

# POST-GAZETTE

(Formerly LA GAZZETTA del MASSACHUSETTS)



## Italian American Alliance (IAA) Columbus Day Celebration on Pier 1, East Boston



(L-R) — Front Row: Ginny Gardner, Kathy DiStefano, Florence Guidara, and Lena V'Alleva; Middle Row: Dr. Domenic Amara, Ross Zagami, Marisa DiPietro, Queen Isabella, Christopher Columbus, Rita Damigella, and Jim DiStefano; Back Row: George Gardner, Tom Damigella, Claudia Maragno, and Brian Patacchiola (Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

The Italian American Alliance celebrated Columbus Day on Monday, October 14th and they couldn't have chosen a more fitting location to honor the explorer's history. Set on Pier 1, on the East Boston waterfront, adjacent to Tall Ship Park on Marginal Street, this location boasts a majestic view of the Boston skyline, has been home to a large Italian American population for well over a century and is just a short walk to the immigration station which was operational in the early to mid-1900s.

This event was sponsored by the Italian American Alliance

(IAA) and the National Italian American Foundation in celebration of Italian culture and heritage, featuring Italian food, pastries, vendors, children's activities, including a magic show, The Strolling Magician, Barbie, raffles, and Italian music. Headlining the entertainment were the Sea Breeze Band with Steve Savio and East Boston's own DJ Alan LaBella who had everyone dancing as he led the "Volare Line" all around the park.

"This Columbus Day Celebration at the Tall Ship Park carries on the tradition of Columbus Day in Boston. It's notable that

ordinary people of Boston, on their own, have brought the celebration of Columbus back to Boston. Christopher Columbus was significant in American History and a model of courage and persistence, particularly to Italian Americans," said Jim DiStefano, President of the Italian American Alliance.

This was the third annual Italian American Cultural Celebration and the group looks forward to many more years of successful events honoring Columbus Day and their Italian American Heritage.

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Let's Go Brandon!

The creator of *America's Most Wanted* is urging voters in the Syracuse area to back the re-election of first-term Republican Brandon Williams in a TV ad buy. "Tonight, America's most dangerous criminals are back out on our streets, thanks to Democrats (Gov.) Kathy Hochul and John Mannion," says John Walsh in a 30-second TV campaign ad. "Democrats support cashless bail, releasing violent criminals in our communities, putting families at risk ... Brandon Williams will keep America's most wanted behind bars where they belong," said John Walsh.

### Latest Lithium Fire Death

A 69-year-old man was killed when a fire sparked by a lithium-ion battery trapped him inside his Brooklyn apartment Wednesday of last week. The victim died and two others were injured in the early morning fire that broke out inside the second-floor apartment, where the battery, which powered a scooter, burst into flames.

### The True Threat to Democracy is ...

"The real long-term threat to democracy in the United States is the increasing willingness of Democratic Party leaders to use the power and leverage of the federal government to silence speech they don't like," explains the *Washington Examiner* editorial board. The Supreme Court's "shouting fire in a crowded theater" exception to the First Amendment came "in an infamous case that wrongly gave the federal government dictatorial authority to shut down debate" about "the draft during World War I," and the high court ruled in 1969 "that free speech could not be so easily limited." Rather, "the proper test for limiting speech was much narrower"; was it "likely to incite or produce ... imminent lawless action?" And: "Under this test" Democrats "current"

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## Should Photo Identification Be Required When Voting In-Person?

by Patti Sartori

Federal identification laws require voters to present some form of photo ID in order to register to vote. Whether each state should require voters to show identification before voting has become a subject of debate. Supporters of requiring voter identification laws argue that it is needed to prevent voter fraud, it does not decrease voter turnout, and it is popular with voters. Opponents of requiring identification laws argue they are burdensome for many voters and target minorities and argue that in person voting fraud is rare.

As of April 2024, 35 states required voters to present identification in order to vote at the polls on election day. Of these states, 24 required voters to present identification containing a photo, and 11 accepted

other forms of identification. The remaining 16 states did not require voters to present identification in order to vote in person at the polls on election day.

Valid forms of identification differ by state. In certain states that require voters to provide identification, there may be exceptions that allow some voters to cast a ballot without providing an ID. Commonly accepted forms of ID include driver's licenses, state-issued identification cards, and military identification cards.

There are multiple arguments for and against voter identification laws. Those in support believe "Voter ID laws can stop multiple types of fraud, such as impersonating another registered voter, and stopping out-of-state residents or someone registered in multiple

jurisdictions". There are voters across various demographics who support voter ID laws in numerous polls by almost 80%, including almost 60% of democrats, according to the Heritage Foundation.

The opponents to voter identification laws cite "Overly burdensome photo ID laws deprive many voters of their right to vote, reduce participation and stand in direct opposition to our country's trend of including more Americans in the democratic process. Many Americans do not have one of the forms of government-issued photo identification that state laws list as acceptable for voting. These voters are disproportionately low-income, racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly,

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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.



## JULIUS CAESAR

“De Bello Gallico” can probably be best translated as “From the Gallic Wars” and this expression is universally understood to identify the commentaries of Julius Caesar on those wars. They were campaigns which were conducted by Caesar from 58 B.C. to 51 B.C., and by which he conquered an area for Rome, approximately the size of France, as we know it today. The commentaries seem to be a compilation of the dispatches which were sent by Caesar to the Senate at the end of each year of operations and these in turn were prepared from the information that he received from his staff officers. Critics have considered the literary style of these dispatches to be simple, straightforward, and unadorned, with occasional touches of rhetoric. Present day reports claim that the original dispatches were presented in the form of notebooks with numbered pages and that they were published at a later date in eight short books which average out to six or seven thousand words in each book. This is the literary work which is claimed to have given Caesar a prominent position among the scholars in the Golden Age and also placed him among the world’s greatest writers.

Any attempt to report on the “commentaries of Caesar” at this time would be meaningless due to the lack of other background information on the Gallic Wars. I shall, instead, seize upon this opportunity to present an introduction to Julius Caesar in the next five weeks which should be interesting, even though it merely scratches the surface. I don’t know any other way to do justice to the memory of the greatest Roman that the world has ever known.

The name “Caesar” probably was derived from ancient Roman legends. Some say it came directly from the word “Caedo” meaning that the first bearer of the name was cut from his mother by Caesarean operation. Others derive the name from “Caesaries” because the first Caesar was born with a full head of hair. Still others attach the name to “Caesius” as applied to the color of the skin and eyes.

Caesar was the family name of Gaius Julius Caesar and



Julius Caesar  
Louvre Museum, Paris  
Künstler Nicolas Coustou  
(French, 1658–1733)

after his death, the title of Caesar was given to many succeeding emperors. However, the term “Twelve Caesars” seems to refer specifically to Julius Caesar, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Vespasian, Titus,

Domitian, Nerva, Trajan, and Hadrian.

The first six Caesars, from Julius to Nero constitute what is commonly known as the Julio-Claudian line. Readers must be reminded that Julius Caesar was a dictator but not an emperor; therefore, of the “Twelve Caesars” only eleven were emperors. It also might be of interest to note that in later years, the names Czar and Kaiser (absolute rulers) were derived from the Latin name Caesar.

The Julio-Claudian line was followed by “The Flavian Emperors” who were Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian. These are the emperors who were responsible for the construction of the “Flavian Amphitheater” which we now call the “Coliseum.” The next three Caesars: Nerva, Trajan, and Hadrian are part of a line of emperors which were called the “Antonines” or “The Good Emperors.”

### NEXT ISSUE:

*Intrare Julius Caesar*

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI24D1714DR  
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The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Patricia Mulamba, 28B Second Street, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer, if any, on or before November 20, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 09, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 10/25/2024

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Docket No. MI23P4262EA  
Estate of  
RICHARD KENNETH JONES  
Also Known As  
RICHARD K. JONES  
Date of Death: January 24, 2014  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Julia B. Jones of Malden, 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 Julia B. Jones of Malden, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 12, 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 15, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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## 5 Massachusetts State Ballot Questions



House Ways and Means Chair and North End State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, speaks at a rally in North Square, alongside North End Restaurateurs and tipped workers, urging a NO Vote on ballot question 5.

