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“What Are We Doing?”

by Marian Wright Edelman, Children’s Defense Fund

The funerals for the ten black community members who were murdered while grocery shopping in Buffalo on May 14 are not even over — *but it happened again.*

This time, children. Thursday should have been the last day of school and the start of summer vacation for teachers and students at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Instead, on Tuesday, May 24th, 19 fourth graders and two of their beloved teachers were shot to death in their classroom. They were murdered by a shooter who had legally purchased two AR-style rifles and 375 rounds of ammunition starting on May 17, the day after his 18th birthday. As our colleagues at the Children’s Defense Fund-Texas put it, “The only thing extraordinary about yesterday’s tragedy in Uvalde is how ordinary it is.” *What a shameful indictment of our nation’s failure to act and protect children.*

Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) struck a chord with millions of Americans as he

spoke passionately on the Senate floor hours after the shooting. Senator Murphy was the Congressman representing Newtown, Connecticut when 20 first graders and six adults were shot to death at Newtown’s Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012, so he is no stranger to responding to indescribable tragedies. He is also no stranger to watching many of his colleagues respond to gun tragedies by defiantly refusing to take action to protect children, not guns. On Tuesday, Senator Murphy asked all of them: “*What are we doing?*”:

“Just days after a shooter walked into a grocery store to gun down African American patrons, we have another Sandy Hook on our hands. What are we doing? There were more mass shootings than days in the year. Our kids are living in fear every single time they set foot in the classroom because they think they’re going to be next. What are we doing? Why do you spend all this time running

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Memorial Day Flag Garden Honors Massachusetts Fallen Heroes



The Memorial Day Flag Garden on Boston Common

(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund (MMHF) and its volunteers placed over 37,000 American flags on Boston Common in preparation of Memorial Day. Each flag represents a local hero who sacrificed their life defending our country and

freedom. Service members honored stretch back to the Revolutionary War.

The Memorial Day Flag Garden is planted at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. MMHF worked with volunteers and staff from Home Base, a partnership

of the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital that helps veterans and their families as they heal from invisible wounds like traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Parkland Dad Rips Schumer

The dad of a student slain in Parkland, FL. school massacre slammed Senate Majority leader Chuck Schumer for blocking a school-safety bill, calling the move “heartbreaking.”

Max Schachter, whose son Alex, 14, was among the 17 killed in the 2018 shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS rejected Schumer’s claim that the Republican - sponsored bill, which calls for a federal online clearing house of best practices for school safety “could see more guns in schools.”

The dad told the media, “How does a website put guns in schools? It’s ridiculous. It has nothing to do with guns.” U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-WI had pushed for the Luke and Alex School Safety Act named after both Alex and Luke Hoyer, 15 also slain in that 2018 massacre to be passed by unanimous consent the day after the Uvalde shooting spree, but Schumer barred the move.

Max Schachter said, “I was naive to think that a horrible mass shooting would make people do the right thing. It’s heartbreaking.”

McConaughey Visits Uvalde, Texas

Actor Matthew McConaughey returned to his grieving hometown of Uvalde, Texas where he grew up until he was 12 years old. After learning of the horror that unfolded there he decided to return in a bid to help the small town of Uvalde to help mourners and townsfolk “heal.” He was accompanied by U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-TX as he talked with folks and offered some comfort to them as the town tries to make some sense out of this tragedy.

Flag Parade Back On In Quincy

Quincy Mayor Tom Koch has announced the Annual Flag Day Parade and fireworks display will be taking

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Fallen Heroes Memorial AT SEAPORT COMMON

An emotional homage was held at Seaport Common in the Seaport District to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The first of its kind in the country, a 50-foot, 5-sided (representing the five branches of the armed services) transparent pillar memorial rises above the city inscribed with the names of the Commonwealth’s heroic service members who lost their lives fighting for our freedoms since September 11, 2001.

In attendance were Gold Star Family members, Medal of Honor recipients, veterans, Mayor Charlie Baker and other dignitaries. Sadly, this year two more names of brave Bay Staters were added to the monument, Johanny Rosario Pichardo, Afghanistan and Capt. Ross Reynolds, NATA exercise in Norway). Hopefully, a time will come when we will not have to add another name to this monument or any other.

In 2010, a group of local veterans, firefighters, police officers, Gold Star families and citizens came together with the goal of honoring those who did not return home from conflict overseas. From this dedicated group,



Fallen Heroes Memorial, Seaport Common, Boston, MA

(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

the nonprofit Massachusetts Fallen Heroes organization was born, initiating a six-year campaign that culminated in May 2016 with the dedication of the incredible memorial designed


by world-renowned architect James Carpenter, working with landscape architect Reed Hilderbrand.

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



LUDI PUBLICI



Chariot race at Roman games, drawing by Ken Welsh

The public games or shows of ancient Rome were called “Ludi Publici” and were financed either by the government or the government officials. They took the form of athletic contests or other spectacles and were held in the theaters, amphitheaters, circus, or even in the local piazza. For hundreds of years, the ludi were the most prominent features of their religious and social life.

Augustus outdid all of his predecessors in the magnificence of his public shows. These were staged in all the wards and in all languages. He promoted athletic contests in the well-known area near the Tiber, which was called the Campus Martius. Roman Knights (the Equestrian Order) were featured in scenic, pageantry, and gladiatorial contests. These special gladiatorial contests were much like our wrestling matches of today; a lot of action but no blood.

He constructed an artificial lake near the Tiber and even staged a mock naval battle. There were so many people in attendance at these events that it was necessary to station guards at various parts of the city in order to prevent vandalism and looting.

Whenever anything rare or extraordinary was brought into the city, he ordered a special exhibit

for those days which did not conflict with his scheduled spectacles. These special exhibits included a huge rhinoceros in a confined area of a central park, an especially large and ferocious tiger which was displayed in a large cage set on the stage of a theater, and a huge snake which was reported to have been seventy-five feet long and displayed in a central piazza.

During an overcrowded indoor theatrical production, there was concern and near panic, for fear that the structure might collapse. Augustus calmed the audience by taking a seat in a spot which appeared to be the most dangerous. We know now of course that the structure stood for many years to come.

While in attendance at any event, Augustus gave his entire attention to the performance and did not permit the distractions of talking, reading, or writing as did other emperors to follow. He even offered special prizes or gifts from his own purse.

Many senators who were late arrivers were unable to find seats in many of the shows so Augustus was responsible for a decreereserving the first rows of seats at any theater or public event exclusively for senators. He also separated soldiers from civilians, assigned special seats to married males, and a special section to juvenile males. Sorry gals, but it is a fact of history that women were assigned the poorer uppermost seats, a special late admittance time, and were specifically excluded from athletic contests. I personally believe that this exclusion was due to the fact that early Roman athletic contests were patterned after the Greek Games where the male contestants participated in the nude and I shall pass over this item without making another comment except to repeat — sorry gals.

