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COLUMBUS DAY

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America — Land of Dreamers

The year was 1492, a young man from Genoa, Italy, Cristoforo Colombo, was convinced a route to the Far East could be found by sailing West and he wanted a chance to prove it. Many thought he was a dreamer. Luckily he was able to persuade others and turned his dream into a reality.

In the years that followed, America became a melting pot for people who, like Columbus, had a dream and were willing to take a chance on what they believed in. The English, the French, the Jews, the Irish, the Italians, and countless others, all came seeking the freedom to make their own decisions and to have the opportunity to make their dreams a reality. They wanted the best of both worlds and got it. These people were proud to call themselves Americans and equally proud to hold on to the traditions of their homeland. Where else but in America would this be possible?

Five hundred and thirty years later, we salute the man who took a chance — Christopher Columbus. A man who was a model for future explorers to emulate. We are the product of all the Christopher Columbuses that came before us.

We are Americans — the envy of other nations — where opportunities are boundless for every person. Some call America the “Land of Dreamers.” We’re not offended by this. Instead, we’re proud to be able to dream and, like Columbus, make our dreams come true!

Noble Journey Sculpture Dedication

There is not a more fitting site for a sculpture honoring our immigrant ancestor’s voyage to their new homeland than the front entrance of a North End landmark, a church built by Italian immigrants in 1873. This “Noble Journey”, located in the heart of the Boston’s North End, in the Peace Garden of St. Leonard Church, on Hanover Street, was dedicated on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Following a mass offered by Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard Church, the sculpture was dedicated in front of an overflow crowd of current and past residents, parishioners, well-wishers and donors to this beautiful tribute. The work of art was created by world-renowned artist and sculptress Nancy Schoen, who designed the “Make Way for Ducklings” in the Boston Public Garden.

Born out of a discussion between the late Dr. Michael Annunziata, Victor Passacantilli, both co-founders of Friends of the North End (FONE), Nancy Schoen Father Michael Della Penna, Dr. Anthony Cortese, a former North Ender with long-standing family connection to St. Leonard Church, and Tom Damigella, President of the North End Historical Society. The Noble Journey’s name derives from a previous project that Tom’s daughter completed in high school about the life and immigration of her Italian grandparents from Gaetan and Sicily to America.

The project is comprised of a bronze pathway imprinted



CUTTING THE RIBBON — (L-R): Dr. Anthony Cortese, Tom Damigella, President of the North End Historical Society; and Victor Passacantilli, co-founder of Friends of the North End (FONE)

with sets of footprints leading into the entrance of St. Leonard Church and will symbolize the literal “walk” of the footsteps our immigrant ancestors took when crossing the Atlantic Ocean, between the 1850s and 1920s, including the immigrants who built St. Leonard Church in 1873. The sculpture’s pathway is flanked on both sides by black metal railings, topped with brass lanterns, while two

white life preservers emblazoned with “USS North End” in black lettering is affixed to each railing.

“We represent the confluence of our cultural beliefs and our religious ethics through the footsteps of our ancestors leading directly to the church they built. We hope it gives continuity for generations to

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FEMA Out of Cash, Illegal Immigration Drains Funds

Hurricane Helene Victims Fending for Themselves

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the agency responsible for assisting States and U.S. cities during natural disasters and other and other emergency situations, has spent more than one billion dollars on services for illegal immigrants over the past year, now has insufficient funds to last through the remainder of the U.S. hurricane season, even with another major storm set to hit the entire state of Florida in the next couple of days. “We are meeting the immediate needs with the monies we have. We are expecting another hurricane to hit. FEMA does not have the funds to make it through the current season,” Mayorkas stated.

Hurricane Helene decimated the west coast of Florida and a number of states in the south-east, flooding towns, destroying properties and killing hundreds. From Florida’s Gulf Coast to the Blue Ridge Mountains, to the major devastation in Asheville, North Carolina, whose town has been left without power, running water and basic necessities.

Congress recently provided \$20 billion for FEMA’s disaster relief fund as part of a short-term government spending bill to fund the government through mid-December. The Federal Government is sending additional aid to North Carolina for its recovery effort. “This will pay for the urgent work

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Major Labor Unions Fail to Endorse Kamala Harris Is Silence Golden for Trump?

by Patti Sartori

Vice-President Kamala Harris, Democratic Presidential Nominee, has lost the endorsement of another major labor union. The International Association of Fire Fighter’s (IAFF) announced it would not be making a presidential endorsement in the 2024 Presidential Election.

The union, representing over 300,000 firefighters and emergency responders, was the first union in 2020 to endorse President Joe Biden’s presidential bid and has a long history of supporting Democratic Presidential Candidates. The IAFF’s determination not to endorse a presidential candidate in the 2024 race follows the recent decision of the International Brotherhood of Teamster’s President Sean O’Brien’s decision, to defy the preference of

its Pro-Trump membership and opt not to endorse a presidential candidate.

“Today the IAFF Executive Board, by a margin of 1.2% voted not to endorse a candidate in the 2024 presidential election,” said IAFF General President Ed Kelly in a prepared statement. Kelly is a native Bostonian, who hails from Dorchester and boasts a long legacy of fire fighters in his family. “Over the past year, IAFF took unprecedented steps to hear our members’ views on the candidates and policy issues that matter most to them. The IAFF Executive Board determined that we are better able to advocate for our members and make progress on the issues that matter to them if we, as a union, are standing shoulder-to-shoulder. The decision, which we took very

seriously, is the best way to preserve and strengthen our unity,” Kelly added.

United States Congressman, Carlos Gimenez (R-FLA), the only career firefighter parame-dic in congress and retired IAFF member said the union’s decision not to endorse was a “big deal” and good news for former President Trump. “It’s a big shift in that union, not giving an endorsement.” The IAFF has backed the Democratic nominee for president in every election between 1984 and 2012. In 2016, when Trump was facing Democrat Hillary Clinton, the union again did not make an endorsement. This is the second major union that has failed to endorse the Democratic nominee, that’s a big deal,” said Congressman Gimenez.

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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.



CICERO, Part III



19th Century illustration, *Murder of Cicero*

It was at the demand of Mark Antony that Cicero's name was added to the list of the proscribed. Cicero attempted to escape from Italy, but was twice driven back by contrary winds, so he returned to his country estate at Formiae to

await his fate. It has been reported that he said, "I will die in the country which I have so often saved." He resigned himself to meet his death, but his faithful slaves forced him into a litter for one more escape attempt. They were

overtaken by soldiers before they left the grounds of the estate and the slaves prepared to defend their master. Cicero refused to allow any blood to be shed on his account and directed the slaves to set the litter down and then withdraw. His order was obeyed and he then stretched out his neck to await the sword of the commanding soldier.

He died in his sixty-third year, 43 B.C. After the murder was accomplished the soldiers cut off both of his hands, as these were the instruments which permitted him to write his bitter verbal attacks against Mark Antony.

And now we learn of another of those numerous bitter ironies of fate. Cicero had successfully defended a man named Popilius in court a few years earlier. It must also be noted that advocates defended their clients gratuitously in those days and this of course created closer than normal friendship ties between both parties. Guess who was the commanding soldier that volunteered for the job and who slew Cicero? Right, his name is Popilius. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

The head and hands of Cicero were brought to Rome and exposed on the Rostra of the Forum. Crowds of people viewed the remains and shed tears for the brutal and unjust manner in which this most eloquent man met his death. He is known to have composed at least 107 orations, of which 77 have been preserved, either partially or entirely. He also wrote 864 epistles (long letters). There also were poems, historical works and manuscripts.

Marcus Tullius Cicero, statesman, man of letters, the greatest of all Roman orators, the greatest master of composition that the world has ever known and the most amiable and upright man in all of Roman history. Who can do justice to the memory of this intellectual giant in a few hundred words? I'm sure that I can't.

NEXT ISSUE:
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Columbus Day Restored in New Hampshire

New Hampshire is first in the nation for more than Presidential primaries. This past July, through the efforts of *Friends of Italian Americans*, the New Hampshire legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1014, which requires that municipalities and schools call the second Monday in October as Columbus Day, making New Hampshire the first state to restore the Columbus Day holiday throughout the state.

House Bill 1014 requires all school districts, towns and cities use the official names of State mandated holidays, as found in RSA 288.1, in all "communications, publications, documents, or calendars." This means December 25 is called Christmas, the third Monday in January is called Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day, November 11 is called Veterans Day, the second Monday in October is called Columbus Day, etc.

Columbus Day was created by President Benjamin Harrison in 1892 as an apology to the 1891 lynching of eleven Italian immigrants in New Orleans, and prevented a potential war with Italy. Known as the Crescent City hangings, this is considered the largest recorded lynching in American history as it is estimated that 10,000 New Orleans citizens came out to murder the Italians the day after they were acquitted by a jury of a murder they did not commit.