On election day in Massachusetts, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, five binding statewide ballot questions will appear on the state election ballot offering each voter the option to vote **YES** or **NO**. The choices you make will shape the path that our state and local government will follow. Please take the opportunity to participate in this process, because your vote does matter!

### Question 1: State Auditor’s Authority to Audit the Legislature

— This proposed law would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature. A **YES** vote would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature, a **NO** vote would make no change in the law relative to the State Auditor’s authority.

### Question 2: Elimination of MCAS as High School Graduation Requirement

— This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that a student pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test (or other statewide or district-wide assessments) in mathematics, science, technology, and English in order to receive a high school diploma. Instead, in order for a student to receive a high school diploma, the proposed law would require the student to complete coursework certified by the student’s district as demonstrating mastery of the competencies contained in the state academic standards in mathematics, science and technology, and English, as well as any additional areas determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A **YES** vote would eliminate the requirement that students pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate high school but still require students to complete coursework that meets state standards. A **NO** vote would make no change in the law relative to the requirement that a student pass the MCAS in order to graduate high school.

### Question 3: Unionization for Transportation Network Drivers

— An Act Giving Transportation Network Drivers, such as Uber and Lyft, the option to Form a Union and enter into Collective Bargaining. A **YES** vote would provide transportation network drivers the option to form unions to collectively bargain with transportation network companies regarding wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of work. A **NO** vote would make no change in the law relative to the ability of transportation network drivers to form unions.

### Question 4: Limited Legalization and Regulation of Certain Natural Psychedelic Substances

— The proposed law would allow persons aged 21 and older to grow, possess, and use certain natural psychedelic substances in certain circumstances. The psychedelic substances allowed would be two substances found in mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocyn), and three substances found in plants (dimethyltryptamine, mescaline and ibogaine). These substances could be purchased at an approved location for use under the supervision of a licensed facilitator. This proposed law would otherwise prohibit any retail sale of natural psychedelic substances. This proposed law would also provide for the regulation and taxation of these psychedelic substances.

A **YES** vote would allow persons over age 21 to use certain natural psychedelic substances under licensed supervision and to grow possess limited quantities of those substances in their home and would create a commission to regulate those substances. A **NO** vote would make no change in the law regarding natural psychedelic substances.

### Question 5: Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers

— This proposed law would gradually increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker, over the course of five years. The proposed law would require employers to continue to pay tipped workers the difference between the state minimum wage and the total amount a tipped worker receives in hourly wages plus tips through the end of 2028. The proposed law would also permit employers to calculate this difference over the entire weekly or bi-weekly payroll period. The requirement to pay this difference would cease when the required hourly wage for tipped workers would become 100% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2029.

Under the proposed law, if an employer pays its workers an hourly wage that is at least the state minimum wage, the employer would be permitted to administer a “tip pool” that combines all the tips given by customers to tipped workers and distribute them among all the workers, including non-tipped workers.

A **YES** vote would increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker to the full state minimum wage implemented over five years, at which point employers could pool all tips and distribute them to all non-management workers. A **NO** vote would make no change in the law governing tip pooling or the minimum wage for tipped workers.

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## College Students Express Concern Ahead of 2024 Election

*"We're Going in the Wrong Direction"*

American college students are worried about the state of the country as the presidential election draws near, including how Americans talk to one another, inflation and future prospects. Students at the University of Tennessee and New York University (NYU) spoke about how they feel regarding the direction of America and what they are most concerned about when it comes to their future.

"Right now, it's kind of heading in a negative direction because I feel like every one's lost hope," said Marina, an NYU student. "It's quite scary knowing how much information is censored these days," stated Kevin, a University of Tennessee student. Lily, also a student at University of Tennessee, said "it is currently a very divisive time for the country" and added that "former President Trump and Vice-President Harris are complete polar opposites. I think it's really hard to have that conversation with people and kind of have a peaceful conversation about disagreements. I hope we're going in the right direction. I do enjoy this country. I love the freedoms that we have, and hope they stay protected," she added.

Voters on college campuses in Washington, D.C., Milwaukee, Detroit and Houston cited the economy, immigration and foreign policy as their top issues. One student expressed optimism about his own future but is pessimistic in terms of the country as a whole. Alex, a student at George Washington University, who describes himself as far left, believes "inflation, rent prices and the housing crisis is something that I think the Biden administration didn't really tackle enough, along with securing a ceasefire in Gaza."

This group could very well represent a large voting bloc, so it may be in the best interest of each candidate to take the feelings and beliefs of this next generation quite seriously.

## Massachusetts Offices on the Ballot 2024

On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, we as Massachusetts voters have the ability to make our voices heard by taking the opportunity to vote in the statewide election. There are a number of ways to cast your ballot, voting in person, by mail or during early voting sessions in your cities or towns. Early voting is now in progress until November 1st. On Election Day, all polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There will be five binding statewide ballot questions appearing on the state ballot, along with the following offices:

- Electors of President and Vice-President (Kamala Harris-D, and Donald Trump-R)
- Senator in Congress (Elizabeth Warren-D and John Deaton-R)
- Representatives in Congress
- Councilor
- Senator in General Court
- Representative in General Court
- Register of Deeds
- Clerk of Courts
- County Commissioner
- Register of Probate

The choices you make in this election will shape the course of government for our nation, state and local communities. The leadership that you select will make important decisions affecting you and your family. Please do not pass up the opportunity to participate in this process. Please Vote and exercise the most essential right of our democratic system. *Every Vote Matters!!!*

## North End Athletic Association

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### ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center



**L-R): Director of ABCD NE/WE Center Julia Power, NEAA Chair Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Patricia Romano, Lillian Ferullo, Sandra Cammarata, Gina Susi, and Holly Marcus**

Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Chair of the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) graciously and generously donated Singer sewing machines along with

a selection of patterns and materials, to the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, at 1 Michelangelo Street, in the North End of Boston.



**Lillian Ferullo and Patricia Romano testing the newly donated sewing machines**

Senior participants at this site enjoy a number of programs including a modern and beautifully maintained drop-in senior center, health, exercise and wellness classes, social activities discounted taxi vouchers and a supermarket shuttle.

Julia Power, Director of the NE/WE Center expressed her deepest appreciation to the NEAA and Tomasone for their continued support and generosity.

New novel

## What Once Was Promised

by Louis Trubiano,

a North End Boston-based Work of Historical Fiction about Italian Immigrants, Receives International Impact Book Award



*What Once Was Promised*, Louis Trubiano's newly released debut novel, tells the story of a multigenerational Italian family as they navigate the turmoil and quickly changing landscape of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Boston. Following three young Italian immigrants and one American-born Italian, the novel traces their diverging paths from settling in the North End through the conflicts and decisions that pull them apart, all the way to the pressing mystery (and score to settle) that brings them back together.

Spanning 50 years of Boston history, the story pits its characters against rival factions and a hostile environment of discrimination. They face the fledgling Boston Mafia, corrupt police, Italian anarchists, and beyond as they each find their place in the world. This backdrop of early 1900s North End Boston affects each of their lives in different ways, from the Molasses Flood of 1919 to the Sacco and Vanzetti execution in 1927, and roots the events of the novel in a historical context that adds depth and palpable realism to the narrative. As Kirkus Reviews notes, "the city of Boston is as much a character as the human characters."

The Amazon Best Seller recently won an International Impact Book Award in the historical fiction category. With the award committee noting "*Louis Trubiano's What Once Was Promised* captivated the award committee with its vivid portrayal of historical events, complex characters, and a narrative that resonates deeply with readers. *The International Impact Book Awards* honor voices that inspire and educate, and *What Once Was Promised* is a shining example of excellence in historical fiction."

Inspired by his own family history, Trubiano incorporates real-world details into the lives of his characters as well. The main character, Domenic, emigrates to America from the same small town, at the same age, aboard the same ship as the author's maternal grandfather, and his experiences help inform the tone of the novel throughout.

