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## Join us for the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of October as Italian Heritage Month

The 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of October as Italian Heritage Month will officially begin on **Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm** in the **House Chamber of the Massachusetts State House** with the Honorable Speaker of the House, Representative Robert DeLeo serving as master of ceremonies.

The event is co-sponsored by the Speaker of the House; the Consul General of Italy, Federica Sereni; and the Italian Heritage Committee.

This year's program will honor Fr. Antonio Nardoianini, OFM, Pastor of St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church for Distinguished Community Service; Mogol, for Distinguished Service in Music and Language; and Rep. Paul Donato for Distinguished Public Service.

The event will also provide scholarships for worthy students donated by C.A.S.IT, the East Boston Savings Bank, the Italian Consulate, and the St. Joseph's Society.

This year's program will end on a special note with the signing of a "Common Accord" between the officers of the Italian American Alliance, the Asian American Association of Boston, and the Italian American Heritage Committee. The Accord reads as follows:

*This Alliance of Common Accord represents agreement between the Asian American Association of Boston and the Italian American Alliance — each representing distinct ethnic and racial identities, and each having confronted discrimination — but which hold common principles that bind us together in united cause.*

*Given the righteousness of those common principles, we pledge ourselves to work together and to mutually support each other's heritage, social welfare, educational, and economic interests as though they were our own for a more beneficial American society.*

The accord will also be witnessed by the officers of the Italian American Heritage Committee.

Throughout the month of October, Italian and Italian American Organizations will be celebrating Italian heritage with a wide variety including of events the traditional Christopher Columbus parade which will take place this year in East Boston.

## Honoring St. Padre Pio 50 Years After His Death

by Matt Conti



A procession honoring St. Padre Pio in recognition of the Feast Day, which celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his passing, was held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Held in Boston's North End, the U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard led the procession with family and friends of

organizers Anna D'Amore Sirignano and Natalina Tizzano D'Amore. A blood-stained relic (first-class) of St. Pio's glove was carried through the streets. Following the procession, a Solemn Mass was held at St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street.

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## Feast of San Gennaro in Boston's North End Features Entertainment & Italian Food

by Matt Conti



L-R: State Representative Joe Boncore, Frank DePasquale, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Angelo Vigliota, Pasquale Trotta, Nick Varano, and State Representative Aaron Michlewitz

Italian feast food and entertainment headlined the first annual Feast of San Gennaro on Hanover Street in Boston's North End on September 21

through 23, 2018. A newly-created statue of Saint Gennaro by sculptor Ettore Marinelli was revealed just weeks after it was blessed by Pope Francis in

person at the Vatican.

With near perfect September weather, crowds came out for

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's Monkey Wrench?

The hearing of Judge Brett Kavanaugh was at an end. All the questions ended. It was time for the Senate Committee to take a vote! THEN, out of leftfield comes Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), holding a letter accusing the good judge of being a naughty teenager decades ago. Reportedly, she had this letter for several months but never brought it up or shared it with anyone including her own Democrats on the Judiciary Committee. We know Feinstein, isn't she the senator who had a Chinese spy on her payroll for a number of years? Guess she never heard about the glass house scenario, eh?

Did she wait this long only to cause turmoil and maybe try to stop Kavanaugh from getting confirmed? What do you expect from some Democrats? Using a monkey wrench on the hearings, but failing to own a flashlight on her staff.

### Kavanaugh's Confirmation No Longer a Sure Thing But ...

The latest news over this past weekend is that another woman has reportedly come out of the woodwork to make her accusations against Judge Kavanaugh only makes things worse for Republicans. Things may have gone from bad to worse for this nominee. It now sounds like a "he said, she said, she said" thing.

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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



ROMAN LAW

The early Roman law that we've heard so much about in earlier years is the legal system which was developed about 450 B.C.

When their laws were first arranged into a systematic collection, this collection was known as the "Law of the Twelve Tables" and it set simple rules which were suitable for the community as well as establishing equal treatment for the rich and poor alike. Enactment of these early laws was through assemblies of the common people, but this kind of assembly soon fell out of use because large numbers of persons sitting together in this manner were difficult to oversee and very expensive to bribe. Later, under the Roman Republic, a Praetor or Magistrate decided which cases were fit to be brought before a judge and which were not. The Praetor also exercised other powers of decision regarding civil law. Still later under the emperors, those rulers or their designates made all of the necessary legal decisions which, of course, were irrevocable.

These ancient statutes contained a "Law of Persons" which made distinctions between free-men and slaves. A slave was considered personal property and anything that he acquired, including inheritance, became the property of the master. A



master could not order that a slave be put to death for any reason, however, reasonable chastisement was permitted, and the master was not held liable if a slave died under the lash. Slaves, on the other hand, were not without some protection under the law.

A poorly treated slave could run away from his master and take refuge at a statue of the emperor, thus compelling the master to sell him to someone else. Paternal power was also highly recognized and seemed to give absolute power to a father over his son, including any property that a son might have acquired.

There was also a "Law of Things" which made a distinction between things which could be owned and those things which could not. Temples, tombs, rivers, air, and running water are examples of those things which could not

be owned. Abandoned property, gems found on the seashore, and wild beasts are examples of some of the odd things which could be owned. If a wild beast was found and then escaped, the ownership was lost. A person, who improved another's property believing it to be his own, could refuse to return it unless compensated for the work. If a son was guilty for any wrongdoings, the father could either pay the damages or surrender his son to the injured party.

These are just a few examples of the rules by which people were required to live 2,000 years ago. Living conditions, social attitudes, literacy, and just plain basic survival probably forced the enactment of laws which seem absurd to us today. We should not lose sight of our history of lawmaking since the Declaration of Independence and those "blue laws" which now seem equally ludicrous. Two thousand years from now, people might be writing about their ancestors who were required by law to pay Federal income taxes, State income taxes, Social Security taxes, Real Estate taxes, Sales taxes, Gasoline taxes, etc., etc., etc.

NEXT ISSUE:  
*Pugilatus*

Remembering the Heroes of  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

by Sal Giaratani



L-R: Devon, Ryan, Dave, and Liane Sherman

Every September, folks in East Boston gather together at Piers Park for its annual Memorial Service to remember those who perished and honor our first responders. This year's event was held on Sunday, September 16th on a day that resembled very much Tuesday, September 11, 2001; a late warm summer day, blue skies picture perfect until the first plane hit the first tower. Then things quickly became not good. The events remain in the memory of those who lived through that day forever.

The East Boston Community each year remembers the late Fran Rowan who took the lead with help from Liane Sherman and began this annual event on September 11, 2002 with a small ceremony at Piers Park where it has been held yearly since.

Over the years, this event has grown in size and the number of folks helping to make it happen has grown too. In East Boston folks have not forgotten 9/11 and never will.



YMCA "Touch of Class" Choir



Boston F.D. District Chief Chris Sloan with the Galuris Family: Samantha, Grace, George, Ellen, Dean and Jake. Dean is a Fire Lieutenant at Massport

L-R: Massport P.D. Capt. Jay Gatto, Massport P.D. Officer Luis Valdez and MSP Trooper Alex Fontes



Buddy Mangini admiring the chair of honor in memory of Fran Rowan.




John Ribeiro with Danny Rowan saluting America in style.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENT?

*by Sal Giaratani*

Current events seem not to bode well for how Americans discern confliction over alleged actions. Swirling all around us at the moment is an issue about facts being called into question from over three decades ago.

The subject in question is the fitness of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. From the get-go it was clear that anything they do on Capitol Hill will get drowned in the hyper-partisanship that goes as normal in America 2018.

Things were going along swimmingly (I speak, of course) Nothing goes swimmingly any longer when our politicians are involved. At first it was normal Democrats think Kavanaugh is Public Enemy Number 1 and Republicans who think he is St. Michael the Archangel. Point, counterpoint, on and on and on!

Then a letter shows up accusing Kavanaugh of being a naughty boy back in high school in 1982. It is a charge only but enough to get the Democrats riled up pretty good. One of them even says he has a Spartacus Moment. Turns out he was a Fake Kirk Douglas.

Our public discourse atmosphere has been pretty poisoned lately. No one seems to care about facts but only emotion. Who has an open mind? All the Senators on both sides of the aisle already knew how they were voting before Chairman Grassley gave gaveled the hearings into session.

Here we are late Monday evening, a few days away from the Senate Committee ready to hear both the accuser Christine Blasey Ford and accused Brett Kavanaugh. Then another accuser comes forward. After six vetting's, it is all coming down to a He Said, She Said, Welcome to Circus Town. Even Hollywood writers couldn't come up with this screenplay.

This past Monday, supporters of Ford took part in a National Day of Protest demanding that we should all "Believe Women." Then on the other side, we hear it is a big tado over nothing more than "crazy drunken horseplay." Or it was just the '80s everybody was doing it.

I ask what happened to the presumption of innocence. What happened to attaining the facts before declaring anyone guilty as charged? A society that allows itself to make judges based on emotions and not facts is a nation heading in the wrong direction.

In the end, the Senate Judiciary Committee needs to either chose or not chose Kavanaugh. Or it needs to ask the White House to withdraw its nominee to the Highest Court in the Land. However, it must do its job based on the facts and not on emotion or feelings or political bias. Anything else is a misuse of power and the Senate's role to advise and consent when judging our Judges.

