Spring Sun

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



It is hard to pinpoint when I first came under the spell of holidays. The folklore, customs, and traditions of festivities have inspired me since I was young. I think this passion first blossomed inside me when I looked at brand-new calendars and encountered unfamiliar holidays, like Candlemas and May Day. As I began to investigate these holidays, I found that they brimmed with unique traditions that offered indelible glimpses into cultural traditions, like the Spanish custom of eating twelve grapes on New Year's Eve or the Swedish practice of building bonfires during Midsummer. My love for holidays also coincided with my rediscovery of my Italian heritage and, with the help of my father; I explored how Italian celebrations revealed the mindset of my ancestors and contributed to my identity. My year is now peppered with many holidays to celebrate and many traditions I hold dear, from major feast days like Christmas and Easter, to smaller fetes like April Fools' Day and St. Michael's Day. I love celebrating customs from all of the cultures that make up my world, for I believe that holidays are reminders of the traditions that make us individually proud and the universal desires and hopes that unite us all.

There are several reasons why I love holidays so much. One is that they force us to take time out of our busy schedules and really focus on the world around us. During holidays, everything actually feels different. The ordinary somehow seems extraordinary and a mystical force field pushes us into the company of our family and friends, into gatherings of good food, laughter, and tradition. Another important aspect of holidays involves the way they connect us to people all around the globe. The customs and folklore that people hold dear, no matter how diverse, all reflect universal dreams and collective desires, ranging from warmth to harvest to communal protection. The winter feasts of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa all emphasize the theme of the rebirth of light shattering the darkness, while spring festivals such as Easter, Passover and May Day celebrate the resurgence of nature and the importance of fertility in crops. Finally, holidays provide a window into the fascinating customs of world cultures. Holidays in my Italian household are synonymous with panettone for Christmas, giant chocolate eggs for Easter, and zeppole for St. Joseph's Day. These tidbits of folklore make the holiday experience so much richer because they connect me to a long line of history and

On May 13th, the people in Italy will celebrate Ascension Day, or Festa dell'Ascensione. Part of the Easter festivities, this holiday falls 40 days after Easter and commemorates Heaven. Like all Italian holidays, Ascension Day is associated with a number of folkloristic traditions. According to some of my father's research, the customary food of Ascension Day is milk, because it is believed to absorb the magical properties of the day and acquire purifying abilities. This reminds me of a Jewish spring holiday, Shavuot, which honors the day God gave the Torah to Israel and is also celebrated with eating dairybased foods. Ascension Day is also the time for la Festa del Grillo, or Cricket Festival, in Florence. During this festival, children buy cages with pictures of crickets or toy crickets inside. As symbols of spring, the cricket is thought to bring good luck. Another popular saying in Italy warns against doing any sort of work on Ascension Day, as it is considered a day too holy to be marked by labor. All of these folk customs, therefore, offer a view into the values that characterize Italy during spring. The use of milk and crickets speak to a sense of gratitude for the coming of spring and the health of livestock, while the ancient prohibition against work signifies the importance of Easter as a time of hope and renewal in Italian culture. Italian Ascension Day traditions encapsulate why I have such an irrepressible fondness for holidays, as they offer a respite from everyday life, celebrate the universal enthusiasm for spring, and vibrate with unique folklore. Celebrating holidays grants

us all the opportunity to focus on the more important things in life, like family, love, food, and the wondrous cycle of the year. Holiday festivities don't have to be lavish or extravagant; in fact, the most meaningful celebrations involve the simplicity of being close to the Earth and close to loved ones. I encourage everyone to take time out of their schedules, even if just for a few minutes, to honor a special day. Bake up something with strawberries or rhubarb to honor May. Drink a glass of milk on Ascension Day (almond, oat or coconut milk count too!). Mix old traditions with new customs that hold special meaning in your life. It really doesn't matter how you celebrate holidays, but rather that you recognize that all of us, all the citizens of this world, share the same desires for sustenance and comfort and affection. More than anything else, that is the true lesson of holidays.

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

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Biden's New Green Socialism

If anyone out there watched Biden's address to a joint session of Congress last week, I couldn't watch that 65-minute rambling of how the government knows best how to spend lots of your tax dollars.

I did watch clips of it and listened to parts of the audio. The surprise was, he actually talked for 65-minutes which, given the low bar of expectations, was pretty good for him.

The ambitious agenda he proposed rewrites our American Social Compact with the expansion of family leave, childcare, pre-school, community college to millions through increased taxes on our wealthiest one percent population.

Many, himself included, have been making comparisons to both Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and to Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society, a fundamental reorientation of the role of government not seen since the sixties. The NY Times on April 29th, said just that quite loudly on its pages because apparently it was news fit to print as usual.

While Biden stated, "We have to prove democracy still works, that our government still works, and we can deliver for our people," U.S. Senator Tim Scott, (R-SC), in his Republican response to the presidential address added, "Our best future will not come from Washington schemes or socialist dreams. It will come from you, the American people."

A month after passage of a \$1.9 trillion "rescue plan" and with a so-called \$2.3 trillion "infrastructure plan" drafted, Biden now throws another \$1.8 trillion, coupled with huge tax hikes on the "rich." I am thinking there aren't enough rich folk out there to finance this boondoggle of a plan. In the end, most of us know, those needed taxes will be coming from folks like you and I.

The NY Post says Joe's tax and spend plan makes him the "\$ix Trillion Dollar Man." There seems to be no end to the spending as Biden unveiled his American future. As NY Post scribe Michael Goodwin pointed out, "A trillion here, a trillion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money. Some \$6 trillion and counting."

Bernie Sanders may not have won the presidency last year but he apparently has won the White House this year and Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, too. Today, thanks to all those Green Socialists who now seem to own the Democrat Party on Capitol Hill, Biden has seemingly unveiled his Cradle to Grave entitlements to almost anyone who wants some of this "free" stuff.

Finally, as far as entitlements go, the more the merrier and as far as "infrastructure" goes, stop thinking it's bricks, mortar, streets, bridges and tunnels. It means anything Democrats want it to mean like free daycare or other human infrastructure plans. George Orwell wrote about newspeak over 73 years ago, that words mean only what the government says they mean.

