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News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

Wear the Mask!

President Trump finally came around wearing a mask. It was about time. His latest comment was right on target, "Whether you like the mask or not, they have an impact. They'll have an effect, and we need everything we can get."

I hate wearing my mask but I did choose a bandana because it looks cool and I also color coordinate it with my clothes of the day. Do I think masks are effective in preventing the virus? I'm not 100 percent sure, but it stays on my face.

In addition, I socially distance from folks wherever I go; shopping, church, and even at the beach. I don't suntan with it, I don't want a mask line on my face.

All of us need to take good precautions without going cuckoo for cocoa puffs, too. Hey as a kid this was a

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125 Years of Continuous Publication

One hundred and twenty-four years ago, an Italian immigrant who arrived in Boston when he was only 16 years old saw the realization of his fondest dreams, the establishment of an Italian language newspaper that would be the genuine voice of the increasing flow of Italians to the United States. The boy was James V. Donnaruma, and the newspaper was *LA GAZZETTA DEL MASSACHUSETTS* which is now published in English as the *POST-GAZETTE*.

He remained at the helm of this well-known publication until his demise in 1953, at which time his son, Caesar, took over the reins of running the now famous national weekly newspaper located in the North End of Boston. Caesar was loyally assisted by his ingenious

wife, Phyllis, who assumed the role of publisher in 1971, becoming one the nation's first Italian-American women publishers. Upon Phyllis' death in October 1990, their daughter, Pamela, continued the tradition as the third generation publisher of the *POST-GAZETTE*.

LA GAZZETTA, as it was properly called, was very short on financial means but had a large vision, to give its readers a better and wider understanding between two countries. The so-called Italian Colony, or "La Colonia," had to face a variety of complex problems and *LA GAZZETTA* had to understand the slow and difficult transition of men who, in most cases, had been engaged in agriculture in their home country. Here, they had to work in construction,

factories and restaurants, eventually becoming small business owners, and finally professionals, heads of business enterprises, industrial leaders, even heads of state — people to be respected by others.

If America was to some a bitter disappointment, to more it remained a great adventure filled with excitement. There were new ways to be learned as well as new institutions. There were speculators and exploiters to be fought, and a "padrone" system that needed to be destroyed. There were churches to be built and, above all, education to be had. Immigrants took great advantage of America's free education while learning the process of citizenship. We devoted pages

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City of Boston COVID-19 News and Updates

Last week, the City opened two outdoor pools for the season: the **Clougherty Pool** in Charlestown and the **Mirabella Pool** in the North End. Both pools reached their daily capacity limits of 225 swimmers most days since opening.

The Mayor reminded residents that space is still available in BCYF programming, both in-person and remote. These programs are all free. To register or learn more, visit: **Boston.gov/BCYFSummer**.

COVID and Heat Safety Reminders:

The Mayor reminded residents to take basic precautions to protect themselves and others in the wake of both the summer heat as well as the COVID-19 pandemic: wear a face covering, unless in water; keep at least six feet of distance from others and avoid crowds; avoid large in-person gatherings or parties; avoid being outside in the middle of the day during a heat wave; check on elderly neighbors on hot days; stay hydrated all day; watch for signs of heat exhaustion; and call 911 if you see anyone experiencing difficulty due to the heat.

The Mayor discussed the increase in COVID-19 cases nationwide, referencing the fact that the number of coronavirus deaths in the United States topped 1,000 for four consecutive days last week. He said that it's vitally important for all residents to remain vigilant.

Update on Reopening College Campuses:

The Mayor and his administration have been communicating with the leadership of local colleges and universities on a regular basis. They have been working closely with these institutions regarding the new COVID-19 protocols and precautions for higher Ed, and to create plans if someone were to test positive in a campus community.

The City is also helping colleges and universities plan safe housing options for students to decrease campus density. The City issued guidance for permitting off-campus spaces, like hotels, for temporary student housing. The BPDA, along with Inspectional Services and Licensing, is in the process of reviewing four applications. These applications are posted on the BPDA website, approvals will be posted as they are issued. Once plans are approved by the BPDA, ISD will perform inspections of these spaces to make sure they meet safety standards. Each college and university submitting a plan must engage nearby residents with notification of their plans, and talk about how a neighborhood can reach out to them if issues arise.

The City is also working with the State on contact tracing efforts in partnership with local colleges and universities. Along with testing, this will be one of the most powerful tools

in ensuring that transmission rates remain low in the Boston area.

This week, the Mayor will meet with college presidents to further discuss their reopening plans.

Boston Public Schools:

Last week, Superintendent Brenda Cassellius presented a draft reopening plan to the Boston School Committee, which includes considerations for a variety of scenarios. BPS is following public health guidelines for reopening schools in their planning. BPS has been gathering feedback from students, families, and staff for months via surveys, focus groups, and community meetings.

Census Week of Action:

This week is another Week of Action to increase Boston's response rate for the 2020 Census, and today is a Day of Action in Boston. Boston's response rate is currently at 53%, 12 points below the city's response rate in 2010.

The Mayor encouraged all residents to fill out the Census online at: my2020census.gov or over the phone in 13 languages.

Census workers will start knocking on doors starting August 11th, if households haven't responded. The Census Bureau's mobile operation is visiting public spaces to help people fill out the Census. They can also host online events. To

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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MARS

Jupiter was the Roman counterpart to Zeus. In the list of Principal Roman deities, Mars appears to have been second only to Jupiter and he was held in every high regard by the Latins from the earliest times. Probably the most important reason for that kind of reverence was the fact that Roman legend names Mars as the father of Romulus, founder of Rome. Mars was believed to be the son of Juno (Hera in Greece) who bore him after touching a wonderful spring-flower (a likely story).

In addition to his position as the god of war, Mars also became known as one of the mightiest gods of nature. As a nature god, he accorded fertility and protection to fields, herds, and families, and was invoked at blessings during spring festivals to keep the crops free from sickness, bad weather, and any other kind of harm. As god of war, the symbols of Mars were the wild wolf, the woodpecker, and the lance. Before the start of a battle, the legion commander usually sacrificed to this god and would then strike his lance while crying out “Mars awaken!” Sacrifices were made to Mars during campaigns, while military honors for valor were also conferred in his name.

During early times, there were about eight open areas or plains



The Statue of Mars from the Forum of Nerva, 2nd century CE, based on an Augustan-era original that in turn used a Hellenistic Greek model of the 4th century BCE. Capitoline Museums in Rome, Italy

in the roman capital that were set aside for exercise or amusement. The most celebrated plain was the one consecrated to Mars and called the “Campus Martius.” Teams of horses called “Equirra” competed in mock war games here about three times a year. One of the participating horses was sacrificed to Mars at the end of the

games. The horse’s blood was collected, preserved in a temple, and entrusted to a special priest (Flamen Martialis) where it was used only for purposes of purification.

During ancient Roman times, the term “Flamen” was used to describe “one who kindles the sacrificial fire.” Flamen was also used to identify a special kind of priest in the worship of their gods. There were fifteen flamen, of which three were high priests known as “flamines Majores.” One of these high priests was called “flamen Dialis” or the high priest of Jupiter, the second was named “flamen Martialis” or the high priest of Mars, and the third was called “flamen Quirinalis” in honor of “Quirinus,” the Sabine equivalent of Mars, who was worshipped as the founder of the old Roman capital.

Lastly, we find that even Emperor Augustus got into the act when he built a magnificent temple to this god and named it “Mars Ultor” (Mars the Avenger). It was built in appreciation for the assistance he had received when he defeated Brutus and Cassius at the Battle of Philippi in 42 B.C., thus avenging the murder of his ancestor Julius Caesar.

NEXT ISSUE:
Athena

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and pages to that very important mission!

LA GAZZETTA became a guide, so to speak, the go-between that brought American political life to the Italian immigrant. Many times, our people were sent unknowingly to work in places subject to a strike and were therefore exposed to physical violence on the part of strikers ... in time, the situation changed as they learned more about the new land of opportunity.

The Italian immigrant was a hard worker, a thrifty man, a family man. He had pride. As a family, their goal was to build a future in America. LA GAZZETTA stressed these virtues. We began to publish an all-English section which became a real forum for discussing many problems, and criticizing discriminating laws while advocating Americanization and responding to community needs such as the Red Cross appeals.

A typical Horatio Alger story could be repeated by thousands of immigrants and their American-born children who became an integral part of this great country, fighting in its wars and facing every national crisis. It would be impossible to enumerate here the many initiatives taken by our publication, from its inception as “LA GAZZETTA” to its present-day format as the “POST-GAZETTE,” in its 125 years of uninterrupted publication. We have never missed an issue, even when the going was very hard.

The moral reward, over the years of hard work, came in many ways when American presidents, senators, congressmen, governors, and other officials praised the work of the newspaper in times of war and peace. The newspaper had to fight vigorously against all forms of discrimination in employment and immigration laws, yet on the issue of loyalty and patriotism, there was never any question.

The Italian immigrants, after a long period of confusion which was often bewildering, accepted in full the American concept of school, church and state and have become an integral part of this democratic society, bringing to it all the qualities the Italians have always possessed as builders, dreamers, organizers, fighters, artists, inspired teachers and defenders of both Italian and American ideals.

Throughout the U.S., especially in Boston where freedom began over 240 years ago, LA GAZZETTA or the POST-GAZETTE has played a vital part in history.

Today, the University of Minnesota and the University of Florence in Italy have compiled all of our issues from the first to the current publication on micro-film for future generations, thereby recognizing the POST-GAZETTE’s historical contribution to this country and the contribution of our unique culture to the people on these shores. We continue to bring to our readers the incredible stories of Americans from coast-to-coast who are the “Builders of America.” We salute these great men and women who have made a tremendous contribution to our country and heritage.

MBTA to Resume Fare Collection On The RIDE Starting Saturday, August 1st

The MBTA announced that The RIDE will resume fare collection on Saturday, August 1st. Fare collection on The RIDE was temporarily suspended after the MBTA implemented mandatory rear-door boarding on buses and trolleys at street-level stops due to safety reasons during the pandemic. On July 20th, after safety protocols were put in place, fare collection

on buses and trolleys at street-level stops resumed along with the resumption of front-door boarding. All RIDE customers are advised to check their RIDE account balances to ensure they have sufficient funds for travel.

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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.

In Loving Memory of
Gabriel Robert "Bob" Caggiano
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My Dearest Bob,

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye."
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it means to love you -
No one will ever know.