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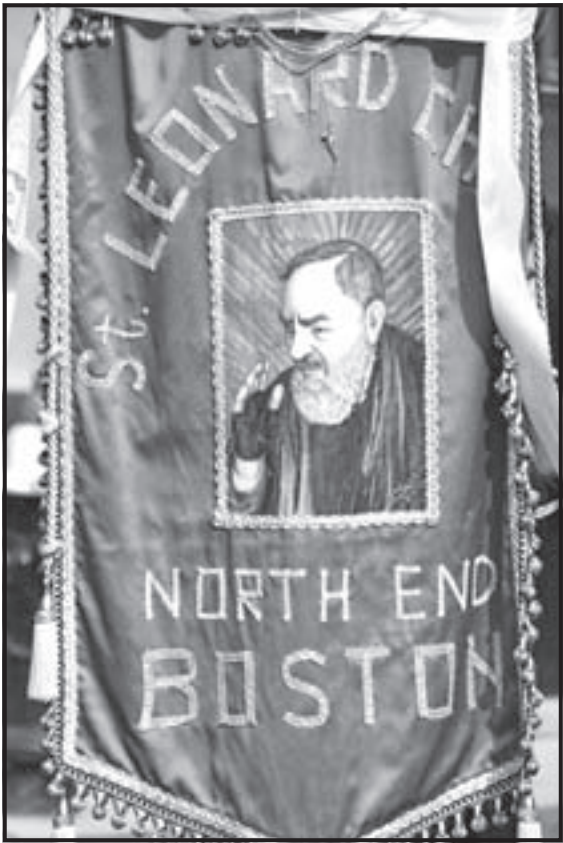
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*Children*

*Sal, Anthony, Maria, Teresa (Tee Tee), Angel, Andrea  
and Grandchildren & Great-Grandson*

### • Padre Pio (Continued from Page 1)



*Anna D'Amore Sirignano  
and  
Natalina Tizzano D'Amore,  
organizers of the  
Padre Pio Celebration  
would like to THANK  
everyone who contributed  
and participated  
to make this celebration  
successful!*

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# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Finding Balance During Michaelmas

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Around this time a couple of years ago, my husband helped me bake a pumpkin bread for a family dinner. The smell of quintessential autumn spices — cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves — mingled together in the air as we stirred pumpkin puree, as bright as any Halloween decoration, into a sweet mix of flour and brown sugar. The recipe yielded a delicious bread, perfectly moist and studded with chocolate chips for extra richness. However, the pungent aroma and seasonal taste are not the only parts of this bread that I remember, as I also cherish the visual memory of making it. My husband and I baked after the sun had disappeared under the horizon and the last dusky light of the evening dissipated. As the kitchen lamp filled our surroundings with a cozy, honeyed glow, the sky outside the window was black and velvety. This combination of fairy-tale darkness outside and the warmth of the kitchen wonderfully captured the essence of fall, a season when the longer night hours beckon us indoors and the slight chill of twilight ushers us into the comfort of home and hearth. As the autumn equinox passes, the balance tips in favor of the night and there are more hours of darkness than light. While some may grumble about this, I find that this darkness helps us quiet down, appreciate the current season, and look forward with hope to the return of the light during the winter solstice. Europeans have long been celebrating a holiday that marks this period of transition — Michaelmas — and it continues to wield inspiration even today.

Michaelmas occurs on September 29<sup>th</sup>, and it is the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel. In his iconography, St. Michael often appears holding scales, and during his feast day the scales are particularly reminiscent of the balance between light and dark that characterizes the period around the autumn equinox. Indeed, Michaelmas celebrations acquired a seasonal quality throughout Europe,

and served as harvest festivals marked by special dishes. Roast goose forms the backbone of the English Michaelmas, where superstition dictates that whoever eats goose on this feast day will enjoy money all year long. Carrots, an autumnal root vegetable, were instead the food of choice among medieval Scots on Michaelmas, along with oat cakes known as bannocks. Italy also abounds with Michaelmas traditions and lore. There, St. Michael's Day, or *la Festa di San Michele l'Arcangelo*, functions as the gateway to fall, a harbinger of colder weather, darker nights, and the start of the school year. Numerous proverbs, left over from the agricultural past, speak to the importance of St. Michael's Day as a seasonal milestone in Italy. The adage "*San Michele, l'uva è come il miele*" means that grapes are as sweet as honey on St. Michael's Day, since the holiday occurs during the time when Italians harvest the ripened grapes from their vineyards. Another dictum states that "*a San Michele, il calore va in cielo*," which when translated literally says that the heat departs for the sky on Michaelmas — in other words, cooler weather begins now. These customs and proverbs remind me that in Italy saints' days are deeply woven into the tapestry of everyday life, imbuing farming and weather with a deeper resonance. They make me think of the small white church dedicated to St. Michael in my father's hometown of Sulmona, a center of community that embodies much of the homey essence of this holiday.

As a seasonal turning point, Michaelmas grants us the opportunity to respect and honor the darkness of autumnal nights. Though I sometimes find the early nighttime of the fall to be spooky, I also appreciate it for the unique insights it affords and its place in the cycle of the year. When shadowy skies summon me indoors, I seize on the chance to develop my hobby of baking, making the most of fall's produce as I stand in my golden,

warm kitchen. As my home brims with the flavors of the season, from tart apples to creamy pumpkins to juicy pears, I am thankful to provide such comfort food to my loved ones. I even have a special Michaelmas recipe — soft and spicy gingersnap cookies, as ginger is connected to the medieval celebrations of this holiday and frequently lined the stalls of harvest fairs that dotted the countryside of olden Europe. The autumnal darkness also instills in me a love of mystery, a longing for the lure of the unexplained and the indelible feeling of telling spooky stories and eerie legends around a crackling fire. How different would Halloween celebrations be without the sense of shivering anticipation and wonder of the unknown that accompany long, dark nights! Finally, the dim fall evenings give me a renewed appreciation for the light. I relish every bit of autumn sunshine, particularly at day's close, when the last gilded rays of sun shine through the colorful leaves, crafting them into a kaleidoscope of fiery hues. This desire for light breaking through the darkness forms the symbolic backbone of upcoming winter holidays that feature candles or honor the rebirth of the sun, such as Advent, St. Lucy's Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve. Michaelmas, therefore, taps into a primordial desire in the human consciousness as it expresses the simultaneous need for darkness and hope for a shining future.

Autumn provides us with a whole calendar of celebrations as well as lovely images to mark the season. Bright red and orange leaves swirl down from treetops like celestial feathers, carpeting the ground in a mosaic of multihued patterns. The harvest of crops like apples and pumpkins not only remind us of the Earth's abundant bounty, but also inspire people to joyfully express gratitude in the forms of fairs and apple-picking excursions. However, while we are often quick to revel in the pleasures of foliage and pumpkin patches, we often treat dark autumn nights with disdain. A new perspective will let us see the many benefits the short days of fall have to offer. This darkness encourages us to seek the company of family and friends, to spend time developing our interests, and to reflect on the things for which we are the most grateful. It opens our eyes to the mysteries of the world. Moreover, it shows us to appreciate the light, which we often take for granted. The holiday of Michaelmas reflects this balance between light and dark and, through its myriad symbolic connotations in Italy and elsewhere, teaches us that both are necessary components of the year's enduring journey. So let us take these lessons of Michaelmas to heart, and find peace in the darkness as we yearn for the light.

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### Kavanaugh-Ford Supreme Showdown?

I have been following closely the Judge Brett Kavanaugh-Professor Christine Blasey Ford media circus that developed shortly after all the testimony in the Confirmation Hearings on Judge Kavanaugh for a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court. It seemed like the usual stuff with all Democrats opposed to him and all Republicans with him. That is what goes these days in hyper-partisan Washington, D.C.

The Fake News Media obviously is siding with the Democrats. What else is new there? However, along comes Professor Christine Blasey Ford who is now accusing Kavanaugh of attempted rape back in, she believes, 1982, when she was 15 years old and he 17. Immediately, the Fake Media goes into attack mode believing Ford because they presume she would not lie. Then the Fakers on cable news bring on guests who pontificate that Ford's story is credible. For me I presume nothing, especially a presumption based on political bias.

I will not presume anything. The charges to me are neither credible nor dubious. I am also not that concerned with the time lapse since the alleged incident took place either. I want to hear from her and him. I want to listen intensively to both of them.

Should the FBI re-open its background check? I think that would be a wise thing for Grassley and the GOP to do. In the end, sadly in today's hostile political world everything seems based on optics. Those taking sides with the professor seem to think that another FBI background check will solve everything, when almost everyone in Washington has already chosen sides. Let the FBI re-interview Kavanaugh; let them interview Professor Ford. Let them interview this guy named Mark Judge. Let them interview the two folks her lawyers have suggested can add credence to the accusation. In the end, again, it will all come down to sadly HE SAID, SHE SAID.

Personally, after having

worked in the mental health field for four decades as a mental health counselor and police officer, I do not presume that Ford is lying as many of her critics have charged, or that she brought this story forward to get Kavanaugh.

What does concern me, is the fact that this alleged 1982 event reportedly was not divulged until 2012, when she brought it up in therapy. I do know that incidents of great trauma can be denied in someone's head to protect themselves. I am not surprised at the time lapse either, or the fact her memory of that evening is still blurry, except the alleged attack. However, there still is a presumption of innocence until the facts bear witness to an actuality. That has not been reached.

I do not think Ford is lying. Her memory is her memory. That is why she passed a polygraph test. However, if the incident happened is something else altogether.