Since its inception, Columbus Day has been the only holiday dedicated to the immigrant community in the United States. It honors all immigrants who tirelessly worked to build the United States, even though they may have been persecuted due to their immigrant status. In fact, on that first Columbus Day on October 12, 1892, more than one million people gathered in New York City to cheer on the 40,000-strong parade of American citizens, immigrants and Native Americans.

October has long been identified as Italian American Heritage Month, and bringing the second Monday in October back as Columbus Day is not an attack on Indigenous People of the United States. It isn't in the best interests of any municipality to pit one minority community against another. The *Friends of Italian Americans* encourages municipalities and school districts to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on another day such as August 9th, which is already recognized as such by the United Nations. Having a separate Indigenous Peoples' Day in addition to a separate Columbus Day would honor both minorities with the respect they correctly deserve.

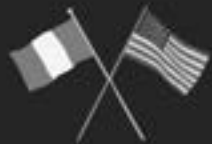
The *Friends of Italian Americans* is New Hampshire-based non-profit whose mission is to promote and preserve Italian American history, culture and heritage and to be a powerful voice for all American immigrants. Our motto is *Shining a light on America's past, brightens America's future.*

Join us in our mission to ensure that the holiday honoring Italian Americans and all immigrants does not get eradicated. Go to <https://friendsofitalia.org/join-us> to become a member.



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Justin Paul Capodilupo

February 13, 1930 - October 4, 2024

Justin Paul Capodilupo, born in Boston's North End on February 13, 1930, passed away peacefully at home, on October 4, 2024.

Justin was the cherished son of the late Peter and Concetta Capodilupo and was also the devoted husband of the late Marie (Connolly) Capodilupo. Justin was also predeceased by his siblings: Fred Capodilupo, Mary Foti, Dolly DiRico and Linda Capodilupo; his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law: Jeanette Foley, Jackie Grenda and Thomas Connolly, all of whom he loved dearly and looked in on often.

He is survived by his stepchildren, Terrance and Kathleen Connolly and his granddaughter, Shannon Connolly; nieces and nephews (and their significant others) Giustino Capodilupo, George Foti, Anita White, Vincent DiRico, Sandra Foti, Paul DiRico, along with many great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

Justin was an educator and retired from the Revere Public school system as head of the History Department, where he also enjoyed many years as an assistant Football Coach to the RHS Patriots football team, a true passion of his.

In recognition of his abilities on the football field, where he played in both high school and college, he was named to the All-Vermont team in 1951. After graduating from St. Michael's college (where he remained a loyal alum) he went on to receive his master's in education degree from Boston University. After graduation, Justin joined the Army and served his country proudly during the Korean War, where he received an award for his meritorious service.

In addition to being a dedicated and loyal husband and family man, Justin enjoyed playing golf, walking the beach and Football.

A visitation for Justin Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 4:00-8:00 PM at Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA. Funeral Service will be Friday, October 11, 2024, at 8:30AM, followed by a funeral mass at Saint Anthony's Parish, 250 Revere Street, Revere, MA at 10:00AM. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Justin Paul Capodilupo, please visit our floral store.



LETTERS POLICY

The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor

- Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address, and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.
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**Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor,
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Lina (Fazzolari) Capogreco

April 24, 1945 ~ October 2, 2024

Lina was born in Marina di Gioiosa Ionica, Calabria Italy. She moved to America in 1961 and settled in East Boston. Together with her husband Vincenzo of 62 years on October 6 she raised a deeply rooted loving family. She was a fiercely loyal wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend. Lina was an extraordinary cook and avid gardener. Despite her long illness she continued to find joy in her family, preserving her Italian traditions and cherishing her grandson. She was a kind and empathetic soul, truly loved by all, a woman who was part of the lifeblood that makes East Boston such a warm and welcoming community.



to always be kind, a legacy that her children Pasquale, Maria, and Lisa have never failed to carry forward. Her love will always be in our hearts and she will forever be our dearest Signora Lina to her immediate family and the enormous circle of people who were grateful and blessed to have known her.

Lina is survived by her beloved husband Vincenzo, adoring children Maria Capogreco, Pasquale Capogreco and his partner Holly Clark, and Lisa Cappuccio; dear siblings Catherine Schirripa and Vincenzo Fazzolari and cherished grandson Christian. She was predeceased by her sister Teresa Capogreco. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Family and friends will honor Lina's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston on Sunday, October 6th. Funeral mass in celebration of Lina's life was at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, East Boston. Services concluded with Lina being entombed in Woodlaw Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Lina's name may be made to East Boston Central Catholic School, 69 London Street, East Boston, MA 02128 <https://www.ebccs.org/donate>

May She Rest in Peace

Dina G. Malgeri

Dina G. Malgeri died peacefully in her beloved North End of Boston on September 22, 2024.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on August 19, 1929, she was the daughter of Francesco Malgeri and Dina D'Alto Malgeri, sister to Francis Malgeri, all deceased. She is survived by a number of cousins in Turin, Italy and Medford, MA. along with many dear & devoted friends.

Dina was a humanitarian and an independent woman with many interests ranging from history to travel, current affairs, all of the arts and all things library. With the exception of a two-year stint in her late teens in Manhattan, NY and three years she spent as a civilian administrative librarian for the US Dept. of the Army Special Services in S. Bavaria, Germany, Dina remained a resident of the North End since 1935. She enjoyed traveling to many US states and foreign countries, but her love of the city was immense and well known to all her friends.

First educated locally at St. Anthony's School, North End and St. Mary's High School in Cambridge, MA., Dina received her BA in Humanities at Harvard Extension School and her MLS at Simmons College. Among notable positions she held during her years of work, Dina started her professional career as a clerk to the Commissioner of the MA Office of Probation for 14 years. A position which, traveling by public transportation, brought her to improve or establish libraries at hospitals, reform schools and the prison system throughout MA. She would say that this experience had a powerful impact on her life. Next, upon returning from her Army post in Germany, she served several years at the MA Board of Library Commissioners after which she accepted the position as Director of the Malden Public Library, a position she enjoyed for just over 40 years, until her retirement in 2013.

Dina walked everywhere and rode the subway to work in Malden every day of her career. In her early years, along with her regular duties as Director, she loved uncovering works of art from



dusty basement closets in the original library building, opened in 1885 and designed by renowned architect H.H. Richardson. Among her great successes as Library Director was the restoration of this, the historic Converse Memorial Building, that serves as a multi-faceted cultural center and houses the art galleries, exhibits and serves as a research center for local history and genealogy. And prior to that, the skillfully designed library addition; originally conceived as new home to the library's growing vibrant daily use. Working with the City's administration and the Library Board of Trustees, she gathered resources and

craftspeople to see the building addition through to successful completion in 1996.

But it wasn't all work. Dina liked to break down stereotypes and loved to tell the story of the theft and recovery of Winslow Homer's "The Whittling Boy" from the library's art collection in 1975, which she was beneficial in helping to recover. The tale involved detectives, a ransom, a rendezvous in Boston's Government Center and the positive outcome of retrieval. She got a twinkle in her eye as her listener gasped at the quiet little woman relating the tale- surely the stuff movies are made of, not a day in the life of a librarian.

After losing her immediate family early on, Dina left this life especially thankful to her cousin Sapia D'Alto and all her cousins in Italy and Medford, MA for folding her into the family.

Friends and colleagues are invited to celebrate Dina's life at St. Leonard's Church, 320 Hanover Street in Boston's North End, on Sunday, November 10, 2024. An intention will be read for Dina at the 10:30 a.m. Italian Mass.

Memorial gifts in Dina's memory may be sent to The Center for Italian Studies, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-3358, c/o the Francesco and Dina D'Alto Malgeri Endowment in Italian Studies. www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

A Voyage through Italy's Spooky Side

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Halloween season is officially upon us! An old-fashioned holiday sign hangs upon my door, boasting Victorian images of smiling pumpkins, black cats sporting pointy witch hats, and bats in mid-flight. Jack-o-lanterns and ghastly ghosts grin mischievously from store shelves, with thin lights flickering inside them like little captured sunbeams. The cornstalks and scarecrows that adorn my neighbors' front steps speak of the concluding harvest season, while the colorful leaves that flutter to the ground against the backdrop of a slate-gray sky remind us that the year itself now winds down to its close. Halloween is the time to revel in all these examples of a world turned upside-down, of the pleasure of the unknown and the thrill of everything that is mysterious and spine-tingling. Though modern Halloween celebrations are largely an American phenomenon, the United States does not have a monopoly on spooky imagery or mythical creatures. Across the ocean in Italy, people also ready themselves for Halloween, and may draw upon their own unique mythology and folklore. So, in the spirit of Halloween, let's dive into the eerier side of Italy, the side that you may not find in guide books but certainly plays an important part in the Italian character!