Your devoted and loving wife
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THE WEST END MUSEUM

Welcoming Visitors

We will be open for our regular pre-pandemic hours, although at reduced capacity per city and state directives: Tuesday - Friday, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Closed Sunday and Monday. As always, admission is free, but donations are encouraged.

For the next few weeks, the main gallery will feature an exhibit, which was cut short by the mandatory closure under COVID-19 restrictions. "Cycling Legends of the West End" spotlights three key characters in bicycling history: two West End residents and one longtime physician at Massachusetts General Hospital. The cycling exhibit will transition temporarily to a revamped show exploring the roots and legacy of urban renewal in the U.S. and in Boston. And of course, the Museum's permanent exhibit, "The Last Tenement," remains on display.

This fall, we plan to premiere "Learned from Our Neighbors: Stories from the Elizabeth Peabody House," a new exhibit developed in partnership with Simmons University and Boston City Archives. The show will celebrate the settlement house; social worker, Simmons alumna, and Peabody House Director Eva Whiting White; and life in the West End. See the digital preview at <https://archives86.wixsite.com/fridayswitheva>.

In addition to following all city and state directives, the Museum will adhere to our own phased reopening plan. That plan encompasses stages and corresponding requirements and protocols designed to protect the health of visitors, volunteers, and staff, such as cleaning and disinfecting, physical distancing, personal protective equipment, and staffing limits. When visitor numbers achieve a certain level, the Museum will begin to reintroduce events, also in phases.

For now, we're excited to invite our members, friends, and the public back into the Museum. We can't wait to see your faces, even under masks.

John Osborn

John Osborn was a painter and paint dealer, and his family in Boston was involved in that trade for at least 100 years. His father, also John, had a shop on Orange Street in 1789, and his uncle, Thomas Osborn, was a painter in the North End at Prince Street. John's father died in 1792, and the son, residing then on Atkinson Street, inherited the business. In 1793, Osborn purchased a store at No. 1 Long Wharf owned by William Williams, a seller of mathematical instruments, who died in March of that year. At the estate sale, Osborn paid £1060 for the wooden building that was 20 x 30'. At his new establishment, Osborn sold paints, oils, and brushes, varnish, glazier's diamonds (small diamonds set in a tool for cutting glass), and clock and window glass. By 1796, Osborn had another shop on Orange Street.

Osborn was also significant for his participation in the artillery company of Massachusetts, for which he was recruited in 1793. He served alongside Thomas Bartlett, an apothecary; Nehemiah Freeman, who



The Otis House, now Historic New England's Otis House Museum (Courtesy Historic New England)

became lieutenant of artillery in the U.S. Army the following year; and other men who were shopkeepers of varying trades.

Osborn and his family were connected to the Otises, especially the Otis House. After Harrison Gray Otis and Sally Foster Otis moved to the south slope of Beacon Hill in 1801, John Osborn and his family moved into the property known today as the Otis House. Harrison Gray Otis declared in a letter to his wife that the Osborns were "tickled" with the purchase. The Otis house was built by Charles Bulfinch, making this the second time Osborn was drawn to a building designed by the famed West End architect; in 1798 he owned a unit on 18 Franklin Street, opposite Bulfinch's Tontine Crescent — a brick

block that made the street a "select neighborhood" in its own right, according to a 1916 collection of documents about Old Boston by Walter Watkins.

In 1807, Osborn sold the property to Nehemiah Parsons and bought the Otises' second house on Mount Vernon Street. However, in 1814, John Osborn repurchased the first Otis house, and his family occupied it until his death in 1819, at the age of forty-eight.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Hay, Harvest and the Hominess of Lammas

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



I can feel the month of August approaching like a golden ray of sun, a month perfectly poised between the warm, blithe nature of summer and the rhythmic pulses of the autumn. Back-to-school ads beckon from television commercials and posters plastered on shop windows, recalling the scent of freshly sharpened pencils and smooth notebooks. The honey-colored sunset occurs earlier and earlier each evening, prompting me to spend cozy nights indoors with a home-made meal. This is the time for the high produce of summer, for the delectable tomatoes and corn and zucchini that line the stalls of farmers' markets, and also for the crisp first fruits of the autumn, such as succulent red and green apples. However, whenever August looms near, my mind always drifts to the summer I spent in Italy years ago. Throughout the quiet month of August, it was common to see round, tightly bundled bales of hay baking under the sun in the fields that dotted the Italian countryside.

After all, late summer in Italy means *la mietitura*, or haying, in preparation for the autumn months. It was in Italy that I truly felt the power of Lammas, a wonderful seasonal holiday that carries with it the poignant symbolism of harvest and the arrival of autumn.

Lammas, which occurs on August 1st, was a widely celebrated feast in Europe until the Industrial Age pushed it into obscurity. Fortunately, interest in this rustic festival has been rekindled recently across Europe and the United States. Lammas stems from the ancient Celts, who viewed the holiday as the first day of autumn. Modern audiences may find it hard to associate the first days of August with the fall, as the temperatures still soar to ninety-degree heat and the leaves remain full and vibrantly green. However, Lammas honors the start of the agricultural autumn, when farmers harvest grain along with the first fruits of the year. Indeed, the very name Lammas hearkens back to this harvest,

as it derives from loaf-mass, the ritual in which bread made from the first harvested grain of the year was brought to the local church for a blessing. Preceding Lammas was the pre-Christian festival known as Lughnasadh (pronounced loo-na-sah), a harvest feast held in honor of a god of light known as Lugh. Lughnasadh celebrations involved igniting bonfires, trekking to mountaintops in order to be closer to the sun, gathering the first fruits of the harvest, and dancing. Evidence of Lughnasadh celebrations has even been found in Northern Italy, a region with Celtic influence! Lammas is still a holiday in Ireland today, full of reunions between families and friends, and ritual blessings of fields by parish priests. Lammas remains one of my favorite holidays because it combines the communal pleasures of summer — reuniting with loved ones and enjoying the outdoors — with the honoring of the Earth's bounty, which will become more evident as the autumn progresses.

On Lammas, when I can sense the changing of the

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THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

COVID-19 has Thrown a Nasty Curveball At America from Boston to Austin and Beyond

All across this nation starting just before St. Patrick's Day in March, all of us were starting to hear about this coronavirus thing. We knew it sounded serious but we had little idea how it would come to change our normal life and the effect it would have not just on our psyche, but on our national economy which was very good up to that point in time.

Then hell hit us full force and many of us have been changed forever. Fear got inside us no matter how hard we tried to keep it out and live with it constantly now to one degree or another.

Recently, what many of us in the Northeast went through months ago has reached further into the country to a number of new areas including the state of Texas where the latest outbreak happened. I don't believe this is the second wave of the virus, just a delayed first wave. Whatever it is, it is there and we in Boston were where places like Austin are now.

I guess all the hopes that summer and the Texas heat would stop COVID cold were not to be. All America got was hit by another nasty curveball from a virus that just won't quit.

Our political leaders have not exactly been profiles in courage or shown great leadership skills. Most have played politics waiting for someone else to act first.

However, despite the challenge of dealing with so many unknowns, President Trump, like so many others, both Democrat and Republicans, from both blue states and red states, had to be pushed from their denials to action.

Recently, though, while watching a CNN interview with Steve Adler, Mayor of Austin, I heard some amazing insight on how to deal with life in a city hit

by an outbreak of this virus.

I met up with Mayor Adler about two years ago at a Veterans Day observation on the steps of the State Capitol Building. I was visiting Austin when he successfully ran for re-election to office.

Adler wasn't sounding like a partisan Democrat sprouting party talking points, he was offering solid advice to the citizenry of his city. He talked about taking necessary precautions, keeping safe distancing from one another and wearing facial covering. It was all common sense advice that if taken could only help the situation.

Wearing masks shouldn't have to be mandated we should just put the damn mask on and hope for the best. We are not wimping out by doing such and we are not being subservient to Big Government or being used by the Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wing of the Democrat Party.

Adler wasn't talking national politics nor bashing TRUMP. He sounded and acted like a responsible mayor for a prosperous and still growing city.

Glad I accidentally caught this interview while surfing stations on cable. Our country needs to find its unity of purpose again and that won't happen until all these seedy politicians stop mudslinging each other or slamming the president.

There is more that unites us than divides us and if we keep that in mind, we will beat this virus. We cannot let anarchists and useless political leaders destroy who America really is.

Austin is a special city to this Bostonian and I send my Boston Strong vibes across the country. Together, America will move forward always improving what came before us. We can't go back to the past but we can move forward always making AMERICA as good as it can be.

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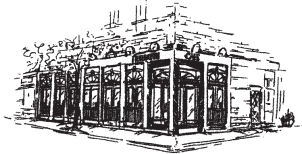
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Street Sweeping

Restrictions Resume August 10th

Ticketing enforcement for street sweeping in the City of Boston will resume on Monday, August, 10th.

Failure to move a vehicle during posted street sweeping hours will result in a \$40 fine (\$90 in Charlestown) and \$90 for overnight street sweeping. At this time, the City will not be towing vehicles.

While street cleaning has continued to operate on a normal schedule, the City has not been ticketing or towing for street sweeping violations since mid-March due to COVID-19. This pause on enforcement helped residents remain at home and

avoid non-essential travel as the City shutdown to curb the spread of the virus.

"As we continue to support a cautious and phased approach to reopening Boston, we are asking residents to move their vehicles during designated street sweeping hours to allow our Public Works crews to thoroughly clean our neighborhood streets," said Chief of Streets Chris Osgood. "We know this may be a change in schedule for some of our residents, and we greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation to ensure our streets remain clean during these challenging times."

Sign up for street sweeping alerts at: www.cityofboston.gov/publicworks/sweeping

The City of Boston continues to offer a free 30-day BlueBikes pass to healthcare workers. In addition, the Boston Transportation Department has identified parking facilities available to our healthcare workers at a reduced rate. The City is also waving any parking ticket received by a healthcare worker upon appeal with the exception of public safety violations, such as parking in a handicapped spot or in front of a fire hydrant.

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Docket No. SU20P1176GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of
LONNIE JONES
of Boston, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts G Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Lonnie Jones** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Brian J. McLaughlin of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **August 13, 2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
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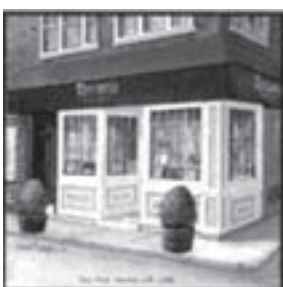
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Saint Brendan of Clonfert

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Brendan is perhaps best known as the subject of the fictionalized romance *Navigatio Sancti Brendani* (*Brendan's Voyage*), which according to the Clonfert-Monastic Settlement in Galway, was "written by an Irish monk in the ninth or tenth century and describes the seven year voyage of Saint Brendan."