All the interviews done by the FBI of these other folks, and all the questioning of them by the Senate panel don't even add up to a hill of beans. Everything will fall on the credibility of both folks when questioned by members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

On Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, I will be watching the U.S. Senate hearings as I did back in 1991. I still have an open mind. I will not make the same mistake I made back in 1991, when I presumed Clarence Thomas innocent based on our similar views on constitutional law. I now believe that Anita F. Hill was being fully truthful in her testimony. I was in error then for taking sides based on political bias. I will try to avoid doing the same thing twice. I will forever wonder about where I stood in that 1991 debate. This is a cloud that I am sure Kavanaugh does not want hanging over his head forever.

It is time to set aside political bluster and just search for the truth wherever it leads us. In the end, I hope we all get it right this time.

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# Pet News

## from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

### Outdoor Activities for Dogs to “Dig” into this Fall!

When the leaves change and the weather cools, outdoor activities for dogs jump into season. Rather than sit inside and play with the same old toys, you and your dog can dig into these fun (and inexpensive) activities that take you on new adventures.

**Skip off to State a Park:** Many State parks offer great hiking trails to enjoy with your dog. First, be sure to pack a small backpack to store water for you and your dog, as well as a leash and a collapsible water bowl for your pup. Secondly, leave some old towels in your car, since some state parks have swimming areas for dogs. Next, be sure to check your state’s park and recreation website for restrictions and guidelines as well as hiking maps. Finally, when going hiking, make sure your dog is up to date on all vaccines and always check for ticks after your adventure in the woods.

**Hunt for Leaves:** Whether you’re in the backyard, or at the local park, piling up leaves can be fun for you and your dog. Hide balls or other toys in the pile and encourage your dog to find them. For small dogs, you can gather up leaves and put in an empty baby pool on your porch for them to enjoy. Just be careful to make sure only leaves make it into the pile. Sharp sticks may lead to some painful pokes.

**Pumpkin Patches and Hay Rides:** There is no doubt that fall is often signaled by the appearance of pumpkins throughout the land, and one of the biggest fall treats is to go and search for your own pump-

kin. Because most of these pumpkin patches are outdoors, dogs are often allowed to accompany you, but it might be worth checking with the farm ahead of time to be sure. He’ll enjoy the exercise and excitement of the large orange balls while you search for the perfect ones for your family.

**Hay Rides:** Are also a fun treat for the family as you ride through farm fields and mazes in a trailer pulled by a truck or tractor. Your dog will love all the scents and sights while touring around the farm. The cool air in his face will also be a treat. Just be sure to keep him on a leash so he doesn’t get any ideas of chasing after any wildlife or farm animals on the way.

**Craft Matching Costumes:** Fall is the perfect time to shop for (or even craft your own) matching outfits for you and your furry best friend. Once you have the perfect costumes, go trick-or-treating together or greet trick-or-treaters at your house with your fashionable outfits. Just make sure to keep the candy away from your pooch as it can be harmful to his health.

**Dig for Adventure:** Fall is a great time to visit a beach or lake since the peak season is over and fewer people are around. Let your dog dig in the sand and splash in the water. The beach or an open grassy area is also a great place to play fetch. Since toys may easily get lost outdoors, why not make your own inexpensive toy to take with you? All you need is a tennis ball, an old t-shirt, a large rubber band, and scissors. Cut the neck and sleeves off the shirt and then cut one of

the side seams to give you one long rectangular piece of fabric. Place the tennis ball inside the fabric and secure with a rubber band wrapped around the fabric. Next, cut the remaining fabric into strips but stop cutting about a half inch before you get to the rubber band. Then, take your strips and braid them. Finally, knot off the end of your braids. You now have a tug-and-throw toy that you can play with at the beach or lake that can also be thrown in the washing machine if it gets dirty. One last note about visiting areas with large bodies of water; consider outfitting your pet with a life jacket.

**Start a New Routine:** Use the fall months to set your pet on the road to health. It’s cooler and more comfortable than the height of summer for outdoor activities for dogs, so it’s the perfect time to start a new exercise routine. With the right nutrition and a brisk walk every day, your dog can get to a healthy weight before Thanksgiving. Just because we, as humans, might put on a few extra pounds around the holidays, doesn’t mean your dog has to as well. Who knows, helping him exercise might be just what you need to keep yourself motivated too.

Fall is the perfect time of year to be active with your dog and create fun memories together. While you’re out and about, be sure to capture your moments and share with others to hopefully encourage them to be active with their dogs, too!

Enjoy your life with your pet. It’s all about “Unconditional Love.”

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Feast Day Celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi



A Service will be held on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12 noon in celebration of the Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi at Saint Leonard’s Church on Hanover Street, North End.

A Feast Day Celebration Mass of Saint Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Franciscan Order and Patron of animals will be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12:05 at St. Leonard Church, Hanover Street, North End.

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The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on Route 99 in the area of the Alford Street Bridge in Boston beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and continuing 24/7 through April 30, 2019. This lane closure will allow crews to safely and effectively conduct bridge deck replacement operations.

The Alford Street Bridge is a City of Boston owned structure that carries traffic on Route 99 over the Mystic River. This work period has been selected with input from key stakehold-

ers including the United States Coast Guard. The Mystic River channel must be closed to marine traffic during bridge deck replacement operations, and marine traffic volumes are lowest during this time frame.

As always, work will be conducted in ways that help minimize the impact on the local community and traveling public. MassDOT encourages the public to be mindful of these traffic impacts. Those traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution. The schedule for this work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

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

Download MassDOT’s Go-Time mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

## Nazzaro Community Center Small Fry Basketball

The Nazzaro Community Center Small Fry Basketball is back for another great season. The 2018-2019 season will begin Saturday, November 10, 2018.

The age groups will play on the following days:

**Ages 5/6** (instructional) scheduled for Saturday mornings from 10:00 am-11:00 am.

**Ages 7-9** (junior varsity) scheduled for Saturday afternoons from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm.

**Ages 10-12** (varsity) sched-

uled for Saturday afternoons from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

**Ages 13-16** scheduled for Thursday evenings 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Registration starts on Monday, October 1, 2018. Feel free to stop by any time before that to pick up an application at the Nazzaro Center front desk. The Registration fee for basketball is \$25. There is also a \$5 discount for each sibling. (Check or Money Order Only – No Cash).

If you have any question, please feel free to contact Assistant Athletic Director Manny Montrond at 617-635-5166 or email [manuel.montrond@boston.gov](mailto:manuel.montrond@boston.gov).

Let’s make this season one to remember.

We are also looking for volunteers to coach the teams. If you are interested in coaching please let me know. All coaches/volunteers must complete a CORI check. No Exceptions.

## Annual West Ender Mass

Join Father Joe White and the St. Joseph Parish on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Annual West Ender Mass beginning at 4:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, 68 William Cardinal O’Connell Way, Boston, MA. Celebrate our West End Culture, much of this year’s Mass will be in Italian. Visit with neighbors and reminisce. Reception and buffet following Mass in the Church Hall. FREE donations appreciated. Validated parking in the Charles River Park underground parking facility next to Au Bon Pain on Cambridge Street. Bring parking ticket to Mass. RSVP to 617-523-4342 or email [office@stjosephboston.com](mailto:office@stjosephboston.com) ASAP.

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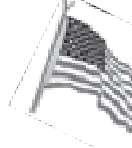

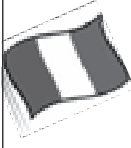
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• Feast of San Gennaro (Continued from Page 1)

three nights of outdoor dining and entertainment including The Midtown Men, Sal “The Voice” Valentinetti, the New York Bee Gees, Tenor Giovanni Formisano and local favorites Vanessa Salvucci and Vinyl Groove.

Authentic pizza ovens were brought in as restaurants and food vendors served up classic Italian feast food of pizza, sausages, meatballs, pasta and cannoli. Major sponsors for this year’s event were regional casinos (including the soon to open, Encore Boston Harbor in Everett), area restaurants and businesses. On Sunday, a traditional procession was held through the streets of the North End followed by a Mass at St. Leonard Church.

The inaugural effort was organized by the Saint Gennaro Foundation Boston, a 501(c)3 non-profit, established by Frank DePasquale, Nick Varano and Pasquale Trotta. Organizers of

this non-profit organization said proceeds will be used for autistic children charities, assisting parents and needy families with temporary housing, meals, and transport assistance to hospital services in Boston.

San Gennaro is the patron saint of Naples and his feast day is September 19<sup>th</sup>. Separate from the Boston festival, the famous New York San Gennaro feast started on Mulberry Street in 1926. Boston organizers said they are confident that the San Gennaro Feast will return to the North End for its second run next year.

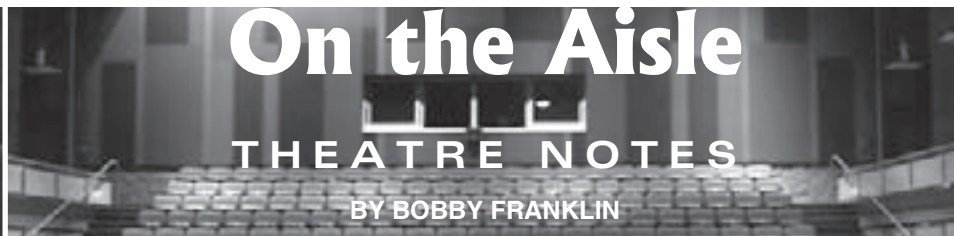
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the U.S. premiere of Dead Centre's of *Hamnet* now playing at the Emerson Paramount Centre in Boston is a powerful 60 minutes of theatre. The multi media production brings us into the world, past and present, of Shakespeare's only son Hamnet who died at the age of 11. The work is an original and very interesting look at the relationship between a father and son, and the effect that relationship, or lack of, has on the mind of a young man.