NEXT WEEK:

Augustus the Colonizer

East Boston Kiwanis Club
to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston marks its 75th Anniversary with a celebration set for Tuesday, June 21st, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Spinelli’s Function Hall, 282 Chelsea Street in East Boston. The Diamond Jubilee Celebration features current and past Kiwanis Club members, and hosts Kiwanians from neighboring clubs, local businesses, and community organizations.

Since 1947, the Kiwanis Club served the East Boston community and its residents in need. Over the years, the club awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to East Boston students, hosted the yearly Bicycle Safety Rodeo and bike helmet giveaway, supported East Boston youth sports teams and youth organizations, collected food and clothing for local food pantries and assistance drives, delivered holiday baskets for those in need, and hosted local senior citizens for outings in Salem and Westford.

“The Kiwanis Club of East Boston is an institution in this community, serving local children, senior citizens, and those in need for the past 75 years,” said club President Andrea DiBattista. “Over that time, members have donated their time, money, and creativity to lift up the East Boston community, helping to improve the quality of life for all residents here.”

For tickets to the club’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration or information about joining this community service organization, call 617-823-2170.

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BCYF Nazzaro Community Center Senior BBQ



BCYF Nazzaro Community Center hosted a Senior BBQ to celebrate the reopening of the center on Thursday, May 26th in the Courtyard. In attendance were members of the Age Strong Commission.

Attendees were treated to hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, chips, and the Boston PD ice cream truck provided Hoodies. Many tried their luck at a game of bingo.

Later in the day the neighborhood children and their families celebrated with food, games, a Corn Maze, face painting, arts and crafts, and many other fun things to do.



Daniel Toscano and Boston City Councilor District 1 Gabriela Coletta



L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Jubilant June!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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

Festa della Repubblica (June 2nd): In the simplest terms, one can think of *la Festa della Repubblica*, or “Feast of the Republic,” as Italy’s independence day, a rough equivalent to our Fourth of July. This feast honors the date in 1946 when, after the turmoil of World War II, Italians voted on creating a republic rather than a monarchy. Nearly everything — banks, stores, tourist sites, museums — is closed or operates on holiday hours. Instead, Italians celebrate by watching parades and attending outdoor parties or concerts. Expect to see the Italian tricolor flag, with its bright hues of red, white and green, adorning landmarks and waving from people’s homes. *La Festa della Repubblica* appropriately occurs in the summer, when people can take advantage of the lovely weather to go outdoors and show their communal pride in being Italian.

Festival of San Ranieri (June 16th - 17th): The feast of St. Rainerius, or *San Ranieri* as he is known to Italians, encompasses two days of merriment in the Tuscan city of Pisa.



The eve of the feast day, Pisa celebrates its patron saint by lighting up the city’s buildings with over 70,000 glass-encased candles. These *lumini* cast a warm, romantic glow against the meandering Arno River. A fireworks displays caps off the night’s festivities. The next day, people gather to watch a regatta, or boat race. I find it interesting that this quaint and local holiday includes the two biggest hallmarks of solstice celebrations—fire and water—giving Italians cause to honor the sweet delights of midsummer.

Saint John’s Day (June 24th): This is one of my favorite holidays. It commemorates St. John the Baptist, the major religious figure who baptized Jesus, though many traditions originated from the pre-Christian festivities celebrating the summer solstice. In Northern Europe, St. John’s Day is known as Midsummer since it falls so close to the summer solstice. People celebrate with rites honoring the sun (the summer solstice) and water (St. John the Baptist): building maypoles, floating garlands of flowers down streams, lighting bonfires. In Italy, this is *la Festa di San Giovanni Battista*. In the Lake Como region, people float hundreds of delicate lanterns on the lake and later continue the theme of light by enjoying a fireworks display. Florentines celebrate with a medieval tournament, while also holding a

procession of rowboats carrying candles drifting serenely along the Arno River. These festivals perfectly capture the magic of the longest night of the year, harnessing the power of the sun and honoring the life-giving qualities of water.

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

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

Happy June!

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.

THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

Time for Action and Solutions, Not More Partisan Politics

As usual, the reaction to the latest mass shooting down in Texas from our elected officials is more of the same talk. Democrats immediately blame Republicans and Republicans return fire.

A young man bought two guns days after his 18th birthday and ended up carrying his two military-style weapons into an unlocked elementary school in the small town of Uvalde and opened fire killing 19 young children and two teachers before being taken down by law enforcement.

However, politicians couldn’t wait to make their partisan talking points. Michigan State Senator Mallory McMorrow couldn’t wait to tweet out, “Don’t you dare say you’re protecting children, if you’ve spent more time banning books and telling certain kids they can’t play soccer.”

Then, there’s U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, R-Texas, “Inevitably when there’s a murderer of this kind, you see politicians try to politicize it, you see Democrats and a lot of folks in the media whose immediate solution is to try to restrict the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.” (*New York Post*, May 25th.)

While parents in Texas are still grieving and the details are still flowing in, we also hear from U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez slamming Republicans in the wake of the shooting. Then, from U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, “Imagine how many children would be slaughtered

in school if being pro-life was more than just a talking point for Republicans in Congress.”

The rhetoric we have been hearing in the wake of this horrific shooting should stop at once from both sides of the aisle. The issue of gun violence has to move from words to real meaningful actions. Stop talking and do something!

Why isn’t the government at all levels taking action on the greater issue of mental health care in this country, and always a part of these national tragedies? We apparently give lip service to this issue because the cost of addressing our dysfunctional mental health system is deemed far too expensive to fix. However, the longer we put off this national discussion, the toll of victims only grows greater. This is not a Democrat or Republican, or a liberal or conservative issue. All of us need to stop the nonsense. Mental health care is a national tragedy.

Our elected officials for the most part are AWOL when it comes to gun violence in this country. It is time for real actions, real solutions, and less useless rhetoric to gain partisan support and raise campaign cash.

Finally, what about social media’s role? These shooters are on social media with images of themselves with their firearms and commentary about killings. How does this go unnoticed by those who run platforms like Facebook, Twitter, etc.?

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

Annual Pool Bag Necessities 2022

Ciao Bella,

Summer is finally here! It may be hotter than Hades; however, we must be prepared. Please note that this is my Annual Pool/ Beach Bag review and all you'll need to make your summer "fun in the sun"!

Here are a few items to keep things going smooth.

1) Sunscreen is number one for protection from the sun. SPF 30 with limited exposure.

2) Hats are great sun protection. Some have sunscreen built in.

3) Water to stay hydrated throughout the day. A frozen water bottle will last the whole afternoon.

4) Sunglasses are a must ... eye protection and fashionable. I must own over 35 pairs!

5) Towels ... I need a few to stay comfortable.

6) Lip Sunscreen for added protection for those kissable lips!

7) A Cover up for after a full session of sun or cool breezes.