Italy has long had a fascination with the occult, stretching back to the days of Ancient Rome. The

modern Italian prejudice against the number seventeen, similar to the American superstition of unlucky thirteen, stems from the burial customs of the Romans. The Roman numeral for seventeen, XVII, can be rearranged to spell VIXI, or the Latin word meaning "he lived" — a phrase frequently carved into ancient tombstones, and therefore linking the number with death. Ancient Rome's penchant for the macabre did not end with numbers, however. Romans shivered with fear over the *lemures*, or terrifying ghosts. These ethereal beings haunted certain houses or roads because, as many ghost stories stated, they could find no rest due to an improper burial or some sort of injustice committed against them during their lifetime. The Romans even devoted the month of May to a holiday called *Lemuria* which sought to appease these spirits, and this creepy feast may form the origin of an olden superstition that advised against marrying in May. Ancient Romans also resorted to supernatural omens in order to predict the future. Priests known as *augurs* interpreted the flight of birds to divine looming events and outcomes. *Haruspices* had to report the future with a much yuckier method: they scoured the entrails of sacrificed animals for omens! While modern Italians are certainly less superstitious than their ancient counterparts, many remnants of Rome's mysterious folklore persist to this

day, such as the ubiquitous charms against the evil eye and the popular red horn-shaped amulets said to bring good luck.

Though Ancient Rome's love for the mysterious is well-studied, contemporary Italy nevertheless brims with a plethora of scary monsters and eerie folktales. Werewolf stories abound in Italy, where the hairy shape-shifting beast bears the name *licantropo*. The fear of the *licantropo* harkens back to the time when the wolf stood as the most dreaded predator in the forests of Europe, especially during the nights of the full moon, when certain men could morph into this formidable animal. My father frequently spoke of hearing the plaintive howls of wolves in his secluded Italian village, and such a chilling memory is a testament to the strength of the werewolf myth. Similarly, the witch, or *strega*, constitutes a complex symbol in Italian society, sometimes functioning as an example of evil and other times signifying benign and astute female power. The gift-bringer of the Italian Christmas season, *La Befana*, is even depicted as a kindly fairy-witch figure. Unique mythological creatures also roam localized areas of Italy. The *Badalisc* is a large, hairy beast that inhabits the Alpine woods of Lombardy in northern Italy. It can only be captured on the Epiphany, and this event forms a part of the region's folksy holiday celebrations to this day. Visitors to Naples may hear tales of the *Monaciello*, or "little monk," a gnome-like creature who resides in the city's old abbeys, monasteries, and canals, playing harmless tricks on people and offering help to wayward travelers. Meanwhile, the famous Lake Como boasts its own version of the Loch Ness Monster, a living dinosaur known as the *Lariosauro!* With all of these fascinating legends and beings, Italy is a prime destination for Halloween thrills and hair-raising adventures.

Halloween provides us with the wonderful opportunity to have fun with the mysterious. From witches to ghosts to vampires, all of the hidden, spookier aspects of society come out to play during this chilly autumnal night. This Halloween season, I will also be thinking about the mythical creatures and unnerving legends that form a part of my Italian heritage, old and new. After all, folktales and myths do a lot more than just give us a thrill. They connect with the universal fears, concerns, and desires of people across generations, emotions made manifest in guiding superstitions and metaphorical monsters. Let's celebrate the unknown on Halloween and reflect on how it impacts our lives as humans and our collective unconsciousness. Halloween teaches us that there is far more to the world than immediately meets our eye, and the legends and beings of yore are prime examples of this lesson!

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



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(Mary) Michele Morgan

May She Rest In Peace

(Mary) Michele Morgan, formally of Brighton and a longtime resident of the North End of Boston passed away peacefully on the evening of September 29, 2024. She is now dancing in the streets of Heaven. Michele is predeceased by her parents Mary (Ryan) and Frank Morgan. Michele is survived by her loving friend and roommate, Rosemary McAuliffe. Michele attended Mt. St. Joseph's Academy and Mission High School and is a graduate of Boston University.



Michele was strong willed and we can say (ahem) stubborn at times and she was never lost for words whether the words were appropriate or not. She was unapologetic because as Michele would say, "she was always right"!

Michele struggled the last three years of her life after she survived a massive stroke that left her semi paralyzed. This malady tethered her to her room in the North End Rehab and was a torment to her incredibly social lifestyle that she so cherished. In true Michele style she would keep her ear to the ground and somehow know of all the gossip of the town well before most media outlets would know. She kept in constant contact with the world beyond the four walls of her rehab by calling everyone she knew, sometimes as often as 50 times a day.

Michele lived the life of a bohemian. Her eccentric persona emblazoned the streets of the North End and the greater City of Boston. Michele was always present with camera in tow and a quizzical mind. She made herself comfortably present in all events (invited or not) whether it was a wedding, shower, birthday, anniversary, and more. She especially enjoyed attending political events and was so very well known by all of her Congressmen/women, Mayor(s), State Reps, and City Councilors ... (relentlessly she got her absentee ballot in). Michele would present herself as "the" photographer and snap away and then prepare the most beautiful albums.

And now she fly's untethered. Our bohemian is free to journey without any boundaries. She is free to capture all of life's beautiful moments, amazing sunrises and sunsets. She can dance with the wind beneath her feet.

Michele knew everyone's birthday ... and I mean EVERYONE's, including cats and dogs. And everyone would receive a birthday card every single year. (Michele would let everyone know that she and President Joe Biden shared the same birthday) She loved to put a smile on your face and she loved to make you feel like you were the most special person alive. Michele would show up to your door with a box of cannoli's from Modern Pastry, or tiramisu from Café Vittoria just because she was thinking of you.

A visitation for Michele was held on Friday, October 4, 2024, at J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial Street, Boston.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at St. Stephens Church, 401 Hanover Street, Boston. Interment at New Calvary Cemetery, Boston.

In Remembrance of Michele, a tribute fund has been established to assist in the incurred funeral expenses: <https://everloved.com/life-of/michelle-morgan/donate/>

Your donation will serve as a testament to Michele's life, reflecting the impact on all who were privileged to have known her.

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• Noble Journey (Continued from Page 1)



Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard Church, Blessing the Noble Journey Sculpture



The Noble Journey Committee, (l to r), Vito Aluia, Jessica Dello Russo, Victor Passacantilli, Tom Damigella, Audrey Tortolani, Michele Topor and Tony Cortese



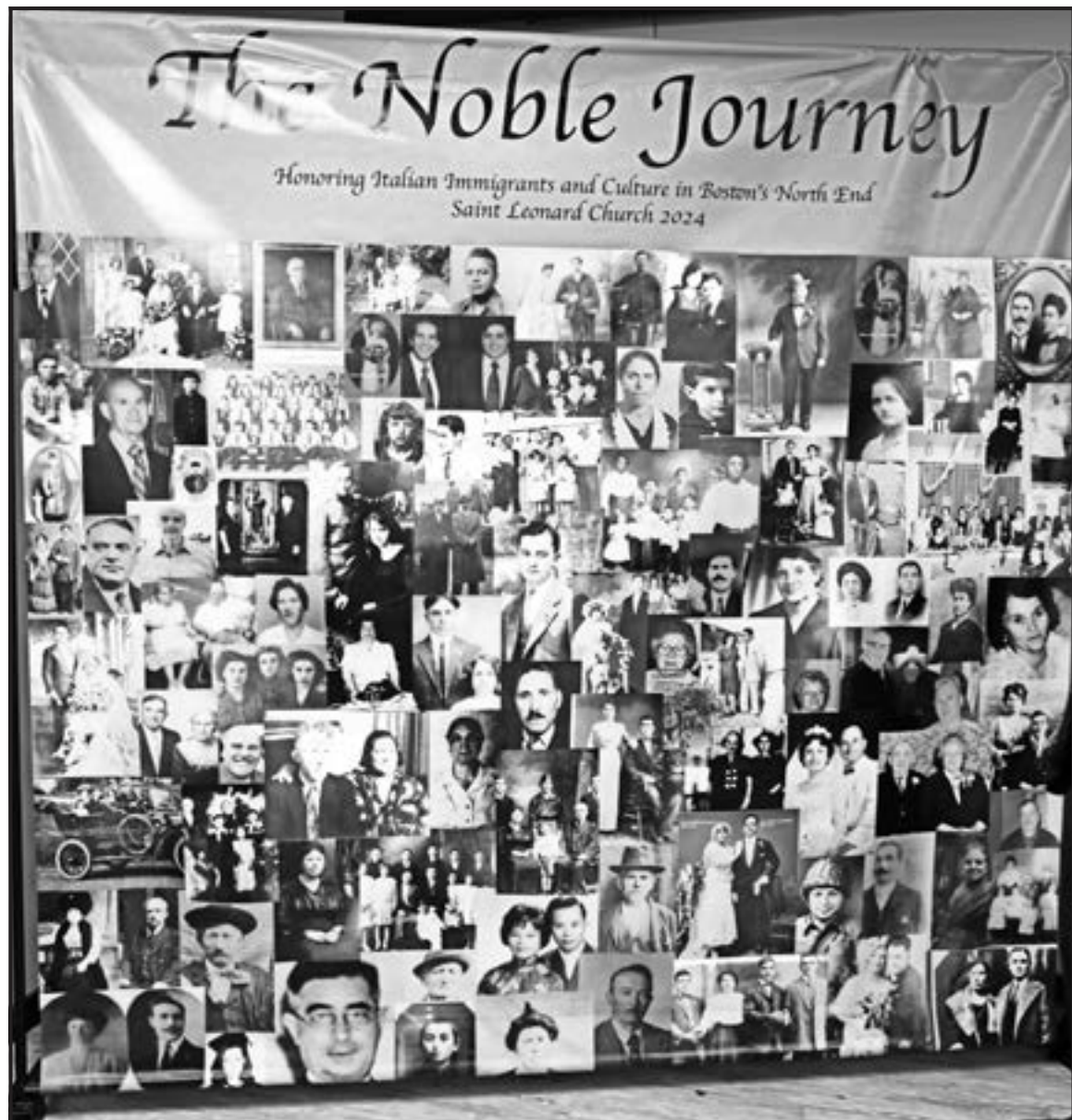
An over flow crowd attended the Noble Journey dedication