I say past and present as the ghost of Hamnet fills the theater in what could be seen as a mix of *Hamlet* and *Waiting For Godot*. Ollie West plays the title character who brings us into his world as he deals with the struggle to understand his relationship, or lack of, with his famous father whom he barely knew. Young West is first seen live with a knapsack projected onto a large screen as he makes his way from the audience onto the stage. That screen and the projections on it will be used to incredible effect throughout there performance.

We learn right off this isn't going to be a historical work, but instead a metaphysical exploration. While bouncing a ball off the screen Hamnet tries to explain, with the use of Google, the theory of quantum



## A BOY NAMED HAMNET HAMNET

Arts Emerson through October 7<sup>th</sup>

Emerson Paramount Center Boston [artsemerson.org](http://artsemerson.org)



Ollie West  
(Photo by Gianmarco Bresaola)

tunneling. He admits he has no idea what it means but assure us if his father were there he

would know.

What's in a name? A lot when your father is William

Shakespeare. But it is not the name Shakespeare that troubles him. Hamnet is aware that his name today is most often seen as a typo, and he is trying to measure his self worth. Hamnet has many questions and turns to the audience and Google for answers. But as Vladimir and Estragon find in *Godot*, often times there simply are no answers.

"Why would anyone chose not to be?" is one of those questions, and in the remarkable scene where he gets to face his father he asks that, and many other questions. The scene is done with the senior Shakespeare appearing on the screen with his son. Hamnet is seen both on the screen as well as on the stage itself at the same time. Shakespeare

is only with him on the screen throughout most of this time; it gives a touch of Banquo's ghost. I'm not sure how all of this was done, but it is amazing to watch. The fact that there is a bit of the handy dandy to it does not diminish how powerful the dialog between father and son is. Whether you see the work of Shakespeare in this conversation, or Beckett, or even Bart Simpson, you will be touched by it. Can fathers and sons ever understand each other? Here, they do try, but it is emotional and awkward for them.

Using the relationship between Hamnet and Will Shakespeare to explore so many questions does not limit us to just these two people. It speaks to all of us, and it will leave you with more questions than answers, but also with more understanding.

Ollie West, who is simply outstanding as Hamnet, will be replaced by Aran Murphy midway through this run. I highly recommend you take in this amazing production. I would even go as far as saying it would be worth seeing a second time when the cast change is made.

Emerson Paramount Center is located at 559 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111.

For more information go to [www.artsemerson.org](http://www.artsemerson.org).

## BETWEEN RIVERSIDE AND CRAZY

### Life as Poker Game

Now through October 13<sup>th</sup>

Walter "Pops" Washington (Tyrees Allen) is a former N.Y. City police officer who is living in a rent controlled apartment. He is no longer on the force because he was shot six times by a rookie cop. The shooting took place at an after hours bar when Pops was off duty. Pops is black; the cop who shot him is white.

*Between Riverside and Crazy* by Stephen Guigis does not fit into a narrative of racist white cop shooting a black man. It gets much more complicated as the story moves along. Pops is sharing his apartment with his son Junior (Stewart Evan Smith), an ex con who is trying to turn his life around, though it appears he may still be a bit stuck in his old ways. Along with Junior is his girlfriend Lulu (Octavia Chavez-Richmond), who is pregnant and might be working as a prostitute, and Oswaldo (Alejandro Simoes), a friend of Junior's who has been doing his best to stay clean and sober.

While the relationship between Junior and Pops is strained, Oswaldo appears to understand the cantankerous Pops and the opening dialog between the two is both funny and revealing. The elder Washington displays a degree of bitterness as he spends most of his days sipping whiskey. He is not only angry about having been shot, but also over the loss of his wife who died after a long illness. He spends time sitting in her wheelchair.

He filed a law suit against the city eight years earlier He is seeking \$5 million dollars in damages, but the city has not settled because of the circumstances of the shooting, which we learn more about as the play progresses. He is also receiving eviction notices.

As I said, this is not a play about police shootings. It is about how people play the game and play a bit fast with the truth to get what they want. While at times it seems underhanded, everything done here is not over the top.

It is also a play about relationships. Pops finds it difficult to show affection to Junior, while he is such more comfortable getting closer to Oswaldo and Lulu, both of whom he shows much empathy to.

Pops former partner Detective O'Connor (Maureen Keiller) and a Lieutenant Caro (Lewis D. Miller) visit Pops for dinner one evening. It doesn't take long to realize there is an ulterior motive for the meeting as Caro attempts to get Pops to agree to a deal with the city. The smarmy Caro, the smarminess is overplayed here, is not so much looking out for Pops as he is advancing his own career by helping the city put this lawsuit behind them. Pops, as well as the audience, quickly see through this game.

There are a number of other stories playing around all of this including Junior's relationship with Lulu as well as how he seeks to receive words of affection from Pops. Oswaldo's own issues with his father and his set back with staying clean. All are interesting, but I found a depth lacking in the way these stories are portrayed. While good, I thought there was so much to work with here that was left not fully developed.

There are two scenes where things seemed to really catch fire. When tempers flare between Pops and Caro over settling the lawsuit, it appears things are really going to get moving. It is a powerful scene, but the action fades shortly



Celeste Oliva and Tyrees Allen  
(Photo by Nile Scott Studios)

after. It does regain steam later, but it felt to me like momentum was lost.

The other scene is when the Brazilian Church Lady (Celeste Oliva) comes to visit Pops. She is filling in for another caregiver, and like many of the characters in the play, is looking to get something for herself. It is quite the performance. Both steamy and funny, Ms. Oliva plays it outstandingly. It's a scene you will not forget.

Towards the end of the play Pops finds out Lieutenant Caro likes to play poker, and this is when we see how much of what is going on is like a giant poker game, with each player looking at his cards and seeing just how much he can bluff.

The play ends on an interesting note as the characters are pretty much revealed and while we may be tempted to judge some, if not all of them, harshly,

just think about how you may have acted if you were in any of their positions.

Yes, I think this play could have been better, but it is definitely worth seeing. Tyrees Allen's portrayal of Pops is a pleasure to watch. His humor, his anger, his human weaknesses, and his quest to find what he considers justice is well served in the hands of Mr. Tyrees, who does a wonderful job in the role. You'll feel much the way Junior does when watching. He will aggravate you, frustrate you, but you won't be

able to resist liking him.

I would also like to say that Alejandro Simoes is touching as Oswaldo. It is heartbreaking to see how bad things engulf good people. You will be rooting for him to make it and overcome the demons in his life. People make bad choices, but that doesn't mean they are bad people. Simoes Oswaldo shows us that.

I would recommend not approaching this play as a commentary on the ills of society, but rather to look at it through more personal lens. I believe in doing so, you will develop a more sympathetic view of people who play life's poker game while keeping a few cards up their sleeves.

Just a note for those considering taking children to this play, it has much adult language and situations.

*Between Riverside and Crazy*  
By Stephen Adly Gurgis

Directed by Tiffany Nichole Greene

The SpeakEasy Stage Company, Calderwood Pavillon, 527 Tremont Street, South End, Boston.

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*Ben 10* follows the story of ten-year-old Ben Tennyson, who, on a seemingly endless summer vacation with his Grandpa Max and Cousin Gwen, discovers an alien watch, the Omnitrix. This amazing device gives Ben the ability to transform into any one of ten spectacular and powerful aliens. Throughout the series, Ben, Gwen, and Max travel the country in their motor home, affectionately known as the Rust Bucket, seeing the sights, stumbling into adventures and beating down would-be villain while generally having a blast.

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It's never politics as usual for Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord. In Season 4 of *Madam Secretary*, McCord faces everything from international issues to personal upheavals. Whether she's being accused of murdering a foreign diplomat, trying to contain a smallpox outbreak, or sending her daughter off to college, there's no crisis she can't handle. Her husband, CIA Agent Henry McCord, stirs controversy by recruiting a former member of the Russian military to work for the Agency. She continues to advise President Conrad Dalton, even as she goes toe-to-toe with White House Chief of Staff Russell Jackson. Navigating the complicated twists and turns of the D.C. machine gets even more challenging when loyal State Department insider Nadine Tolliver decides to retire. But Elizabeth's team only gets stronger with the addition of brilliant political strategist Kat Sandoval. Faced with the threats of the world, *Madam Secretary* continues to be a global force. 22 episodes in this riveting, politically relevant 6-disc set.

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In *Occupation*, a town is suddenly plunged into darkness. In the sky, a fleet of spaceships appears. The aliens have been watching Earth for centuries; and now they have arrived to seize control of our planet. As alien storm troopers cut a deadly swath through the countryside, a ragtag group of townspeople realizes they must band together for a chance to strike back at the invaders in this explosive sci-fi film that's gripping from start to thrilling finish.

**ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME IN CONCERT: ENCORE (2-Blu-ray) / Time Life**

Each year, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame honors rock music's pioneering figures during a prestigious black-tie ceremony. As the Hall of Fame enters its third decade, it's these singular induction ceremonies — featuring the biggest names in classic rock from the '60s, '70s, and '80s that have become nearly as epic as the artists they celebrate. This double Blu-ray disc set features poignant reunions, moving and often hilarious induction speeches, and 44-iconic performances from the likes of, Genesis, The Stooges, The Hollies, Tom Waits, Dr. John, Leon Russell, Darlene Love, Freddie King, Donovan, Small Faces/Faces, Heart, rare artist collaborations and more!