Deftly balancing accurate history and fictionalized family drama, Trubiano paints a compelling portrait of Boston's North End from the perspective of Italian immigrants, weaving a plot of love, violence, and mystery that is sure to keep pages turning.

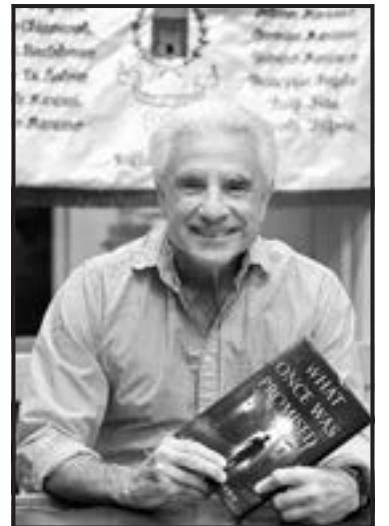
*What Once Was Promised* has received a prestigious "Get it" rating from Kirkus Reviews, can be purchased on Amazon and other online book sites.

Reviews of

### What Once Was Promised

"*What Once Was Promised*," is a multi-generational family saga packed with action, intrigue, love, and violence. It is a compelling story that is often inspiring and sometimes heartbreaking. *Highly recommended.*"

— Len Joy, award winning author of *Dry Heat* and *Everyone Dies Famous*  
 "A moving and well-written saga of an earlier time in America." — Kirkus Reviews



**Author Louis Trubiano**

*"Step into the rich tapestry of early 20th-century Boston where love, friendship, and betrayal intertwine against a backdrop of political intrigue and personal vendettas."*

— NewinBooks.com

### About the Author

Louis Trubiano was born and raised in Quincy, Massachusetts. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Rochester and a Master's Degree from Boston University's College of Communication. Louis spent over 40 years in the advertising industry in the Boston area, most of it as president of his own firm.

He served as Chairman of the Board of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman of the Board of Randolph Savings/ Envision Bank from 2015-2018. He helped found and served as the first Chairman of the Envision Bank Foundation (now the Abington Bank Community Foundation). He and his wife live in Canton, Massachusetts and have three daughters, six grandchildren, and one spoiled dog.

## L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

### This is Halloween! A Very Haunted Holiday

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

After those chilly and windblown autumnal rains that frequently mark the end of the October, the forest outside my bedroom always looks particularly eerie. A few bright yellow leaves cling gingerly to slick black branches, shivering against the cool air. The thick gray clouds blanketing the sky offset the carpet of red and orange leaves strewn on the ground. On my way to work in the morning, jack-o-lanterns grin from doorsteps and cloth ghosts wave playfully from porches. At night, the ominous dark sky and whispering winds propel me indoors to my cozy home, surrounded by soft light and the scent of baked goods. Yes, the time has come for Halloween, the spookiest night of the year, when witches and ghosts and vampires depart our collective subconscious and enter the realm of the everyday world. During Halloween, nothing is what it appears to be, and the day pulsates with a mysterious, spine-tingling energy. Halloween remains one of my favorite holidays, not just because of the oh-so-welcome prevalence of chocolate, but also because it brims with a sense of wonder and possibility over all that is unknown and unexplainable. At times macabre, and often bizarre, Halloween has an equally colorful origin story. The feast as we know it today took an intriguing and complex journey across continents and ancient traditions in order to morph into the modern Halloween. With roots in a pre-Christian harvest festival and its strong association with the Catholic feasts of All Saints and All Souls, Halloween boasts a history full of fascinating twists and memorable customs.

The story of Halloween begins with the ancient Celts, who celebrated a holiday known as Samhain (pronounced sow-en, where "sow" rhymes with "cow") on November 1<sup>st</sup>, with festivities commencing on the preceding evening. Samhain was considered the first day of winter, and some scholars theorize it may have functioned as the Celtic New Year. Samhain represented a time of uncertainty and fear for the Celts: the harvest had just finished, and the cold days of winter were quickly approaching. A good harvest meant the difference between life and death for their agriculture-based society, so the Celts prayed for a successful crop. As nature itself appeared bare and barren on the blustery days of early



November, Samhain retained a potent connection with death. Indeed, the Celts believed that the veil between the world of the living and that of the dead proved especially fragile on this transitional night, and that both good and bad spirits wandered the Earth during Samhain. Celts built bonfires and donned frightening costumes to deflect these spirits, and costumes continue to form an indelible part of modern Halloween. The Celts also hoped to ward off evil spirits by carving jack-o-lanterns, or hollowed turnips etched with eerie faces and illuminated by a candle inside. When Irish immigrants arrived in North America in the nineteenth century, they carried over this custom, substituting the pumpkin for turnips. Due to the fluidity between the worlds of the living and the dead, Samhain also served as an especially appropriate time for divination. Girls would toss apple peels over their shoulders in order to determine the initial of their future spouse, and people interpreted bonfires for omens concerning the harvest. Meanwhile, unsettling stories of ghosts returning to visit the living could also be found among our ancestors in ancient Rome, who held feasts to appease the *lemures*, or restless spirits.

Samhain, the pre-Christian holiday commemorating the end of the harvest and the specter of death, received another slew of customs when it merged with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, two Catholic feasts which likewise honor the dead. As Christianity spread across Europe in the early Middle Ages, the Church eventually attached All Saints' Day to the date of November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to bring a religious context to Samhain. All Saints' Day was also known as All Hallows, and the name of the previous evening, All Hallow's Eve, transformed into the name Halloween. While All Saints' Day revered the memory of deceased saints, a new holiday situated on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, All

Souls' Day, sought to honor all the faithful departed. The popular practice of trick-or-treating harkens back to All Souls' Day. During the medieval tradition of *souling*, beggars and children would traipse door to door and receive spiced cookies known as soul cakes in exchange for prayers on behalf of the household's dead. Modern Italians do celebrate Halloween with all the usual trappings of witch decorations, glowing pumpkins and haunted attractions, but

All Souls' Day remains the most significant festival of the dead in that country. On *il Giorno dei Morti*, or day of the dead, Italians visit and clean graves and attend special Masses for the deceased. In villages across the countryside, grandparents whisper bone-chilling tales of lost travelers who stumble into a church service on the night of All Souls and notice that the pews are lined with the wraiths of long-gone townsfolk. In some regions, children may leave offerings of food for wandering souls on All Souls' eve and find treats the next morning. In other areas, people munch on *ossa dei morti*, or nutty spice cookies whose creepy name translates to "bones of the dead"! I vividly remember learning about *el Día de los Muertos*, or the Latin American Day of the Dead, in my Spanish class and making a cinnamon-topped anise bread known as *pan de los muertos*. It seems that spooky holidays know no geographical bounds!

On Halloween, I love to honor old traditions. I keep the ancient motifs of harvest's end and the pervading sense of the unknown in my mind as I celebrate Halloween in a folksy, homey manner. A wooden wreath sporting jack-o-lanterns and black cats adorns my door. I bake a pumpkin bread swirled with a ribbon of cream cheese every year, letting the autumnal scent of the spices pervade my kitchen. After handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, I snuggle with a cup of tea on my living room couch, watching special Halloween programs with my husband. These traditions combine to make Halloween one of my favorite and most meaningful holidays. Some people may be put off by the emphasis on death, but this actually stems from the customs of olden, earth-based festivals. As withered branches howl against the dark late October nights, it is no wonder that the ancient Celts turned to matters of mortality and legends of restless ghosts at this time of the year. However, Halloween also functions as a sort of new year, emphasizing the fact that the year is a cycle, with the sun and nature soon returning. By acknowledging the mysteries of the world and their place in the dark half of the year, we can truly learn to appreciate the light.

#### Happy Halloween!

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](mailto:adicenso89@gmail.com).

## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### Faith, Family, Friends and Community

Recently, I attended a wake and funeral for a member of a family I have come to know very well. My relationship with this family goes back almost 16 years now. The funeral was for the matriarch of the family. She had been sick and in and out of the hospital numerous times over the past several years, never really getting better but never really getting worse either. Of course, family members had to be having those fears that the end was near. I remember what it was like back in 1992 when my mother was over at Youville Hospital. She fought to live for a long time until the day she told me that she had done her job raising me and my younger brother. She loved her grandkids and was glad to have seen them all too. She said she was tired and missed my dad and that she was ready to go. Within 36 hours she passed peacefully in her sleep.

Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy, only inevitable. As I was at the funeral mass, the priest's homily brought me back 32 years ago when my own mom died on October 18, 1992. He spoke of four things that should always be important to everyone and every family. Those four things he said were faith, friends, family and community." Without these four things," said the priest, "our lives would be so shallow and meaningless. With them our lives are full of meaning and love."

I thought about what he was saying as he talked about Lina Capogreco who had passed away a few days before at age 79. Her younger daughter Lisa, a good friend of mine, gave the best eulogy about her mom. Who her mother was, what she did and what she meant to the family. Her mom's love is ever present and I can attest to that after all those meals I ate with them at their family dining table. Lina loved cooking and making everyone happy. She and her husband Vincenzo (Vinnie for short) were married and in love for almost 62 years. He will miss her dearly as will her children, Maria, Pat and Lisa. Christian, her grandson, will miss her as will her entire extended family.

The Capogreco family always understood the concept of faith, family, friends and community. Eating together every Sunday evening and sharing life with each other. On a number of those dinners, I was invited to share dinner with them. I saw first-hand what family love is really all about. It reminded me of long-ago days growing up when my mom, dad, little brother Dominic and I regularly ate dinner together, talked, laughed, and

passed the Italian bread around the table. I can still remember my family celebrating all our birthdays together at the dining table, eating ice cream and cake and sometimes my dad would even bake a cake or apple pie.

The Capogreco's grew up in a Calabrese home, I grew up in a Sicilian-Irish home. My dad was always the cook at my house because he loved to cook and my Irish mom thought that was just great with her.

I still remember the first time I broke bread with the Capogreco Family one Sunday for dinner. When the meal ended, I immediately went over to the sink to start washing the dishes. Everyone stopped and looked at me. Several wondered why I was at the sink but growing up washing dishes was my mother's job but she always told me and Dominic, she was passing on washing duties to the both of us.

I couldn't cook like my dad but my brother did. I could do well at the sink and that made my mom smile. She trained me well and just smiled at me.

Having the Capogreco family enter my life has become a very important part of this period of my adult life. We all grow up differently with different families and with different traditions but we all know what faith, family, friends and community means. I feel badly for those who missed these four things that the priest spoke of in his homily up on the pulpit at Lina's Mass. When travelling on this journey for a while, we eventually come to understand the true meaning of this brief journey we are all on. We need one another to truly understand ourselves. Lina's journey down here has ended but she lives on with God now. Meanwhile, we keep on our journey remembering what came before, what was and what is to come.

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# Donne 2000

## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Team Donne 2000 participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday October 5th. It started out a little rainy but then the sun came out in all its glory as we walked along the Charles River. We would like to thank all our walkers, sponsors and supporters. We raised close to \$2500.00 thus far! This is wonderful team effort! *Unite Conquistiamo!* (*United We Conquer*) has been our team motto over the past 16 years that we have participated in this worthy cause. If you would like to donate you can go to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer website [https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr\\_id=94402&pg=entry](https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr_id=94402&pg=entry) and go to our team page by typing in Team Donne 2000.



(L-R): Doreen Giammarco, Rose Giammarco, Jeannette Borelli, and Connie Federico

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is a powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community, to honor breast cancer survivors, remember those brave souls who lost their battle to breast cancer

and raise awareness about steps we can take to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer. The money raised helps The American Cancer Society to fund groundbreaking breast cancer research, provide information and support 24-7 and provide access to mammograms for women who need

them. Together we are helping to save lives from breast cancer. Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization that keeps traditions alive from generation to generation through ethnic and cultural events. For more info, visit our website [Donne2000.com](http://Donne2000.com) or our Facebook page.

## Saint Francis Di Girolamo

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Known as the Apostle of Naples, Francis was born in Taranto in the province of Naples of exceptionally virtuous parents, in 1642, he was the eldest of eleven children.



Showing early signs of intense piety and intellectual ability, he was received into a community of secular priests who initiated his education. He received the tonsure at sixteen and was ordained with special permission before the age of twenty-four.

Francis taught at a Jesuit college for several years, and at twenty-eight was received into Society of Jesus, despite his father's strong opposition.

His novitiate complete, Francis was sent to Lecce to assist a renowned preacher, Father Agnello Bruno.

For the next three years the two priests travelled the length and breadth of the province of Otranto. At the close of their travels, Francis completed his theological studies and was professed.

The next field of his apostolic labors was to preach at the Church of Gesu Nuovo in

Naples, and from the very beginning, attracted huge crowds. His preaching produced such excellent results that he was appointed to train other missionaries.

Preaching was his dominant talent. Wherever he went, people were spellbound by his eloquence and crowded his confessional. He preached in one church after another, at times impromptu in the street, he visited hospitals, prisons, and galleys. Once he brought to the Faith twenty Turkish prisoners in a Spanish galley.

The holy Jesuit's preaching was enhanced by his reputation as a wonder-worker, though he continuously disclaimed any extraordinary powers, and rather attributed the numerous cures which accompanied his ministry to the intercession of St. Cyrus to whom he had a special devotion.

After suffering from a painful illness, St. Francis of Girolamo died at age seventy-four. He was canonized in 1839. The Feast Day of Saint Francis Di Girolamo is May 11th.

## Massachusetts and Boston to Embark on Two-Year Celebration of Sesquicentennial (250th Anniversary of America's Independence)

by Patti Sartori

What better way for Boston, a city known as the Cradle of Liberty or Birthplace of Independence, and Massachusetts, one of the most historic states in the country, to kick off the sesquicentennial of the Boston Tea Party this December, than to have the direct descendent of Paul Revere and namesake of the famous patriot, Paul Revere III, ride up Beacon Street for the roll out of Mass 250.

This two-year celebration was announced at the State House by Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey to kick start the 250th Anniversary of American Independence, 1776 and provide an economic boost to the Massachusetts economy with the hopes that visitors and tourists from other parts of the U.S. and world will drop into the Bay State. Governor Healey is hoping the festivities over the next two years will promote a financial windfall for local businesses. "Everybody knows what an economic boon is to their state and so that's a piece of this. It's going to be significant in terms of the economic benefit it's going to bring into so many activities, so many events and industries including hospitality, restaurants and hotels. All across the state it's going to be really, really significant, and part of the launch is to make sure we get ahead of this because we are the birthplace," Healey stated.

The Governor also offered \$1.5 million from her administration in funding for 37 different celebratory projects across Massachusetts.

Funds for Anniversary related events across the state will cover historical re-enactments including the Shot Heard Around the World, the Battle of Bunker Hill and Paul Revere's Ride. Massachusetts Economic Development Secretary, Yvonne Hao, said "the celebrations will be an opportunity for us to lead and also create a ton of economic development for our state. You're welcome to America. Come visit us. Come spend money with us. Come help all of our creative economy."

The Governor believes the anniversary of the founding of the U.S., the war and ultimate victory over Britain to secure our independence will showcase technological advancements in Massachusetts, the fact it boasts the first public school, public library, public transit system, public beach and public park. "We're a state that led in the past and now invents in the future, the state that cures diseases, develops vaccines and heals the world. We're standing up for and protecting the very rights, liberties and freedoms that folks came together for 250 years ago to fight for and establish right here in Massachusetts," Governor Healey exclaimed.

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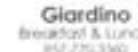
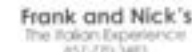
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# Ieri e Oggi

## Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

### Abigail Adams

Abigail Smith was born in 1744 in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

On her mother's side, she was descended from the Quincy's, a family of great prestige in the colony; her father and other ancestors were Congregational ministers, leaders in a society that held its clergy in high esteem.