As the legend of the seven year voyage spread, crowds of pilgrims and students flocked to Ardfert. Religious houses were formed at Gallarus, Kilmalchedor, Brandon Hill and Inistooskert in the Blasket Islands in order to meet the wants of those who came for spiritual guidance.

Saint Brendan belongs to that glorious period in the history of Ireland when the Island in the first glow of its conversion to Christianity sent forth its earliest messengers of the Faith to the Continent and other regions.

In his later life, Brendan travelled to Wales and the holy island of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland; returning to Ireland, he founded a monastery in Annaghdown, where he spent the rest of his life.

He passed away in 577 in Annaghdown, while visiting his sister Briga. Fearing that after his death his devotees might take his remains as relics, Brendan had previously arranged to have his body secretly returned to the monastery he founded in Clonfert, concealed in a luggage cart. He was interred in Clonfert Cathedral.

The Feast of Saint Brendan of Clonfert is celebrated on May 16th.

Saint Brendan is the Patron Saint of sailors and travelers. At the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, a large stained glass window commemorates Brendan's achievements.

Brendan of Clonfert was born in the year 484 in Tralee, now County Kerry, province of Munster, in the south-west of Ireland. He was born among the Altraige, people originally centered around Tralee Bay, to parents Fínnlugh and Cara.

Reputedly raised and educated for five years by Abbess St. Ita of Kileedy, "the Brigid of Munster" at her boys' school in what later became County Limerick. Brendan later studied under Abbot St. Jarlath of Tuam at his monastery school to further his education. Brendan is considered one of the "Twelve Apostles of Ireland," one of those said to have been tutored by the great teacher, Finnian of Clonard.

Brendan was ordained a priest by St. Erc in 512. Between the years 512 and 530, St. Brendan built monastic cells at Ardfert, and at Shanakeel or Baalynevinooorach, at the foot of Brandon Hill. It was from here that he set out on his famous voyage for the Land of Delight.

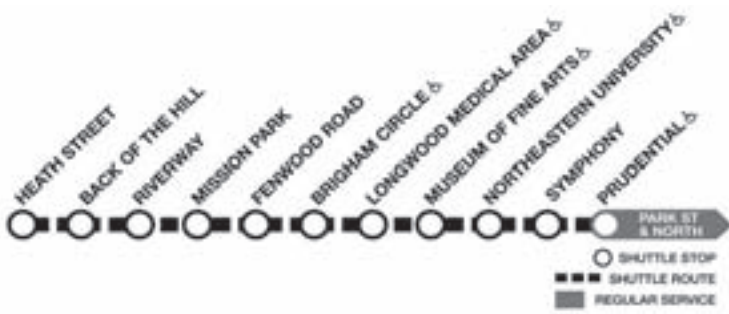
Green Line E Branch

Prudential – Heath Street Work Begins August 2nd

Riders are Encouraged to Take Free Route 39 Bus Service, Which Mirrors E Branch Service Along Huntington Ave., and Runs Between Forest Hills and Back Bay. Shuttle Buses Will Supplement Route 39 Bus Service.

With the goal of expediting safety and reliability improvements through core infrastructure investments, the MBTA is reminding customers of the acceleration of essential track and intersection work on the entirety of the Green Line E Branch as part of the MBTA's \$8 billion Building a Better T program. During this accelerated work, Green Line E Branch trolleys will not operate beginning at the start of service on Sunday, August 2nd, through Saturday, August 29th, including both weekdays and weekends. Riders are instead encouraged to utilize Route 39 bus service, which will be free for the duration of the E Branch diversion. The Route 39 mirrors E Branch service along Huntington Avenue, operating between Forest Hills and Back Bay. Free accessible shuttle buses will also supplement Route 39 service and operate between Prudential and Heath Street Stations. During this diversion in E Branch service, crews will improve accessibility and the customer experience through upgrades to grade crossings and intersections, and improve reliability and remove a longstanding speed restriction through the replacement of 2.7 miles of track.

"The E Branch work taking place during August is the equivalent of about a year's worth of



Shuttle Route during August 2 - 29 E Branch Diversion

weekend and evening diversions in E Branch service," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "Safety continues to be our first priority, and our shuttle plans include measures that promote physical distancing. Face coverings are also required on shuttle buses and throughout the T system. Though we recognize that these shutdowns can be inconvenient, we appreciate our E Branch customers' patience as we complete this work at a faster pace and deliver these improvements more quickly."

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORK:

This suspension in Green Line E Branch service during from August 2nd through August 29th is part of the MBTA's \$8 billion Building a Better T program to quicken the pace of infrastructure projects in 2020 as well as the MBTA's Green Line Transformation program. Completion of this work will result in improved safety and reliability, fewer

unplanned service disruptions, and improved travel times for riders. During this extended diversion in E Branch service, crews will:

- Allow for a more reliable trip and the removal of longstanding speed restrictions through the replacement of 2.7 miles (over 14,300 feet) of track that, in some areas, is over thirty years old and has reached the end of its service life;
- Allow for improvements to safety, accessibility, and the rider experience through the restoration of six road crossings and five individual pedestrian track crossings, including the replacement of uneven pavement and the installation of accessible ramps where needed; and
- Perform additional customer improvements that include upgrades to system maps, walkways, station brightening, and yellow tactile edging at E Branch stations.

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Marxist Atheist Thugs Attack Catholic Faith by Desecrating Statues of the Virgin Mary

Submitted by Frank Frank Mazzaglia
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Sadly, that has happened twice.

The first time was overnight on July 11th, according to C.J. Doyle, the Executive Director of the Catholic League of Massachusetts.

“Someone took a garbage barrel, emptied its contents and then placed the garbage barrel over the head of the statue of the Blessed Mother,” said Doyle.

It happened again four days later, at St Teresa of Calcutta Parish (formally St. Margaret’s Parish).

“This was repeated again four days later and a passerby spotted it again on Thursday morning July 16th,” said Doyle.

This is the second statue to be targeted in Dorchester in recent days. A statue of the Virgin Mary at nearby St. Peter’s Parish was burned after plastic flowers she was holding were set on fire.

Parishioners were deeply disturbed.

“This is horrible and it’s happening everywhere,” said one local woman. “Who would want to do this?”

Doyle says these incidents are appalling.

“I think that’s really a very deliberate, calculated and mean spirited and sacrilegious expression of contempt for Our Lady, for the Catholic faith and frankly for the Catholics in Boston,” said Doyle.

He points out that these types of attacks are on the rise across the country.

A statue of the Blessed Mother in Queens, New York was defaced, and arson is now being looked at as a possibility in the fire at a historic California mission church.

“We’ve seen Mission San Gabriel burned to the ground in a suspicious fire which Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is investigating,” said Doyle.

Doyle says city and state leaders must take action to protect the First Amendment rights of churches to exist.

“So Governor Baker, A.G. Healey and Mayor Walsh need to devote law enforcement resources to putting a stop to this,” said Doyle.

The statue set afire at St. Peter’s is now being investigated as a hate crime.

Catholics and non-Catholics alike are deploring the desecration of the statues, drawing parallels to anti Semitic groups spray-painting Swastikas on synagogues. Many see the desecration as part of a larger organized effort to erase every vestige of existing culture in America in order to replace it with a new social order.

AND NOW it falls upon our Cardinal Sean Patrick O’Malley to say more than he has. This is no time for political expediency.

We have been disappointed over the lack of Archdiocesan support for Christopher Columbus who brought Christianity to South America.

BUT THE ATTACK ON THE BLESSED MOTHER IS TOO MUCH!
We wait — but we shall not wait long!



The Virgin Mary statue at Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Summertime provides a great opportunity to spend more time with your pets, whether you are enjoying beautiful outdoor weather at the park with your dog or spending a lazy Sunday in your apartment with your cat. Summertime can also bring certain dangers with it for pets, however. Here are tips to pay careful attention to the needs of your pets in hot weather. They depend on you, so protect your animal friends with tips like these!

Be sun smart: The first rule of summertime pet care is to be careful when out in the sun. Remember that pets can experience heat exhaustion just like people. Buy pet-safe sunscreen and apply it to your dog’s nose and ears so he or she won’t burn. Stick to shady areas when playing outside with your pet. Limit the amount of time you keep your pets in the sun to make sure they don’t over-exert themselves.

Never leave your pet in the car: This is a basic rule of pet safety. Even if you anticipate a quick run into a store, don’t leave your pet in the car while you shop. In summer, a car’s internal temperature can skyrocket, and the inside can become like an oven. Just don’t take the risk of harming your pet in a hot car!

Keep your pet well-hydrated: Just as you need to stay well-hydrated in summertime, you will want to make sure your pet has access to plenty of water. You might add an extra water station in your apartment for your pet. If you have trouble, say, getting your cat to drink, make things fun for your furry roommate by get-

Pet News from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

Summer Pet Care Tips: Take Great Care of Your Friends



ting him or her a water fountain. They are inexpensive, and the movement of the water could entice your pet to drink more.

Don’t leave your pet unsupervised around water: In summertime, it’s fun to take dogs to the lake or the pool to lounge around. Don’t leave pets unsupervised near water, however especially if you are unsure of their swimming skills. If you cannot spend all of your time watching a dog by the water, leave her or him at home or invest in a pet life jacket or flotation device.

Get your pet groomed in summertime: How would you like to wear extra, heavy layers of clothing in summertime? Summer is the perfect time to take your pet in for grooming to get rid of excess fur that can drive up body temperature. You don’t want to shave all the fur off, however, because some fur will shade your pet’s body from the sun. Discuss with your bet or groomer the appropriate length for both your pet’s health and beauty.

Schedule a check-up: Keep up with kitty or pooch health care by visiting the veterinarian for a checkup. In summertime, it’s more likely your pet will spend more time around other pets; you want to make sure

he or she doesn’t pick up any parasites or other infections during playtime. Keep in mind that warmer weather may place more physical demands on your pet than they experience in the winter months.

Chip and collar your pet: Make sure your pets have proper identification by chipping and collaring them. On an outdoor adventure, or even while a door or window is propped open, your pet could run off. Having the right identification can make it easier to find them, should they get lost.