Dr. Anthony Cortese, explaining how the QR code can assist in tracing your ancestors Noble Journey



Dr. Anthony Cortese introducing Noble Journey Sculptress, Nancy Schoen



The Noble Journey banner, honoring the many Italian immigrant ancestors



Author B. Amore, acclaimed artist, educator, writer and sculptor walking in her ancestor's footsteps

when the statue of Christopher Columbus at Columbus Park on the waterfront was beheaded by a senseless act of vandalism. "I was hoping to find a place for the proposed project that would be secure to perpetrate the legacy of the Italian heritage that we celebrate and be a means to bring people together. For me, this is not only a cultural and historical work of art that tells the story of the millions of people who immigrated to the United States but also a beautiful means of affirming their faith, the most valuable asset declared at the border. It was their faith that they carried to the country, and which carried them," said Father Della Penna of the project.

come as it symbolizes the path Italian immigrants walked as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean to the United States," Schoen stated.

Thank you to all those who supported this project in time, effort and donations. It would not be a reality without all of you. Please visit, walk in the shoes of your ancestors, and feel the gratitude for their making the "Noble Journey" to enrich all of our lives and build this great country.

Dr. Annunziata approached Father Michael Della Penna with his idea to create a memorial for Italian immigrants honoring their journey at a difficult time, coming in the aftermath of an incident in June 2020,

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography and Charles Rachal)

The October as Italian American Heritage Month - 25th Anniversary



Operatic Vocalist David Rivera Bozon and Denise Dunbar



Steve Savio and his Seabreeze band



The October as Italian American Heritage Month Committee, formed in 1999 by founding members, the Honorable Joseph V. Ferrino (deceased), Honorable Peter Agnes and Gr.Uff. Lino Rullo. Former Massachusetts Senate President Robert E. Travaglini, former Massachusetts Speakers of the House Salvatore F. Di Masi and Robert A. De Leo carried a bill to passage in the state legislature. Then Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci signed the bill into law on October 15, 1999, requiring every future governor to issue an annual Proclamation declaring October as Italian American Heritage Month.



On September 27, 2024, the October Italian American Heritage Month Committee hosted a grand celebration in honor of their 25th Anniversary. The Gala Dinner Dance was held at Teresa's Prime Steakhouse in North Reading. Steve Savio and his Seabreeze band provided music for guests listening and dancing pleasure. Operatic vocalist David Rivera Bozon highlighted the evening's festivities with a performance of Italian song favorites. Richard Vita, President of the Italian American Heritage Month Committee, welcomed everyone and thanked the committee for their dedicated support and tireless work in promoting Italian Heritage and Culture throughout the month of October. President Vita announced several important dates in October including the official kickoff event at the State House on October 1st, the unity Mass on October 6th at St. Leonard Church in the North End and the Columbus Day Breakfast on October 14th at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center in Cambridge. President Vita introduced the many Italian and Italian American organizations in attendance and thanked them for their support. He welcomed Consul General Arnaldo Minuti, who spoke and thanked the October Italian American Heritage Month Committee for all of their efforts and important coordination of activities throughout the month of October celebrating the achievements of the Italian American community in Massachusetts.



(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

Our Girl Linda Celebrates Cellucci

by Angela Cornacchio

Photos by Hill Zhou Photography

The fifth annual Our Girl Linda charity dance party had a new act. The evening was also a celebration of Yolanda Cellucci's 90th birthday. Beyond being a fashion icon, an inspiration, a tv host, a wedding dress boutique owner, a woman who spread glitz and glam wherever she goes, Yolanda is a loving mother to Linda Cole Petrosian for whom the annual charity event was founded. Linda was a celebrity model known for her legendary smile, heart of gold, an apple that did not fall far from the Cellucci tree that was lost in 2018 to cancer.

The annual event began with guests entering into a decorated with glamour shots of Linda, a running video of Yolanda's glitterati interactions over the years. As a good Italian would the room was lined with tables of traditional party treats and a ten-tier birthday cake from Montilio's bakery that was sure to feed the five hundred plus guests in attendance.

The brightest sight in the room was Yolanda herself sitting on the Queen's throne welcoming guests with class and charm, donned in all white from top to bottom finished with a feathered headpiece that was far beyond glitz, it was pure glamour.

The evening began with a royal entrance of Yolanda being escorted into the room with her two grandsons Dimitri and Alec on her arms and guided to her VIP seat front and center in her grand throne. The entertainment began with Jeannette A. McCarthy the Mayor of Waltham performing a charming skit, appearing as herself to apply as a "Yolanda Girl" and proving a point when returning dolled up exuding the confidence Cellucci gives to all women. With her inspiring story transforming her own life from rags selling wigs out of the trunk of her car to the riches of the high-end fashion lifestyle she now leads.

Following was a plethora of local organizations honoring Cellucci with awards such as the City of Waltham, The Waltham Salvation Army where you can see Yolanda every Christmas donating her time. The groups were close to her heart as she is constantly spending time with her local community and making it a brighter place to be.

There were also heartfelt speeches from the family. Her grandsons Dimitri and Alec Petrosian, granddaughter Milan spoke on her "GiGi" and gave insight into being married into the Cellucci clan. Telling the classic story of a typical Tuesday with her husband asking no



The Birthday Girl, Yolanda Cellucci

questions, taking a tour into Brooklyn, and returning to Boston with the fabulous all white throne Yolanda sat in all night. Her daughter Sondra Celli the iconic Swarovski bling designer honored her legendary life with stories on how she came from nothing, Yolanda mended her own coats over and over to look modern so her and her sister could have a new jacket until the day when her mother spun it all into glitz and glamour.

The entertainment was top class! In true flapper fashion the Waltham Star Dancer gave a tributed all white performance to the birthday beauty Yolanda and fitting for daughter Linda Cole Petrosian herself was sure to be shaking it along with them for the annual Our Girl Linda Foundation dance party. There were politically incorrect moments when Comedian Vinnie Favorito took the stage in a hysterical set. The doo whop band the Watch City Cadillacs opened up the dance floor and guests poured out to twist.

Even with all the birthday celebrations, entertainment this party was started with a cause. It was time to honor the fifth annual Our Girl Linda Foundation with a live auction to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. DJ Jimmy Esposito from 617Events Group took center stage to begin the bidding. Models and designers that were near and dear to Linda sharing runways with that gorgeous smile strutted out the donated items. They ranged from sports tickets, an authentic pink mink coat, five course dinners, wine tours, jewelry and more.

The fifth annual Our Girl Linda charity dance party was host to over five hundred plus in the packed Son's of American Legion - Post 440 in Newton. The night was pure glitz and glamour in a birthday celebration reflective of the legend Yolanda Cellucci is. Also, a heartwarming and extraordinarily successful charity event that her daughter Linda would be so proud of and dancing away in spirit.