Abigail lacked formal education, like other women of the time, but she was curious and highly intelligent, and she read avidly. Reading created a bond between her and John Adams, a young lawyer who recently graduated from Harvard, and they were married in 1764. It was a marriage of the mind of the heart.

The young couple lived on John's small farm in Braintree and moved to Boston as his practice grew. Over the next 10 years, they had three sons and two daughters, Abigail looked after family and home when he went traveling as a circuit judge.

Long separations kept Abigail from her husband while he served the country as delicate to the Continental Congress, envoy abroad, elected officer under the Constitution. Her witty letters vividly detail her life in times of Revolution. They tell the story of the woman who stayed at home to struggle with wartime shortages and inflation; to run the farm with a minimum of help; to home-school four children when formal education was interrupted. Most of all, they tell of her loneliness without her "dearest friend."

In 1784, Abigail joined John at his diplomatic post in Paris, and observed with interest the manners of the French. After 1785, she filled the difficult role of wife of the first United States Minister to Great Britain. In 1788, they returned to Massachusetts and the new



house they had just acquired in Braintree, later called Quincy, home for the rest of their lives.

A wife of the first vice president, Abigail became a good friend to Mrs. Washington and a valued help in official entertaining, drawing on experience of courts and society abroad. After 1791, however, poor health forced her to spend as much time as possible in Quincy.

When John Adams was elected president, she continued a formal pattern of entertaining, even in Washington and the primitive conditions she found at the new capital in November 1800. The city was wilderness, the president's house far from completion.

The Adams' retired to Quincy in 1801, and for 17 years enjoyed the companionship the public life has long denied them. Abigail passed away in 1818, and is buried beside her husband in United First Parish Church. She leaves her country a most remarkable record as patriot and First Lady, wife of one president and mother of another.

A political influencer, Abigail is remembered for the many letters of advice she exchange with her husband during the Continental Congresses.

• IAA Columbus Day Celebration (Continued from Page 1)



Sal LaMattina, Michael Firicano, and Mama Firicano celebrating Columbus Day



DJ Alan LaBella kept the celebrants dancing throughout the event



The strolling magician performing for the Amara family



Local families gather to celebrate their Italian Heritage



Italian October Heritage Month Honoree Diane Modica with Fashion Icon Yolanda Cellucci



Steve Savio of Sea Breeze Band enjoying a break with Jim DiStefano, President of The Italian American Alliance



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn with Lisa Capogreco Cappuccio and her son Christian Cappuccio



Cheryl Caira, Julie Manos and Chairman of the Board, Cav. Kevin Caira proudly celebrating Columbus Day



The Fab Five gather to commemorate Columbus Day — (L to R): Maryanne Uccello, Patricia Sartori, Yolanda Cellucci, Mary Alexander and Sondra Celli promoting The Paratore Brothers Piano Concert on November 5th at the Dante Alighieri Society, Cambridge.



“Barbie” and friends gather to sing, dance and enjoy the celebration



The Ribiero Family with Queen Isabella and Christopher Columbus enjoying the day's festivities (Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

# BOS NATION is Branded

by Angela Cornacchio



**(L-R): BOS Nation FC ownership Ami Kuan Danoff, Jennifer Epstein, Stephanie Connaughton, and Anna Palmer showing off their team fashion statement on the red carpet**  
*(Photo by Meghan Murphy)*

The city of sports has a new look coming in 2026. The National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) will return to Boston and in fly fashion. The all women ownership are ladies that are already contributing to making Boston the beautiful place it is and are now taking on women's football at White Stadium and bringing the city Back to NWSL Glory.

This past Tuesday the ownership group and Mayor Wu welcomed fans to the new Dicks "House of Sport" on Boylston Street for a festive meet and greet to celebrate the release of the team's name and show off the fashionable merchandise with help from local designers.



**Rachel Wood former Boston Breaker, current Summit Soccer Academy Owner mixing with the celebrity attend crowd.**  
*(Photo by Meghan Murphy)*

Even with the morning controversy over the marketing campaign, the event was a highly attended evening to celebrate women's professional soccer making it back to Boston. Local sports celebrities there in support of the new organization were Lauren Holiday, Kristine Lilly, former United States Women's National Team (USWNT) World Cup winners, Charlie Davies, former New England Revolution player, is still contributing to youth soccer in the area. Representation for local sports teams such as The Fleet and Boston Renegades. Greg Rowe Director of the Boston Dream — a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving women a place to play, opportunity to stay in the game after graduating college. Meotis Erickson, Rachel Wood, Owner of Summit Soccer Academy, Ashley Phillips former Boston Breaker, Rebecca Brooke President of the Eastern Mass Women Soccer League (EMWSL) and division one player, Former Boston College player, Head Coach of the newly formed MV Hawks in the Women's Premiere Soccer League (WPSL). As a New York native Brooke is proof along with the celebrated list that soccer brings them to Boston, and they stick around to make the game grow!

Now that hundreds of fans showed alongside owners, Mayor Wu and local celebrities lets dig into the backbone of this new Boston football club. This new identity embodies the strength, creativity, and pride of the city of Boston, its unique blend of old and new, its famed diehard fans, and its new generation of fans united by their love of the world's beautiful game played by many of the best female athletes in the world. The club's name does not just represent the fans, it signifies a collective identity made up entirely of its fan base - BOS Nation FC is an anagram for "Bostonian."

The team will kick off its inaugural season in 2026 as the 15th franchise of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). Led by the core ownership

group, Jennifer Epstein, Controlling Owner and Managing Owners, Stephanie Connaughton, Anna Palmer, and Ami Kuan Danoff, the team also announced additional investors, including actress and producer Elizabeth Banks and Olympic champion and Advocate Aly Raisman. Jennifer Epstein, Controlling Owner of BOS Nation FC. "True to our ownership group's deep ties to the Boston area, we are thrilled to be joined by hometown icons Elizabeth and Aly."

"I am thrilled to join this female-led ownership group, each of whom has made a remarkable impact in Boston," said Elizabeth Banks. "The inspiring team of investors, along with their mission-driven vision for the stadium, will leave a lasting legacy on future generations of women's athletes and fans. I grew up a Boston sports fan & have special memories of going to Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox & Patriots games with my dad," said Aly Raisman. "It is so important for kids to see themselves in their role models and I am grateful to have the opportunity to support the growth of women's soccer and sports in my hometown. I am excited for the BOS Nation FC players to experience the same love and passion I have received from the Boston community and look forward to watching them inspire the next generation."

There has been some pushback on the highly thought-out name. Let's break it down for those confused as it represents an anagram. The official explanation, "BOSTONIAN. NINE LETTERS THAT SAY SO MUCH. It is an original story. An identity. A badge of honor. And a title worn proudly by millions across twenty-three neighborhoods and 48.4 square miles. Where sarcasm is the native language. A three dollar and forty-eight cent cup of coffee is the food of choice. Where a legion of professional sports teams connects us as one. And no one, no one, rests until championship banners are raised. To the Bostonian, allow us to introduce ourselves. A nation made up entirely of you — the many stories, cultures and passions that make up our city. We are BOS Nation. Unified not only by our similarities, but also our differences. Brought together by our love for the beautiful game. Now in this beautiful city we hold so dear. WE ARE THE MANY. WE ARE BOS NATION FC."

BOS Nation FC's colors are bold, vibrant, and designed to stand out. The primary color, Championship Green, is a nod to Boston Strong, symbolizing the city's resilience and tenacity. It reflects the team's commitment to being big, bold, and victorious. Complementing this are the accent colors Relentless Raspberry, Loyal Charcoal, Daring Pink, Rise Yellow, and Orange Press, which speak to the rich diversity of Boston's neighborhoods and the team's values and signal a new era in the city's sports landscape. The primary swaying net graphic symbolizes the game of soccer and the interconnected communities of Boston. The pattern reflects BOS Nation FC's mission to unite the city through sport, creating a shared foundation for the team and its fans.