Test your window screens: Speaking of open windows, if you plan to let some air into your apartment this way, be sure to test your screens. Ensure your pets can’t push them out. This is especially important if you live on a higher floor where a fall out a window might mean disaster! The dog days are a perfect time to have lots of fun with your pets, but you also have to take extra care to keep them healthy and happy. A few warm weather safety precautions will go a long way toward keeping them safe and sound this summer!

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by Melinda Myers



Plant a variety of bee attracting flowers like swamp milkweed, a North American native plant.
(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Pollinators are responsible for about 75% of the food we eat. The European honeybee is the most well known but our native bees are also critically important.

We can help our native bees and gardens by reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides and providing shelter as well as food and water.

About 70% of our native bees are ground nesting. Reduce the risk of conflicts with ground nesting bees. Create an inviting habitat away from prime gardening areas. Leave warm south facing spaces open for bees to establish their in-ground nests.

Wood and cavity nesting bees, like the leaf cutter bee, make up about 30% of our native bee population. Others nest in hollow plant stems so leave these, their homes, stand for winter.

Bumblebees nest in abandoned animal burrows, tree cavities, grassy areas, or under fallen leaves. A colony usually contains a few hundred bees. All members of the colony die in fall except the fertilized queens. The queens look for new homes the following spring.

Support our native bees by planting a variety of bee attracting flowers. The plants provide food and shelter and help attract the native bees to your landscape and bee houses.

Include plants with different colors and shaped flowers. Grow lots of purple, blue, white, and yellow flowers that are favored by bees. Plant flowers in mass. You will enjoy the display, the garden will require less maintenance, and you will get the attention of the bees you are trying to attract. Plus, bees use less energy when they can gather lots of food from a smaller area.

Make sure you have something in bloom throughout the growing season. Spring bulbs, wildflowers and perennials provide essential food that is often in limited supply early in the season. Fall flowering plants provide needed energy supplies as the bees and other pollinators prepare for winter.

Bigger flowers are not always better. Double flowers may be showy, but they have less nectar and pollen. The multiple layers of petals hinder access to what nectar and pollen they contain.

Grow some herbs in the garden and containers for you and the bees. Let some go to flower and watch for visiting bees on thyme, borage, oregano, and other herb flowers.

Grow native plants whenever possible. They are a richer source of nectar and pollen than cultivated plants. Native bees and other beneficial insects

have evolved with these plants, providing a mutual benefit.

Leave leaf litter in place and healthy perennials including grasses stand for winter. These provide homes for some bees and other beneficial insects. Wait as long as possible in spring so you don't interrupt their hibernation.

Increase living quarters by making your own native mason bee houses. Just be sure you provide a properly designed, clean home with needed winter protection. Do your homework first to make sure you are not harming the native bees you are trying to support.

The easiest method uses a bundle of hollow sticks such as bamboo, reeds, or sumac. Cut them into short segments and remove three to five inches of pith with wire or a drill. Consider painting the front to make an inviting entrance for the bees. Bundle the stems together with wire or place in a bucket or can.

Or create a solitary bee house from a block of untreated wood. Drill holes into, but not through a block of untreated wood. The holes should be three to five inches deep and about 5/16 of an inch in diameter for mason bees. Nesting tubes inserted into the holes makes for easier cleaning and storage that prevents debris and disease from building up one season to the next.

Mount the bee house on the southeast side of a post, fence or building. Make sure to provide a nearby mud puddle the bees will use to seal off the individual development chambers in the holes.

Creating a bee friendly landscape not only increases your garden's productivity but also the number of songbirds and beneficial insects that visit your garden. That means fewer garden pests and a more beautiful garden for you to enjoy all season long.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is: www.MelindaMyers.com.

Introducing New Boston Police District A-1 Captain Robert Ciccolo

by NorthEndWaterfront.com



BPD District A-1 Captain Robert Ciccolo

Boston Police have announced the new head of District A-1, Captain Robert Ciccolo, effective immediately. Captain Ciccolo takes over District 1 from Captain Kenneth Fong who retired last month.

The new police captain provided the following introduction.

For those in the neighborhood who don't know me, I've been with the Department for 37 years, and I have spent the last 4.5 years as Night Command for the North Zone of the city, which includes District 1. Therefore, I do have some familiarity with the neighborhood issues. I am looking forward to working with you to address them.

I think it is important for people to know that, in addition to the regular police reports, I review the 311 Complaints from the previous workday each morning. I would ask you to emphasize to your friends and neighbors, that 311 complaints containing follow up contact information are more likely to generate a successful follow-up because that allows my Community Service Office to develop a more detailed and accurate picture of the problem. As always, if you require an immediate police response call 911.

I am looking forward to future community meetings in which, hopefully, lessened restrictions will allow me to get to know all of you better.

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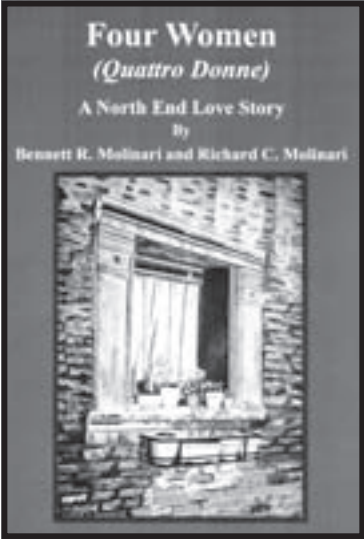
Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari,
lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:
Four Women “Quattro Donne”
subtitle, **A North End Love Story**

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

Pets, Pets, and more Pets
continued

Suddenly, the mouse jumped out of the box and frantically headed toward Mom. It began running in circles in front of her, causing Mom to scream as she ran out of the room, slamming the door behind her. Through the door, she screamed, “Wait till your father comes home. He’s going to kill the two of you!” Quickly, we grabbed the mouse, putting it back in the box, figuring, if it was out of sight, everything would be fine. We opened the door and told Mom; we put the mouse back in the box and would make certain we wouldn’t let it run loose again. She then told us to get the mouse out of the flat and get rid of it. After searching the building for the other mouse and unable to find it, we took our mouse to the doorway where we sat on our front steps, trying to figure out what we would do with it. If we released it, one of the neighborhood cats would surely get it. We couldn’t bring the mouse back to the flat, and we didn’t want to give it away. It was then, we noticed our mailbox, nailed to the wall just inside the front door. We figured it would be a good place to keep the mouse just for overnight. It was long, and deep enough so the mouse could not jump out. There was some newspaper just under the mailbox. We shredded a sheet, put it at the bottom of the mailbox, and placed the mouse in its temporary home. Closing the lid, feeling he would be safe till morning, we returned to our flat. When we returned home, we found Mom standing in the middle of the kitchen, keeping her distance from the two of us. Immediately, she asked, “Where’s the rat?” We told her, we gave it away and couldn’t find the other one. At that point, she asked us to turn, and managed with one swing to whack the both of us on the ass with her wooden macaroni spoon. She then yelled out, “Don’t ever bring another rat into this house!”

The following morning, we were off to school, figuring,



we would find a home for the mouse when we returned home at 3 o’clock. On our way out of the building, we checked on our mouse.

It seemed to be happy at the bottom of the mailbox. We gave it a couple of pieces of bread from our lunchbox plus a tiny bowl of water, closed the lid and were off to school. The stage was set for a disaster. It happened that afternoon when Mom returned from shopping and decided to check the mailbox for mail. It was seconds after reaching into the mailbox that she began to scream. Unwittingly, she grabbed hold of the mouse, which began to squirm in her fingers. The mouse ran up her sleeve, and revealed itself, causing Mom to scream even louder. She shook the mouse back into the mailbox and slammed it shut. Mom bolted up the stairs, threw open the door where she found Dad getting ready to go to work. She screamed out, “I’m going to kill the two of them!” Followed by, “They almost gave me a heart attack!” She explained what happened. Dad began to laugh, which infuriated Mom. She accused him of spoiling us and told him that she was going to take the two of us to Sister Francine in the morning, letting her know how fresh we are. Mom told Anthony to get rid of the mouse before we came home, and wash out the mailbox, which Anthony did with delight, knowing we were in a lot of trouble. It was only a half hour later when we

returned home from school. We entered the building and quickly checked the mailbox finding it empty. We figured, our new pet jumped out and ran away. We ran up the stairs, threw open the door as usual, and found Mom standing in the middle of the kitchen. She seemed to be waiting for us. Looking at us, she said, “Guess what happened to me today?” She was standing with her hands behind her back, which we found a little frightening. We stood our ground and quietly asked, “What happened?” She then said, “She almost had a heart attack when she went to get the mail.” She followed with an ominous, “Guess why?” We were frozen with fear and couldn’t speak. Mom, then took her hands from behind her back. She was holding a macaroni spoon in each hand. We ran for our lives into the bedroom and tried to hide under the bed. She managed to pull us out and began to whack both of us on the ass with the spoons. In the middle of it all, she yelled out, “Tomorrow, I’m taking the both of you to see Sister Francine.”

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**FRANK ZAPPA:
THE MOTHERS 1970
(4CD)**

Zappa Records/UMe
Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Frank Zappa's heralded but short-lived 1970 Mothers of Invention lineup, *The Mothers 1970*, a new 4CD collection of 70 unreleased live and studio recordings, has been released by Zappa Record/UMe. *The Mothers 1970* collects together more than four hours of previously unreleased performances by the celebrated lineup which lasted roughly seven months, including: Aynsley Dunbar drums, George Duke piano/keys/trombone), Ian Underwood organ/keys/guitar, Jeff Simmons bass/vocals and Flo & Eddie a/k/a Howard Kaylan vocals and Mark Volman vocals/percussion of The Turtles who performed under these aliases to skirt contractual limitations of performing under their own names. This iteration of The Mothers, which likely began rehearsals fifty years ago in May 1970, came to an end in January of 1971 when Simmons quit the band. *The Mothers 1970* encapsulates the band's brief but productive span, which included two visits to the studio — resulting in the fantastic 1970 album, *Chunga's Revenge* — and tours across the U.S., Canada and Europe. Divided into four parts: 1) Trident Studios, London England — June, 1970; 2) Live Highlights Part 1) "Piknik" VPRO June 18th / Pepperland September 26th; 3) Live Highlights Part 2 — Hybrid Concert: Santa Monica August 21st / Spokane September 17th; 4) Live Highlights Part 3 — FZ Tour Tape Recordings. The set lists focus heavily on songs from the albums *Freak Out*, *Absolutely Free*, "We're Only In It For The Money, *Uncle Meat*," the then-recently released *Burnt Weeny Sandwich*, and early workings of songs that would eventually be released months later on *Chunga's Revenge*. The many highlights include the extended guitar workouts, the first version of "Easy Meat" and rare live performances of "Would You Go All The Way?" and "Road Ladies." The cast of characters and their personalities, musically and personally, made for a very eventful and humorous chapter in Zappa's career, and he had a blast with these guys, and this camaraderie is on full display and will now live on forever in this exciting new collection.