The Our Girl Linda Foundation is an amazing team of regulars and part-time volunteers committed to helping others. They take their love of Linda and turn that love into action. They donate all funds to finding a cure for cancer. All contributions are donated to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. They formed the organization to bring together those who loved Linda. All give thanks to the helping hands of the amazing community; the Our Girl Linda Foundation was established in 2018. If you would like to donate, please visit www.ourgirllinda.com



Happy 90th Yolanda, from George Montilio owner of the Famous Montilio's Bakery



Waltham Lyons Club members Maria Sheehan, Joe Nocera, Yolanda and Trish Burgoyne



Mayor of Waltham Jeannette A. McCarthy donning a Yolandaesque outfit and headpiece, Yolanda and Justin Barrett



Members of the Waltham Salvation Army honoring Yolanda for her years of dedication



The Friends of the Waltham Senior Citizens Organization presenting Yolanda with an award for her generosity



Yolanda's Family (l-r) Sister-in-law Nancy DiDuca; Son-in-Law Sebh Petrosian; Great-Granddaughter Lucia Silva, Granddaughter in-law Kristen, Great-Granddaughter Celine Linda and grandson Demitri Petrosian; Yolanda, the Matriarch of the family, Granddaughter Milan and husband Sam George, Daughter Sondra Celli and Grandson Alec Petrosian

..... Our Girl Linda Celebrates Cellucci



Jane Conway Caspe modeling a pink mink auction item



Sonia Garufi promoting one of the many coveted auction items



Comedian Vinnie Favorito



Dancing with Waltham Stars Alumni



Cindy Lenthol auctioning tickets



First Lady of Fashion Yolanda and her runway beauties



Sandra Melanson, Denise Dunbar, Olga Kwasmiewski, Maureen Ryan and Gosia Krzyszkowiak



Maria Sheehan assisting DJ, MC and Auctioneer Jimmy Esposito



Anthony Avallone and Tisi Farrar



Saxophonist Joseph Sparkes



Watch City Cadillacs



Dee Perrone, Kathy Cammarata, Yolanda and Francesca



Yolanda and Anne Marie Nocera enjoying the entertainment with friends



**FRIENDS:
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In celebration of the 30th anniversary of one of television's most watched sitcoms, Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment has released *FRIENDS: The Complete Series* in 4K Ultra HD. This ultimate collector's set for any *FRIENDS* fan includes over 110 hours of content — including all 236 original broadcast episodes, plus over 20 hours of extra features including all-new bonus content. *FRIENDS* follows the lives and loves of a close-knit group of friends living in New York City: siblings Ross (David Schwimmer) and Monica Geller (Courteney Cox), along with friends Chandler Bing (Matthew Perry), Phoebe Buffay (Lisa Kudrow), Joey Tribbiani (Matt LeBlanc) and Rachel Green (Jennifer Aniston). Throughout its run, the show was nominated for 62 Primetime Emmy Awards®, winning six awards including Best Comedy Series in 2002. As *FRIENDS* marks its 30th anniversary this year, the beloved TV series continues to hold an enduring place in popular culture and hearts worldwide. With its witty humor, relatable characters, and memorable catchphrases, *FRIENDS* transcends generations with its universal appeal, making it a classic that continues to bring joy and laughter to fans around the world.

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Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment releases *The West Wing: The Complete Series* for the first time ever on Blu-ray, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the critically acclaimed series. Get ready to binge all 156 episodes from NBC/WBTV's Emmy® Award-winning original series, along with hours of special features including over 20 commentaries, behind the scenes featurettes, unaired scenes, gag reels and more. The brilliant political drama, following an extraordinarily intimate look at an American President and the inner workings of the White House. Created by Aaron Sorkin who executive produced with Thomas Schlamme and John Wells, *The West Wing* stars Rob Lowe, Dulé Hill, Allison Janney, Janel Moloney, Richard Schiff, John Spencer, Bradley Whitford, and Martin Sheen. *The West Wing*, which originally aired on NBC from 1999 to 2006, garnered widespread acclaim with three Golden Globe Awards, two Peabody Awards, and 26 Primetime Emmy Awards, including *Outstanding Drama Series* for four consecutive seasons (2000-2003). This year, the groundbreaking series celebrates its 25th anniversary. Widely considered one of the best series of all time, *The West Wing* remains a landmark achievement in television, earning 26 Emmys, including four for *Outstanding Drama Series*. With its sharp

writing and memorable ensemble cast, the show continues to inspire audiences with its intimate look at the triumphs, sacrifices and inner politics of the White House. Included are all 156 episodes from all seven seasons on 28 discs, plus over 20 commentaries, behind the scenes featurettes, unaired scenes, gag reels and more.

**THE MUMMY AND THE
CURSE OF THE JACKALS/
THE CREATURE/A DOG
CALLED ... VENGEANCE
(Blu-ray) Severin Films**

A trio of classic genre releases, from Severin Films make way for the infamous monster mash-up - *The Mummy and the Curse of the Jackals*: Experience the notorious 1969 horror epic that's been barely seen since its fly-by-night VHS release while existing mostly via sordid rumors for more than 50 years: Anthony Eisley stars in this brain-melting mash-up of dubious Egyptology, risible werewolf transformations, H.G. Lewis-level gore, cut-rate psychedelia and an oven-mitted mummy on a Las Vegas rampage, all set to a swinging soundtrack of lounge and surf instrumentals. Plus, the appearance of the legendary John Carradine. Also including over 2 hours of Special Features. *The Creature*: From Eloy de la Iglesia — the defiantly transgressive and ever-controversial director, delivers the most daring and unsettling film of his entire career: After a heartbreaking miscarriage, a couple, Ana Belén and Juan Diego adopt a stray male dog in hopes of saving their rocky marriage. But as the wife develops an obsessive bond with her new companion, it will trigger jealousies and rivalries that may lead to the most inconceivable act of all. *A Dog Called ... Vengeance*: Best Supporting Actor Oscar® nominee and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Jason Miller gives a wonderful performance as a political prisoner who escapes custody, only to be relentlessly pursued by a military dictatorship dog driven to hate, hunt and kill. Lea Massari and Marisa Paredes and Juan Antonio Bardem co-star in one of a master director's most significant films.

**KILLERS (Blu-ray) +
THE CONVENT (Ultra HD/
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Killers: Once upon a time, the James Brothers, Odessa (Dave Larsen) and Kyle, murdered their parents in their own beds. Now they've escaped from Death Row and are on the run on a stormy night, looking for a place to hide out. They invade a home, and things get violently out of hand as the James boys find there are even more surprises waiting in the basement! *The Convent*: In 1960, a young woman named Christine enters St. Francis Boarding School for Girls and murders the resident nuns. Four decades later, college students head to the long-abandoned building one night to tag it with their fraternity letters, little knowing that rumors of the place being haunted are true. Stir in a band of unlikely Satanists, and the table is set for a feast of demonic infestation!

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

**CELEBRATE ITALIAN
HERITAGE TONIGHT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**

The City of Revere will be hosting an Italian American Heritage Month Celebration TONIGHT Thursday, October 10th at City Hall Plaza on Broadway from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Music, food, dancing, flag raising, and more.

**VFW POST 6712
COMEDY NITE
WITH LENNY CLARK**

The Beachmont VFW Post 6712 will be hosting a comedy night with Lenny Clark on Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, go to the Beachmont VFW on Bennington Street or call or text 617-634-2127.

**FAITH AND BLUE /
COFFEE WITH A COP**

The Annual Faith & Blue / Coffee with a Cop event to be held Saturday, October 12th in the Sacred Heart Hall, East Boston following the 8:00 a.m. Mass (8:45 a.m.). This gathering brings together both the community and the men and women in blue from Area 7. Lots of fun, informative and a couple of donuts, too.

**CELEBRATION CONTINUES
THIS WEEKEND, TOO**

Over in Eastie, there will be two Columbus Day celebrations this weekend. Sunday, October 13th head on down to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club for a Columbus Day Block Party from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Then, the next day, Columbus Day, October 14th, go over to the Tall Ship site for a Columbus Day Celebration hosted by the Italian American Alliance from Noon until 4:00 p.m.

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**HARRIS PUSHING TRUMP
FOR ANOTHER DEBATE**

It appears that Vice President Kamala Harris is once again trying to push Don Trump into doing a second debate with her. He should resist such a request. Obviously, she must think she needs to face off against him again. He doesn't need another three-on-one debate where the state media tries once again to pile on him as if they were the candidates, too. They're not.

**SOMETIMES JEFF KUHNER
CAN SOUND LIKE
"HOWAD BEALE"**

I usually like listening to Jeff Kuhner driving to work weekday mornings, but not always. There are days when he gets kinda scary as he starts ranting and raving like Hollywood actor Peter Finch did in that 1977 movie *Network*, when Finch portrayed aging TV anchorman Howard Beale losing his mind and screaming out of the nearest window, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not taking it anymore." There are mornings on Kuhner when he sounds just like an aging anchorman rather than a reasonable radio talk show host.

**WHICH FOREVER YOUNG
VERSION IS BETTER?**

Is it Bob Dylan's song from 1973 or Rod Stewart's version

from 1988. Oh, also tell me why? sal.giarratani@gmail.com. Oh, and by the way, if anyone is forever young, it has to be Dylan himself, now 83 years young today.

**DID YOU WATCH WALZ AND
VANCE IN THEIR DEBATE?**

I know I didn't. Who cares about either of these guys? I would rather watch paint dry on a wall. However, from what I heard from some who did watch this debate, Walz came out like some weird guy not to say the least. JD Vance they said was ready and quite prepared as Walz, I was told, looked like a deer staring into the oncoming headlights.

**DAVID BOWIE
AND "MAJOR TOM"**

I've always liked David Bowie's music. Songs like "Space Oddity" from 1969 and "Starman" in 1972. "Space Oddity" came out a year after the 1968 sci-fi movie *2001: A Space Odyssey* was released into movie theatres. That movie, it was said, inspired Bowie to do "Space Oddity." The 1972 Starman music tune was about a man lost in space and drifting away and was written in reference to a battle with drugs that Bowie had previously gone through. The reference to the lyrics "Ground Control to Major Tom" alluded to a drug experience as 'Major Tom' was slang for someone doing drugs, getting strung out high, and being followed by an all-time low.