**SCARLET DIVA (Blu-ray) / Film Movement**

In her stunning, semi-autobiographical directorial feature debut, Asia Argento plays Anna Battista, a rising young actress who, despite her popularity and success, experiences despair and degradation at the hands of an abusive industry. Her harrowing journey towards redemption leads her on a sordid spree of excesses across American and Europe while trying to recapture her innocence and find true love. *Scarlet Diva* is a "full-throated rage against the international filmmaking machine."

**BORIS KARLOFF COLLECTION (DVD)**  
**MVDvisual + VCI Ent.**

Horror fans can celebrate the release of MVD + VCI's release of a compilation of four rare films, starring the master of horror, Boris Karloff. Two of the releases are from 1968: *Dance of Death*, in which a toy maker imbues his toys with murderous intentions, and *Torture Zone*, where young girls are abducted and sacrificed to keep a living rock alive. Two later films from 1971 include, *Alien Terror* involves an alien pilot who attempts to destroy a powerful ray from Earth, and *Cult of the Dead* where an evil scientist runs an army of LSD crazed zombies.

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

**GET OUT OF TOWN CARD?**

According to a *Boston Herald* report, a mid-level employee at B.H.A. (Boston Housing Authority) reportedly sent out a flier aimed to Section 8 B.H.A. residents touting a new pilot program apparently encouraging tenants to leave the City of Boston for better public schools outside the city.

I have to agree with Bill McGonagle, B.H.A. Administrator who said the flier was "an insult to the residents of Boston and to every neighborhood in this city. It blew my mind."

I agree with McGonagle. The flier painted a horrible view of the City of Boston as a seemingly dying and dangerous city. This new pilot program was designed for B.H.A. residents wishing to move out of the city and facing some kind of alleged discrimination out beyond our borders. It was not designed to encourage folks to flee the city.

**EASTIE COALITION VIGIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Eastie Coalition (East Boston Alliance for Support, Treatment, Intervention, and Education) along with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center will be holding its first annual Community Vigil: Remembering those Lost to Overdose, on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Piers Park.

"This vigil is about remembering people who have succumbed to this disease. We hope it helps people find comfort," Joanna Cataldo, Eastie Coalition Coordinator. For more information go to [cataldoj@ebnhc.org](mailto:cataldoj@ebnhc.org) or call 617-568-6492.

**EXPERTS SUPPORT**  
**SAFE INJECTION SITES?**

Apparently, the experts are now pushing for safe injection sites for drug addicts to do drugs with a safety net close by. I do not support this idea. I find it a cop out! Medical experts now think the state should set up a pilot program that would access the risks and benefits of doing so. Even some law enforcement folks like the idea too. Of course they already have a name for this safe injection sites, they are calling them "drug consumption rooms."

Opioid addiction will not be solved by giving permission to folks to shoot up in "safe" environments. It will be solved through education and assistance, helping folks get off drugs. No one says that's easy but it is the hard truth. Giving permission to someone to shoot up is waving the flag of surrender by both the so-called experts and drug addicts.

**SOUTH BOSTON**  
**ARTS ASSOCIATION**

The next meeting of the South Boston Arts Association will take place on Saturday morning, October 6<sup>th</sup>. For further information go to [www.southbostonartsassoc.org](http://www.southbostonartsassoc.org).

**DIRECT FROM**  
**CONNEMARA: CILLIN**

Don't forget Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury. It is time for the Sean Folan TV Show Dance and Tom Clifford's IRELAND ON THE MOVE annual dance. For more information, call Sean at 857-719-6979.



**East Boston Peace March leaving District A-7 on a walk through the Jeffries Point neighborhood**

**HEADING TO TEXAS SOON**

I will be taking my annual Texas vacation soon. I love Austin and can't wait to fly out of Logan for there. Autumn in Texas is beautiful. Morning temperatures are in the mid-Forties and afternoons are from 65 to 70 degrees; perfect if you ask me. They get maybe a trace of snow every year but don't need any shovels.

I was laughing recently when I heard all the social warriors down there now want the City of Austin to change its name since the City had historic ties to the Confederacy and it was pro-slavery. Some on the City Council are being pushed to rename streets, parks, and the city itself.

The Multicultural History Deniers can't stop being stupid. We should be learning from history and past ways rather than denying anything bad ever happened.

**CRUISIN' THROUGH**  
**THE DECADES**

Save the date, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and celebrate 100 years of East Boston Social Centers with a nostalgic look of the past ten decades of service by this organization. This year's event will honor alum and community leader Robert Lewis Jr. Emcee this year for the event will be Cheryl Fiandaca. It will be held at Suffolk Downs. For more information, please call Marisa DiPietro at 617-650-3442, or email [mdipietro@ebsoc.org](mailto:mdipietro@ebsoc.org).

**WHO CAN AFFORD THIS?**

As I recently read a South Shore newspaper, I came upon an ad for a brand-new townhouse apartment that could be mine, yours, or Mr. Drysdale from the *Beverly Hillbillies* for only \$2,950! Hey, it's minutes from the highway, supermarkets, and Red Line. The ad says this rental "WILL NOT last ... Contact ... ASAP."

**KIWANIS PRESENTS**  
**JIM PLUCKETT MUSIC**

The Roslindale-West Roxbury Kiwanis Club will be hosting JIM PLUNKETT at Victory Grill over in Dedham next to Legacy Place. Tickets available at the door, or go to [kelly.wheaton@rocklandtrust.com](mailto:kelly.wheaton@rocklandtrust.com)

**FREE COFFEE, OLD BUS**



**A 1949 Flexible Bus was quite popular back in the day.**

Two weeks ago while parking at the Bunker Hill Mall, I noticed a large crowd gathering around

this neat old bus. As I got closer to this sight I noticed it was a coffee truck and two folks were filling up free cups of coffee for anyone who asked for one.

When was the last time you heard of anyone handing out free cups of coffee? Well, it turns out that Allegro Coffee was running a promotion that day. Inside Starbucks and at all its stores you can now buy Allegro Coffee. I tested the Ethiopian coffee and it wasn't bad at all. Those two Allegro folks were kept busy for the three hours handing out their special brew.

**HOMELESS GETS**  
**FREE HAIRCUTS AT**  
**SOUP KITCHEN**



**The Barber Chair is back. Here is Francis from Happy Barbershop cutting the hair of a guest at the soup kitchen.**

Once again thanks to Happy Barber Shop on Meridian Street, folks dining on Tuesdays at the East Boston Soup Kitchen are now able to get a free haircut with dinner. WHAT A DEAL, HUH?

**IF IT'S THURSDAY**  
**THEY'RE MARCHING FOR**  
**PEACE HERE**



**District A-7 Capt. Kelley J. McCormick with Rev. John Connolly, BPD Chaplain**

Over in the East Boston community for the last three years, folks have marched for peace every Thursday evening in the summertime. This year has been especially quiet which is the whole purpose of these weekly gatherings.


Watching this march, one can see just how community policing actually works. Marchers always include community leaders, ordinary folk and members of the Boston Police Department. Neighborhood peace is a partnership between the community and the police. Together, we make our neighborhoods safe for all.



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was the end of September, 1956, and I was a 17-year-old freshman at Boston State College. It was the first day and a fellow English High graduate, Bob Pesce, picked me up and we headed to the college which used to be at the intersection of Huntington and Longwood Avenues. The college, which was sold to the state by the City of Boston, went from being called Boston Teacher's College to Boston State College. Bob and I had been selected to be members of the freshman class majoring in Industrial Arts. We wanted to be the future shop teachers in the Boston schools.

Before I left the house, Staff Sergeant Babbononno had to inspect my appearance from my hair down to my suit and tie and the spit shine on my shoes. When he thought I looked presentable, I headed down the three flights of stairs to the street and into Bob's waiting car. We weren't sure what to expect on that first day and discussed our curiosities as he drove west on Storrow Drive toward the Fenway section of Boston. When we entered the lobby of the college, we were directed to an assembly hall and joined up with a couple of other people that we had known from Boston English High.

Not long after we were assembled, one of the deans climbed the steps to the stage and called us to attention. He gave the call letters and numbers each of us would have to respond to depending on what we were majoring in. Seeing this assembly was for freshmen only, the letter we had to remember was "F." The dean called names followed by things like F1, English majors, F2 Math majors, F3 History majors ... when he got to us, he called, "F20, industrial arts majors."

Following instructions, Bob and I headed to a classroom to be registered with all of the other boys and men slated to study industrial arts. There were 42 of us who sat in the room we were assigned to. A Mr. Thornton introduced himself as a new teacher who had just arrived from the mid west. He then began calling the names of the students on his list. Coming from the mid-west, the most difficult names he probably had to pronounce were Smith, Jones, Brown or Johnson. Much to his chagrin, the first four names on our list were Gaetano Abruzzese, John Christoforo, Paul Ciccarelli and Renato Civili. Of course, he butchered them. There were three other Italian surnames on the list that he killed: DePaoli, La Bollita and that of my friend, Pesce.

Well, we were told to fill out schedule cards and all types of paperwork that registered us as incoming freshmen. Being industrial arts majors and considering the point in time we attended college, our assembly of students was all male. Pesce and I looked around at our future fellow classmates. Some looked quite older than we were, but there were several

who looked green behind the ears and we knew that they were recent high school graduates just like the two of us. We discovered a bit later when we had a break, that the older looking of the crowd were actually veterans who were taking advantage of the GI Bill before it ran out for Korean War vets. We kids were 17 or 18, but the vet's ages ranged from their late 20s to mid 30s.