**BOB MARLEY -
LEGEND
(2LP Vinyl Picture Disc)
The Marley Family/
Island Records/UMe**

The Marley Family, Island Records and UMe join collective forces to observe the 35th anniversary of Bob Marley & The Wailers' *Legend* with a double vinyl reissue. Initially released May 1984, *Legend* holds the distinction of being the world's best-selling reggae album of all time with over 15 million copies sold in the United States alone, and over 28 million worldwide. A greatest hits compilation for the ages; *Legend* is the soundtrack to the remarkable life and

recording career of one of reggae music's most important and influential figures. This iconic collection not only serves as the perfect introduction to the music of Bob Marley, it has also become an essential element of every reggae fan's permanent collection. This vinyl-only 35th anniversary reissue comprises the original "BMW1" version of *Legend* with the addition of two original U.K.-only cassette bonus tracks ("Easy Skanking" and "Punky Reggae Party"). Taken as a whole, the 16 songs that comprise *Legend* have literally defined a genre. Among the album's instantly recognizable tracks are "Get Up Stand Up," "One Love / People Get Ready," "I Shot The Sheriff," "Three Little Birds," "Jammin," and "Exodus," plus anthems "No Woman No Cry" and "Is This Love" feature backing vocals from The I Threes, an all-female trio comprised of Marley's wife Rita Marley, Judy Mowatt, and Marcia Griffiths. Marley remains one of popular cultures most important and influential entertainment icons. His lifestyle and music continue to inspire new generations around the world. Marley was the first Jamaican artist to give voice to the struggles of his people and introduce Rastafarian culture to the world at large, and his expansive music catalog has sold millions of albums all across the globe. Marley's legacy lives on in the artists and generations he has influenced. Today, the spiritual, political, and musical resonance of the man's work continues to be felt around the world.

**PJ HARVEY -
DRY + DRY-Demos
(Vinyl)**

UMe/IslandRecords/Beggars
UMe/Island and Beggars recently announced a comprehensive reissue campaign, which will see PJ Harvey's entire back catalog — plus her two albums in collaboration with John Parish, released on vinyl over the next 12 months. For the first time, each of PJ Harvey's album demos will be available as a stand-alone on digital and vinyl. This catalog project will celebrate every aspect of Harvey's recording career and afford a comprehensive and exciting look at the evolution of one of the most singular and extraordinary artists of modern time. The first release is *DRY*, Harvey's seminal debut album back in print for the first time in 20 years with the Beggars Archive/Too Pure Records was reissued July 24. Released to worldwide critical acclaim on March 30, 1992, it was released at The Ice House in Yeovil, and features the singles "Dress" and "Sheela-Na-Gig." The Los Angeles Times' Robert Hilburn was quoted, "*DRY* saw PJ Harvey burst onto the global stage to begin her unique path ... a seductive calling card that signals the arrival of an extraordinary new artist." *DRY-Demos*, and 11-track collection was also released in July, after its previous release with *DRY*, almost 30 years ago, and is now available for the first time as a stand-alone vinyl/CD/digital release.

The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

**EASTIE FARM SUPPORTS
EASTIE FAMILIES**

Over in Jeffries Point, two blocks from the Maverick T station, there is an institution that has been serving the community for some time now with East Boston homegrown vegetables that many in the area have come to depend upon to feed their families especially in these crazy COVID times.

People can sign up for home deliveries, or stop by Thursday afternoons in person.

I stopped by last week and brought home a bag of produce and among other things made a great healthy salad for dinner that night. The price is right too, as Bob Barker always said, at FREE!

**SHERIFF JERRY
HOLDS A FUNDRAISER**



Here's the masked sheriff Jerry McDermott (on right) with Don McKenna, owner of Patriot Motors in Dedham.

Last week, I went to my first REAL not VIRTUAL political fundraiser over in Quincy Center at Alba's Restaurant for Norfolk County Sheriff Jerry McDermott who is running for re-election this coming November as the Republican candidate.

The restaurant's function was socially distanced with a good size masked crowd. How often would you think you'd be seeing a sheriff candidate wearing a mask, huh?

I remember the endings to the old *Lone Ranger* TV show, when someone would ask, "Who is he was that masked man," and the answer was always the same, "Why he's Sheriff McDermott, opps, I meant, the Lone Ranger."

**WHY ARE DEMOCRATS
IN THE 7TH DISTRICT
AFRAID OF CAMPBELL?**

As someone who has been a political activist for over 50 years in Boston, and elsewhere, the recent news concerning a Republican write-in candidate for a U.S House seat seemed



Every week volunteers show up to Eastie Farms for distribution of this needed local produce.

to have been one of the worst examples of negative politics I have seen, going back to when I started doing politics as a 22 year old in 1970.

I happen to know Rayla Campbell of Randolph who has decided to challenge U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley this coming November. As a write-in candidate she has a lot of campaign work ahead of her to make ballot status. After talking with her, I think she and her supporters are up to the task.

I have campaigned for both Democrats and Republicans, liberal and conservative at the local, state and federal levels. Much of my campaign education I learned where working for candidates over in Ward 2 Charlestown which I have always considered the real Kennedy School of Politics. It can get rough and tough. We take our politics seriously in Boston. However, you should never reach into a gutter. I always respected those candidates I opposed and their supporters and most likely they did the same in return. Politics can get dirty at times but you're not supposed to nuke the other side either.

However, what was done to Rayla Campbell was beyond the pale. You don't go after candidates on a personal level and

you don't go after their family members.

What Monica Cannon-Grant founder of Violence in Boston, Inc., allegedly put out on social media was surely a demeaning offensive tactic beyond where any responsible community activist or campaign aide should dare travel.

The fact that she has not yet apologized for her apparent sexist and racist rants says much about Cannon-Grant's credibility as a leader of Black Lives Matter and for all the positives up to this point of her positive social skills as a leader of anything of substance.

Kudos to Suffolk D.A. Rachal Rollins who reached out immediately to Campbell over what happened to her after it went public. Cannon-Grant's apology was no apology at all and as *Boston Herald* columnist Michael Graham recently acknowledged, she should not get a pass for any vile speech she reportedly makes just because the target of her seemingly hateful rage was a Republican candidate.

Where are all those Democrats and why are they silent when one of their own goes ballistic with her political foot in mouth disease for which, like Covid, there is no vaccine?

**COUNCILOR EDWARDS WELCOMES
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City Councilor Lydia Edwards (on far right) speaking with Tommye Mager. In back row is the new BPD District 1 Captain Robert Ciccolo Jr. and District 1 staffer Michael Bonetti at Caffè dello Sport.

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learn more, residents can call 3-1-1 or visit the Boston Counts 2020 web page at [BostonCounts.gov](https://bostoncounts.org).

Mail-In Ballots

For Upcoming Elections:

Registered voters in Boston should expect to get a mail-in ballot application in the mail this week, if they haven't received it already.

This year, everyone can vote by a mail-in ballot.

The Mayor said that it's important for residents to note that they are getting an *application* in the mail, and they must

fill it out and send it back to the Elections Department to get a mail-in ballot. As of July 27th, the City had received 4,000 applications.

Voters can choose which election they'd like a ballot for — the Primary Election on September 1st; the General Election on November 7th; or both. Independent voters who want to vote in the primary must check a party box. They should then sign the form, and drop it in the mail. No postage is needed. Applications to

request a mail-in ballot must be received by Wednesday, August 26th for the State Primaries, and October 28th for the General Election.

Voters who would rather go to their polling place in-person can still do so. The City of Boston Elections Department is adding COVID-19 protocols.

The City of Boston will hold Early Voting for the Primaries August 22nd - 28th, and for the General Election, October 17th - October 30th.

To learn more about mail-in ballots and the upcoming elections, visit: [Boston.gov/elections](https://boston.gov/elections).

Fair Housing:

The Mayor discussed fair housing in Boston, including holding bankers, lenders, property owners and landlords accountable, and making sure residents know their rights. The City is working with fair housing advocates on a plan to guide this work moving forward, and the Mayor will also be filing a zoning amendment that he believes will make Boston the first American city with fair housing requirements written into its zoning code.

Since the outbreak began, the City of Boston has made millions of dollars available in rental relief. The Boston Housing Authority paused non-essential evictions. The BHA is also working with hundreds of BPS families to provide permanent rental vouchers that lift them out of homelessness.

The new City budget for FY21 includes \$16M of new investment in affordable housing, tenant protections, and the Office of Housing Stability.

The Mayor's administration has filed several bills in the current legislative session to keep people in their homes and protect tenant rights. The Mayor said he looks forward to seeing those priorities move forward, before the legislative session ends at the end of the week.

In addition to protecting housing security, the Mayor discussed the urgent need for the Federal government to ensure an equitable recovery by providing immediate relief

to Americans who are struggling. The federal CARES Act unemployment benefits are set to expire in just days.

The Mayor said that if new forms of relief don't arrive, many families and individuals are going to face a serious struggle. He called on Congress to pass a bill to provide direct support before they adjourn for the summer, saying "*The clock is ticking, and there is no time to wait. Americans need relief and they need it right now.*"

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Also Known As
**NORINE CATHERINE GIBBONS,
NORINE CRONIN**
Date of Death: April 01, 2020

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To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David T. Gibbons of Medford, MA**.
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Estate of
FRANCIS C. WALSH
Date of Death: May 12, 2020

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To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Deirdre A. Jefferson of Belmont, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
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ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

The Cocoanut Grove Fire

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, with the United States at war, WWII was a fixture in newspapers. But briefly in November of 1942, a tragedy shifted attention away from the war and that night has lived on in its own infamy right here in Boston.

No local who was alive during the Cocoanut Grove fire has ever forgotten it and, generations later, it is still a talked of part of our local story.

The Cocoanut Grove, located in Boston's Bay Village, had quickly become one of the Downtown area's most popular spots with service men. Boasting itself as an escape to a tropical paradise, papier-mâché palm trees and flowers adorned the dance halls.