8) Towelettes are handy to freshen up! A New product that's out is "busy Beauty Showerless

Body Wipes" Tried and true from me to you! Great after sun bathing for a quick clean feel.

9) Pack of tissues to wipe away whatever!

10) Hair brush/ comb to touch up and refresh the do!

11) Insect Repellent for the beach bums. I've yet to see a mosquito by the pool.

So, hope this review helps in enjoying a great summer.

Now that Memorial Day is behind us, we look forward to June, July, and August sun and fun. So important to be prepared for lovely summer days! No stress, just lounging on your lawn chair for fun in the sun.

Buona Giornata and God Bless the USA!

Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull



Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at: www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist. She may be contacted at 978-470-8183 – or mary@mary4nails.com.

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

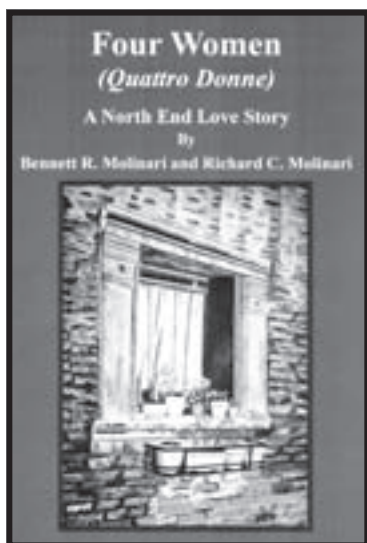
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 77

Distressing News (continued)

It's time we sit down and make peace, if not for ourselves, for Pietro and Carla.

"Our family has become the talk of the North End, now it must come to an end, it must be for the good of Carla and Pietro." Grandma's suggestion drew the three sisters closer around her. Auntie Angie, as usual, spoke for them. "Ma, what are you planning to do? These people are unreasonable, and who knows what he will do to you." "Angie, he will do nothing to me. We will speak as heads of each of our families. As heads of our families, we will have respect for one another." "Ma, one of us must accompany you." "No, Angie, this is something I must do alone, and he must do alone. It is the way we have



always done these things, and it is the way we will do it now. Angie, you must have faith in God and faith in the old ways, for those are the ways that have proven best. Egidio and I know the old ways better than you and your sisters and better than his sons. We will sit and talk, have something to eat, and work things out in the way it's always been done. This is about family and nothing is more sacred than family." Grandma's suggestion was too much for Auntie Stella to take. "Ma, what are you talking about? That old cafone will kill you. This is America, not Italy. Why should Carla and Pietro listen to what you and Egidio have to say?" Once again, Auntie Stella was setting Grandma off. "Stella, your tongue is too sharp. You think because I have gray hair, I don't know what I'm doing. That's the trouble today, no one believes in the wisdom of the old ways. We have been solving our family problems this way forever, and we will solve this problem the same way." "Ma, you're in America!" Auntie Stella shouted. "Basta (Enough) Stella. Faremo a modo mio (We will do it my way)!"

Grandma then rose to her full four feet eleven inches, asserting her authority. Auntie Angie, speaking for her sisters,

nervously asked her mother, who had suddenly once again become the matriarch, "Ma, where do you plan to have this meeting, in your flat or Egidio's?" "Angie, we will have this meeting not in a flat but in the upper room of the Saint Francis Shrine. We will ask for the blessing of the Saint, and we will do it now."

Auntie Stella, now saw her chance to get back at Grandma. Sarcastically she asked, "Crazy old lady, why do you think Egidio will talk with you, when he blames our family for all the trouble he has had with Carla?" "Stella," Grandma replied, "Go with your sister Carmela to the Shrine and if Egidio is there, as I think he will be, one of you tell Giuseppe the president, that *la vecchia pazzza* (the crazy old lady) Lucia, wife of your old friend Bernardo, wants to speak to Egidio Ricci in the room on the second floor, and we want to be alone. Also, we would like two glasses of Chianti," Grandma knowing wine would be on hand for the visiting guests. Seeing an opening, Auntie Stella asked, "Ma, are you planning to speak with him or make love to him up there?" "Stella, watch your mouth," Auntie Angie scolded. As for Grandma, she didn't say a word. She just cast one of her scolding glances in her direction, knowing Auntie would say no more. The matriarch was now in control, and no one could stop her.

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; and Barnes and Noble. Bookshop.org; Barbara's Bestsellers, South Station (857-263-8737); Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall.

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Team John Hancock



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**Annette & Franklin Mitchell
of Charlton, MA**

(Photos by Gerri Palladino)

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Gold Star Family



Governor Charlie Baker



Gold Star Families placing roses in the reflection pool



**Medal of Honor recipien David
Bellavia, Lyndonville, NY**



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VP of Fallen Heroes Greg Kelly



**Matthew McKenna Sr.
Director of Fallen Heroes**

(Photos by Gerri Palladino)



**RAY DONOVAN:
THE MOVIE
(DVD) /
CBS Home Ent. +
Paramount Home Ent.**

A showdown that was decades in the making brings the Donovan family legacy full circle. As the events that made Ray who he is today finally come to light, the Donovans find themselves drawn back to Boston to face the past. Each of them struggles to overcome their violent upbringing, but destiny dies hard, and only their fierce love for each other keeps them in the fight. Whether they stand together or they go down swinging, one thing is certain — Ray doesn't do loose ends. This epic conclusion to the Emmy award-winning season, *Ray Donovan*, follows the family back to Boston where it all began. The film picks up where season seven left off, with Mickey (Jon Voight) in the wind and Ray determined to find and stop him before he can cause any more carnage. It also weaves together the present-day fallout from the Donovan/Sullivan feud with Ray and Mickey's origin story from 30 years ago. The show's original cast members will be reprising their roles including Eddie Marsan as Ray's brother "Terry," Dash Mihok as Ray's brother "Bunchy," Pooch Hall as the Donovan's half-brother "Daryll," Kerris Dorsey as Ray's daughter "Bridget," Katherine Moennig as "Lena," along with Kerry Condon as "Molly Sullivan."

**KINKY BOOTS
(Blu-ray) /
Paramount Home Ent.**

The hilarious and inspiring classic *Kinky Boots* arrives for the first time ever on Blu-ray from Paramount Home Entertainment. Featuring a Golden Globe-nominated performance by Chiwetel Ejiofor, as well as terrific performances by Joel Edgerton, Sarah-Jane Potts, and Nick Frost, *Kinky Boots* is a refreshing, feel-good film that proves the best way to fit in is to stand out. The film was inspired by the real-life story of a family-owned shoe factory in England and ultimately inspired a Broadway musical that earned six Tony Awards, including Best Original Score, Best Actor and Best Musical. For generations, the Price family has made very sensible, very conservative shoes for men. But to save the business from imminent bankruptcy, young Charlie Price (Edgerton) turns to an unlikely new creative consultant: a fabulous drag performer (Ejiofor) whose creative style and wild designs are a breath of fresh air in the stuffy old factory. This *Kinky Boots* Blu-ray features access to a digital copy of the film and legacy bonus content, including audio commentary with the director and members of the cast, deleted scenes, and behind-the-scenes featurettes. Bonus material includes: Audio commentary with director Julian Jarrold, and stars Joel Edgerton, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Sarah-Jane Potts • The Real

Kinky Boots Factory (SD) • Deleted Scenes (SD) and The Journey of a Brogue (SD).