We discusses our forth-coming schedules which includes all of the academic subjects the rest of the freshmen were given, plus all of our shop subjects which we were told would take place at our shop school, the Parkman School for Teachers of Mechanic Arts. We also found out that the shop school was located on Broadway in South Boston and we were to commute there one and a half days per week. What we didn't know was that the school was built when Lincoln was president and that it had been condemned a few times, but was still in operation as a training facility for shop teachers.

A day or two later we began attending Boston State, taking our first academic courses on campus and then heading to South Boston to check out the shops as our schedules indicated.

We were greeted by four men, Mr. Staebner, the director, Mr. Hartnett, who would teach us machine shop, printing and graphic arts, Mr. Walker who would teach us sheet metal and electricity, and Mr. Ventura who specialized in woodworking and drafting. They gave us the rundown as to which of us would be taking what course at what points in time and described the shop courses. When I returned home, Babbononno wanted to know what the wood shop looked like and what I learned. I told him we hadn't started yet and he reminded me that he had taught me how to use hand tools and that I shouldn't have any trouble making things. I assured him that what he taught me would be applied to whatever they gave me as projects and he felt relaxed. When Dad came home and Mom had dinner on the table, I had to tell them what my academic studies would be like and they were pleased. The following day, we were in full swing as college freshmen, all 42 of us.

That first year I saw several of my classmates drop out. Most of them who did were the veterans, with only a couple being in my age bracket. By the end of our sophomore or second year, we were down to 21, and for the last two years, we remained at that number and called ourselves, "Club 21." When we graduated, I looked into teaching in Boston, took the necessary exams to comply with the rules, but knew that I would wind up on a waiting list. With veteran's preference and disabled veteran's preference in place, I knew I didn't stand a chance regardless of my high scores on the exams I had taken. I was right and

applied to several cities and towns around the eastern part of Massachusetts. One of my class mates, Paul Ciccarelli, and I accepted jobs at Tewksbury High School, he in the wood shop and me in a drafting room, and there we stayed for a year.

At the end of that first year, I met with the administration to discuss a better contract for my second year. They promised me everything I asked for and we shook hands. I was still a little wet behind the ears, and when I started the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the same school, everything they promised me was forgotten about, and I didn't have anything in writing, my fault for being naïve. I started that second year very upset with the school administrators, but more upset with myself, a former street kid from East Boston. I should have known better. But, as luck would have it, two weeks later, I received a call from the director of the Vocational Ed. and Industrial Arts Department of the Boston schools, telling me that he had a job for me. I gave a two week notice to the Tewksbury School Department, and was gracious enough to supply my own replacement, a fellow classmate who didn't have a job. I then returned to my own city, Boston, and stayed with the school department for the next 43 years.

Unfortunately, I've lost touch with most of my classmates. It is now 58 years later and all but two of us are retired. Attempts to get all 21 of us together for a reunion never happened, and many of those vets and a few of the guys my age are gone. The last time we had a reunion, about 8 classmates showed up. Since then, several more have left us and a couple don't get around much anymore.

I guess I'm one of the lucky ones and don't have any complaints (no one listens anyway), so I will close as usual with, "May GOD BLESS AMERICA."

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU17P0773EA

In the Matter of  
SIOBHAN SPILLANE WING  
Date of Death February 16, 2017

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

To all interested persons:  
A petition has been filed by Frederick K. Wing of Hyde Park, MA requesting allowance of the First and Final account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m on October 18, 2018.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 17, 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
Run date: 9/28/18

## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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LINGUINE WITH CLAMS IN BIANCO  
in White Sauce

- 2 dozen freshly steamed  
littleneck clams\*

4 or 5 garlic cloves chopped

¼ cup of olive, canola oil,  
or a mixture of both
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
(preferable fresh)

Romano or Parmesan grated  
cheese

1 pound linguine

**\*OPTIONAL:** In place of freshly steamed clams, use two cans of chopped or minced clams and two bottles of clam juice available in supermarkets.

**To steam clams:** Wash clam shells thoroughly several times. Add about one quarter of an inch of water to saucepan and place on burner to heat. Then add clams. Cover and allow steaming until the clamshells open. Remove saucepan from burner. Remove clams from shells and set aside. Save the broth.

**White sauce preparation:** Skin and chop garlic cloves. Heat oil slightly in two-quart saucepan over medium heat before adding chopped garlic. Simmer slowly. Do not brown garlic. Remove pan from burner for a few seconds before adding parsley and clam broth from steamed clams. Return to burner and bring to a boil. Add clams, chopped or whole. When mixture comes to a boil, turn off burner. Cover and let stand.

Follow directions on package for cooking linguine or pasta as desired. After draining cooked pasta in colander, place in serving bowl. Pour clam broth from saucepan over linguine. Top each serving with one or more tablespoons of clams. Serve with preferred grated cheese.

Serves four.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI18P3593PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR  
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER  
PURSUANT TO  
G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of  
ROBERT HOLLAND  
of Ayer, MA

RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Apple Valley Center of Ayer, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Robert Holland is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

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

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 October 17, 2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 19, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 9/28/18

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI18C0745CA

In the Matter of  
ROBERTA ANN GILDAWIE

CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Roberta Ann Gildawie of Natick, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Robbin Ann Gildawie.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 24, 2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: September 24, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 9/28/18

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI18P4708EA

Estate of  
DOROTHY M. ELLIOTT  
Also Known As  
DOROTHY M. LANDRY

Date of Death August 11, 2018

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Scott E. Landry of Walpole, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Scott E. Landry of Walpole, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 9/28/18

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## Ode to Fall

It hit me today, so poignantly I had to break from my current series and pay homage to one of the most magical seasons of the year, especially if you happen to be a New Englander. Summer’s heat lasted longer than usual this year and I am not complaining. But this delayed the change in leaves and growth of crops. And yet, this weekend we made our annual trip to Tougas Family Farm in Northborough somewhat early. The apples, mostly the Macintoshes and the Galas were ready, as were the cider donuts and pumpkins in the patch where my nephew loves to run through.

I always mourn the end of summer, but no other season is as packed with traditions as autumn.

Our trip to the apple farm is the gateway to fall and all it brings. We have plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. New Hampshire always welcomes us around Columbus Day weekend, where the ride up Loon Mountain is always a highlight.

This year we are adding another weekend of fun and heading off to Sleepy Hollow the following weekend, just before Halloween. Washington Irving immortalized the town through his famous sketchbook but it’s always been rich in history and was a pivotal location during the American Revolution.

Halloween has become less of an event for me in the last two decades but the addition of my nephew to the family has re-

talized it. Finally, Thanksgiving is the swan song of the season, closing it off with a reminder of the importance of family unity.

How ever we celebrate the season there is one thing all of our different fall traditions have in common, they bind us together as families and New Englanders. Yes, fall is a gift from the region to its citizens with few other areas in the country giving off so much color, charm, and even that playful early frost. Fall itself is the lead up to Thanksgiving and its lessons, the greatest

traditions are the ones we share.

It’s been a volatile time in the United States and the country is more divided now than it has been in recent memory. Politics does that, even to the strongest of nations. Fall reminds us of the things we share and not those that divide us. No matter our beliefs we share an amazing country. For the next two months at least, there is plenty of reason to enjoy it.



### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI18C0720CA  
In the Matter of  
JENNA JULIANNA BRUSSELL  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Jenna Julianna Brussell of Watertown, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jenna Julianna-Brussell Johnson.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 12, 2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: September 13, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 9/28/18

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI18P4701EA  
Estate of  
JUDITH M. DIMLICH  
Also known as  
JUDITH DIMLICH  
Date of Death September 1, 2018  
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 Suzanne Hearl Canale of Westwood, 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 Suzanne Hearl Canale of Westwood, 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 October 23, 2018.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 25, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 9/28/2018

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI18P4086EA  
Estate of  
CONSTANCE OSBORNE  
Date of Death July 14, 2018  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michele Longuemare of Billerica, MA.  
Michele Longuemare of Billerica, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 9/28/18

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI18P4618EA  
Estate of  
ARTHUR SCHIFF  
Date of Death August 2, 2018  
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 Lynda S. Schiff of Wayland, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that Lynda S. Schiff of Wayland, 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 October 18, 2018.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 20, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 9/28/2018

# Saint Margaret of Hungary

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Margaret was born in the Kingdom of Croatia on January 27, 1242. She was the eighth and last daughter of the royal couple, Bela IV king of Hungary and Maria Laskarina. The royal family resided in Croatia during the Mongol invasion of Hungary (1241-42).

Margaret was the younger sister of St. Kinga of Poland and Blessed Yolanda of Poland, and through her father, the niece of the Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. Margaret was born at a moment when the country was threatened by enemies. The king promised God that if things reversed in his favor, he would dedicate Princess Margaret to the religious life. The prayer was answered, and Béla put

Margaret in the care of the Dominican Sisters at Veszprém.

When Margaret was 12, Béla built a convent for her on an island in the Danube near Buda, the Margareten Insel near Budapest today, and where the ruins of the convent are still to be seen. It was there, Margaret passed all her life, which was consecrated to contemplation and penance.

Margaret was venerated as a saint during her lifetime. She took her solemn vows when she was eighteen. She strenuously opposed the plans of her father, who for political reasons wished to marry her to King Ottokar II of Bohemia. She received the Consecration of Virgins along with some other royals to prevent further attempts on the part of her father to have her vows dispensed by the Pope for marriage.

All narratives call special attention to Margaret’s sanctity and her spirit of earthly renunciation. Her whole life was one unbroken chain of devotional exercises and penance.