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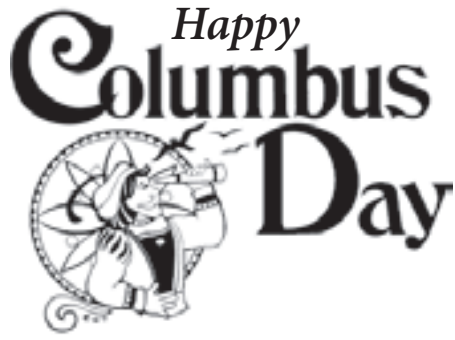
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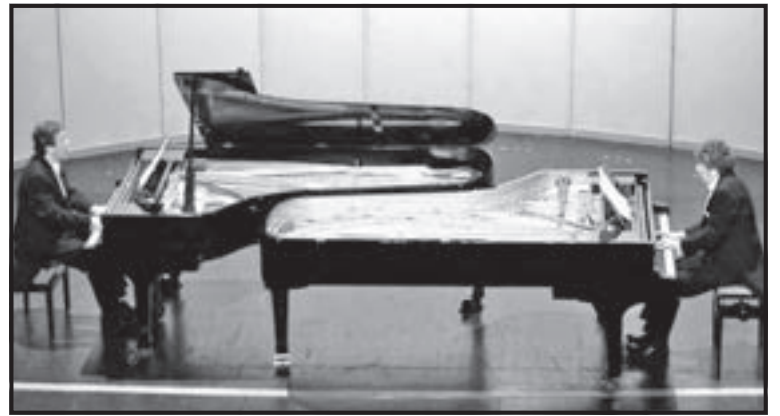
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Piano Virtuosos Anthony & Joseph Paratore Return to Boston for a November 3rd Concert

The internationally acclaimed piano team of Anthony and Joseph Paratore will be making a highly anticipated return to the Boston area, with an exciting program to be given at the Dante Alighieri Society in Cambridge. For decades, the Paratore brothers have thrilled audiences and impressed critics across the globe with their brilliant virtuosity and solid musicianship. Their acclaimed recitals for both two pianos and piano, four hands, showcase their vast and diverse repertoire. The team has given the premieres of a number of contemporary works, some of which were written expressly for them. Much in demand as guest artists with major symphony orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, and San Francisco Symphony. They have collaborated with illustrious conductors such as Boulez, Ozawa,



Salonen, Zinman and Solti.

The Paratore's are natives of Boston, where they began their musical training. Although they concertized throughout the world, the Paratore's particularly enjoy returning to Boston to perform for friends, and many fans throughout area.

The recital for two pianos, will include the Paratore's own, delightful transcription of Gershwin's classic "Rhapsody in Blue," as well as arrangements

of music by the immortal jazz composer Dave Brubeck, with whom they enjoyed a close artistic relationship. The concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, November 3, 2024. The Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts is located at 41 Hampshire Street in Cambridge. For tickets and further information, please visit <https://www.dantemass.org/paratore> or Maryanne Uccello at mau12@comcast.net.

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 Docket No. MI24C0950CA
 In the Matter of
 DIANA JENNY SHABASHOV
 CITATION ON
 PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Diana Jenny Shabashov of Newton, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Diana Jenny Cohen.

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 17, 2024. 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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
 First Justice of this Court
 Date: September 19, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 10/11/2024

• Unions not Endorsing Harris (Continued from Page 1)

Another of America's largest and strongest labor unions has defied its membership's preference to endorse former President Trump, the Republican 2024 nominee for President. It's the first time in thirty years the union has failed to endorse a presidential candidate.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters President Sean O'Brien described "the union's 2024 endorsement process as the most inclusive Democratic and transparent presidential endorsement process in

the history of our 121-year-old organization," just before he announced the Teamsters would not endorse Donald Trump or Kamala Harris, while at the same time acknowledging it's 1.3 million members overwhelmingly support former President Trump. O'Brien was invited to speak at the Republican National Convention in July and accepted the invitation. He was not invited to speak at the Democratic National Convention in August.

An election poll showed Trump

led Harris 59.6% to 34%, compared to a phone poll showing Trump with 58% and Harris 31%. Those numbers are a dramatic reversal from when Biden, before his withdrawal, led Trump 44.3% to Trump's 36.3%.

The union endorsed Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016 and Joe Biden in 2020. Trump called the non-endorsement "a great honor, it's a big thing." With less than five weeks until election day, November 5th, it will be interesting to see how these non-endorsements play out.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
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 Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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 Docket No. MI23P5687EA

Estate of
 JOHN CARTER HEISS
 Also Known As
 JOHN C. HEISS

Date of Death: July 18, 2023

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will has been filed by Laura Heiss Varas of Rye, NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 November 04, 2024.

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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
 First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 07, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 10/11/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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Estate of
 JASON BOCH
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Date of Death: February 14, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Valerie J. Boch of Pelham, NH.

Valerie J. Boch of Pelham, NH 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: 10/11/2024

• FEMA Out of Cash (Continued from Page 1)

you need to clear landslides, to provide shelter, and to offer food and medicine," President Biden said.

More than 150 households have registered for FEMA and that number is expected to spike as the reality of the devastation becomes more apparent. Biden, Harris and FEMA, an extension of their administration, have been accused of not prioritizing the crisis, with many in North Carolina still without clean water, food or cell phone service.

FEMA has overstretched its budget under the Bide/Harris administration to accommodate the needs of illegal immigrants. The Shelter and Services Program (SSP), administered by FEMA in partnership with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), provides financial support to non-federal entities to provide humanitarian services to "non-citizen immigrants." Between FY 2023 and FY 2024, at least one billion dollars has been spent on the program, according to FEMA's website. In 2024, over \$20 million went to the New York City of Management and Budget.

New York City's Department of Homeless Services gave \$4,000 grants to 150 migrant families to transition from city shelters to permanent housing. Eligible families may also receive up to \$1,000 in gift cards for moving expenses and household necessities, according to a September report. When speaking in Atlanta, Georgia

last week, Harris said, FEMA is Providing \$750 in cash "for folks who need immediate needs due to the storm."

Desperate residents of the ravaged North Carolina town have given up waiting for rescue efforts from the Biden/Harris Administration and FEMA for food, water and medicine, and have begun to rely on home grown efforts instead. Donations have been collected by volunteers and loaded into small privately owned airplanes for delivery to the hardest hit regions of the state.

Volunteer group Operation Airdrop flew an estimated thirty-seven private helicopters to assist with reserve efforts in the rural high country. "We

just kind of organized a private helicopter army to go in and survey the damage and extract stranded residents, and take supplies in," volunteer pilot Matt McSwain said.

On the ground, MULES from Mountain Mule Packer Ranch fought their way through impassible roadways, with saddlebags full of medicine, first aid and other much needed supplies to various parts of the state. "Busy morning as we loaded lots of equipment, supplies, and MULES leave for North Carolina! Please know we appreciate EVERY kind word, gesture of support and all that are partnering with us to HELP all that we can!" the ranch posted on Facebook.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Sir Christopher Wren

Sir Christopher Wren — British architect Christopher Wren was born on October 30, 1632 in Wiltshire, south-western England. the only surviving son of Christopher Wren the Elder and Mary Cox.



Educated in Latin, Philosophy and Physics at the University of Oxford, Wren was a founder of the Royal Society and served as its president from 1680 to 1682. His scientific work was highly regarded by Isaac Newton and Blaise Pascal.

In 1661, Wren was elected Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford, and in 1669 he was appointed Surveyor of Works to Charles II. From 1661 until 1668 Wren's life was based in Oxford.

The main sources for Wren's scientific achievements are the records of the Royal Society. His scientific works ranged from astronomy, optics, the problem of finding longitude at sea, cosmology, mechanics, microscopy, surveying, medicine and meteorology.

It is unclear why Wren turned to architecture, but at the time it was considered a branch of applied mathematics and a gentleman's pursuit.

Wren's career as an architect was well established by 1669, and it may have been his appointment as Surveyor of the King's Works early that year that persuaded him that he could finally afford to marry. In 1669, the 37-year-old Wren married his childhood neighbor, the 33-year-old Faith Coghill,

In 1677, 17 months after the untimely death of his first wife, Wren remarried, this time to Jane Fitzwilliam.

Wren's later life was not without criticisms and attacks on his competence and his taste. In 1712, Anthony Ashley Cooper, third Earl of Shaftesbury, circulated a document proposing a new British-style of architecture, Ashley Cooper censured Wren's cathedral, his taste and his long-standing control of the royal works. Although Wren was appointed to the 52 New Churches Commission in 1711. He was left only with nominal charge of a board of works when surveying started in 1715. On April 26, 1718, on the pretext of failing powers, he was dismissed in favor of William Benson.