**LUCIFER:
THE COMPLETE FIFTH
SEASON
(DVD) /
Warner Bros. Home Ent.**

Indulge your deepest desires as *Lucifer: The Complete Fifth Season* arrives with 16 hell-raising episodes from the fifth season, along with tantalizing deleted scenes, and a gag reel included in the bonus features. In the fifth season, the stakes are higher than ever. Secrets will be revealed, Lucifer makes a tumultuous return from Hell, Chloe rethinks romance, Ella finally finds a nice guy, and Amenadiel adjusts to the whole fatherhood thing. In the first half of the season, Lucifer's twin brother Michael secretly takes the devil's place on earth while he's back in Hell. Eventually, Lucifer must face the mess his brother made with his life. He'll also finally confront his feelings for Chloe, and answer a question that fans have been asking since the very beginning: "will they or won't they?" Then in the second half of the season, God makes his grand appearance. Except, Lucifer never prayed for this, and he already can't wait to send dear old Dad back where he came from. Unfortunately for Lucifer, God isn't going anywhere, and wants to get into every aspect of Lucifer's life. But our heroes will soon discover that God is here for more than just some family bonding time! The series stars Tom Ellis, Lauren German, Kevin Alejandro, DB Woodside, Lesley-Ann Brandt, Aimee Garcia and Rachael Harris.

**A TASTE OF BLOOD
(Blu-ray)
Cleopatra Ent.**

Based on Aleksey's Tolstoy's 1839 short story, "The Family of the Vourdalak," *A Taste of Blood*, tells the story of a man — who after going off to kill a vampire — returns home at the magic hour, between night and day. His family has doubts about whether he's still human or whether he's been bitten by the undead. His teenage daughter is determined to defend him, but their doubts and fears grow as the darkness of the night approaches. The question arises as to whether his family will find out in time, or will their settlement make them easy pray for the novice nightwalker? Included is a soundtrack featuring the music from an array of artists: Rosetta Stone — "Valiant Try," Christian Death — "Haloes," Big Electric Cat — "Orchid Dreaming," Children On Stun — "Cats or Devil's Eyes," Corpus Delecti — "Novious," Leather Strip — "Evil Speaks," Electric Hellfire Club — "Baptized in Blood," Razed In Black — "The Endless," Witch Of The Vale — "Trust the Pain," Jyrkl 69 — "Blood Lust," Blood Handsome — "Give," Crying Vessel — "Breaking the Spell," Synaesthesia — "Ambience," Vile A Sin — Taste the Blood," and The Sweet Kill — "Closer."

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

KEEP ON KEEPING ON!
The above has been a favorite expression of mine when saying goodbye to someone in-person or online. I used it so much though I forgot when I started using it. One morning last week while listening to the car radio on the way to work, I turned on "Soul Town" on Sirius Radio and heard Jr. Walker & the All Stars sing "(I'm a) Road Runner" from 1965. Right there in the lyrics was "Keep On Keeping On." I guess I've been using that expression much longer than I thought.

However, in 1974, Gladys Knight & the Pips recorded "I've Got to Use My Imagination" where once again the lyrics included "Keep On Keeping On."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OWEN



Little Owen posing with his favorite dinosaur.
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

My grandson Owen just turned 4 years old and has grown from a little baby into a little man, with his favorite dinosaur. Owen's younger sister Emily's birthday is coming up in June

**ST. ANTHONY'S DINNER
JUNE 13TH**

On Monday, June 13th, Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston will be celebrating the Feast of St. Anthony with a 5:00 p.m. Mass, followed by a procession carrying the St. Anthony statue. This will be followed by a spaghetti dinner in the lower hall. Tickets on sale at all Masses this upcoming weekend, or at the parish office, \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids.

**CARMELLA'S HOLDS PASTA,
MEATBALL AND SAUCE**

Last month Nick Moulaison held a Cheese Night and the place was packed with neighborhood folk showing up to taste the assortment of cheeses



A.J. Gentner and Sofie Wellin stopped in Carmella's to sample the tastings.
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

that are available at this busy produce shop, sub shop, and much more. This month, Carmella's moved from cheese to pasta and meatballs, and the crowds returned. Carmella's is planning on doing a specialty — hopefully on a monthly basis.

It is so nice to have a great place to buy some cold cuts or perhaps a delicious submarine sandwich, too. Soon, I hear, there may be some delicious prepared Italian meals to take home for dinner.

**BETO O'ROURKE
IS A BOZO**

I have witnessed lots of despicable things on TV, but after I watched Beto O'Rourke interrupt a press conference by Gov. Greg Abbott on the mass shooting at a Texas elementary school that killed 19 innocent children and two teachers, I wouldn't vote for this guy for dog catcher let alone for governor this year if I lived in Texas.

Beto or Bozo, whatever his name, should be ashamed of himself for pulling this political stunt apparently to generate some TV coverage for his failing campaign! Children have died, their parents are grieving, and putting on a clown show taunting Texas Republicans. Shame on him!

**EASTIE FARM
IN JEFFRIES POINT**

Thursdays are busy at Eastie Farms on Maverick Street as folks show up to pick up the farm items they purchased online. If you want to know more about Eastie Farms go to www.eastiefarm.com or show up on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and talk to the nice people running the produce plus distributions



Heather O'Brien from Eastie Farms with Sal Giarratani last week down at the Maverick Street site.

**CUOMO CALLS
BUFFALO SUPERMARKET
"LYNCHING"**

How can we forget about disgraced ex-governor Andrew Cuomo if he just won't go away? However, there he was again talking about the mass killing at that Buffalo, NY supermarket and compare it to "lynching." In his appearance at True Bethel Baptist Church in Buffalo, he called for stricter federal gun laws and said he was "sickened" and then tied the shootings to what the Klan used to do.

Talk about exploiting violence; liberals always like doing so. Somebody tell him, go home! Please just go away.

HERE COMES SUPER MARIO



Looks just like Super Mario, huh?
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

When I was younger, before I became a writer, I thought I was an artist, too. Recently while playing with my grandson's Play-Doh, I created Super Mario for him. He loved Super Mario's face. He even helped with Mario's hat.

Saint William of Monte Vergine

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint William of Monte Vergine is also known as Saint William of Vercelli. He was born in Vercelli, a city of Lombardy in the year 1085. He lost his father and mother in his infancy and was brought up by a very pious relative. At fifteen years of age, having an earnest desire to lead a penitential life and firmly believing God was calling him to a solitary life, William left his native region and made a long and austere pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella to the shrine of the Virgin founded by Saint James.