In a unique public-private-community partnership with the City of Boston, BOS Nation FC will play its home games in the heart of the city by transforming White Stadium into only the second venue anchored by a women's professional sports team in the world and the first all-electric stadium in North America, operating with net-zero carbon and zero waste. This redevelopment will boast a state-of-the-art natural grass field while providing athletic facilities for Boston Public School athletes. The renovation aims to enhance the stadium's facilities and drive positive economic and social impact in the surrounding Franklin Park neighborhood through year-round programming, creating a shared space for both sports and local events. This project marks the largest NWSL team investment in women's professional sports facilities.

BOS Nation FC joins the NWSL during an era of explosive growth for women's sports, with the league setting attendance records and achieving major media deals. BOS Nation FC is committed to pushing boundaries both on and off the field, signaling the enthusiasm for women's soccer in Boston.

As it seems the name is going to stick. Let's ban together, put opinions to the side and focus on football to bring Boston another championship banner! BOS Nation FC is committed to creating a home for the greatest female athletes of our time, building upon the supercharged legacy of Boston's historic sports teams, cultivating a community of fans with impact at its core, and forging new connections across our city through sport. For more details about BOS NATION FOOTBALL CLUB, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.bosnation.com](http://www.bosnation.com).

## The East Boston Social Centers Honors

### Marisa DiPietro's Years of Service with a Retirement Party



**Marisa DiPietro (center) is honored by the guests at the party including the Executive Director of the Social Center Justin Pasquariello and the East Boston Chamber of Commerce President Shirley Fabbo.**

On Friday, October 18th, the East Boston Social Center held a retirement party for Marisa DiPietro, an instrumental part of the Social Center's work and strategic initiatives. The party was well attended in the Kelly's Square Pub function room by Marisa's work colleagues, friends, family, neighbors, and representatives from the community. The event joined our community in celebration and acknowledgement of Marisa's deep and rich work history with the East Boston Social Centers.

## East Boston Museum & Historical Society to Host TOMBSTONE TOUR

at Bennington Street Cemetery on October 26th



The East Boston Museum and Historical Society invites the public to mark Halloween by attending the Third Annual Tombstone Tour of the Bennington Street Cemetery on Saturday, October 26, 2024, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Guided tours will be offered by the Historical Society at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., and self-guided exploration of the cemetery is open between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The event will feature the history of East Boston's oldest cemetery, the people buried there, and maybe even a ghost story. The Tombstone Tour is free to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

The Bennington Street Cemetery was established in 1838 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The entrance to the cemetery is located on Bennington Street between Swift Street and Harmony Street.

The East Boston Museum and Historical Society is a local volunteer organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich and diverse history of East Boston and its people. More information on the organization and its work is available on the EBMHS website at [www.eastbostonmuseum.org](http://www.eastbostonmuseum.org).



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# Facts ON wax

by bob morello

reviewing the best . . . forgetting the rest

## BON JOVI – GREATEST HITS (2LP vinyl) UMe

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band Bon Jovi has released its classic compilation album, *Greatest Hits*, on 2LP vinyl. It will be available in various configurations at retail and through the artist store, including 1LP and 2LP variants on standard black vinyl and exclusive colors. Bon Jovi first unveiled *Greatest Hits* on October 29, 2010. Upon arrival, it bowed in the Top 5 of the *Billboard* 200 in addition to capturing No. 1 on the U.S. Top Rock Albums Chart and the U.S. Top Hard Rock Albums Chart. It also eventually earned a platinum certification from the RIAA and logged an impressive 352 weeks on the *Billboard* 200. The album collects seminal anthems from the band's first three decades, spanning everything from "Livin' on a Prayer," "You Give Love A Bad Name" and "Bad Medicine," to "It's My Life," "Always" and "Who Says You Can't Go Home," in addition to a pair of songs specifically recorded for *Greatest Hits*: "What Do You Got?," which became a top 10 hit, and "No Apologies." Additional memorable cuts on this exciting collection have: Side A: Have A Nice Day/Wanted Dead Or Alive. Side B: We Weren't Born To Follow/I'll Be There For You. Side C: Born To Be My Baby/Blaze Of Glory/Lay Your Hands On Me. Side D: Runaway. Bon Jovi has recently achieved a coveted RIAA Diamond for their single "Livin' on a Prayer," recognizing sales of 10 Million certified units. This marks the band's second career milestone following its Diamond status for their *Slippery When Wet* album. Bon Jovi has sold over a combined total of 72 million units to date including the album 'Crossroads' and the singles "Wanted Dead Or Alive," "You Give Love A Bad Name" and "It's My Life."

## PETE TOWNSHEND – THE IRON MAN: THE MUSICAL (Half-speed Mastered vinyl LP) + PSYCHODERELICT (MUSIC ONLY) (2LP vinyl) UMR

October 2024 marks the release of the final in the series of half-speed mastered studio albums from Pete Townshend. *The Iron Man: The Musical By Pete Townshend and Psychoderelict (Music Only)*, which is making its vinyl debut. These limited-edition black vinyl versions have been mastered by longtime Who engineer Jon Astley and cut for vinyl by Miles Showell at Abbey Road Studios with a half-speed mastering technique which produces a superior vinyl cut, and are packaged with obi strips and certificates of authenticity. Initially released in 1989, *The Iron Man: The Musical by Pete Townshend*, is an adaptation of Ted Hughes' famous short story, *The Iron Man*. The album was produced and mainly composed and performed by Townshend, but also features performances from Roger Daltrey, legendary bluesman John Lee Hooker, and the astonishing Nina Simone. The three then-surviving original members of The Who (Daltrey, John Entwistle, and

Townshend) perform two songs, "Dig," and a cover of The Crazy World of Arthur Brown's "Fire." A stage version was mounted at The Young Vic Theatre in 1993, where 20 years earlier, The Who had debuted songs for Life House/Who's Next, which led to a movie version in 1999, for which Pete received an executive producer credit. *The Iron Man* track list includes: Side 1) Pete Townshend With Deborah Conway - I Won't Run Anymore/John Lee Hooker - Over the Top/Simon Townshend - Man Machines/The Who - Dig/Pete Townshend - A Friend Is a Friend and John Lee Hooker - I Eat Heavy Metal. Side 2) Pete Townshend With Deborah Conway and Chyna - All Shall Be Well/Pete Townshend - Was There Life/ Nina Simone - Fast Food/Pete Townshend - A Fool Says ... /The Who - Fire/Chyna With Pete Townshend and Nicola Emmanuel - New Life (Reprise). *Psychoderelict*, released in 1993, is Pete's last solo album to date. Structured like a radio play with dialogue, it follows Ray High, a reclusive '60s rock star who resurfaced in Townshend's novella, *The Boy Who Heard Music*, and in the mini rock opera *Wire & Glass*, the centerpiece of The Who's *Endless Wire* album. The Half-Speed Master is presented without the dialogue of the original album and is making its vinyl debut. *Psychoderelict* track list contains: Side 1) English Boy/Meher Baba M3/Let's Get Pretentious/Meher Baba M4/Early Morning Dreams. Side 2) I Want That Thing/Outlive The Dinosaur/Now And Then. Side 3) I Am Afraid/Don't Try To Make Me Real/Predictable/Flame. Side 4) Vivaldi - Meher Baba M5/ Fake It/English Boy (Reprise).

## KRIS DAVIS - RUN THE GAUNTLET (CD) Pyroclastic Records

Grammy-winning pianist/composer Kris Davis pays tribute to six remarkable women pianists who have provided inspiration and support over the course of her own journey in music: Geri Allen, Carla Bley, Marilyn Crispell, Angelica Sanchez, Sylvie Courvoisier and Renee Rosnes. Joining Davis are her new trio, featuring bassist Robert Hurst and drummer Jonathan Courvoisier, a friend, who was an influence in her use of prepared piano techniques, inspiring Davis' own explorations (represented here on tracks like the solo "Softly, As You Wake" and "Subtones"). Check out the three-part composition "First Steps," "Little Footsteps" and "Heavy-Footed." The relentless "Knotweed" draws on the battle that Davis has waged with the invasive weed at her Massachusetts home, while on "Coda Queen" she anoints herself with the tongue-in-cheek sobriquet in honor of her talent for song-ending gems. "Dream State" is named for the tune's hazy, somnambulant atmosphere, while "Subtones" is a captivating free improvisation. Blake contributed the gorgeous "Beauty Beneath the Rubble," mirrored by an accompanying "Meditation."