In 1713, he bought the manor of Wroxall, Warwickshire, from the Burgoyne family.

On one of his trips to London, at the age of ninety, he caught a cold and on February 25, 1723, a servant who tried to awaken Wren from his nap found that he had died in his sleep. His body was placed in the southeast corner of the crypt of his masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral. There is a memorial to him in the crypt at St. Paul's.

Considered one of the greatest minds of his time, Wren designed St. Paul's Cathedral and 52 churches for the City of London. His secular buildings included the "new" wing of Hampton Court near London and Greenwich Hospital, now the Royal Naval College.

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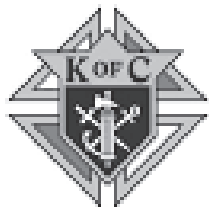
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was October and the cottage in Winthrop, Maine had been closed up since Labor Day. The leaves were starting to turn in Boston and Mom and Dad knew that the foliage in central Maine would be beautiful. As a result, it would be time to take a ride north to see what the colors of the leaves would be. Dad would have a substitute bass player take his place for the weekend jobs he had booked and packed up what we would need for the weekend. Nanna and Babbononno would be joining us for the trip to Maine and, they, too, packed what they needed.

Seeing we were going up on a Friday afternoon and returning on that Sunday, we wouldn't need much except warm clothes and bed linens. There would have been a pile of firewood already cut and stacked and covered with a tarp for a cold fall weekend. Depending on the temperature, we were ready with a clean pot belly stove in the living room and a couple of electric heaters for the bedrooms.

Both Mom and Dad put overnight bags together for the trip and Mom told Nanna not to pack too much, but it fell on deaf ears where Babbononno was concerned. I had a boy scout duffel bag that I used for sports equipment and put in a pair of hiking boots, warm clothes and a bomber jacket, but when we picked up my grandparents, they each had suitcases filled with clothes and bags of things to cook with, enough food to feed a group of hungry truck drivers, a gallon of Zi'Antonio's best red wine and a bottle of Brioschi, just in case. When we picked them up, Dad told them that we were probably going to eat out for our main meals, but that too fell on deaf ears. Nanna had packed a can of espresso for Babbononno's morning coffee, a bottle of milk and a pound of sugar to add in, a couple of dozen eggs, three loaves of Italian bread, two jars

of gravy, a few pounds of homemade macaroni, a dozen large meatballs, an eggplant or two, a dozen sausages and an assortment of cold cuts and cheese for lunch. All of this was explained by Nanna with, "Just in case."

Dad didn't argue as there was enough room in the trunk of his '54 Chevy so he helped my grandparents load everything they were bringing. We left East Boston in the afternoon on that Friday, and headed north. The trees had already started to turn locally but the foliage was in full bloom as we headed into New Hampshire and then into Maine. By the time we reached Winthrop, it was dark. The only lights we saw as we drove down Memorial Drive to the cottage, were from the homes of the local residents all of whom living across the street from the lake. The houses on the lake were summer cottages and all were closed up for the winter. Once we were inside our place, we unpacked, lit the stove to take the chill out of the rooms and then put all of the food away.

Nanna wanted to cook but Dad thought it would be quicker if we headed to Winthrop Center and eat at the only restaurant open in the evenings, McNamera's. McNamera's was a local hang out at night. About the only way I can describe it is "Arnold's," from Happy Days. The most exotic item on the menu was pork chops with apple sauce on the side. It was past the dinner hour but we were all hungry and the hostess accompanied us to a table away from the teenagers sipping their Cokes and listening to the juke box at 5 cents per song or 6 for a quarter.

When the menus arrived, the waitress told us what they were out of, which seemed like everything except ham steak with pineapple chunks as a hot meal. She said that they could make any sandwich we wanted. Well, it was Friday night, and if you remember the old days, Catholics couldn't eat meat on Fridays. Babbononno started complaining, "What kind of Catholics are they; we can't eat meat. Dad told him that there were very few Catholics in that part of Maine, adding the fact that most of the people were Protestant. Nanna asked if they could eat meat on Fridays. Dad responded with, "As I understand it, yes, they can. The only people who can't are Roman Catholics and the members

of Orthodox religions. When the waitress took our order, we all seemed to order tuna salad sandwiches. Babbononno asked for Scali bread. The waitress replied, "What's that, sir?" Discovering he was out of East Boston, Babbononno asked, "Wadda kinda bread you gudda?" The waitress said, "White, rye, and whole wheat." The resolve was the five of us eating tuna salad sandwiches on white bread with sweet pickles and potato chips on the side. Actually, the sandwiches weren't bad, but Babbononno swore in Italian after each bite.

What finally quieted him down were the desserts, homemade pies a la mode. Babbononno had a sweet tooth and worked his way through two orders of homemade apple pie with ice cream. On the way back to the cottage, he raved about the American food, especially the apple pie. Once we were back in the cottage which had been warming up for us, Babbononno had to wash down the apple pie with a glass of wine. That was his nightcap and all was well.

The next morning, we all went for a walk around Lake Maranacook looking at the colors of the leaves, bright jonquil yellow, Chinese red, burnt orange and everything in between. It was breathtaking. On the way back, Old Vic Gordon, one of the locals was waiting for us. He was sitting on the front steps of his son Arthur's house whittling away at a piece of wood. As we approached, he yelled in a very pronounced down-Maine accent, "Heard you folks was here foah the weekend, and was wondrin' if Mike brung some of that home-made Eye-talian wine with him." Between Vic's accent and Babbononno's fractured English, I don't know how communicated, but they did.

Just then Old Vic's son, Arthur Gordon, and his wife, Arlene, appeared in the doorway. Arthur, who stuttered through his Maine accent, told us that they had heard we were there for the weekend and that lunch was ready. Nanna, Babbononno, Mom, Dad and I were ushered into the Gordon home and treated to lunch... tuna fish salad sandwiches on white bread, with sweet pickles and chips on the side. What could we do but eat and rave about the lunch. Arlene mentioned that, seeing it was Saturday, there was a bean supper at the Baptist church in Winthrop Center and they were inviting us. Dad looked at the rest of us and accepted. What else could he do?

The following day was Sunday. We walked the mile and a half to the center to the small Catholic church for Mass. Nanna couldn't wait to get back to the cottage and begin to make dinner. Actually, she had risen about 6:00 a.m. and started her gravy. By the time everything was ready, the Gordons showed up as our guests. Old Vic and Babbononno put a dent in the gallon of wine and we had a "down Maine" Sunday dinner ... ITALIAN-STYLE.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

In the United States, pumpkin-flavored treats like lattes, pies, and muffins have become iconic representations of the fall season, often spiced with warming flavors such as cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves. These flavors create a sense of coziness and are celebrated in a wide array of sweet dishes. In contrast, in Italy, pumpkin (*zucca*) is more often used in savory dishes, such as risottos, soups, and stuffed pasta, and is appreciated for its natural sweetness balanced with ingredients like sage and Parmesan. Though pumpkin desserts exist in Italy, they are far less common. Italians maintain a more grounded, traditional approach, utilizing pumpkin primarily in savory dishes that reflect the flavors of the land.

A wonderful dish to embrace the seasonal spirit is *Budino di Pane alla Zucca*, or Pumpkin Bread Pudding. It's delightful whether served warm or chilled, and pairs perfectly with a dollop of whipped cream or a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

PUMPKIN BREAD PUDDING

Budino di Pane alla Zucca



- 1 loaf Challah bread, cut into cubes
- 4 whole eggs
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 3 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small cubes

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Generously grease a 9x13" baking pan with butter and set aside.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Spread the cubed bread on the sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes to dry it out. Remove from the oven and allow to cool. Place the bread cubes in the greased baking dish and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, heavy cream, pumpkin puree, sugar, salt, vanilla extract, and pumpkin pie spice.

Pour the mixture over the bread cubes, letting it sit for about 15 minutes until the bread absorbs the custard.

Dot the top with butter cubes.

Bake for 40-50 minutes, until the center is set but not dry. Refrigerate leftovers.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Witness, **HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 25, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 10/11/2024

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Mellitus, a Roman and the son of a noble family, may have been the abbot of St. Andrew's monastery in Rome. He was the leader of the second band of missionaries whom Pope Gregory 1 sent to assist Augustine, the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Pope also sent a letter instructing Mellitus to tell Augustine and his fellow missionaries to destroy the Saxons' idols but to convert their pagan places of worship into churches (rather than destroy them) and to preserve local pagan festivals by turning them into Christian observances. These measures helped to make Christianity more acceptable and, consequently, greatly furthered the cause of the church in England.

Consecrated as bishop in 604AD Mellitus was directed to preach in the kingdom of the East Saxons. He baptized their king, Saberht, but failed to convert Saberht's sons. After Saberht's death, Mellitus was eventually banished by his sons, supposedly when he refused to give them Communion because they were unbelievers.