Welcome to 1984, that future has creeped right up on us when we weren't looking.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after May 22, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2008 CHEVROLET EQUINOX Vin # 2CNDL73F966008871 2009 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA

Vin # 3VWRX71KX9M075589 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco

Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed

Sianed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 05/07, 05/14, 05/21/2021

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2019 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER Vin # SALGS2SV9KA546508

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

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run date: 05/07/2021

Richard Settipane Insurance Services

Public Insurance Adjuster

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Wednesday, June 2 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/Parcel2ParkDesign Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 820 2047

Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Greenway Conservancy, invites community members to the final public meeting for the Parcel 2 Park Design process. Through four previous community meetings, the design team finalized the Parcel 2 Park design in 2020. Construction of the Parcel 2 Park will begin in late-Spring of 2021. This meeting aims to provide community members with an overview of the construction process and schedule. The team will also be available to answer questions and hear concerns about the construction process.

mail to: Kennan Rhyne

Boston Planning & Development Agency

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Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

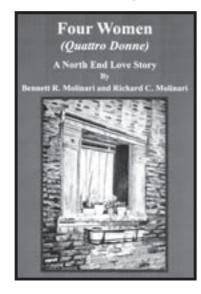
Four Women "Quattro Donne" subtitle, A North End Love Story

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

CHAPTER 46 Priestly Advice

It was 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon when Pietro arrived at the rectory. He rang the bell, Father Francesco quickly appeared at the door. "Pietro, vou are here, how are you doing my son?" "Padre, I know why you called me here. You want to know what is happening between Carla and me, and what my intentions are concerning the seminary." "Pietro, your aunt and cousins are very concerned for you. They want only the best for you." "Padre, I arrived in America with the intention of becoming a priest, and yes, I met a woman who I love, and she loves me, but everything has gone wrong. My family is against it, the Ricci family hates me, only cousin Carmela would like to see us together." "Pietro, are you sure you know your mind?" Father Francesco questioned. "You are very young and inexperienced in matters of the heart. Are you in love with Carla, or is it simply infatuation? You should give this more thought, before walking away from your possible calling to religious life."

"Padre Francesco, I don't love God any less for loving Carla, and I know He does not love me any less for loving her. Should I be asked to enter religious life when I feel this way?" Father Francesco reached over and clasped Pietro's hands between his hands. "Pietro, my son, you are young. I would like you to give this matter some thought and pray over it. God will help you, but you must trust in Him.



I know everything seems very confused right now, but I am here to help you. If you still feel the way you do in a day or two, return with Carla and we can continue our talk. Meanwhile, I would suggest you go to your aunt's shrine and pray. Pray the rosary and ask Our Lady to lead you.'

Pietro stood up, bent over, brushed his cheek against Father Francesco's hand as a sign of friendship and respect. Taking Father Francesco's advice, he went to the shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, and there he sat praying for guidance.

Four Women "Quattro Donne" A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com;

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

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

Docket No. MI21P1424EA

Estate of RAYMOND FRANCIS CORCORAN Also Known As

RAYMOND CORCORAN

Date of Death: February 10, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lawrence F. Corcoran of Belmont, MA, a Wil has been admitted to informal probate.

Lawrence F. Corcoran of Belmont, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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

Docket No. MI21P2183EA

Estate of JOAN T. ANNIBALLI Also Known As JOAN ANNIBALLI

Date of Death: February 15, 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 Leslie J. Natarelli of Natick MA and Michele K. Anniballi of Natick MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Leslie J. Natarelli of Natick, MA and Michele K. Anniballi of Natick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in

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 01 2021

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)

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 04, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/07/2021

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These scholarships cannot be provided without the generosity of our multiple donors. Scholarship donations can be made in any amount in the memory of a loved one, a business name, a family name, and/or in honor of someone. However, those made in \$500, \$750, and \$1,000 amounts or more can have the scholarship given in their name. Scholarships are typically awarded in the summer at an N.E.A.D. Family Dinner at the Nazzaro Community Center, however, state and local guidelines may necessitate another virtual event like last year.

Checks can be made out to N.E.A.D. and mailed to:

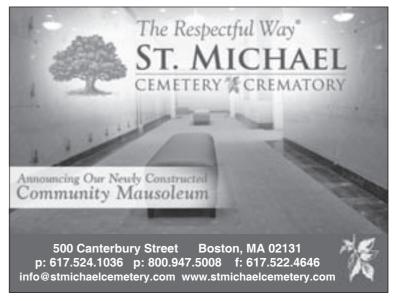
North End Against Drugs c/o Scholarship Committee

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No donation is too small as we will pool all the money received and give out as many scholarships as possible. Scholarships are

given out to all grades from Grammar School to College. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support and generos ity of N.E.A.D. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the president, John Pregmon, directly at 570-466-5536 or through email at: NorthEndAgainstDrugs@ gmail.com.

> Sincerely, North End Against Drugs



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **HIGHWAY DIVISION**

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING WEBINAR Project File No. 606476

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed Sumner

Centennial project in Boston, MA. WHEN: WHERE:

Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM https://virtualmeeting.link/sumner-DPH Passcode: 321308 Webinar ID: 880 0481 6749 Dial in option: 888 788 0099

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing webinar is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Sumner Centennial project. All views and comments submitted in response to the webinar will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of resurfacing the tunnel roadway including and lane mark deteriorating suspended ceiling supports; restoring the historic portal facades and addressing the functional system deficiencies of the Sumner Tunnel in an accelerated manner to minimize the overall duration of impacts to the travelling public and surrounding communities. Once the project has been complete, the Sumner Tunnel will meet modern fire and life safety codes with fireproofing, fire standpipe, fire alarm and CCTV upgrades. The tunnel will feature new LED lighting and security systems; new utility conduits and cables under the roadway deck which will improve cell phone, GPS, and radio service inside the tunnel.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the webinar. Right-of-way plans can be made available to affected property owners

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 606476. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below

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This Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

"Beauty Tips My Mother Taught Me"



It will be 20 years this year that I lost my Mother. However, I always remember her teachings and philosophy.

Most importantly how to be polite and act like a lady. Be kind, gentle and always look ready for anything. She was a true force of nature on this one! No matter what was going on in her life she always dressed beautifully with her bouffant style hair done and makeup perfectly applied.

Her skincare routine was every night with the best creams that were sold. I would watch her at night while she massaged her complexion cream into her skin. I used to say that someday that will be me. She taught me to never skimp on Beauty Products and that you get what you pay for. Now I am forever reading the ingredients ... so important.

Always with her hair coiffed specifically to frame her face. The style barely changed through the years. She had a nice big dip in front ... sometimes with a blonde streak and the tops of her ears always covered. She was a true brunette. It was hard for me when the day came when she wanted to go natural. However, her hair grew out to be a stunning silver, white shade. With the right make up it was becoming on her.

She would always say "If MGM the movies won't hire me, the comic strips will"!

She was full of quotations that made so much sense. "There is no tree that can't be chopped down." Meaning that there isn't anybody who is mightier that can't be taken down. I've come across a few myself these days!



"Remember Dear...don't come home with dirty knees! Yes, Mommy"

The best days I remember were playing "Ring Around A Rosy" as a kiddo with my friends! There she was in her pretty apron, holding hands with us and singing!

I was born on Christmas Day, so she always managed to decorate with red, blue, and yellow colors insisting my birthday was special and birthday colors should be used. The cake candle holders were different ballerinas performing a Sissonne movement!