## 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

### J.J. JEFFREY PASSED AWAY

Recently, I heard the sad news that legendary Rock & Roll DeeJay J.J. Jeffrey passed away on October 10th at 84 years old and brought back many old memories of the old days. Back during the 1960s and 1970s, J.J. otherwise known as Melvin X. Melvin was on the air mostly with the old WMEX and then WRKO when it used to be all music.

Back in the '70s when I was in college, I also remember Jon Garabedian (now the new owner of WJIB) was on the afternoon rush hour slot. Before him Ron Robin had his show and, in the evening, it was Bud Balou.

Growing up in younger days, both WMEX and WRKO were both powerhouses on the am dial. By the way, do people remember in 1966 when WROR came on the air on the FM dial? Who would have known that eventually FM would replace AM so much? There are still a few good AM radio stations like the "new" WMEX and WJIB newly owned by Jon Garabedian of old WMEX fame.

### TRIVIA QUESTION

October 11th was World Egg Day; what is thought to have laid the first animal egg? (answer below)

### "IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES"

Ever since attending a recent Johnny Cash tribute show at the Norwood Theatre, I have started listening to more and more country western music. It's become my current genre of music, I love that 1989 Garth Brooks' hit "If Tomorrow Never Comes." I've always loved listening to it.

Brooks has a great country voice, one of the best out there. Lately, he made the news in a negative way with all kinds of allegations about his character called into question. I don't know about these charges being hurled in his direction. Eventually, all will be sorted out.

By the way, post Johnny Cash concert, I've started listening to two great country stations on Sirius Radio. One is Prime Country 59 and the other is Willie's Roadhouse 61. Between the two spots on Sirius Radio, you get all the old classics from the '50s through the '80s.



Seated: Frank Rossetti, Bob Paglucca, Anthony LaMattina (AKA, NY Yankees Anthony), Peter DeBilio; Standing: Ashley Maceachern, BK morning supervisor behind the A.M. crew (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

The BK Gang down at Burger King up the Heights over in East Boston on a recent morning. Nothing like a bunch of old guys hanging out together talking sports and politics, and getting the latest news from each other. Did you know there are men's groups like this across the nation. I am an associate member of a group that meets over in Mission Hill at Mike's Donuts, and another group down in Austin, Texas at a supermarket on Slaughter Road. They have great street names down in those parts. The supermarket actually gives those cowboys free coffee and donuts. We don't do that up here.

### DEMOCRATS THROW ANOTHER BIG NAME AGAINST TED CRUZ

I was down in Austin on vacation during the summer of 2018 when the Democrats thought they had the winning hand against U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. Democratic pollsters said Cruz was going down to former Congressman Beto O'Rourke from El Paso but it turned out to be all fake News because Cruz won an easy re-election bid when the votes were counted. This year the Dems are trying again with another Democrat congressman named Colin Allred. Dems once again say Cruz is in trouble.

The two of them squared off recently in their only scheduled debate. I watched much of it, and Allred proved he was going nowhere as Cruz won the debate hands down. I wish Cruz came across a bit friendlier but the candidate with the best smile isn't a qualifying reason to serve in the U.S. Senate.

I predict Cruz with a 54 to 46 winning percent.

### I STOPPED WATCHING POLITICAL DEBATES LONG AGO

I did not watch the most recent debate between Harris and

Trump because I already know who I am voting for. I was glad, however, to see that the latest debate was on the Fox News Channel because unlike all the suck-ups in the fake news media in the previous debates this time around, Bret Baier while being "Bret Boring" is fair and balanced in his duties as a journalist. From those I spoke with who actually watched it, all thought Baier did a great job at holding Harris accountable for her answers. He didn't allow her to get away with simply using the standard campaign trail script. He challenged her and you could see she didn't like that at all.

You know she did poorly when "Morning Joe" Scarborough described Baier as "shockingly rude." That says everything about how badly the night went for the filibustering Harris. She came across hopelessly incompetent as she fought back with Baier as he interrupted to fact check her canned talking points.

### TALKING ABOUT A CHRISTMAS FAIR NEVER TOO SOON TO MENTION

Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston is already getting ready for its annual Christmas Fair. Food, games, vendor tables, raffles, baked goodies, music and much more. Pancake Breakfast with Santa too at 10:00 a.m. November 23, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Dinosaur

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI24C1023CA  
In the Matter of  
LUIS ANGEL REGALADO GORDON, JR.  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Luis Angel Regalado Gordon, Jr. of Pepperell, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Lj Glenroy Gordon.  
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 November 06, 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: October 09, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 10/25/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
The Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex, SS. Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI44448  
NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF  
TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE  
To all persons interested in the trust under the will of Daniel White dated 02/12/1863, of Malden in the County of Middlesex, a petition has been presented by Michael J. Mellen of Charlestown, MA to said Court praying the Court accept the resignation of Michael J. Mellen of Charlestown, MA as trustee of said trust and that Mark Higgins of Brownsville, VT be appointed as successor trustee without sureties on his/her bond.  
If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at Woburn before ten o'clock in the forenoon on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG-CAFAZZO, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 7th day of October 2024.  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court  
Run date: 10/25/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex Division  
Docket No. 24W-1398WD  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
JENNIFER A. MATOS, Plaintiff  
v.  
SETH W. CROMWELL, Defendant  
To the above named Defendant:  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking Custody/Support and Parenting Time.  
You are required to serve upon Jennifer Matos - plaintiff(s) - whose address is 6 Gould St., #2, Stoneham, MA 02180 your answer on or before November 21, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Woburn.  
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Woburn, this 10th day of October 2024.  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court  
Run date: 10/25/2024



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Today is October the 25<sup>th</sup>, the date my folks celebrated their anniversary. Giovanni DeCristoforo and Angelina Contini were married at the Sacred Heart Church in East Boston on October the 25<sup>th</sup>, in 1936, eighty-eight years ago. They became Mr. and Mrs. John and Anne Christoforo. They were married for fifty-five years, when Dad passed away in 1991. Mom made it into her late 90s, passing in 2007.

It was October of 1961, and I decided to throw a surprise 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for them. I called Uncle Nick, who headed up the musicians' union back then, to see what we could set up. He called Stanley Blinstrub, the owner of Blinstrub's, Boston's famous supper club. We met with Mr. Blinstrub who reserved a table for me that was down front perpendicular to the center of the stage. I told my folks that I was receiving an award from Boston State College and the presentation was to be made on the night of the 25<sup>th</sup>. In spite of it being their anniversary. They were OK with everything and I called members of the family and close friends that I knew would like to celebrate my folk's 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Blinstrub knew Dad, as my father had played with the house orchestra on many occasions, and all of his entertainment was New York or Las Vegas level and went through Uncle Nick when they played Boston. It just happened that the entertainer on the night of the surprise party was Sammy Davis Jr. On the afternoon of the surprise party, Uncle Nick met with Davis and outlined what he would like him to do that night to acknowledge my folks and help them celebrate. The show was scheduled for around 9:00 or 9:30 and I had the guests all show up at around 8:00 pm. When I brought my folks in around 8:30, everyone at the table stood and applauded, then toasted my folks in both English and Italian.

The list of guests included Babbononno (Nanna had passed away three years earlier), my mother's brothers, their wives, Dad's widowed sister, Mary, my mother's closest cousins and their spouses, Dr. Rose Giannini and her sister, a few East Boston neighbors and my fiancé, a Winthrop girl named Florence. My folks were totally surprised and sat at the head of the table. Within minutes, the wait staff took everyone's dinner and drink orders and one and all made merry until it was showtime. The first act

was a local tap dancer named Luck Lewis, who was followed by a local comedian named Teddy English. I would back them years later when they played Piety Corner Gardens in Waltham, and I led the house band there.