He would have made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem but when he reached Southern, Italy, he was beaten up and robbed by thieves. William considered this misfortune a sign of God's will for him to stay in Southern Italy and spread the message of Christ. He firmly believed God was calling him to a solitary life, and he retired to



the kingdom of Naples. He went to live on the summit of Monte Vergine (then know as Monte Virgiliana) between Nola and Benevento, where he lived as a hermit and lived in perpetual contemplation.


He attracted a number of followers and founded the Monastery of Monte Vergine, which he headed. By 1119, his followers were united in the Benedictine congregation, the Hermits of Monte Vergine also known as (Williamite) which he headed. The austerity of his rule led to dissension among his

monks; to restore peace he left and was taken under the protection of Roger I of Naples who built a monastery for him in Salerno. William founded monasteries through out Naples, and died at the Guglielmo monastery near Nusco, Italy on June 25, 1142. The Feast Day of William of Monte Vergine is celebrated on June 25th.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



For over 20 years, I have taken part in a Memorial Day tradition. Needless to say, the full scope of it may not be operational this year, and we will still be in Florida. I belong to a retired military organization called The First Corps of Cadets, and each Memorial Day before Covid, we gathered at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, place flowers at the base of our Civil War memorial, listen to a few works from our chaplain, a few words from our president and salute as a bugler plays taps. Following the ceremony, we head to a pub and enjoy a bit of liquid refreshment, a slice of pizza and the company of good friends.

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

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

When Babbononno saw that I loved things military, he thought I might head in that direction once I was out of school. He was so proud of the first time I stood in front of him standing at attention with my army uniform neatly pressed. I had joined the Joseph H. Barnes Drum

and Bugle Corps, and marched with them as a bugler. Later, at English High School, I marched with a rifle over my shoulder. Unfortunately, everything I tried to get involved in militarily after high school, didn’t pan out.

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

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

I headed back to the East Boston Draft Board, which in those days, was housed underneath the library on Meridian Street. I knew that I would have to be reclassified as 1A and be eligible for the army, which in the early ’60s, was the only military organization involved in the draft. When I told the head of the draft board that I was teaching drafting and engineering subjects, she told me that they were classified as sciences, and as a result, I would be reclassified 2A, and receive a deferment. It seems that after

the USSR sent Sputnik, into space, we had a lot of catching up to do, and anyone teaching a science would be deferred. As a result, I never made it into the military. By the time the war in Vietnam was in full swing, I was a bit too old for military service. I lost a lot of friends and many students who headed for south-east Asia and never made it back home. I felt guilty that I had not participated, and still feel strange when some of my friends talk about their exploits in that war.

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

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

On Memorial Day, I brought up a picture of the American flag on my computer, saluted it and said a silent prayer for those that I knew back in the day who never made it home. I guess my family was very lucky, from Babbononno’s day to the present, every one of my relatives who was in the military, regardless of which war it was, made it home in one piece. At this point in time, I sit on my Florida patio, unable to help out with what’s going on between Russian and Ukraine, the latest clash on the planet. But, I can’t complain. My family is all OK; my closest friends at home and down here are all OK.

I guess we’re the ones who are blessed.

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by
Marianna Bisignano



A *Crostata* is an Italian dessert you’ll usually find made with a short crust or *pasta frolla* that can be converted into various different tarts. In the *pastaccieras* in Italy, these delicious tarts are found filled with jams, custards, ricotta, and chocolate, as well as apples, peaches or other seasonal fruits. At this time of year, they are often on display in the form of tarts or tartlets filled with a *crema pasticcera* and garnished with beautifully glazed seasonal fresh fruits.

I cannot begin to name all of the amazing crostatas my Nonna has made. However, I can tell you that regardless of the flavor, one was always more delicious than the other! Nonna usually made them based on the ingredients she had available as well as what fruits were in season. During the warmer months, using a pasta frolla crust, custard filling and fresh seasonal fruit, she would make her traditional “Italian Fruit Tart” or “*Crostata di Frutta*”. She also made an “Americanized” version of this that used a graham cracker crust, sweet cream cheese filling and fresh strawberries, blueberries, or whatever other seasonal fruit she had on hand. This “Easy Italian Fruit Tart” or “*Facile Crostata di Frutta Italiana*” is a dessert that is quick and simple to make and was always enjoyed by everyone that tasted it. It’s an absolutely perfect dessert that I am positive your friends and family are going to love!

EASY ITALIAN FRUIT TART *Facile Crostata di Frutta Italiana*



Graham Cracker Crust	<i>1/3 cup granulated sugar</i>
<i>2 cups graham crackers, finely ground</i>	<i>10 tablespoons butter, melted</i>

Grease a 8 to 9-inch tart pan or pie plate, set aside.
Preheat the oven to 350°.
In a small bowl, add graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and melted butter; mix together well.
Pour crumb mixture into the prepared pan and using the back of a spoon, press firmly in the bottom and about an inch and a half to two inches up the sides of the pan.
Bake for 10 minutes (just to set the mixture) and cool.

***Note: This crust can be made without baking by making it a day ahead and refrigerating overnight to set.

Filling and Fruit Topping	<i>3 cups of fresh fruit, washed and dried (strawberries, blueberries, grapes, kiwis, pineapples, bananas, any preference or combination is fine)</i>
<i>1 8-ounce package of cream cheese, softened</i>	
<i>½ cup whipping cream</i>	
<i>1/3 cup confectioners’ sugar</i>	
<i>1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract</i>	
<i>½ organic lemon, zested and juiced</i>	<i>4 tablespoons of apricot or strawberry jam</i>

In a large bowl, add the softened cream cheese, confectioners’ sugar, vanilla and lemon zest and juice. Beat on a low speed until creamy, set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the whipping cream until soft peaks form. Using a spatula, gently fold this into the cream cheese mixture.

Spread this mixture into the prepared graham cracker crust and set aside.

Slice the fresh fruit (I used fresh sliced strawberries) and place into a medium sized bowl, set aside.

In a small saucepan, warm the jam until it liquefies (do not make it to hot). Cool slightly and add this to the bowl of fresh fruit and toss together well. Gently spoon the fruit mixture on top of the filling and refrigerate 4 hours before serving.

Refrigerate leftovers.


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

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Saving the Green Monster


Were it not for it Hollywood, the Perfect Storm of 1991, that shook the New England and Canadian coastlines, would have become a faded memory. And yet, on October 27th of that year, the “Halloween Storm” was making waves.

Hurricane Grace had just formed over Bermuda and began its track northwards. Waves, some as tall as 60 feet, were causing damage and coastal flooding from Newfoundland to Jamaica. By Halloween the storm had transitioned into a

hurricane and began making its way into the interior, wreaking havoc on Nova Scotia.