Margaret passed away on January 18, 1270, at the age of 27. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1942. The Feast Day of Saint Margaret of Hungary is January 18.

### MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. L1598-C1 AIRFIELD IN-PAVEMENT LIGHT RISER REPLACEMENTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

**NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 1:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018.**

The work includes REPLACEMENT OF STAINLESS STEEL LIGHT BASE EXTENSIONS, SPACERS AND FLANGE RINGS WITH NEW OWNER SUPPLIED GALVANIZED STEEL LIGHT BASE EXTENSIONS, SPACERS AND FLANGE RINGS; BOLT REPLACEMENT OF IN-PAVEMENT LIGHTS AIRFIELD WIDE.

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018**.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

The estimated contract cost is **\$1,100,000.00**.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$10 MILLION DOLLARS**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **ZERO POINT ZERO PERCENT (0.0%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

**MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
THOMAS P. GLYNN  
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Run date: 9/28/18

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

It was like the Democrats were waiting to spring their trap and throw everything into question all over again.

Why is it when the Democrats are in the majority, they rule Capitol Hill and when the Democrats are in the minority, they STILL rule Capitol Hill?

Democrats also are so hypocritical. Recently U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, D-MN, got himself into big trouble. Well, at least, it would be big trouble if he were a Republican. Ellison is a Muslim who was buddies with Louis Farrakhan. He is also vice

chair of the Democratic National Committee. He has also been accused by two ex-girlfriends of physical abuse and there are reportedly 911 calls to back up these stories. Things are on the record in this allegation. When will Democrat leaders take on Ellison or do they just #MeToo women alleging Republican abuse?

I am not taking sides here over Kavanaugh's accuser(s). I still have an open mind on his confirmation unlike most Democrats who never gave him

a fair chance.

Trump Twitters Himself into More Trouble

When President Trump starts sending out tweets bashing Christine Ford for her long wait to go public in her accusations, he does not do himself or Kavanaugh any real justice. To actually question why she didn't tell her parents or go to the police does a disservice to all abuse victims. Demanding to know the date, time, or place only comes across as bullish and that is the wrong road to take.

Today is Monday

Another week of political drama has started. Where will things be by Thursday or Friday is anyone's guess. Right now the Republicans appear on defense when the opposite should be true. Who is running the Senate Judiciary Committee seems up to question. Obviously enough vetting appears not to have done and it calls into question all the previous vetting of this nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court.

It appears we are getting another sad spectacle of American Politics at work. We still seem to be back in 1991.

End Quote

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."  
— President John F. Kennedy

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**  
**Docket No. MI18C0727CA**  
**In the Matter of**  
**CHRISTOPHER EUGENE**  
**CITATION ON**  
**PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Christopher Eugene of Watertown, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Christopher Eugene Blythe**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **October 22, 2018**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
**Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
**First Justice of this Court**  
Date: September 18, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 9/28/18

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Middlesex Division**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**East Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**  
**Docket No. MI18P4718EA**  
**Estate of**  
**MARY LOUISE MONACO**  
Also Known As  
**MARY L. MONACO**  
**Date of Death June 3, 2018**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Anthony P. Monaco of Newton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Anthony P. Monaco 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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# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Something to Remember

Did you know that the 1988 Texas Rangers who went 70-91 that year finished that season with 41 complete games? As of last Thursday, there were only 41 complete games in the entire major leagues.

Happy Birthday To ...

Tony Fossas (61) and Dennis Lamp (66).

Taking the Elevator Down

Chris Davis (Orioles) is having a very bad season. He is hitting .179, 16 homers and 49 RBI. He got \$23 MILLION this season ... Albert Pujols (Angels) going into the Hall of Fame for sure but this year 19 homers, 64 RBI with .245 average, 3 years left on 10 yr, \$240 million deal ... Yoenis Cespedes (Mets) 9 homers, 29 RBI with .262 average. \$29 million this past season ...

As of Monday Morning ...

This past weekend, Jacob deGrom (Mets) pitched another quality start against the Nationals, 7 innings, one run, is now 9-9 with a 1.71 ERA. On almost any other team this year, he would have probably another 10 wins but he's with the hapless Mets. Many Mets fans think he deserves to win the Cy Young Award, I still think not. I am a baseball purists, a Cy Young

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**Probate and Family Court**  
**Suffolk Division**  
**24 New Chardon Street**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**(617) 788-8300**  
**Docket No. SU18P1492EA**  
**Estate of**  
**GENEVIEVE T. STANHEWICZ**  
**Date of Death November 29, 2017**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carolyn M. Solomon of Foxboro, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Carolyn M. Solomon of Foxboro, MA**, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
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**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**  
**Docket No. MI18C0724CA**  
**In the Matter of**  
**ALEXIS GANTSOUDES RATZ**  
**CITATION ON**  
**PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Alexis Gantsoudes Ratz of Winchester, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Alexis Brooke Gantsoudes**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **October 12, 2018**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
**Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
**First Justice of this Court**  
Date: September 14, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 9/28/18

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**The Trial Court**  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**  
**Docket No. MI13P0152PM**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF**  
**CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT**  
**In the matter of**  
**ANDERSON L. CHAPETTA**  
**Now of Revere, MA**  
**Formerly of Framingham, MA**  
**Protected Person/Disabled Person/**  
**Respondent**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **Temporary 1st & Final** account(s) of **Rachelle L. Fortune of Lynn, MA** as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.  
**You have the right to object to this account(s).** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **October 22, 2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).  
Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.  
You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
**Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: September 13, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 9/28/18

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **September 28, 2018 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:  
**2014 HONDA ACCORD, WHITE**  
Vin: 1HGCR2F87EA150525  
*Tiffany L. Lanides*  
*152 Ellis Rd*  
*Westminster, MA 01473*  
**2008 DODGE AVENGER, GRAY**  
Vin: 1B3LC76M08N162878  
*Mark McCormack*  
*238 Howe Street*  
*Methuen, MA 01844*  
**1999 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, RED**  
Vin: 1J4GW68N4XC578833  
*Deirdre R Hammonds*  
*Box 2118*  
*Oak Bluffs, MA 02557*  
**2002 LAND ROVER FREELANDER, RED**  
Vin: SALNY2232A202474  
*Carols R Defreitas*  
*59 Fountain St, #2*  
*Medford, MA 02155*  
**2013 KIA OPTIMA, GOLD**  
Vin: 5XXGM4A78DG224403  
*Ricardo Georges*  
*23 Atlantic St, #1*  
*Lynn, MA 01902*  
**2006 KIA SPORTAGE, BROWN**  
Vin: KNDJE723467225933  
*John P Ryan*  
*109/111 Tremont St, Apt 414*  
*Brighton, MA 02135*  
Run dates: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 2018

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**Probate and Family Court**  
**Middlesex Division**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**East Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**  
**Docket No. MI18P4237EA**  
**Estate of**  
**LOUISE GENEVIEVE ROMAGNA**  
Also Known As  
**LOUISE G. ROMAGNA**  
**Date of Death August 7, 2018**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gary F. Romagna of Burlington, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Gary F. Romagna of Burlington, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.  
Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:  
**2004 CADILLAC STS**  
VIN # 1G6DC67A550169094  
**2005 FORD ESCAPE**  
VIN # 1FMCU9D73AKC81337  
**2005 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE**  
VIN # 1J4HR48N35C691136  
**2008 BMW 328i**  
VIN # WBAVC73598A236369  
**1997 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE**  
VIN # 1J4GZ58S6VC776172  
**2002 PONTIAC GRAND AM**  
VIN # 1G2NW52E22M515723  
**2003 JAGUAR S-TYPE**  
VIN # SAJEA01T73FM80052  
**2005 ACURA TL**  
VIN # 19UUA66205A024246  
**2005 TOYOTA CAMRY**  
VIN # 4T1BE32K85U392134  
**2004 HONDA ODYSSEY**  
VIN # 5FNRL18934B048655  
**2005 NISSAN ALTIMA**  
VIN # 1N4AL11E25C148240  
**2004 CHEVROLET MALIBU**  
VIN # 1G1ZU54894F110968  
**2007 SATURN OUTLOOK**  
VIN # 5GZEV23737J129011  
**1997 PONTIAC GRAND AM**  
VIN # 1G2WP1217VF289369  
**2004 HONDA CIVIC**  
VIN # 1HGEM22514L037045  
*The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at*  
**TODISCO TOWING**  
**94 Condor Street, E. Boston**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018**  
**at 9:00 AM**  
Run dates: 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 2018

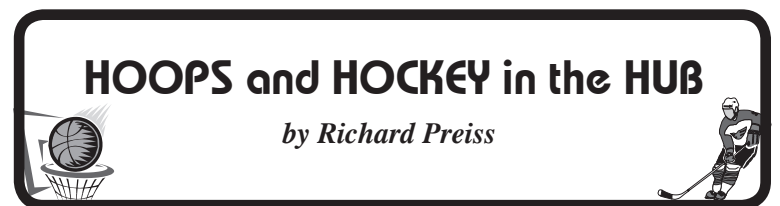
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**Suffolk Division**  
**24 New Chardon Street**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**(617) 788-8300**  
**Docket No. SU18P1790EA**  
**Estate of**  
**JEANNE M. DOLAN**  
Also known as  
**JEANNE MARIE DOLAN**  
**Date of Death June 6, 2018**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Patrice E. Morse of Milton, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Patrice E. Morse of Milton, MA**, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**  
**Docket No. MI18P4531EA**  
**Estate of**  
**LOWELL S. BENSKY**  
**Date of Death April 4, 2018**  
**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 **Jeffrey M. Bensky of Saint Louis, MO** and **Mark M. Bensky of Truro, 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 **Jeffrey M. Bensky of Saint Louis, MO** and **Mark M. Bensky of Truro, 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 **October 15, 2018**.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**  
**UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
**Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: September 17, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 9/28/2018





## Also Known as Some Colorful Sobriquets from the Boxing World



**The Herkimer Hurricane**

Former World Lightweight Champion Lou Ambers was known as the Herkimer Hurricane. Ambers was from Herkimer, NY and if you had been in the ring with him you would have felt like you were walking into the forceful winds of a hurricane.