No wonder we love ballet to this day.

Many wonderful memories of all my birthdays with the friends, grandparents, and neighbors that Mom would make so special.

So remember your Mother on Mother's Day and give her a call!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist.

She may be contacted at mary@mary4nails.com

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Opening Day of the NEAA Instructional Program on Sunday, May 2, 2021



Hats, shirts, face mask, baseballs, hand sanitizer and other supplies the Boston Red Sox Foundation donated to our program through the Jr RBI program. The NEAA and the Red Sox have been collaborating for many years and we are happy to continue our relationship in 2021!









Opening Day of the NEAA Minor League Program on Sunday, May 2, 2021

The North End Athletic Association will have 5 baseball programs this season. Opening day for three of them was originally planned for Sunday, April 25th but was rained out. The plan was for the season to kick off with a double header of the Minor League Program: boys and girls ages 6 to 8, which has 4 teams. The Grasshoppers - sponsored by *North End Against Drugs*, The Raptors - sponsored by *North End Rehab & Nursing*

Center, The MuckDogs – Called Bobby & Maria is sponsored by Michael Dellorusso Construction, and the MudCats - Sponsored by The Tomasone Club. They will play games at 10:00 a.m. and. 12:00 noon which will kick off a 12 game season. The Girls Softball program: girls ages 9 to 14, will play at 2:00 p.m., these young ladies have two teams, the Lady Cubs and the Lady A's - Sponsored by North End Boston Food Tour - Robert Agrip-



Grasshoppers players and coaches Sponsored by North End Against Drugs



Mud Cats players and coaches Sponsored by Tomasone Club



Raptors players and coaches Sponsored by North End Rehab and Nursing Center



1960 - Muck Dogs players and coaches - Sponsored by Bob and Maaria

pino, They will also play 12 - 14 game/practice sessions and hopefully some games against some other games as the season wears on. The Majors program: Boys ages 9 to 12, wraps up the day with a game between the Indians - Sponsored by Saint Anthony's Feast Society and the Cardinals - Sponsored by Saint Agrippina Feast Society. There is a third team in the Majors the Cubs - Sponsored by The Regional Review Newspaper. Instead the season started on Monday evening, April 26th. Fr. Michael Dellapenn, Pastor of St. Leonards Church blessed the new field, the players and the league. In attendance was City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Community Service Officer Frank Ciampa and Eliot School Principal Traci Grffith-Walker.

The Major's program will also have a two round playoff schedule starting in mid June to crown an annual champion and the season will wrap up with the annual AllStar Game on June $26^{\rm th}$.

The Instructional Program - Sponsored by *The Boston Red Sox Foundation*: boys and girls ages 4 and 5 years old began on Sunday, May 2nd at 10:30 a.m. and runs for 8 weeks. Our Dodgers traveling program for 13 to 15 year old boys will begin in mid-June and play through the summer. That schedule is not yet available. They participate in the very competitive Lou

Thompkins Baseball League.

Special thanks to all of our coaches and our Commissioner Ralph Martignetti.

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Gisella DiPaola Senior Vice President, Retail Banking Officer NMLS# 883721



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CREAM: GOODBYE TOUR -LIVE AT THE FORUM 1968 (Limited Edition Blue 2LP) UMe/Polydor

UMe/Polydor recently announced the release of the limited edition, blue, 2LP of Cream's show Live at the Forum, recorded at the Los Angeles Forum during their Goodbye Tour of 1968. Taken from the 2020 full version of the 4-CD set of the Goodbye Tour 1968 and produced by Bill Levenson, this sumptuous 2LP set is the first authorized release of the full concert on vinyl. It captures Cream at their virtuosic best, at the end but also at the height of their career. With Cream, Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce and Eric Clapton, set the template for not only the 'supergroup' but also the "power trio," with their innate musical talent and brilliance. Only coming together as Cream in July 1966, they shone briefly but blindingly bright throughout two trailblazing years, that included their monstrous hit of "Sunshine of Your Love." After only a pair of years together, in 1968 the power trio had become a battleground, with drummer Ginger Baker and bassist Jack Bruce constantly at war with each other. Their split up led to a decision to go out with a blast ... a farewell tour. The resulting Goodbye Tour included tracks from their appearance in L.A.'s Forum. Clapton explained, "Cream was a shambling circus of diverse personalities who happened to find that catalyst together ... any one of us could have played unaccompanied for a good length of time. So you put the three of us together in front of an audience willing to dig it limitlessly, we could have gone on forever ... And we did ... just going for the moon every time we played." This ten-track gem has a track listing that shines via performances of classic Cream tunes, including: "Introduction by Buddy Miles," "White Room," "Politician," "I'm So Glad," "Sitting On Top Of The World," an awesome cover of Robert Johnson's "Crossroads," "Sunshine Of Your Love," "Traintime," "Toad," and "Spoonful."

KEITH OXMAN + FRANK MORELLI: THE OX-MO INCIDENT Capri Records

Tenor saxophonist Keith Oxman and bassoon virtuoso Frank Morelli found unique common ground on *The Ox-Mo* Incident, described as "new jazz meets classical quartet" album. Becoming friends just prior to the 2019 session that yielded this album, the pair devised a clever way to find middle ground between their two respective comfort zones. While many of the tunes were penned by songwriters familiar from the jazz repertory, such as Rodgers and Hammerstein, plus Lerner and Loewe, in many cases, the particular pieces represented here, were derived from classical compositions. The two gifted instrumentalists step off their offering via Rodgers and Hammerstein's upbeat "Happy Talk," followed by "Full Moon and Empty Arms," made

popular by Frank Sinatra in the mid-40s, back to Rodgers and Hammerstein with the bouncy "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top," trailed by an old favorite — "Baubles, Bangles and Beads," Oxman penned the tasty title track "The Ox-Mo Incident," filling out the first half with "Three for Five," based on a theme from Brahms' Symphony No. 3. Second half happenings begin with the classic "Stranger in Paradise," trailed by the smoky sound of "Poor Butterfly" from Puccini's opera Madame Butterfly, along with the gentle sting of Oxman's "A Wasp in Search of a Hart and Lung," setting up the mesmerizing version of Gabriel Fauré's wellknown "Pavane," before closing out with the wistful "I Could Have Danced All Night," very appropriate after digesting this excellent collection of songs!