Caught in this storm was the 72-foot fishing vessel *Andrea Gail* and its crew of six fishermen. The *Andrea Gail* had left Gloucester Harbor on September 20th heading for the Grand Banks of Newfoundland in search of swordfish. On October 26th, Captain Frank W. “Billy” Tyne Jr., turned the vessel homeward.

The last radio transmissions from the *Andrea Gail* came



on the evening of the 28th, when Tyne said, “She’s comin’ on, boys, and she’s comin’ on strong.”

On the 30th the vessel was reported overdue. Both the United States and Canadian Coast Guard, along with the New York Air National Guard launched an air and land rescue mission but nothing was found of the ship or its crew.

On November 6th, the boat’s emergency position-indicating radio beacon was discovered washed ashore on Sable Island. Nonetheless, the search was called off on the 9th when the *Andrea Gail* and its crew were declared lost at sea.

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DANIEL DI CENSO

Funny Uncle

Joey



“Uncle Joey likes nothing more than bringing a smile on his nephew’s face upon each visit. The two embark on many adventures and share many happy times. The greatest reward that comes from changing a child’s life, however, is how that child changes your own.”

Written by Daniel A. DiCenso, Post Gazette Columnist

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DEBRA STARK

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for the United States Senate? Why do you go through all the hassle of getting this job, of putting yourself in a position of authority, if your answer is that as the slaughter increases, as our kids run for their lives, we do nothing. What are we doing? Why are you here if not to solve a problem as existential as this? This isn’t inevitable. These kids weren’t unlucky. This only happens in this country. And nowhere else. Nowhere else do little kids go to school, thinking that they might be shot that day. Nowhere else do parents have to talk to their kids as I have had to do about why they got locked into a bathroom and told to be quiet for five minutes just in case a bad man entered that building. Nowhere else does that happen except here in the United States of America. And it is a choice. It is our choice to let it continue . . .

“What are we doing? Why are we here? What are we doing?”

What are we doing? Politicians who immediately say things like “now is not the time to politicize this” almost inevitably actually mean “it will never be the time.” Too many of these leaders have no intention of taking any steps to prevent this. They do not want to act. They are not going to stand up to the gun lobby. They are not willing to protect children instead of guns.

Texas Senator Ted Cruz joined former President Donald Trump among the featured speakers for the National Rifle Association (NRA)’s national convention in Houston on May 27th. Texas Governor Greg Abbott did not attend the convention, but did provide a pre-recorded message. In 2015, Governor Abbott said on Twitter: “I’m EMBARRASSED: TEXAS #2 in nation for new gun purchases, behind CALIFORNIA. Let’s pick up the pace Texans.” Following the mass shootings at a Texas church in 2017, a Texas high school in 2018, and the back-to-back mass shootings in El Paso and the Midland-Odessa area in

August 2019, Texas lawmakers responded by making it *easier* rather than harder to buy and carry guns in their state. Texas has now been the site of four of the nation’s ten deadliest mass shootings, including the deadliest mass shooting at a place of worship, the deadliest mass shooting at a military institution, and, after the murders of these 19 children and their teachers, the second deadliest school shooting. Does this make Governor Abbott proud? *Or will this shooting finally be enough to lead some of our elected politicians to new choices?*

Gun violence is now the leading cause of death for children and teens in our nation. A child or teen is killed with a gun every two hours in America. More preschoolers under 5 are killed with guns than police officers in the line of duty each year. In a nation where nearly all voters support common sense gun safety legislation like universal background checks and two-thirds of voters support a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons, *it doesn’t have to be this way.*

What are we doing?

O God, forgive our rich nation where toddlers and school children die from guns sold quite legally.

O God, help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in Your sight.

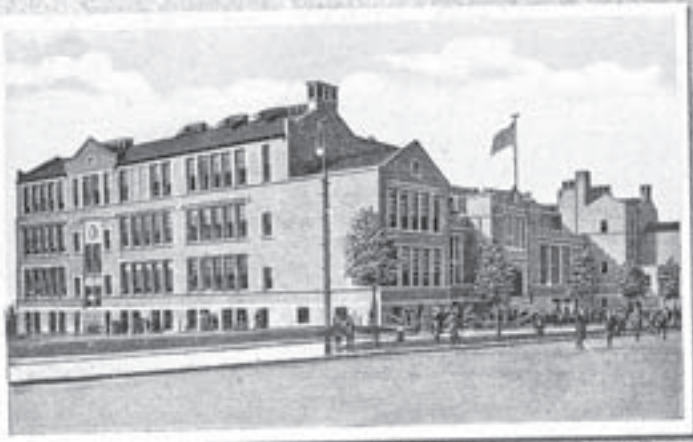
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True

By Dr. John Christoforo


Short Stories

BOSTON ENGLISH HIGH



Ruminations of a 1956 grad who got away with just about everything!

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place on Saturday, June 11th. The parade kicks off at 7:00 p.m. in Quincy Center and the fireworks will be launched over Black’s Creek just after 9:00 p.m. Flag Day is the unofficial start of summer 2022.

Quincy’s Flag Day parade is the longest running Flag Day parade in the country and was started back in 1952 by the mayor’s dad Richard Koch. This tradition continues 71 years later.

This Weekend Is The State Democratic Convention

All eyes are on Tanisha Sullivan, the Boston NAACP President who has announced her candidacy for Secretary of the Commonwealth and will be at the convention to see if she gathers enough delegate support to make the September Democratic primary election. Tanisha is a friend of mine and I recommend her candidacy to any undecided delegates still out there going into this weekend’s convention. If she gets past the convention, it will mean a contested race for state secretary as she will face off against the incumbent Bill Galvin.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 **June 11, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

- 2005 BMW 325xi**
Vin # WBAEU33495PR18738
 - 2006 BMW 325xi**
Vin # WBAVD13546KV04052
 - 2004 MERCEDES BENZ C-CLASS**
Vin # WDBRF81J54F528632
 - 2014 HONDA CIVIC**
Vin # 19XFB2F80EE044253
- Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.
- Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.
Run dates: 05/27, 06/03, 06/10/2022

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Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **June 11, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

- 2018 FORD ESCAPE**
VIN # 1FMCU9GD5JUC53450
- 2015 TOYOTA PRIUS**
VIN # JTDKN3DP8F3074826
- 2013 HYUNDAI ACCENT**
VIN # KMHCU4AE4DU283077
- 2008 TOYOTA PRIUS**
VIN # JTDKB20U083349963
- 2003 HONDA ODYSSEY**
VIN # 5FNRL18073B116018
- 1997 TOYOTA TERCEL**
VIN # JT2AC52L2V0231689
- 2011 HYUNDAI SANTA FE**
VIN # 5XYZHDAG6BG053530
- 2021 NISSAN ROGUE**
VIN # 5N1AT3BB0MC738747
- 2008 SUBARU OUTBACK**
VIN # 4S4BP63C484339423
- 2005 SUBARU FORESTER**
VIN # JF1SG63695H755010
- 2010 HONDA CIVIC**
VIN # 2HGFA1F56AH586069
- 2007 TOYOTA COROLLA**
VIN # 2T1BR32E17C770930
- 2006 FORD FIVE HUNDRED**
VIN # 1FAFP25136G185041
- 2013 HONDA ACCORD**
VIN # 1HGCRR2F3XDA138453

Vehicles are being stored at **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.**

Signed
D & G Towing
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Beatles Tribute Night Big Success

After postponements over two years due to COVID, The Grand Lodge Sons & Daughters of Italy hosted the tribute band on Saturday, April 2nd at the Winchester Lodge. Studip Two has been hailed as “New England’s Best Beatles Tribute Band” by the British Beer Company. The band plays early Beatles from the pre-*Sgt. Pepper* era. Over 160 were in attendance as everyone was transported back in time to their younger days in the early ’60s when life seemed so much saner than today. Ya, ya, ya.