After a brief exile in Gaul, he was recalled by Laurentius, archbishop of Canterbury, whom he succeeded in 619. According to legend, Mellitus saved Canterbury from destruction by fire, the strength of his prayers summoning a great wind that drove the flames away from the city. Mellitus passed away on April 24, 624. The feast day of Saint Mellitus is April 24th.

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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 21, 2024**. 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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
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An October Surprise

Zivic Wins Welterweight Title from Armstrong



Armstrong (Left) and Zivic

In 1940, World Welterweight Champion Henry Armstrong was staying very busy. Through September he had eight fights. Five of those fights were title defenses. He still wasn't done as he would put the title on the line one more time before the year was finished.

While Armstrong was staying quite active, another welterweight who was hoping for a shot at the title was staying even busier. Fritz Zivic had thirteen fights through August of 1940. He lost two of the thirteen, but was putting together a winning streak of five fights culminating in a win over Sammy Angott. This was enough to secure him a shot at Henry Armstrong's title.

The fight, which took place on October 4, 1940 at Madison Square Garden, would have champion and challenger entering the ring with a combined total of twenty-one fights over the previous nine months. Their career records at this point saw Armstrong with 109 wins, 12 losses, and 8 draws. Fritz Zivic was sporting a record of 100 wins, 24 losses, and 5 draws. That's a combined total of 258 fights. Both fighters made their debuts in 1931, so all of these fights took place in just nine years. That would be unthinkable today.

Armstrong had pretty much wrapped up his place in history as one of the all-time greats. He was favored to defeat Zivic. However, Fritz was not a fighter to take lightly. He was a rough customer in the ring and feared no man. He took on fighters others avoided such as Charley Burley and Eddie Booker. Later in his career he would defeat Jake LaMotta.

Henry was the only man to hold three undisputed titles simultaneously. He was featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight champion. He came within a whisker of adding the middleweight championship when his fight with Ceferino Garcia was called a draw.

Armstrong defended the welterweight title 19 times. To call Henry an active champion is a gross understatement.

Zivic was also prolific when it came to stepping into the ring. Sometimes I think fighters like him fight so often because they really don't like training. Plus, he got paid to fight, not for training.

When the bell rang for the first round on that October night in Madison Square Garden, it became apparent Henry had lost some of his edge. It certainly wasn't due to ring rust, but fighters do wear out. This is not to say he was washed up, and he put up a great fight against Zivic. Over ten rounds the fight was close, but Armstrong was taking a beating. As the bell rang for the fifteenth round, Armstrong, who was noticeably tired came out to face the challenger. Zivic sealed his victory when he dropped Henry at the bell ending the fight.

Henry Armstrong was battered and bloody as the score cards were announced. The decision was unanimous in favor of Fritz Zivic. It is always sad when a great champion falls, but inevitably they do.

There is no film footage of the fight available. Here is a ringside account from the press:

"Henry Armstrong lost his welterweight title after 15 of the most vicious rounds ever fought but he lost like a true champion should. There was no doubt as

to the victor. The crowd sensed as early as the 10th round that a new champion was in the making but that crowd stayed to cheer the game little fellow who gave it all he had and still lost. For the first seven rounds they stood head-to-head with Henry banging away from outside and Fritzie stabbing, cutting and slashing at Henry's eyes. Henry was on his way out as early as the 8th round when Zivic, fighting a cool, heady battle, cut both of the fading champion's eyes and never let up banging away at them. In ten different rounds Fritzie knocked the rubber mouthpiece from Henry's mouth. Zivic did just what he said he'd do--cut the old scar tissue over Henry's eyes, blind him and then finish. Then came the final round and Zivic stood off and banged Henry at will. Just before the bell, Zivic landed a corking right and Henry went down on his ear just as the bell rang." - International News Service (Thanks to Boxrec)

There two would meet again in January of 1941 with Fritzie retaining the title via a TKO in the 12th round. It was another brutal fight and Henry fought his heart out, but the referee was forced to stop the fight when Henry's eyes were swelling shut and he was taking a terrible beating.

After defeating Armstrong in their title rematch, Zivic fought seven non-title bouts before putting the crown on the line against Freddie Cochrane in July of 1941. Cochrane beat him by decision. Again, as hard as it may seem to believe today, but Zivic fought 13 more times in 1941 after defending the title against Armstrong. He took on an up-and-coming Sugar Ray Robinson in October of that year. A side note; Robinson made his pro debut on the undercard of the first Armstrong/ Zivic fight.

It is often forgotten that Zivic and Armstrong would meet one last time. In 1942, now both former champs, fought a ten rounder in San Francisco. This time Armstrong won a one-sided decision.

Henry Armstrong would continue fighting until 1945, while Zivic carried on until 1949. Their career records were outstanding. Armstrong's stood at 149 wins, 21 losses, and 10 draws, while Fritzie ends with 157 wins, 65 losses, and 9 draws. Two amazing fighters. Numbers like these will never be seen again. Neither will such fighters.



Armstrong decked in the final Round

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



When the Celtics open the 2024-2025 season by hosting the archrival New York Knicks at the Garden on October 22, there may well be a very interested spectator on hand.

That person would be very familiar with the Boston area since he played his high school ball in the region, later came back to play and coach against Boston College but is best remembered for his stellar career in the NBA — with the New York Knicks, no less.

Yes, while the Celtics will be all smiles as they are presented with their championship rings and Banner 18 is hoisted to the rafters on that night when all things will glitter, there may be moments of wistfulness for Patrick Ewing, who did just about everything in basketball with one exception — win an NBA title.

You see, Ewing, who is now 62, is back with the New York Knicks once again, having been signed by the franchise as a "basketball ambassador assisting both basketball and business operations," the organization stated in a press release.

The move reunites Ewing with the NBA franchise that has always been closest to him. "As I said the day my number 33 was lifted to the rafters at Madison Square Garden, I will always be a Knick and I will always be a New Yorker."

But while that statement may refer to his present feelings, there was a past for Patrick Ewing and a major portion of that past included the Boston area.

Ewing was born in Kingston, Jamaica but moved to Cambridge with his parents as a young child. He attended Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School where he learned the game of basketball under head coach Mike Jarvis.

And he learned it well, leading the team to three consecutive Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Division One state championships from 1979 to 1981.

During his time on the court in Cambridge he averaged 14 points a game during his sophomore season, 18 tallies a contest as a junior and 23 as a senior. He also led Cambridge to a phenomenal 76-1 record during that time span.

He was named to *Parade Magazine's* High School All-America team twice and was named the 1981 McDonald's High School Player of the Year, edging out another player you might have heard about — Michael Jordan.

If a high school player had put together a career like that in the current era, the sports media portion of the internet would be virtually exploding with accolades. But this was a different era. IBM would not introduce what we would call its first desktop home computer until the summer of 1981. There wasn't an internet, thus no social media, It was an era of landline phones when print edition newspapers and magazines reigned in the sports media environment. A time so different

from today for those of us who came of age in the B.C. era — before computers and before cell phones.

It was during this era of communications that Patrick Ewing made his mark. But still the traditional big-name coaches found their way to his door. He almost signed up to play for Dean Smith at the University of North Carolina — a move that would have made him and Jordan teammates. The move meant he also bypassed Rick Pitino, who was the coach at Boston University during that time.

Instead, he went to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where he played for coach John Thompson — a leader who is it is fair to say had both his backers and his detractors. While there, Ewing would return to Boston to play against Boston College since both were members of the Big East Conference at that time.

Ewing led Georgetown to three appearances in the NCAA Division One "March Madness" tournament, winning the title in 1984 when the Hoyas beat Houston 85-75 at the Kingdome in Seattle.

After his playing days were concluded Ewing went on to serve as an assistant coach for the Washington Wizards, Houston Rockets, Orlando Magic, and Charlotte Hornets.

He eventually was named the head coach at Georgetown, his alma mater. He was there for six seasons before being let go.

But when one door closes, another often opens. "The New York Knicks and Patrick Ewing are synonymous with one another and we are humbled and excited to bring Patrick Ewing back home," stated Knicks president Leon Rose in a press release. "He is a monumental figure in New York basketball lore and brings a wealth of knowledge from his time both on and off the court that is unmatched."

The majority of the writers in the New York metropolitan area are picking the Knicks to make it to the Eastern Conference Finals this coming spring — something they almost accomplished last season before being eliminated by Indiana.

But no one is picking them to win the Eastern Conference Finals. Everyone in the NBA has the Celtics returning to the NBA Finals and most have them winning a second consecutive NBA title.

In that sense, although the October 22 opener will be only the first game of the 82-game regular season schedule, it may serve as a very early preview of next year's playoffs.

Of course, that is a long way away and much could happen before we get there. Over the course of the long season injuries — both repetitive and singular — sometimes take their toll. But providing that is on the floor on October 22 is still available during the spring playoffs, it could be quite a bit of a window into the future spring playoffs.

Only time will tell.