Since its opening in 1927, however, the club (built out of a repurposed abandoned garage) was under the grip of the local mob. Its original owners, Mickey Alpert and Jacques Renard, were financed by mobsters and by the early 30s the club had transferred ownership to gangster Charlie Solomon who used the place as front for a speakeasy during Prohibition. After Solomon was gunned down in Roxbury in 1933, Solomon's former lawyer Barney Welansky took control of the property. Welansky did not shake off his mob connections, as he thought them useful to the operations of the club, but his ties to Boston Mayor Maurice Tobin forced him to push them out of view.

Welansky, however, was not one to be trifled with and had a habit of boarding up doors and concealing others with curtains to prevent patrons from dashing out before paying. This was just one of the many missteps that contributed to the scale of the fire.

While the décor had passed rudimentary tests for fire resistance, the upkeep of such safety measures was seldom enforced and, due to wartime shortages, the air conditioning units were being filled with highly flammable methyl chloride instead of Freon.



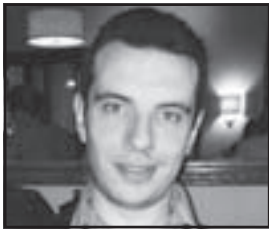
Investigators and reporters scour the remains of the club the morning after the blaze.

The night of November 28th was going to be a big night. Servicemen were home for Thanksgiving and the Boston College football team had a planned celebration at the club after their defeat of College of the Holy Cross at Fenway that night. Their surprise loss of that game likely saved many lives as the dejected team cancelled their celebration as did Mayor Tobin (a Boston College football enthusiast). Welansky was also not at the club that night as he was recovering from a heart attack at Mass. General.

Still the club drew a huge crowd, more than five hundred beyond capacity, in fact. A little over one thousand people were crammed into a space built for 460.

Around ten at night, a sailor unscrewed a light bulb to give himself and his girlfriend privacy at their table. Sixteen-year old busboy Stanley Tomaszewski was told to replace the bulb. In the darkness, however, he had difficulty finding the socket and so lit a match. Although Tomaszewski did extinguish the match after replacing the bulb somehow one of the fake palm trees caught fire. The inquest would later claim that this could not have been the cause of the fire, Tomaszewski (who survived the fire) would live on with a cloud of shame.

Immediately waiters tried putting out the fire with buckets of water but it spread quickly through the paper décor and to the fake ceiling. The fire made its way up the stairs from the Melody Lounge to the main hall burning terrified patrons as they fled for their lives. Those who made it upstairs ran for the main revolving doors



Rescuers rush burn victims to local hospitals.

which became jammed as stampeding patrons piled up at its foot. The fire moved fast and many of the victims never even had a chance to move. Firemen and medical personnel would later find



Busboy Stanley Tomaszewski gives evidence.

some of the patrons seated at the upstairs restaurant still sitting at their tables with drinks in their hands. The Broadway Lounge offered the only other door that was not locked, but it had the disadvantage of opening inward, blocking patrons on both of its sides.

Meanwhile, outside, firefighters had to douse the fire to get close enough and things got so bad that patrons of nearby bars rushed over to help. Escapees were smoldered in cold water and survivors were rushed to local hospitals.

In all, almost half of the people inside would perish in the inferno. At 492 the number of the dead alone would surpass the legal capacity for the club. About 130 suffered non-life threatening burns.

Among the dead was cowboy actor Buck Jones who was visiting the establishment with his agent Scott R. Dunlap who escaped the blaze. Bernie Fazioli, the band's musical director, also perished. Survivors included the former owner of the club Mickey Alpert, whose familiarity with the club not only led him to find an escape for himself in a basement window but also to help lead many of the survivors out. The band's bassist, Jack Lesberg, also made his way out. Other survivors included club cashier Jeanette Lanzoni, performer Goody Goodelle, and bartended Daniel Weiss. Other survivors who provided testimony were Morris Levy, Roland Sousa, Joyce Spector and David Frechtling.

In a heroic turn, Coastguardsman Clifford Johnson escaped the club and got separated from his girlfriend in the stampede. Thinking she was still inside he reentered the burning building no less than four times looking for her, not knowing she had also made it safely outside. He survived the night, but suffered burns throughout 55% of his body.

One reason the tragedy of the Cocoanut Grove has had such an enduring place in our memory is because it became a catalyst for stricter laws. Most famous of them, buildings can no longer have a revolving door as the single main exit point and doors must open outward (indeed the fire department's report estimated that had the doors in the Broadway Lounge opened outward at least 300 of the lives lost could have been saved). Of course, the practice of bolting or boarding up doors and other egresses was quickly halted.

Welansky was convicted of nineteen counts of manslaughter for his negligence and was sentenced to 12-15 years in prison but was out in four thanks to his connections.



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Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 2nd at Saint Leonard's Parish in the North End. In addition to mass, the society invites you to return with us to Saint Agrippina's chapel for a special blessing in front of Saint Agrippina. Please note: Social distancing guidelines will be in effect.

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Though we are not able to celebrate the 106th anniversary of Saint Agrippina the way we normally would, we are grateful for the opportunity to honor her in any way we can.

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Estate of
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Douglas Tamasanis of Hollis, NH.**

Douglas Tamasanis of Hollis, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.


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Run date: 07/31/2020

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Sixty seven years ago this month, Hurricane Carol hit the East Coast of the United States. The month was August and Nanna, Babbononno, Mom, Dad and I were at the summer cottage in Winthrop, Maine. Dad was still playing the county fairs, but during August, he would try to book in the ones closest to where we were vacationing. All I knew about hurricanes was what Mom told me, “You were born not long after the hurricane of 1938.” I guess back then they were not named as of yet.

With Nanna and Babbononno staying with us in a one bedroom cottage, they slept on the living room couch which opened to a bed. As a result, I slept on a similar couch located on the back porch that faced the lake.

I also had a friend staying with us. Not having brothers and sisters, I had friends from home that joined me for a few days at a time. This time around, it was a fellow usher from the Seville Theater, Carl Sinatra. A folding army cot was opened every night on the other side of the back porch and this is where my friends slept.

During the mornings, we would row one of the boats out into the middle of the lake, jump overboard and swim back to the dock towing the boat. Babbononno would take the row boat out when he was in the mood for exercise. Nanna and Mom both had fears of water and neither would go anywhere near the lake. I also had a speed boat and that’s where Babbononno would draw the line. The row boat was OK but not the racer.

That morning, one of the locals who had befriended us, Arthur Gordon, asked Dad for a favor. He was taking his youngest daughters to a pediatrician in Portland and asked us to look in on his father, a man called “Old Vic,” if the publicized storm did in fact hit us. Dad was OK with the request, and the Gordon family headed south to Portland.

Not knowing anything about the storm at that point, Carl Sinatra and I were on the lake in my speed boat. We were racing around and when the water became choppy, headed back toward our dock. Dad was standing on the dock waving us in, but I interpreted it as just a friendly wave and I waved back. One thing looked strange to me. Dad had pulled my row boat onto the beach which was to the left side of the cottage. As the wind picked up, it pulled my speed boat sideways. I turned the boat into the wind and opened it up. With the throttle almost full in a forward position, I was starting to go backward. Somehow I managed to beach the boat and

dragged it along the water’s edge back to our beach and pulled it alongside the row boat. Dad ran over yelling at us until he discovered we didn’t know why he was so upset. He yelled, “Don’t you idiots know that a hurricane is coming our way? You could have been killed staying out on the lake.”

Well, next we put everything that could fly around in the wind under the cottage. Then, we closed the shutters that covered the windows and made sure we had enough drinking water which was drawn from a well which was just outside the cottage near the front door. Not long after, the wind picked up and we sat in both the living room and kitchen listening to the happenings on local radio. We didn’t have a TV set at the cottage. As a matter of fact, no one living at the lake did. The local stations broadcast whatever they were getting as news from Boston and Portland.

The storm hit in full intensity by the afternoon. The sound of the wind in the trees made Mom and Nanna very uneasy. Babbononno poured himself a glass of Zi’ Antonio’s best homemade red wine and didn’t have a care in the world as a result of the effects thereof. The sound of the rain on the roof made things a bit disconcerting but we managed to remain controlled and rode out the storm. When it seemed to have ended a while later, Dad, Sinatra and I went outside to inspect the damage. Thank God, there was none. We hadn’t lost power, nor were there any branches broken off the trees and no trees were uprooted. Dad’s car was OK with just leaves covering the hood and roof.

As I looked at the beach, I discovered that my boats were missing. A closer look showed us that the churning lake water had washed enough sand on shore to cover the boats and they would have to be dug out when the sand dried. So, with everything now intact, Dad said he was going down the road to check on Old Vic.

The Gordon home was on the other side of the road about a quarter of a mile away. We walked the distance due to fallen trees blocking the road which was called Memorial Drive. When we got the Gordon home, there was Old Vic sitting on the front steps whittling away with a bottle of applejack on the step next to him. Dad spoke first, “Hi Vic is everything OK?” Vic replied, “Yep.” Dad asked, “Any damage to the house?” Vic replied, “Nope.” Then Dad asked about the car that was left behind and Vic replied, “No damage.” Then

Dad asked if the dog was OK and Vic replied, “Yep.” When Dad asked if there were any problems with the old barn in back of the house, Old Vic replied, “Don’t know, haven’t found it yet!” I ran in back and saw that the barn had disappeared. The storm had wiped it off the face of the map.

When the Gordon’s returned from Portland, Arthur stoically stated that he would rebuild the barn, a chore that might include all of the neighbors helping out and making a festival out of the situation. By the next day, the town had cleared away the fallen trees and things began to get back to normal.

The sun was in full bloom for the next few days and the sand on the beach dried out allowing Sinatra and me to dig out my two boats. Refloating them again, I now had a row boat and a speed boat to play with. We motored the perimeter of the lake looking for people who might need assistance, but it seemed that the lake didn’t get the worst of the storm.

The next day, the folks along the lake had a cookout to celebrate the end of the storm. Old Vic brought a bottle of white lightening and Babbononno brought a gallon of red wine. If you add in the beer that was part of the cookout, everyone seemed to have a good time.

Labor Day was just around the corner and all of the summer residents began to pack to return home. A final party was planned and well attended by summer folks and locals alike. What they didn’t know was that the following summer would have consequences that were similar. Hurricane Diane would hit the northeast, but that’s a story for another day.