Happy Birthdays ...

Happy birthday wishes go out to LaToya Jackson who just turned 66 on May 29th. The day before, Gladys Knight turned 78 years old.

South Shore Pet Food Pantry

South Shore Pet Food Pantry has a motto “No more empty bowls!” They mean it too. Want to know more about this organization, go to: *southshore-foodpantry@gmail.com* or call 781-277-4981.

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Vin # ML32A3HJ4KH007383
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Vin # WDDGF8AB2EG231854
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Vin # 1NXBR32EX6Z751127
- 2014 TOYOTA CAMRY**
Vin # 4T1BD1FKXEU125241
- 2007 TOYOTA PRIUS**
Vin # JTDKB20U877084670
- 2001 NISSAN SENTRA**
Vin # 3N1BB51D21L130726

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Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.
Run dates: 05/20, 05/27, 06/03, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
Lowell Justice Center
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Lowell, MA 01852
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Docket No. MI22P2403EA

Estate of
MARIGRACE M. SILVA
Also Known As
MARIGRACE SILVA,
MARI GRACE M. SILVA

Date of Death: March 24, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Joseph Silva of Burlington, 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: 06/03/2022



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Peter Abraham Right When Mentioning Buchholz

According to *Boston Globe’s* Peter Abraham, “the last pitcher to any note who was drafted and developed by the Red Sox was Clay Buchholz who is now 37, happily retired in Texas, a neighbor of former teammate John Lackey. There has been nobody since, just a long string of bad decisions and bad luck.”

Eovaldi Finally Puts On Finshing Touch

On Saturday, May 28th, in his 211th regular season start in his baseball career, Nate Eovaldi pitching in the first game of a doubleheader notched his first career complete game. In 11 seasons and 210 starts since his 2011 debut, he never pitched more than eight innings. He can now be called Nine Inning Nate.

Remember when starters were expected to throw com-

plete games every start they took at the mound? Well, that was yesterday when most starters threw 10, 15, 20 or more per season. They don’t make pitchers like that anymore. Not with pitch counts and high salaries.

Bayswater Gerry Says

My friend Gerry over on Bayswater reacted to my piece on the great Robin Roberts who I profiled recently right here. He reminded me that I forgot to mention his nickname “Rapid Robin.” How did I miss that?

My readers are the best and I always get lots of good responses either in person or online. Keep them coming this way.

Baseball Back In 1928

On May 28, 1928, Bill Terry hit for the cycle to lead the NY Giants to a 12-5 win over the

Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. Terry became the first player in major league history to include a grand slam as part of the cycle.

Negro League Historical Mark

On May 28, 1946, Edward Klep became the first white player in the Negro leagues in a game in Grand Rapids. He pitched seven innings for the Cleveland Buckeyes against the American Giants.

Eastie Wins First BCL Baseball Title In 31 Years

It took 31 years but East Boston High School’s baseball team (18-2) sent nine batters to the plate in a 4-run second inning to blow open the game and capture the Boston City League title for the first time since 1991 in an 8-1 victory over New Mission.

As Of Memorial Day ...

As of Memorial Day, Brewers closer Josh Hader in his past 37 appearances over two seasons has pitched 35 consecutive scoreless innings and has not allowed a run since July 28, 2021. Former Dodgers star Orel Hershiser holds the MLB record with 59 consecutive scoreless innings back in the 1988 season. Orel broke the previous record by 1/3 of an inning over fellow Dodgers star Don Drysdale who held the previous record set in 1968.

Personally, I am not that excited about Hader’s 35 innings thus far in 37 games. Hershiser and Drysdale did it in consecutive starts. That means much more to me.

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The Trial Court
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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
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Docket No. SU22P1068EA

Estate of
CAROLYN A. POINELLI
Also Known As
CAROLYN POINELLI

Date of Death: March 10, 2022

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 **MaryAnn Poinelli of Litchfield, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **MaryAnn Poinelli of Litchfield, CT** 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 June 30, 2022.

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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 25, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run date: 06/03/2022

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division

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Docket No. MI22P2655EA

Estate of
CHRISTOPHER J. GOETCHEUS
Date of Death: April 17, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John J. Goetcheus of Hampden, MA**.

John J. Goetcheus of Hampden, 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: 06/03/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stevens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **June 11, 2022 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper’s lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

- 2010 ACURA RDX, WHITE**
Vin: # 5J8TB1H57AA004802
Abel Smith
74 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Boston, MA 02119
or
Ralf O. Jean
63 Lowell St., Apt. 2
Malden, MA 02148
- 2016 FORD FIESTA, SILVER**
Vin: # 3FADP4TJ3GM169421
Branden T. Houston
P.O. Box 506
Tewksbury, MA 01876
- 2003 HONDA ACCORD, GRAY**
Vin: # JHMCMS6313C035647
Enisa E. Pajazetovic
886 Fellsway
Medford, MA 02155
- 2005 MERCEDES BENZ E320, GRAY**
Vin: # WDBUF82J25X168899
Lounceny Kaba
631 Eastern Ave., Apt. 23
Lynn, MA 01902
- 2007 HONDA ODYSSEY, BLUE**
Vin: # 5FNRL38627B085394
Kathy Diaz
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Docket No. MI22P2394EA

Estate of
RICHARD EDWARD MICHELSON
Also Known As
RICHARD E. MICHELSON,
RICHARD MICHELSON
Date of Death: January 20, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sybil K. Michelson of Newton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Sybil K. Michelson of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Boxing





Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss

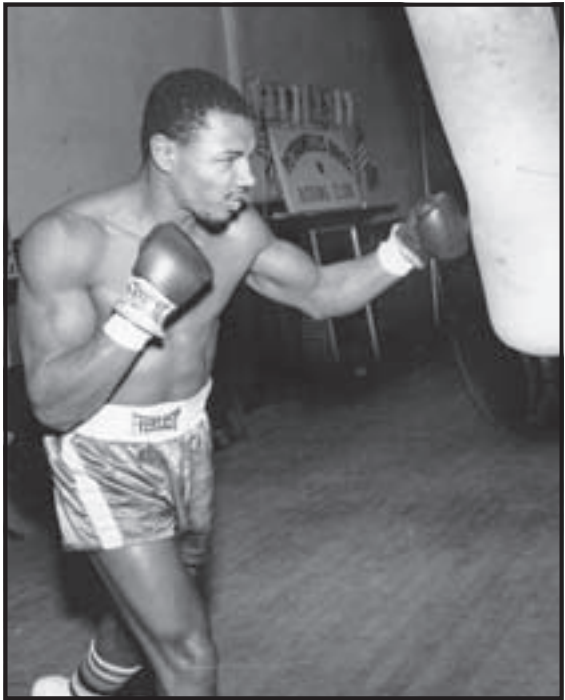


Remembering Marvelous Marvin Hagler

On What Would Have Been His 67th Birthday

You Were Taken Too Soon Champ

It's still hard to believe Marvin Hagler was taken at such an early age. The man who was indestructible in 67 professional fights was suddenly gone just over a year ago on March 13, 2021, at the age of 66. He would have turned 67 on May 23rd. Those of us who followed boxing in New England during the time of Marvin's rise through the ranks to the top of his profession to becoming one of the all time great middleweights will



Young Marvin Hagler with hair on the Heavy Bag



Marvin winning the National AAU Title at the Hynes Auditorium in 1973.



Hagler defeating the only man to have an undisputed win over him. Kayoing Willie Monroe in 1977.

remember what an exciting time that was. We were all in Marvin's corner through his long and arduous journey to the top. I am sharing a number of photos of Marvin Hagler and hope they bring back good memories. *You Were Amazing Champ!*



Marvin lands a right on Willie Warren during their 1978 bout. Hagler won by kayo in Round 7.



Marvin in the process of destroying Alan Minter on the way to winning the title in 1980.



Marvin stuns Roberto Duran in 1983.



Hagler on the attack against John Mugabi in their blistering 1986 fight.



The undisputed Champ and pound for pound all-time great.

CELTICS -- WARRIORS LAST TIME — It was 58 years ago (the spring of 1964) that the Celtics and the Warriors last met in the NBA Finals. The Warriors were only two years removed from their original franchise city (Philadelphia). At the time, they were named the San Francisco Warriors, not the Golden State Warriors.

In the Finals it would be a battle between the NBA's two big men of the era — Bill Russell of the Celtics and Wilt Chamberlain of the Warriors. Bob Cousy had retired but John Havlicek was filling in nicely while playing with Russell, Sam Jones and Tom Heinsohn. Indeed, Havlicek averaged 20 points a game during the regular season while coming off the bench.

It was a season when the Celtics dominated the Eastern Division. The C's had started the campaign with a seven-game winning streak and celebrated Christmas as the owners of a 23-4 record. They finished at 59-21 with an excellent .739 winning percentage.

The first two games were at Boston Garden and the C's quickly jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the series, winning the first game 108-96 and taking the second, 124-101. Jones and Havlicek had both hit for 25 points in the first game while Russell had grabbed 25 rebounds. Jones led the C's in the second game with 31 tallies while Russell captured 24 rebounds.

On the San Francisco side, Chamberlain was dominant getting 22 points and 23 rebounds in the series opener and then adding 32 points and 24 rebounds in game two.

Game three was the only one of the series that the Celtics lost as the Warriors came away with a 116-91 victory on the West Coast. Havlicek had 22 points to pace the Celtics while Russell had 32 rebounds. Chamberlain continued to be the whole story for the Warriors (35 points and 25 rebounds).

The important fourth game, which would determine whether the series would be tied at 2-2 or whether the Celtics would claim a commanding 3-1 lead, was close but Boston came away with a 98-95 victory. Heinsohn had 23 points and Jones contributed 23 while Russell had 19 boards. Chamberlain had 27 points and 38 rebounds.

The series shifted back to the Garden for the fifth game, a contest that resulted in a 108-99 victory for the Celtics as they claimed their sixth consecutive (and seventh overall) NBA Championship.

Heinsohn led the way with 19 points while Jones and Frank Ramsey each had 18. Russell had 14 points to go with his 26 rebounds. Chamberlain had 30 points and 27 rebounds to lead the Warriors.

In sum, the series was won by a Celtics team that featured balanced scoring across its roster as opposed to San Francisco that was led by a single dominant player.

COUSY CLASHES WITH COMMENTATOR'S COMMENTS — He may be 93 years old but former Celtics star Bob Cousy can still hold his own in the court of public opinion.

The comments that got a rise out of Cousy came from ESPN commentator J.J. Redick, who played for seven franchises during his career.

Recently, while on one of the network's shows, Redick took a shot at not only Cousy but all the players from "the pre-1980 era of the NBA," particularly the earlier decades of that era.

Some items he mentioned the players had no control over: early on the NBA was indeed an eight-team league and thus the playoffs were shorter, consisting of two rounds in the early years.

But you can say that about any of the four major pro sports. Once the MLB postseason consisted solely of the best-of-seven-World Series in an era when there were just 16 teams. In hockey, there was the Original Six era with much shorter seasons and playoffs. Before the Super Bowl era the NFL championship game was played in December.

No one today would look down upon Montreal's Maurice Richard or the B's beloved Johnny Bucyk for playing in an earlier era. No one would think less of Babe Ruth or Lou Gehrig because they played baseball in the 1920s and the 1930s.

To be fair, Redick did say that Cousy should be celebrated. But a few sentences later came this response when host Chris Russo noted that Cousy had 29 assists in an NBA game. "Well, said Redick, "he was guarded by plumbers and firemen."

That represents a failure to recognize the economics of that era. Back then, a number of players may have worked in the offseason to supplement their incomes.

Eventually, the Cooz responded on SiriusXM NBA Radio, not really for himself, but on behalf of the players he competed with and against in his era — many of whom are deceased.

"People with less talent will always try to make a name for themselves by criticizing other people and hopefully getting some attention and perhaps increasing their credibility," said the all-star point guard. "So when you respond to something like this, you play into their hands. I won't do that."

But he did go on to offer another point of view in defense of the players from that earlier era.

"I will defend the firemen and the plumbers that he mentioned," he began, "and I'll give you just a few of the names of these firemen that I played with and against during those years."

Cousy went on to make his points: "How about Bill Russell. Not too bad a player. Wilt Chamberlain. Remember that guy. He wasn't bad." He noted that Elgin Baylor is "still the best small forward, in my judgment, that ever played the game."

The Cooz recalled "Oscar Robertson who was, pound for pound, the best player in the game. And Jerry West, he wasn't too shabby." He also listed George Mikan and Bob Pettit plus fellow Celtics teammates Sam Jones, K.C. Jones, John Havlicek, Tom Heinsohn and Frank Ramsey.

"I could go on and on," he said "We must have had the best firemen and plumbers on the planet at the time. And I was very proud to play with all of them."