SLOWLY: SONG FOR KEITH JARRETT (CD)

Sunnyside Records SLOWLY: Song for Keith Jarrett was recorded at the end of 2020, a watershed year for pianist Noah Haidu, who was on the verge of realizing another ambitious project: recording a trio album with one of the greatest bass and drum combinations in jazz: Billy Hart and Buster Williams, whose own remarkable collaboration began half a century ago. The project will be released via Sunnyside Records on May 7, 2021, one day before Jarrett's 76th birthday. The music on SLOWLY flowed organically with Hart, Haidu, and Williams all contributing compositions. The Jarrett waltz "Rainbow" (which some have credited to his former wife Margot Jarrett) segues into Haidu's jubilantly rocking "Song for Keith Jarrett," a nod to Jarrett's legendary Standards Trio. Haidu elaborates on the repertoire choices in the liner notes: "We decided to include Buster and Billy's wonderful compositions which highlight the type of interaction and open-ended expression that I feel is the heart of the Jarrett/ DeJohnette/Peacock trio." Williams brought the dreamy "Air Dancing," and Hart contributed the lush lyricism of "Duchess" and "Lorca." The trio also chose a few standards: "Georgia," "But Beautiful," and "What a Difference a Day Makes" spontaneously in the studio, building on the songbook canon that helped make Jarrett, DeJohnette, and Peacock into one of the archetypal units in jazz history. Haidu, Williams, and Hart approached the standards with a Jarrett signature: a focus on the original melodies. The improvisations spring from those melodies and the stories behind the lyrics, eschewing the trend to "rethink" repertoire which has become commonplace in recent years. Haidu elaborates: "The idea was to get at the essence of, rather than reinvent these

songs. I think that's something I have absolutely absorbed

from Keith Jarrett." The titular

SLOWLY was penned by Haidu

and is dedicated to Jarrett's solo

piano style.

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

NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU GET

Mothers Day is coming up. If you still have your mother, treat her well on Mothers Day. Tell her you care that she cares so much for you. My mother passed in 1992, and at times it seems like vesterday and sometimes like a million years ago!

I have so many great memories to hold on to and they carry me forward in my life. There is so much of her in me; my attitude, my laugh, my smile, my zest for life. She always believed you only lived once, enjoy it, don't get cranky don't stop appreciating all the good things around us. Oh, and never get too old for trouble because that can drive other people crazy. She always told me to never stop being myself. She said, "You are the only you you know." Miss you Ma.

REMEMBERING **UNCLE NEAL**

My Uncle Nealy always comes to mind as Mothers Day approaches too. His birthday was May 10th. This year he would have been 113 years old. He was a writer also and was born almost exactly 40 years before me. My uncle Neal Harrington was a writing mentor growing up. He was always writing and always getting published and I seemed to fall right into his footsteps. He spent most of his adult life over in Uphams Corner in Dorchester. He had a long career as a letter carrier out of Fields Corner with a route in his own Uphams Corner neighborhood. He was always active and involved. A true Taurus if ever there was

Oh, I seem to drift off here for a moment. Getting back to Mothers Day. My uncle was born on Sunday, May 10, 1908, the very first Mothers Day holiday. Remember him always.

I LIKE STEVIE LYNCH BUT

I have been a friend and political ally of U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-8th District going back to the '90s when he came on the scene running successfully for state rep over in Southie. Then he ran for state senator and then for the congressional seat he now holds after the death of longtime U.S. Rep. Joe Moakley. I have always found Lynch to be a commonsense Democrat mostly centrist on public policy. The best member of Congress in the state. Personally, I wish he were my congressperson but I'm stuck with Pressley.

However, last week his reaction to President Biden's address to a joint session of Congress left me out of joint when he called Biden a "FDR Democrat" trying to do, as he said, the best he can to bring America together and forward. On this assessment, I part ways with Lynch. He has his opinion and I have the right opinion!

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MESSAGE INSIDE A CHINESE COOKIE

"If you don't believe in magic,

you'll never find it." Anonumous

SOUNDS LIKE A STRANGE MENU ITEM TO ME

Did you know that a week from the past Tuesday was both National Devil Dogs Day and National Prime Rib Day, too? Odd combination but a good dinner to me.

REMEMBERING SINGER **LESLIE GORE**

Last Sunday, May 2nd would have been singer Leslie Gore's 75th birthday. Remember when she sang about her party and she would cry if she wanted to, I can't believe she's already gone six years now. What a voice

SOMERVILLE STILL REMEMBERS SAL G.



Sal does a little pre-celebrating his 73rd birthday and the 4th was with him, too.

(Photo by Billy Tauro)

I lived in Somerville back in the late '60s into the mid-'70s in East Somerville when S. Lester Ralph was Mayor, Sal Albano, state senator and Marie Howe was state representative. Recently, while helping Billy Tauro over at the weekly Saturday food distribution

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outside the Elks Club behind the Holiday Inn, Tauro snapped my photo for the Somerville News Weekly, which he published while he is also out on the campaign trail running for mayor this year.

When he heard my birthday was on May 4th, he took my photo to let folks, especially in East Somerville, know that Sal was still pretty active and still writing opinions in a myriad of newspapers, too.

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH CLARK, TOO



Birthday Boy Clark Moulaison (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

If you live up in the Jeffries Point area in Eastie, you probably already know about Carmella's Market at the corner of Everett and Cottage Streets where you can get some great submarine sandwiches or maybe cold cuts to take home. Well, like me, this past Tuesday, May 4th was also Clark Moulaison birthday, too. Happy birthday big guy.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



UNCLE GUS AND MUSSOLINI

Part IV — Conclusion

As Sal's Uncle Gus continued his story about his involvement as an advisor in Mussolini's inner circle, it sounded like a love/hate relationship. My silent conclusion was that he was proud of how Italy had advanced under the Fascists, but a declaration of war against the United States, was the last straw. I guess I was right. As Uncle Gus continued, he admitted that he and several other inner circle advisors, from that point on, began to plot the overthrow of Mussolini. In 1943, after Il Duce fled north for safety, most of his inner circle stayed behind and surrendered Italy to General Eisenhower, General Clark and General Patton, all of whom had fought their way from Africa, through Sicily and up the Italian west coast and were now in Rome. Mussolini was in fear of his life with the allied advancement and fled to the north under the protection of Hitler and the Nazis who were still in control of the northern part of Italy.

Uncle Gus and several of the higher-ranking advisors stayed in Rome and surrendered to the Americans, immediately changing sides. Italy was now an ally, not an enemy.

After we left Palermo and headed south to Agrigento, and Sal's parents condo, Uncle Gus continued with his story about his career as a member of the Italian government. He told me that after the war ended in 1945, the League of Nations was dissolved and the United Nations came into being, "A group of nations met in San Francisco and put this new international organization into operation. Eventually they moved into new headquarters on the east side of New York's Manhattan. Italy wasn't allowed to be a member until 1955, but being with the Italian government, I was allowed to participate as an observer until we were voted in as a UN member, and then became an advisor. I held that position until I retired just a couple of years ago."