Throughout the history of boxing sportswriters and promoters have enjoyed bestowing nicknames on prizefighters. Some are comical, some are puzzling, and some are downright scary.

Max Baer was known as well as Madcap Maxie as well as the Livermore Larupper. The first would be considered comical while the second is puzzling. It's no secret Baer was a funny and charming personality so it is no wonder he would be called madcap, he was also at times called the Clown Prince of the Ring. The puzzling one is the Livermore Larupper. He lived in Livermore, CA so that accounts for the first part of the name, but what on earth is a Larupper? I can't find a definition anywhere.

In the scary category, two fighters come to mind and both were known as assassins, a pretty clear term about what intentions both men carried into the ring. The Michigan Assassin, Stanley Ketchel, and the Easton Assassin, Larry Holmes. I've never cared for the term assassin as it describes somebody lurking in the shadows in order to gun down an unarmed victim. Both Ketchel and Holmes stood face to face with their opponents and hid nothing more than their chins.

Going back to the beginning of modern boxing history and the first celebrity boxing champion, we have John L. Sullivan, known as The Great John L., also known as The Boston Strong Boy Sullivan held a very high opinion of himself and was known for his braggadocio. He certainly thought of himself as great, and there wasn't another heavyweight champ to match his outsized ego until 1964, when Muhammad Ali took the title from Sonny Liston. Ali immediately announced to the world that he was The Greatest, and that humble self definition stayed with him for the rest of his life and after. Poor Sullivan, had he known what the future held might have deemed himself



**The Livermore Larupper**



**The Cincinnati Cobra**

more than just merely great. It would have been fun to watch these two square off, not in a ring but in a battle of words.

The vast majority of heavyweight champs had nicknames. After the Great Sullivan, there was Gentleman Jim Corbett, so named because he fashioned himself a bit of a dandy. Next was Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons due to his red hair. Jim Jeffries was known as the Boilermaker though I am not certain he ever made any boilers.

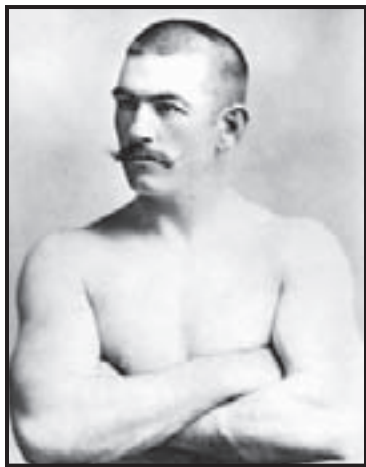
Jack Johnson was known as Lil Arthur (his middle name was Arthur) and as the Galveston Giant. And speaking of giants, the man who took the title from Johnson, Jess Willard, was known as the Pottawatomie Giant, and standing at just over 6'6" proved that Pottawatomie grew their giants quite a bit larger than Galveston.

Of course, the man who cut Jess Willard down to size would become known as Jack the Giant Killer. The Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey, even before beating Willard, was known for beating men much larger than he was. In fact, he seemed to have an easier time when faced with larger opponents.

Dempsey would lose to the Fighting Marine, Gene Tunney, who was perhaps the most cerebral of all the champs. He was as fond of Shakespeare as he was of boxing.

Max Schmeling was called the Black Uhlan of the Rhine. Uhlans had been German Calvary men. I don't know why Max was given this name as he wasn't in the Calvary, but I am sure some promoter or newspaper writer thought it sounded good.

The Boston Gob, Jack Shar-



**The Great John L**

key, was so called because he had been in the Navy. It's a name that would not exactly strike fear into the heart of an opponent, but it stuck.

Poor Primo Carnera ended up being tagged the Ampling Alp, because of his size, though he was far from ampling. The big man actually moved pretty well on his feet and deserves to be remembered better.

I've already mentioned the Larupper. The man who took the title from Baer became known as The Cinderella Man. James Braddock's story certainly was one of fairy tales as he came back from oblivion to become heavyweight Champion.

Joe Louis was called the Brown Bomber. That title would certainly have political correctness police screaming today, but I have never heard that Louis complained about it. He certainly could bomb. I'll leave the rest alone.

Ezzard Charles was given the name The Cincinnati Cobra, a fitting description of his fighting style.

After Charles the names started to become less colorful. Jersey Joe Walcott was not known by anything other than Jersey Joe. Rocky Marciano was very fittingly called The Brockton Blockbuster, though he was also known as The Rock. There were many Rockys who stepped into the ring but only one Rock.

Floyd Patterson got stuck with the name the Rabbit by Ali. Ingemar Johansson was known as Ingo. Sonny Liston was also given his name, The Bear, by Muhammad Ali.

Smokin' Joe Frazier certainly looked like he was on fire when the bell rang. Unfortunately, in one of the ugliest displays of tagging a person with a name, Ali called Joe the Gorilla, an ugly racist term to use.

There have been many names since, but just as the Golden Age of Boxing is long past, so is the Golden Age of Ring Sobriquets. Oh sure, there has been Neon Leon and Iron Mike, but these don't have the same ring as those names from earlier times. We are living in very touchy times and many of those names would never pass muster with a modern day copy editor. Maybe some day when people learn to lighten up again we can enjoy such colorful names.

Could LeBron James and his move from the Cleveland Cavaliers to the Los Angeles Lakers actually result in a shift in how the National Basketball Association constructs its schedule?

That was the rather intriguing topic of a *New York Times* column by Marc Stein recently as he discussed the possibilities of scheduling changes following the move by King James to the Lakers — the archrivals of the Celtics.

While Stein admits up front that the chances that scheduling will be tweaked range from slim to none ("Don't Count On It" read a portion of the headline), the ideas contained in the piece are worth examining.

As far as the playoffs go, Stein brings up the point that perhaps it is time to consider once again the seeding of teams for the playoffs "purely based on overall record." This has been brought up a few times over the past decade. The thinking goes that since the Western Conference has had many of the better teams in the league, it is only fair that the best 16 teams in the league overall make the playoffs, rather than some weaker teams in the Eastern Conference that may get in under the current top eight in each conference seeding.

While this may seem attractive to some, it also seems as it is of the moment. While the Lakers in their first couple of years with James are not expected to be title contenders, it is possible that they could finish in the lower positions of a 1-16 ranking system and thus at least make the playoffs.

We're sure that TV executives would be thrilled if James could be a playoff participant, even if that occurred with a lower ranked team. To his everlasting credit NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said he is not a fan of the "1-16 regardless of record ranking" and that it is not on the table for discussion. While it is true he never said never, it is also true that he made it clear the present two-conference ranking system will remain in effect for many years to come.

One idea that Stein put forth that we believe is worth considering is to have every NBA team play every other team in the league three times during the regular season. That would increase the number of regular season games by five — from 82 to 87.

The argument against it is that the regular season is long enough as it is and lengthening the schedule and imposing additional travel requirements would take away from the optimal performances by the players.

But, we have a solution for that. It occurs in college hockey all the time. When a good number of college hockey teams travel substantial distances over a weekend, they play two games against an opponent, not one. That doesn't occur that much in southern New England because the travel distances

between schools are much shorter but in the Midwest it is a popular feature on many schedules.

So, if every NBA team played every other team three times that would mean in any given year there would be an imbalance with some teams playing a single home game against an opponent plus two on the road or vice versa.

Rather than play those two road games at different points in the schedule, we would suggest that they take place in one visit with perhaps a day off between games. This would cut down on travel and allow the players some additional rest by having at least a three-day stay in a host city. The day between games could be used for a short practice or as a day without any activity.

Perhaps an off day practice by the visitors could be open to the public so that those fans (particularly youngsters) who could not afford a ticket could at least see some of the league's stars in person — a good will gesture that would further enhance the community relations efforts of the various franchises.

Such a scheduling feature would mean that half of the teams in the NBA would be in half of the cities in the league every year for at least three days. Plus it would also mean an extended home stay for the host franchise. The visiting players could see the sights, sign some autographs, hold an open practice on the off day and create a lot of positive impressions. Perhaps the home team could also conduct some public practices on occasion. Doesn't sound like a bad idea at all.

It would also diminish the phenomena of what we personally call phantom teams — ones that arrive late the night before their one annual appearance at the Garden, play a game the next night and then fly right out after the contest ends — never to be seen again until next year.

Notice also that the three-day stay curtails the notorious back-to-back scheduling that so many players and coaches dislike. Under the present system the Celtics might play in the Garden on a Friday night, then immediately board a plane and fly to say, Chicago for another game the next night — or sometimes even as early as the next afternoon.

In addition, think of the visiting team that the Celtics just played. Those players flew into the Hub, played the C's and then had to fly right out to play another game the very next night.

Even if they did have to resort to back-to-back contests because of the scheduling of events at the Garden, there would not be any additional travel involved because both teams would stay in Boston overnight and play the second game in the same location.

It's a tweak of the schedule that doesn't rely on the presence of a superstar — just an adjustment that makes some common sense.