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In this country, people are accustomed to having very big breakfasts. The menus vary yet often include eggs, bacon and hash browns, pancakes, waffles or French toast, and sometimes even sausage and biscuits. So, if you like a hearty breakfast you are in the right place for your morning meal. Italy on the other hand is not a big breakfast country. Italians do not spend their mornings whisking eggs or frying bacon. They prefer their breakfast light and sweet. *La calazione* in Italy is typically coffee, sweets and carbs based. When eating out, a brioche or cornetto with a cappuccino or espresso is common. At home, most Italians eat cookies. In fact, one of Italy’s biggest cookie brands claimed on its website that Italians eat more cookies than Americans mainly because so many eat them for breakfast!

As a young girl, I remember my Papa Francesco dunking *Sicilian biscotti al latte* (Sicilian Milk Biscuits) in warm milk every morning for breakfast. While these biscotti made a delicious breakfast treat, I prefer the “Sicilian ‘S’ Cookies” I am sharing today just a bit better. These cookies are dry enough to withstand dunking without falling apart, and at the same time not too hard to just bite into and chew. While most Sicilian “S” cookies are made with lemon zest, I make these with just vanilla. So, if dunking in a caffè latte or warm milk, you won’t end up with an unpleasant lemon flavor in your beverage. While these “Sicilian ‘S’ Cookies” are perfect for breakfast, they are also delicious when served to company alongside a hot or cold cappuccino or caffè latte!

SICILIAN “S” COOKIES
Biscotti Siciliani



- 1 ¼ cups sugar
4 eggs
2/3 cup light olive oil (for baking)
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
4 ½ cups flour
1 packet Lievito Paneangeli (or 2 teaspoons baking powder)
- ¼ teaspoon salt
2 egg yolks beaten with 3 tablespoons milk (egg wash)
¼ cup raw sugar or white sugar (for sprinkling) *the sugar can be omitted if you prefer them plain, just use the egg wash alone

Preheat oven to 375°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In large mixing bowl, beat sugar and eggs together, add olive oil and vanilla, mix together. Gradually sift in flour, Paneangeli, and salt, blend together well. Let dough rest for 20 minutes.

Using a small cookie scoop, take even amounts of dough and roll each into a 5/6-inch log, shape logs into S shapes and place slightly apart on prepared baking sheet. Beat egg yolk and milk. Slightly flatten cookies, brush with egg wash and then sprinkle generously with sugar (the sugar can be omitted if you prefer them plain, just use the egg wash alone). Bake at 375° for about 15-20 minutes or until light to medium golden brown.

Happy Anniversary

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• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

great cereal, but remember just don't go crazy about anything. Keep everything in perspective. NO ONE NEEDS SOLITARY CONFINEMENT we are just trying to stay healthy

Goya:
Stack Them High



Goya cans flying off the shelves after bullying attack.
(Photo by Sal Giaratani)

It is always heartening to see a business CEO stand up to the bullies on the streets, the Democrats in the U.S. House, and their allies in the Fake News Media who's refusing to back down from his kind words to President Trump at a recent White House gathering.

The Cancel Culture Fascists have called for a boycott of all Goya products, but you say it is time for a BUYCOTT instead. I already enjoy Goya products and now I intend to enjoy them even more often. Take a stand for free speech.

I Used to Love Nike One Time But Not Anymore

First, I only kneel at church AND that's one reason why my feet will never feel Nike on them. However, I laugh when this company talks about fighting for social justice but it never mentions that their sneaks are mass produced by alleged slave labor over in CHINA.

The social justice warriors running this company talk

a good game about fighting "against discrimination in communities worldwide" and are "work(ing) every day to erase the stain of racism and the damage of in justice."

As you are reading this, the leaders of China are going after the Uyghurs, a Turkish-speaking people living in China's far west. Already reportedly the government has locked up over a million of them in camps. THEN reportedly selling them to Chinese factories as slave labor. Will Nike ever talk about any of this? DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!

End Quote

"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defend- ing it."

— John Thune

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Docket No. MI20P2914EA

Estate of
ERNEST B. LEBLANC
Date of Death: June 03, 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 **Marie H. Leblanc of Waltham, MA** and **Leon Richard Leclair, III of Waltham, 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 **Marie H. LeBlanc of Waltham, MA** and **L. Richard LeClair, III of Waltham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 12, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: July 15, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 07/31/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2508EA

Estate of
JOAN M. STACK
Also Known As
JOAN MARIE STACK
Date of Death: May 11, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Nicholas A. Felici of Burlington, 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 **Nicholas A. Felici of Burlington, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 13, 2020.

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

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Witness, **HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 16, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 07/31/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2994EA

Estate of
LEON D. LEWIS
Also Known As
LEON DAVID LEWIS
Date of Death: November 16, 2019

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 **Fay Lewis of Weston, 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 **Fay Lewis of Weston, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 18, 2020.

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

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Witness, **HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 21, 2020

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• **L'Anno Bello** (Continued from Page 4)

seasons pulsing beneath my feet, I also honor grain by making a focaccia. The recipe I use is a traditional one, made with rosemary, sea salt, onions, and the indispensable Italian staple, olive oil. I admire the way the water mixes with the flour to create dough as if by magic, and I feel a special kinship with my ancestors who scraped a living out of Italian farmland by using the most basic ingredients. Indeed, my Italian forbearers viewed holidays like Lammas or harvest like *la mietitura* with a special significance precisely because bread played such an essential role in the diet. Bread, known as pane in Italian, is more than a food, but also a cultural touchstone, a staple that brought life to peasants and formed the basis of the society's major dishes. Bread serves a deeply religious function in Italian life as well, as the bread honored in the sacrament of the Eucharist symbolizes a spiritual nourishment that is just as crucial as a physical sustenance. No wonder then that Italian superstition brims with warnings against disrespecting the essence of bread, such as the restriction against turning bread upside-down or, even worse, discarding bread. Italians in olden days believed that these actions insulted the Earth's bountiful harvest and affronted one of the most vital cores of their diet. Unfortunately, we have lost this spiritual connection with our food and the Earth which provides it as society

industrialized. For this reason, I think it is important to honor seasonal festivities like Lammas, which connect us to our ancestors and teach us that the food which springs from the Earth is a sacred gift.

Celebrate Lammas this August by honoring the grain that forms the building blocks of our lives. Whether you bake a focaccia or quick bread from scratch, or simply remain conscious of the Earth's abundance as you bite into a sandwich roll or cut into a loaf of bread, think about the nourishment that goes into both your body and soul. By reveling in the joys of seasonal food and respecting the signs of the changing seasons around us, we can truly appreciate the glorious rhythms of the natural harvest. Lammas tells us not to mourn over the end of summer, but rather recognize the necessity and the wonder of the cycle of the year. Without autumn, there would be no harvest to sustain us through the dark winter nights. Let the sight of wheat waving in the golden sun and hay bales standing proudly in fruit-laden fields remind us of the way our ancestors lived so close to the Earth, and let us vow to keep that sacred connection even within the busiest moments of our lives.

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.

• **Green Line E Branch** (Continued from Page 6)

This nearly month-long closure is equivalent to about one full year of weekend and night closures on the E Branch. Though this work was previously announced and planned during the summer when ridership is historically lower, doing this work now also allows its completion at a time when ridership on the Green Line is significantly decreased due to the pandemic. The MBTA recognizes that riders do continue to take essential trips as the Commonwealth moves through its reopening plan. The MBTA's shuttle plan includes measures to promote social distancing that protect MBTA riders and workers. The MBTA will carefully monitor ridership levels on buses, adjusting service levels if needed.

GREEN LINE E BRANCH REPLACEMENT SERVICE AND SHUTTLE BUS INFORMATION:

Riders are encouraged to utilize free Route 39 bus service during the month of August while this accelerated work takes place. Free, accessible shuttle buses will also supplement Route 39 service and operate between Prudential and Heath Street Stations.

PREVIOUS ACCELERATED WORK AND MORE:

The MBTA continues to assess whether other projects can be further accelerated. Previous and current accelerated work in 2020 includes:

- Track work, harbor tunnel repairs, and additional infrastructure improvements during a fourteen-day shutdown of the Blue Line from Bowdoin to Airport in May 2020;
- Tie replacement work, concrete repairs, Quincy Adams

elevator work, track replacement, and bridge inspection work during a fourteen-day shutdown of the Red Line from Braintree to Quincy Center in June 2020;

- Track and signal replacement work during two nine-day shutdowns of the Green Line D Branch from Kenmore to Riverside in June 2020;
- Infrastructure work in the area known as the Beacon Junction during a nine-day shutdown of the C Branch from Kenmore to St. Mary's in June 2020;

- Track and intersection work during a nearly month-long shutdown of the Green Line C Branch from Kenmore to Cleveland Circle, which began July 5th and is currently taking place through August 1st.

Riders are also reminded that face coverings are required while onboard any MBTA service, including shuttle buses. Additionally, in an effort to promote social distancing and protect the health and safety of MBTA riders and bus operators, ridership on shuttle buses is limited to twenty passengers.

Following track work, the MBTA typically implements speed restrictions as a safety precaution, and customers should expect these to last for several days while the T monitors the proper settlement and consolidation of new track and stone ballast. Speed restrictions are lifted once engineers have confirmed proper settlement has occurred.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/GLEwork, www.mbta.com/GLT, www.mbta.com/BBT2020, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

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Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.

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NOTICE

In the Matter of
ANGELINA KAUR

To all persons interested in the matter of Angelina Kaur of Woburn in the State of Massachusetts.

A Petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying for the authority to remove the minor child Angelina Kaur from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the State of California.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY TRIAL COURT, 208 CAMBRIDGE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 a.m.) on **August 14th, 2020**.

Witness, **MAUREEN H. MONKS, Esquire**, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, Massachusetts, this 17th day of **July** in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
Run date: 07/31/2020

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Docket No. MI19P5346EA

Estate of
JOHN H. BEAGAN
Also Known As
JOHN BEAGAN

Date of Death: **September 09, 2019**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John H. Beagan, Jr. of Watertown, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John H. Beagan, Jr. of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
MARY G. ABRAMO

Date of Death: **May 04, 2020**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

David J. LaFauci of Lexington, MA, Richard A. LaFauci of New York, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI20P2893EA

Estate of
DIANA AYKANIAN

Date of Death: **April 28, 2020**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Nancy Aykanian of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI20P2901EA

Estate of
CHARLES MONROE PROCTOR

Date of Death: **May 05, 2020**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Charles E. Proctor of Southport, CT**.

Charles E. Proctor of Southport, CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI20P2451EA

Estate of
ANNE B. TURNER

Date of Death: **April 21, 2020**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Patricia Perez of Reading, MA**, Petitioner **Kathleen Freni of Groveland, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Patricia Perez of Reading, MA, Kathleen Freni of Groveland, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarattani



Have the Marlins Become The Canaries in the Mine?