Several hours later, we arrived in Canicati, a suburb of Agrigento, Sicily. Sal's mother. anticipating our arrival, had made pasta al forno in her brick oven. It was so good, I had three portions, something I regretted later on. For the next five days or so, Uncle Gus and Sal's father gave us the grand tour of southwestern Sicily. Each day, Uncle Gus told me stories about his involvement with the Mussolini government and how proud he was that Il Duce brought Italy into the 20th century, that is, until he signed a treaty with Hitler.

Uncle Gus mentioned the alliance several times until I finally questioned it by saying, "Gus, if the Italian people didn't see eye-to-eye with Hitler, why did Mussolini side in with the Nazis? His final answer was, "We didn't have a choice. If we didn't ally ourselves with Hitler, the Nazis would have taken over Italy just as easily as they had taken over most of Western

Europe. It was just that simple." That was the end of the history lesson. If I tried to bring our conversation back to WWII, Gus would change the subject.

At the end of the week, Sal and I packed up and left his parents and Uncle Gus. We drove across Sicily zigzagging our way to the east coast of the island. I booked passage on the ferry that travels from Messina to Reggio on the mainland and we toured Italy for the months of July and August of 1972.

I left Sal in Rome that Labor Day weekend and headed home, arriving just in time to change my clothes to head out and play a Dixieland concert after not having touched my bass violin or bass guitar for a little over two months. That was an experience in sore fingers if I remember correctly.

About two years later, Sal informed me that his folks and Uncle Gus were coming to Boston. I thought the trip was just a vacation for them, but they had decided to remain here once they arrived. Sal's father's health was not that good and he wanted to return to Boston because, to him, this city had the best medical services in the world. Unfortunately, Carmelo, Sal's father, began to develop dementia, and not long afterward, before it was really noticeable, I teamed him and Uncle Gus up with Babbononno. My grandfather was in his late 90s but still had it all together mentally and enjoyed the talks about Italian history. Both Carmelo and Gus discovered rather quickly that Babbononno, although born in Italy, was a flag waiver ... the American flag that is. He hated Mussolini, the Fascists and the Nazis and nothing or anyone could sway his thinking.

Babbononno, throughout his life called himself a Democrat, but he was extremely conservative and made no bones about where he stood when involved in a political conversation. He was a flag waiver stating he earned the right having fought for the U.S. in World War I and having two sons that fought for this country in WWII. There was no argument from that point on.

Uncle Gus eventually returned to Sicily and I never saw him again. His health waned due to old age and he passed away in the late 70s. When Sal's father passed, I gave the eulogy at his funeral. Sal is now in a nursing home in a Boston suburb, also suffering from dementia just like his father. He could have been the only other one who might have added to this story, but when I visited him last, I don't think he even knew who I was. Sal's younger sister was too young to remember much about Uncle Gus during WWII, and is of no help to any part of this drama.

Once Sal and I left his parents Sicilian home early in July of 72, I pushed Uncle Gus' stories to the back of my mind and my old pal and I embarked on one adventure after another. We worked our way to the east coast of Sicily, brought my rented car on the local ferry to the mainland, visited a friend in Calabria, then, headed north to Naples to pick up my friends Jose and Frannie. They were going to tie up with us for the next month or so as we visited Rome and then headed north to all of the major cities.

Each place I stopped, I sent Babbononno and my folks picture postcards of where I was. Because of the changes that had taken place after Babbononno left his homeland in 1896, he accused me of going the wrong way and was convinced that the postcards were of Spain or France. Italy had changed, Babbononno hadn't.

I could never find anything I've stated in history books based on Italy's involvement in WWII, so the info I've written for the past four weeks is just from memory. I hope you have enjoyed the latest series on the land of our fathers. Next week ... something special.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department MIDDLESEX, ss

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI21E0016PP

To: Michael F. Taranto of Waltham in the County of Middlesex, in the and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by, Marissa A. Taranto of Westwood, in the County of Norfolk, representing that She hold as a tenant in common a 50% undivided part or share of certain land lying in Waltham, in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described as follows.

The land with the buildings thereon situated in said Waltham, being now numbered 98-98A-100-100A Cushing Street and being bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by said Cushing Street, sixty-five (65) feet;

WESTERLY: by land now or formerly of Davoch, one hundred (100) feet:

NORTHERLY: by land now or formerly of Moore and land now or formerly of Cook, sixty-five (65) feet;

EASTERLY: by land now or formerly of Heasley, one hundred (100) feet

Containing 6,500 square feet of land. The street address of the land is 98-100 Cushing Street, Waltham, MA 02453

The common title to the land is derived under a deed from Joseph N. Bonica and Josephine M. Bonica dated February 29, 1988 recorded with Middlesex Registry of Deeds in book 18906 at page 473.

The land is **all part** of the real estate held under that common title.

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at private sale or Public auction, for not less than (\$800,000.00). EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock, on the eighteenth day of May 2021 the return date of this citation.

Witness, Honorable Maureen H. Monks, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this seventh day of April, 2021.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court Run dates: 04/30, 05/07, 05/14/2021



La Festa della Mamma or Mother's Day is celebrated in Italy on the second Sunday of May, just as it is here in the United States. In Italy, La Festa della Mamma is a very special holiday, and not at all as commercialized as it is in this country. It is a day to spend time celebrating and pampering la mamma, more so than it is about giving cards and gifts. Mothers are the heart of the Italian family, and nothing is more important to these amazing women then taking care of their families. Therefore, on La Festa della Mamma, their family gives back by coddling them. This often includes taking la mamma to brunch, paired with flowers and a handwritten poem, treating her to dinner at her favorite restaurant, or even baking one of her favorite pastries or desserts. What matters the most to Italians on Mother's Day, is that everyone in the family comes together to celebrate the mother.

Mother's Day was always a day I spent with my own mother. As a family we would go out to breakfast or lunch (of course, Nonna came too), and later in the day, it was "coffee and pastry" at mom's house. Though there was always a variety of desserts to choose from, my mom seemed to favor the cream filled and puff pastries the most. She especially loved the caramelized sugar-coated heart shaped pastry they refer to in the pasticceria's of Southern Italy as *Ventaglio* (puff pastry fans). In this country they are known as Palmiers or Elephant Ears. In remembrance of my own mother, Nancy (*Annunciata*), who was prouder of her Sicilian heritage than anyone I've ever known, I am sharing a recipe for *Ventaglio*, and I hope you enjoy them as much as she did! To all of the mothers with us today, as well as those who have gone but remain forever in our hearts, *Buona Festa della Mamma Con Amore* ...

ITALIAN PUFF PASTRY FANS

Ventaglio di pasta sfoglia



1 sheet (1/2 pound) frozen puff pastry, thawed

1 cup cane or granulated sugar

1 ½ tablespoons butter, melted

Preheat oven to 400°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside. Unwrap puff pastry and let stand for about 15 minutes. Generously distribute $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the sugar on a flour board/counter and lay puff pastry on top of sugar. Roll pastry over sugar into a 14x10 inch rectangle. Using a pastry brush, lightly brush pastry with melted butter and evenly sprinkle remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar to within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the edges. With rolling pin, press sugar into pastry.

Lightly score a line long way across the middle of the pastry. Starting at the shorter side, roll up the pastry jelly-roll style, stopping at the score mark in the middle. Do the same for the other side, rolling up pastry jelly-roll style to the score mark. You should now have 2 rolls side by side. Gently pinch together and place pastry in the freezer to firm for 20 minutes.

Remove pastry from freezer and cut into 1-inch slices. Place cut side up spaced apart on prepared baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, turning pastries over halfway through baking to allow each side to become golden and glazed. Cool completely before serving and store in airtight tins.

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

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

Mario at 35

Actually, the Super Mario Bros. game marked its 35th anniversary last fall (it was released in Japan in September of 1985 and a month or so after in North America). Mario the lovable mustachioed plumber who became a hero for the denizens of the Mushroom Kingdom and to millions of children around the world, dates back to 1981 when he appeared as the antagonist for the arcade game Donkey Kong (which was then ported to Atari, Commodore 64 and Nintendo among other systems). Long before Bowser and, later, his conniving counterpart Wario, the titular dimwitted ape became the first primary rival for the red overalls sporting "Jump Man", as he was called.

But, Donkey Kong's nemesis was soon showing signs of larger aspirations. Shigeru Miyamoto, the creator of Donkey Kong, did not initially see much of a future for the character and seemed to have little use for him aside from brief appearances in the Donkey Kong spin-offs, a Nintendo version of Pinball and assorted sports titles such as Golf and Tennis. Miyamoto's idea was to use the character he christened "Mr. Video" as a recognizable guest star but thought enough of Mario to let him star in a few titles such as Mario Bros, a battle game pitting Mario against his brother Luigi set in a tubular factory of green pipes spouting hedgehogs and vicious crabs, and Wrecking

Then a catalyst brought opportunity. In 1983 the video game industry, which was then soaring highly enough, came crashing down in a slump that would last for almost two years. Many factors were attributed to this including an overabundance of competing consoles and companies and an oversaturation of the market. Indeed, the future looked bleak not only for Mario but for the industry at large.

In what may have been a last-ditch effort to save its latest development, Nintendo thought outside the box. It would step aside from one person shooter games like *Sheriff*. The sheer entertainment value could be duplicated in arcades. What video games needed was, even if in a rudimentary form, a narrative pull.

Who better to come to the rescue than the trusty plumber who was already a hero for Donkey Kong's captive Pauline? Enter a new game, *Super Mario Bros.* In itself, the game was a mini-revolution for the industry and its legacy is impossible to over emphasize. With this one title, Miyamoto saved Nintendo, video games and reinvented gaming.

Now there was a story. Mario, a plumber from Brooklyn arrives at the Mushroom Kingdom on a quest to save a Princess from a dragon-like creature named King Koopa or Bowser. Unlike the previous dark backgrounds of *Pinball* and *Mario Bros* there was now scenery (a blue sky, castles and hills) which could change according to levels which could be set underwater or in a dungeon.



There was a cast including Mario's brother Luigi, Pauline was still the captive princess but would, by the next North American installment be replaced by the more defined Princess Peach, and a helpful mushroom cap wearing advisor named Toad. There were consistent enemies such as the koopas (turtles which, once defeated, became useful weapons against other enemies thanks to their sliding shells), mean-faced goobas, ghosts, colorful fish and, ultimately, King Koopa.

Super Mario Bros was my first introduction to Mario and his world, my parents bringing both the Nintendo console and the game into our home in late 1988. I was enthralled immediately, the concept of "playing games on the TV" seemed the stuff of science fiction.

When Super Mario Bros came into our home, bringing fun times for my Dad and myself playing as a team or in competition, rumblings were already circulating about Super Mario Bros 2. However, what was known in North America and Europe as Super Mario Bros 2 was not designed as a Mario game. In Japan it was released in July of 1987 as Doki Doki Panic and, to older fans and even to us young players looking back in retrospect, the formatting is a bit off-putting as it never feels natural for a Mario game. The true Super Mario 2 would not be released in North America until 1993 as part of the compilation game Super Mario All-Stars for the Super Nintendo console as Super Mario Bros.: The Lost Levels, a game so frustratingly difficult Nintendo feared it would prove a flop outside of Japan. Aware of the sweeping popularity of its new mascot overseas, however, Nintendo recast Doki Doki Panic with Mario and friends but kept the original game's scenery, enemies and game play intact, creating a jarring effect for some. For most young fans, however, the differences were hardly noticed. We were delighted with the innovative option of choosing our character player from Mario, Luigi, Toad and the new Princess Peach. The game does, ultimately, reveal itself to be set in a strange dreamland created by Mario's enemies, so narratively it could be made to fit in the Mario cannon.

For me and many other fans the real milestone was *Super Mario Bros. 3*, one of the best Nintendo games ever. The game was as much a masterpiece as the original Super Mario had



been. In addition to the iconic symbols (mushrooms that made Mario grow taller, stars that gave him a frenzied super power and a flower that gave him the defense of fire balls) the game added costumes providing different abilities such as a raccoon tale allowing him to fly and a frog suit making swimming easier in the aquatic levels. It added the concept of levels divided into thematic lands and the concept of traveling backward to previous worlds.

These innovations were the blueprint for the pilot game for Super Nintendo, Super Mario World another of Mario's best introducing more colorful characters, especially Yoshi, the adorable dinosaur with a kind heart and a huge appetite.

Mario has been Nintendo's sure fire winner for over thirty years, the cast of characters growing with each game and each system. Mario has travelled from arcades to Nintendo's original consoles to Game Boy (Nintendo's handheld device) to Wii.

My memories of Mario were ones bonding with my classmates from St. Mark's afterschool or at birthday parties in which playing the latest Mario release would prove to be the highlight even more so than the cake. A testament to the versatility of the brave but endearing stout little icon was the wide assortment of media I remember so fondly. The prize for finishing my homework on time each afternoon was the promise to be allowed to watch The Super Mario Bros Super Show, an animated TV series featuring the characters we all were getting to know so well with live action openings featuring "Captain" Lou Albano as Mario. My seventh birthday cake was topped with Mario figurines and, I must admit, McDonald's gimmick of offering Mario toys with a Happy Meal in the early '90s worked for me.

Mario and the gang have delighted almost three generations of fans and show no signs of slowing down. Mario is, after all, a timeless icon, his backstory rooted in classic mythology and fairy tale tropes. The tiny jump man that burdened Donkey Kong forty years ago has eclipsed even that dumb brute in popularity (though given their frequent appearances together they seem to have buried the hatchet), so game on.