Major League Baseball couldn't even get out of the first weekend of play in this shortened 60-game season without having a COVID-19 outbreak take place after the Miami Marlins played a 3-game series against the Phillies in Philadelphia. At least 17 players and coaches for the team tested positive for the virus and now both the Marlins and Phillies have been shutdown for now and MLB officials will be trying to figure out where to go from here.

I thought it was asinine to even have a 2020 MLB season. Obviously it was all about money on both sides.

They instituted all their fail-safe protocols in hopes it would work and yet we got an outbreak. Many fans didn't like all the high-fives players gave each other. I think this outbreak happened because the Marlins went travelling to Philly for the series.

Was what happened to the Marlins a one time event? What happens if it gets repeated again and again? All of us want to get back to some normalcy but getting sick is not normal.

What happens in the next couple of weeks will determine if baseball moves forward or says wait until next year.

Major League Baseball Has Gone Mad Over BLM

Major League Baseball has gone full social justice warrior caving into all things Black



Earl Wilson and Pumpsie Green

Lives Matter. The giant BLACK LIVES MATTER billboard on the Pike shows the over-reaction to things. Add in the flag kneeling and BLM uniform patches. All this tells me is that baseball owners don't want to be called white supremacists by anyone over the team's checkered racial history going back to Tom Yawkey's days running the team.

The last thing needed is to turn baseball games into political events. Baseball is supposed to be a reprieve from all that. A form of pure entertainment without political debates!

I have already decided to boycott this season because of all the politics. If baseball gets its senses back, I may return.

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In the interests of
STELLA GIANNA CELONA
of E. Boston, MA
Minor

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Georgie Abrams

Never A Champ But Sure Fought Like One



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For years the middleweight division had some of the most outstanding talent in the history of boxing. There were many extraordinary fighters in that weight class, so many that some great fighters never won a title. It wasn't for a lack of talent that many of these boxers didn't win the crown it was the fact that there was so much talent.

One of these uncrowned champs was Georgie Abrams. Abrams was born in Roanoke, Virginia on November 11, 1918. Because he was born on Armistice Day his parents gave him the middle name Freedom. His father, a shoemaker, eventually moved the family to Washington, DC, and it was there that the athletic Georgie took an interest in boxing.

After compiling an impressive amateur record of 62-3 while winning AAU and Golden Gloves titles, he turned pro in 1937. By 1941, he had established himself as a force to be reckoned with by taking on and beating some of the toughest middleweights in the world. In only his 23rd fight he beat Middleweight Champion Teddy Yarosz in a non-title bout. At the time Yarosz had fought 102 times and would go on defeat Billy Conn in his next fight.



Abrams and Tony Zale

Abrams had proven he could not only compete with the best, but he could beat a lot of them. He also showed that he avoided no opponent taking on the likes of Cocoa Kid and Charley Burly, two feared members of what was known as The Black Murderer's Row. He held Burly to a draw and then won a decision over Cocoa Kid.

He also beat Lou Bouillard, Izzy Jannazzo, and Billy Soose, whom he defeated three times. But these wins were just the appetizer for what would be three of his most outstanding fights, even though he came out on the short end in each bout.

In 1941, he earned a shot at Middleweight Champion Tony Zale, one of the toughest men ever to hold the title. In a hard fought fight Zale retained the title but the decision was close. Abrams dropped Zale in the first for a nine count and appeared to be on his way to victory. However, Zale came roaring back with a body attack. Georgie was also hampered from being thumbed in the eye in the second round and by a cut he sustained in the third round. Still, it was a very close fight with the Associated Press scoring Abrams the victor by 8 rounds to 7. The judges had it for Zale by a close margin.

A rematch seemed in order, but WWII broke out and things were put on hold for the next

few years. Abrams served in the Naval Air Corps. Georgie would have just one more fight, a win over Steve Mamakos, before serving full time in the military.

After being out of the ring Abrams resumed fighting again in 1946, and showed he still had plenty left. He beat Johnny Lawer twice and fought a draw with Jimmy Mandell. He then defeated the great Steve Belloise.

In his next fight he faced Marcel Cerdan who had racked up an outstanding record in Europe and was making his American debut. In an exciting brawl, Cerdan came out with the decision over Abrams.



Abrams lands a left on Zale.

At this point Georgie was heading for the downside of his career, but he still had one more great fight in him. In 1947, he took on World Welterweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson who was moving up to the middleweight division. Sugar must have had second thoughts about that decision as Abrams gave him the battle of his life.

Both fighters were cut and hurt during the ten round fight, and Robinson was awarded a very unpopular split decision which was met with boos from the crowd. Both the *Associated Press* and *UP* saw Abrams winning the fight. It may not have been the Brinks' Robbery, but many agreed that Georgie Abrams deserved the decision.

After the Robinson fight Abrams would have just three more bouts losing all of them. He dropped decisions to Steve Belloise and Fred Apostoli, and was stopped by hard punching Anton Raadik.

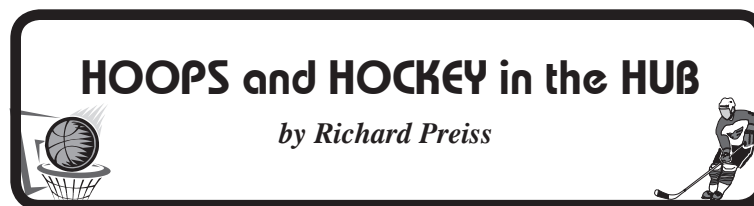


Abrams checking up on Sugar Ray.

After the Raadik fight Georgie's manager Chris Dundee advised him to retire, which he did. His final record was 48 wins, 10 losses, and 3 draws. If not for WWII, he surely would have gotten another shot at the title and very well may have become champion. It is very impressive what he did coming back after such a long lay off.

In retirement Georgie tried to make a living as an illustrator, something he had a talent for, but it didn't pan out. He tried his hand at a few other things and ended up working as a security guard at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas.

Eventually, dementia set in and he died in 1994, at the age of 75. Not a lot of people are familiar with the name Georgie Abrams today, but they should be. His record is beyond outstanding, and who knows what might have been if his career hadn't been interrupted. It is safe to say he was one of the Uncrowned Greats.



He still lives within the city limits of Worcester, not in the suburbs. It is where he went to college, raised a family, and commuted to work in the Big City some 46 miles to the east.

Yes, sir, it seems like Boston Celtics legend Bob Cousy — who will turn 92 on August 9th — has been one of us forever — except, of course that he hasn't. You see, he was born and raised in that certain city to the south — the one with the tall skyscrapers and all those people.

And it may come as a surprise to some that a man so identified with a sport that had its genesis, grew and blossomed in America actually had a classical immigrant experience during his early years — speaking French at home while switching to English when interacting with his elementary school friends.

What many consider to be Cousy's final home game of his storied career with the Celtics — March 17, 1963, at the original Boston Garden — was not in fact his last game. Although it had its emotional moments, there would be more games to come.

Why? Because the Celtics would go on to win their sixth NBA championship, defeating the Los Angeles Lakers a little more than a month later. In truth, Cousy's final game in Boston Garden came on April 21st. It was the fifth game of the NBA Finals. The Celtics won 126-119, providing Boston with a 3-2 lead in the series.

That game, the last of Cousy's career with the Green, was played on April 24th in Los Angeles. Cousy closed his career in a dramatic way. During the fourth quarter, he sprained his ankle, but came back into the contest with a little less than five minutes left and Boston ahead by one point.

His re-entry into the game provided inspirational support. Although he would not score again, the Celtics would proceed to win the NBA Championship, defeating the Lakers, 112-109. Cousy finished with 18 points and seven assists and capped the victory by throwing the game ball into the rafters of the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

That spring of 1963 was notable in that Cousy received a communication from the White House from President John F. Kennedy noting that: "The game bears an indelible stamp of your rare skills and competitive daring."

Some 56 years later — on August 22, 2019 — Cousy would be invited to the White House where President Donald J. Trump would present him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom during a ceremony in the Oval Office. At age 91, Cousy was once again Number 1.

It was a fitting capstone to a career that began with Cousy not immediately making the varsity team in high school, an experience that decades later another athlete, who would also eventually go on to basketball stardom (Michael Jordan), would also endure. Both played junior varsity ball before advancing to the varsity.

After high school, Cousy became a Crusader, enrolling

at Holy Cross. While for many college students moving away to college is transitory, for Cousy there was a permanency to it. He has remained a resident of Worcester ever since.

During Cousy's time at Mount Saint James, as the Worcester campus is sometimes called, college basketball looked very differently than it does today. What eventually became the NCAA March Madness tournament was in its embryonic stages, overshadowed somewhat by another post-season event, the N.I.T.

Still, the Crusaders put together a 24-3 regular season record during the 1946-1947 campaign and earned one of the eight spots in the NCAA event, held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. There, the Crusaders defeated Navy, then local favorite CCNY, and finally Oklahoma in the championship game to claim the title.

The eras have changed dramatically, of course, but for any of you who have been to Union Station in Worcester in recent years, try to picture this scene: some 10,000 people waving and cheering as the train carrying the NCAA Division 1 National Champion Holy Cross Crusaders pulled in.

Maybe Bob Cousy was predestined to become a member of the Celtics — he wore number 17 in college (the date of St. Patrick's Day) and indicated that he wanted to play for the team. He did, but in a roundabout way with his name literally being pulled out of a hat after another team in the early years of the NBA had folded.

Fans of pro basketball in those early days were in for some amazing thrills as Cousy displayed his ball handling skills, complete with his behind-the-back passes and over-the-shoulder passes that became some of the best remembered aspects of his career.

Those passes translated into points — tallies that would enable the Celtics to win those six NBA championships during Cousy's 13-year career with the Celtics. He was named to the roster of the NBA All-Star Game every one of those 13 years and led the league in assists for a record eight straight seasons.

All those accomplishments led him to be bestowed with two informal titles by the early fans of Celtics Nation: "The Houdini of the Hardwood" as well as "Mr. Basketball."

Following his retirement as a player, Cousy immediately found employment as the head coach at Boston College. During his six seasons at The Heights, his teams compiled a 114-38 record, made three appearances in the N.I.T., and two in the NCAA post-season tournament. He was named New England Coach of the Year in both 1968 and 1969.

He later coached the Cincinnati Royals and eventually became a TV analyst for Celtics games. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1971. His number 14 was retired by the Celtics. All in all, a full life that continues for one of basketball's living legends