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

"I am not a roadblock at all. The best politics is good government. I can't believe that people believe that if you just do it my way, that will give us the momentum to get through the next election," Manchin said on one of those Sunday CNN talk shows. He went on to say, "I'm not going to be part of blowing up this Senate of ours or basically this democracy of ours or the republic we have."

Herd Immunity Nears

The director of the National Institutes of Health recently stated that the United States could reach herd immunity to COVID-19 with 70 to 85 percent of people vaccinated or previously infected and said some regions are close to that right now, while other regions are not so close.

Jeopardy Winner Runs into Online Trouble

Kelly Donahue of Winthrop, MA was a recent contestant on *Jeopardy*, winning three games, which for him was where all the craziness started.

After winning his third game, he faced criticism for making a gesture with his hand during

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU21P0079EA

Estate of BARBARA M. McKENNA Date of Death: October 18, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Matthew McKenna of Sherborn, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Matthew McKenna of Sherborn, 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. MI21P2060EA

Estate of
JOANNE DUNN

Date of Death: March 05, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Karen Kane of Lyman, ME.

Karen Kane of Lyman, ME has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Petitioner. Run date: 05/07/2021 a show taping that his critics say closely resembled a white supremacy sign. He responded on Facebook by saying he "absolutely condemns all forms of bigotry."

Kelly said the gesture was just "a 3, no more, no less." However, his bashers in the world of woke stated, "regardless of his stated intent, the gesture is a racist dog whistle."

Social media, you gotta love it, huh?

Two Thirds Of The 5^{Th} Dimension

Two-fifths of the 5th Dimension, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr., who helped to let the sunshine in back in our younger days have a new album *Blackbird: Lennon-McCarthy Icons*, a collection of Beatles covers out now. Davis and McCoo have been married 52 years. Davis is 82 and McCoo, 77. Life seems to have been "Up, Up and Away" for the couple with the sun shining in on them.

New NCIS on the Way

Vanessa Lachey will star in *NCIS: Hawaii* and in doing so will become the first female lead in the *NCIS* franchise on CBS. The series will premiere this fall. Lachey plays Jane Tennant, the first female Special Agent in Charge of NCIS Pearl Harbor who's described as "diplomatic and hard-charging." Lachey's co-stars include Yasmine Al-Bustami and Jason Antoon.

End Quote

"To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing."

— Elbert Hubbard

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Signed Brendan O'Shea, Owner Run dates: 05/07, 05/14, 05/21/2021

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Docket No. MI21P0889EA

Estate of
LAURANCE H. YUN
Also Known As
LAURANCE YUN
Date of Death: June 28, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jean L. Yun** of **Lexington**, **MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Jean L. Yun of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Run date: 05/07/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court South 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

Docket No. MI21P2063EA Estate of **GIOVANNI MERLINO** Date of Death: February 17, 2021

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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 Roberto R. Merlino of Tewksbury, 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 Roberto R. Merlino of Tewksbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 26, 2021.

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)

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

Date: April 28, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/07/202

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Docket No. MI21P2083EA Estate of DARRELL G. SIMPSON Date of Death: January 11, 2021 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 Phil Verzani of Natick 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 Phil Verzani of Natick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

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Date: April 28, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/07/2021

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Caitlyn Jenner Is 100 Percent Correct

Caitlyn Jenner, the once Bruce Jenner Gold Medalist in the 1976 Olympics, recently said she thought "it just isn't fair" for trans girls to play in women's sports and for speaking truth to power got a backlash like you couldn't believe from the LGBTQ community for saying it was "an issue of fairness." Jenner is now being called all sorts of nasty names. She has been branded a transphobe, which is so silly I can't believe anyone would even say such a thing.

I am thinking back to 1976. What if Bruce Jenner had come out that he identified as a female and entered competition in the Olympics as a female athlete, how many more gold medals would he have won that year?

Women's sports will be disseminated if biological men who identify as women can compete against women, it will kill all the gains made through Title IX funding. Where are the women out there, where are the feminists out there? Their silence is deafening. Why?

Caitlyn Jenner could have just stayed silent on this issue of unfairness, but she better than anyone else knows what she speaks of. Time for the politically correct crowd to stop sounding so woke.

Max Scherzer Moving on Up?

The Nationals ace pitcher Max Scherzer in his 14-season

has 2,817 strikeouts and his current stats show him getting 12.3 strikeouts per nine innings. WOW this is Nolan Ryanesque. In his 27 seasons, he leads the pack with 5,714 career strikeouts.

Right now, Max is a cinch to get into the top 15 in career strikeouts. Number 14 on the list is the great Bob Gibson, 17 seasons, 3,117 strikeouts. Number 15 is Curt Schilling who in 20 seasons had 3.116 strikeouts. Keep on truckin'

Bad Year For Baseball Greats

Pitcher Don Larsen who threw a no-hitter in the 1956 World Series for the NY Yankees died on January 1, 2020, and Hank Aaron died on January 22, 2021. In between 10 other greats also passed away. So many greats have passed telling me how old I must be getting.

May Baseball Highlight

On May 1, 1991, Nolan Ryan pitched his seventh no-hitter, striking out 16 batters, shutting down the Jays with the Texas Rangers, 3-0.

Birthday Time Two Former Red Soxers



Jarrod Saltalamacchia

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court North

Lowell Justice Center

370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor

Lowell, MA 01852

(978) 656-7700

Docket No. MI21P2057EA

Estate of

JOHN D. WRIGHT

Also Known As

JOHN WRIGHT

Date of Death: January 19, 2021

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some

interest in the above-captioned estate and, if

interested, to the Office of the Attorney General

and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice

is hereby given on February 26, 2021 that the

Petitioner Marsha A. Murdaugh of Nashua,

NH intends to file with the above-named Pro-

bate and Family Court, not sooner than seven

(7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal

Appointment of Personal Representative to

serve without surety on the bond Marsha A

The estate is being administered under

informal procedure by the Personal Represen-

tative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro-

bate 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 ter-

minating or restricting the powers of Personal

Representatives appointed under informal pro-

cedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any,

can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Murdaugh of Nashua, NH.

The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court South 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

Docket No. MI21P2085EA

Estate of **GARRET F. ZIFFER** CITATION ON PETITION FOR

To all interested persons:

relief as requested in the Petition.

Onello of Wayland, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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, 2021.

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)

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.

Run date: 05/07/2021



Eddie Bressoud

This past weekend, two former members of the Boston Red Sox celebrated birthdays. Catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia just turned 36 years old on May 1st. He holds the record, I believe, for having the longest name in baseball history at 14 letters long.

Also, blowing out the candles on his birthday cake was a former shortstop before the coming of Rico Petrocelli by the name of Eddie Bressoud who just turned 89 years old on Sunday, May 2nd.

Chelsea Red Devils Gather at Brown Jug

The stars of the mid '60s Chelsea High School basketball team gathered at the New Brown Jug and had a great old time reminiscing about the old days playing basketball as Red

My pal Mike Matrinko who owns the Brown Jug was himself a former Red Devil playing some memorable basketball (Class of '71).

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI21P1490EA

Estate of LEONA M. DAVIS Also Known As LEONA MOREY DAVIS Date of Death: June 05, 1976

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION A Petition for Formal Determination of Heirs has been filed by Charles A. Gillis of Hazelton, PA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other

relief as requested in the Petition.

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 24, 2021.

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: April 26, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/07/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20P3291EA

Estate of **GREGORY EUGENE LEE** Date of Death: April 26, 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 Kelly L Ravanis of Wilmington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

The Petitioner requests that Kelly L. Ravanis of Wilmington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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)

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: April 20, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/07/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. SU20P2375EA

Estate of MAY SIU YIN KWAN LORENZO Also Known As

MAY K. LORENZO, MAY KWAN LORENZO

Date of Death: June 23, 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 Antonio V. Lorenzo of Boston MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Antonio V Lorenzo of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 25, 2021.

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 admin istration 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. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 20, 2021

> Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Run date: 05/07/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(781) 865-4000

Date of Death: March 25, 2021

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Harriet H. Onello of Wayland, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other

The Petitioner requests that Harriet H.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.

Personal Representative appointed

Date: April 28, 2021 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/07/2021



Happy Mother's Day

"I hope they're still making women like my momma. She always told me to do the right thing. She always told me to have pride in myself. She said a good name is better than money." — Joe Louis



Joe Louis ready for some home cookin from his Mother Lillie.



Rocky Marciano working up an appetite while his Mother Pasqualena cooks.



Dicky Eklund and Micky Ward flank their Mother Alice



Muhammad Ali giving his Mother Odessa a lift.





Jack Dempsey with his Mother Mary Celia shortly after the Firpo Fight.



Henry and Jim Cooper with their Mother Lily



Benny Leonard and his Mother Minny

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

RECALLING ISAIAH THOMAS AND THE SPLENDID SPRING OF '17—Jayson Tatum's recent 60-point performance against San Antonio wasn't just for the moment. It was for history. And it brought back memories.

Recollections of just four years ago when the Garden was swept up in euphoria — all because the smallest had become the tallest, the diminutive had become the darling and the last selected had indeed become the first among many.

We speak of that special season of 2016-2017 when the basketball exploits of Isaiah Thomas captivated the city, mesmerizing both those within the region and many more at a distance.

It was the culmination of Isaiah's time with the Celtics, when everything seemed, at least for several months, to be the opposite of the expected.

At 5-9, Thomas, a native of Tacoma, Washington, was one of the shortest players in the NBA, one that was literally looked down upon by the vast majority of teammates, opponents and numerous coaches.

Perhaps there was an advantage to that. It meant that Thomas was always looking in the opposite direction—upward—a positive attribute toward which all should aspire.

What other way is there to go when you are drafted last — literally last (by Sacramento) in the 2011 NBA Draft? There's a famous line in the Good Book that is pertinent here: "And the last shall be first."

It was during the 2016-2017 season (particularly in the playoffs) that Thomas, named for one of the prophets of the Old Testament, became the basketball embodiment of that statement.

It may be all over now, after he had a brief stop with New Orleans just last month, but for Celtics fans who experienced the glory in the Garden during that remarkable time, those memories will never fade.

There had been indications that stardom was possible before he arrived in the Hub. He averaged just over 32 points a game during his junior year in high school and went on to a standout three-year career at the University of Washington — Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, first team all PAC-10 in his junior year, culminating with a buzzer beater basket to beat Arizona for the league championship.

He would spend three seasons with Sacramento and another two and a half with Phoenix before arriving in Boston in February, 2015. Although the Celtics would lose to the LeBron James led Cavaliers in the first round of the 2015 playoffs, Thomas averaged 17.5 points and seven assists per game over the course of the series.

There would be a similar early exit from the 2016 playoffs — at the hands of Atlanta in six games — but not before Thomas scored 42 points in game three and 28 in game four.

With the preludes in the past, the 2016-2017 campaign became the focus. Thomas opened it by scoring at least 20 points in each of the first 21 games. He then went on to

have a streak of 43 consecutive 20-point games. Possessing a megawatt smile that would light up any room, there was a joyful spontaneity about him that was infectious. He was doing what he loved and it showed.

On December 30 he closed the calendar year by scoring 52 points — 29 of them in the fourth quarter — in a 117-114 victory over Miami. He then christened the new year on January 3 by scoring 29 points and hauling in a career high 15 rebounds in a 115-104 win over Utah.

But the best — tinged with sadness — was yet to come. The playoffs.

The day before the first round series with Chicago began Thomas learned that his sister Chyna had died in a one-car accident near Tacoma. He played in all six games (won by Boston 4-2) while leading the team in scoring four times. He then flew home for his sister's funeral but was back for game one of the conference semifinals against the Wizards where he led the C's to victory with 33 tallies.

Two nights later (May 2) Thomas ignited for 53 points in a 129-119 overtime triumph in game two. But Washington would crawl back to even it up at 3-3, forcing a game seven at the Garden that was won by Boston 116-105 with Thomas scoring 29 points.

Boston then met Cleveland in the conference finals with the Cavaliers taking out Boston 4-1. Game three on May 19 would be Isaiah's last appearance in a Boston uniform as a hip injury from earlier in the season flared up, forcing him to step aside from further competition.

But the real ending months later was more acrimonious as GM Danny Ainge traded Thomas to Cleveland. It was a move by management that Thomas took especially hard.

Two years later, though, there was more of an acceptance and gratitude to his tone.

"I will always love the city of Boston," Thomas told *Masslive.* com back in the fall of 2019. "I went through a real life situation (his sister's passing) there and the city went through that with me. I have no hard feelings for this city whatsoever. The organization gave me the opportunity I always dreamed of and I took it to the level a lot of people didn't think I could but I knew I could."

He added that "the fans love what I did for this city. They love who I am. It's always genuine. When I'm on social media and I'm away from Boston, it's always love still. I'm not surprised by that."

LeBron James might be the king of basketball throughout much of America but in Boston Thomas possessed a quality that went beyond that. For while James is respected, Thomas was (and still is) beloved.

He will probably never have his number raised to the rafters because of his short time in the Hub. But he will always have a strong emotional appeal throughout Celtics Nation as fans fondly recall that sensational spring of '17 when a 5-9 player stood tallest among giants and created a storybook tale that remains inspirational to all.