As soon as they were done, Sammy Davis was announced and did about 30 minutes of his newest hit songs. After that, he started talking to the audience and introduced my folks and made a big deal of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He sang a few songs to them and Uncle Nick winked and nodded in my direction. I knew at that point that he had met with Davis and set everything up. Someone yelled up to Davis that I was the source of the surprise party and that I was 3<sup>rd</sup> generation musician in my family. At that point, Sammy Davis invited me to come to the stage and sit in on bass. He climbed behind the drums, and along with his pianist, George (I think), we three played a few jazz selections for the audience. (Besides being a great singer, tap dancer and actor, Sammy Davis was an accomplished drummer.) When it was time for me to exit the stage, Sammy whispered, "I want to talk to you before you leave." I nodded and headed back to my table. All told, he was on for almost two hours, and then came to our table to congratulate my folks. Before he headed out, he pulled a chair out from a nearby table, sat next to me and gave me a slip of paper with his private number on it, saying, "If you make it to the coast, give me a call. This is my private number so don't call before 4:00 in the after-noon. If you can hit the west coast, we can do something together, I dig the way you play bass." He then asked me for my phone number and when I wrote it, I gave him my stage name, Johnny Christy Jr. along with it. A year or so later, I was out in Hollywood and called him. I filled in on several occasions in Los Angeles and Las Vegas, and would tie up with him in Puerto Rico 2 years later, when he entertained his mother's people at a San Juan hotel. (Sammy was Puerto Rican on his mother's side.)

After he left my folks anniversary table, I asked Uncle Nick to get me the bill for the party as none of the wait staff had brought one. He went into the kitchen, came out and motioned for me to follow him. In the middle of the kitchen was a couch where Mr. Blinstrub often sat to observe the operations of his club. He was on the couch when I entered, and as I approached,

I thanked him for all he did and asked for the bill. His reply was, "Tip the waiters that served you \$10.00 each. When I asked about the bill again, he smiled and said, "Did you hear what I said?" Uncle Nick whispered in Italian, "Tutto e sulla casa." (Everything is on the house.) I was thankful, grateful and honored.

On February 7, 1968, a five-alarm fire would wipe out Blinstrub's Village. Cardinal Cushing and a few of Stanley Blinstrub's close business associates tried to put fund raisers together to rebuild the supper club. It was not insured, and in spite of everyone's attempt, the club never reopened.

I would continue to have anniversary parties for my folks for the next 30 years. Dad was never into large parties, but Mom was, so I compromised. For numbers 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 55, I had large parties, but for the years in between, I would take my folks out for dinner and include only the closest of friends or relatives.

On one occasion, Mom and Dad wanted to celebrate their anniversary at a Japanese restaurant called Osaka that was located in the Fresh Pond section of Cambridge. I knew the owners who were Japanese, but from Argentina, and set everything up. My folks had never eaten Japanese food prior to, so I explained as much as I could. When the main courses were served, the owners came to the table to meet my folks and wish them a happy anniversary. Their English was so-so, and I don't speak Japanese, so we spoke in Spanish. When all was said and done, I heard someone at the next table saying, as he pointed toward me, "Wow, that young man speaks beautiful Japanese."

On other occasions, I brought my folks to steak houses for anniversary dinners. A friend once asked me why I didn't bring them to Italian restaurants. MY answer was, "We are Italian. There is no way a restaurant's red sauce (gravy) is going to be as good as my mother's, so why look for trouble?" I know that those of you out there who are Italian or grew up in Italian homes, know what I mean, right???

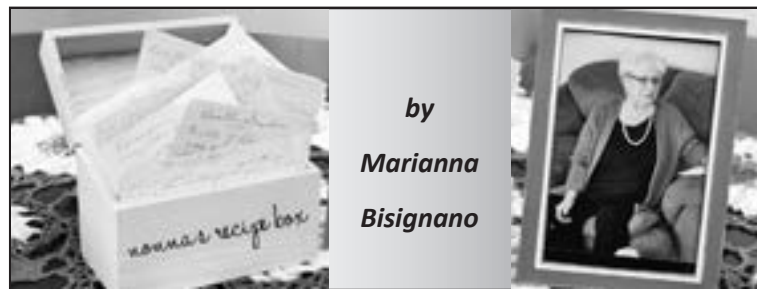
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## Remember Your Loved Ones



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by Marianna Bisignano

In South Tyrol, apple strudel is more than just a sweet indulgence; it's a cherished symbol of heritage paying tribute to the region's abundant apple orchards. The classic recipe features wafer-thin pastry wrapped around a fragrant filling of sliced apples, sugar, cinnamon, and raisins, with the occasional addition of almonds or walnuts. Baked to a perfect golden brown, every bite offers a balance of sweetness and warmth that captures the essence of South Tyrol. For many families, the real magic happens in their own kitchens, where the art of making it from scratch is passed down like a treasured heirloom.

As a young girl, I was fortunate to be able to join my Nonna to gather apples from the trees in her yard, which we then used to create an assortment of delicious desserts. From crostata's to sbriciolatas, each one was more delicious than the last. Sometimes we would prepare strudels inspired by those from Bolzano; other times, Nonna would use her cherished sweet crust or even puff pastry to create her own. This recipe, passed down through generations, brings together flaky pastry, spiced apples, and sweet icing — a tribute to family, heritage, and those comforting moments in the kitchen with Nonna!

### NONNA'S APPLE STRUDEL Strudel Di Mele Della Nonna



**Crust**

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 ½ cups chilled butter flavored shortening, cut into small pieces
- ½ to ¾ cups cold water

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, salt, and sugar. Add the chilled shortening, and using your hands, mix until the texture resembles sand. Slowly add the cold water and continue mixing—expect the dough to be sticky. Flour your hands, wrap the dough in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 30 to 45 minutes.

**Filling**

- 6 to 8 apples, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 organic lemon
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ cup and 2 tablespoon brown sugar

In a medium bowl, toss the apple chunks with the lemon juice. Add the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg, and mix until the apples are evenly coated. Set aside.

**Icing**

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon softened butter
- 6 to 8 tablespoons whole milk

Combine the confectioners' sugar, butter, and milk in a bowl, mixing until smooth. Transfer the icing into a Ziplock bag for easy drizzling.

**Assembly & Baking**

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a 13x9-inch baking sheet with parchment paper.

Once the dough is ready, roll it out on the parchment paper into a 13x19-inch rectangle. Spoon the apple filling down the center of the dough. Using a knife, make 14 to 16 slits along both sides of the dough. Braid the dough strips over the filling, overlapping them slightly to seal.

Carefully transfer the parchment with the strudel onto the baking sheet. Prepare an egg wash by whisking one egg with a tablespoon of water, then brush it generously over the strudel. Sprinkle with sanding or granulated sugar.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the strudel is golden brown. Remove from the oven and allow it to cool completely. Once cooled, cut a small corner off the Ziplock icing bag and drizzle the icing generously over the strudel.

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## Johnny Christy Orchestra

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24P2094EA
Estate of
GIUSEPPANTONIO RINALDI
Also Known As
GIUSEPPE RINALDI
Date of Death: September 17, 2014
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal
Testacy and/or Appointment has been
filed by Micheline Cincotti of Medford, 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 Micheline
Cincotti of Medford, MA be appointed as
Personal Representative(s) of said estate
to serve Without Surety on the bond in
unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the
Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object to this proceeding.
To do so, you or your attorney must file a
written appearance and objection at this
Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day
of November 19, 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 proceed-
ing. If you fail to file a timely written appear-
ance and objection followed by an affidavit
of objections within thirty (30) days of the
return day, action may be taken without
further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed
under the MUPC in an unsupervised admin-
istration is not required to file an inventory
or annual accounts with the Court. Persons
interested in the estate are entitled to notice
regarding the administration directly from
the Personal Representative and may peti-
tion the Court in any matter relating to the
estate, including the distribution of assets
and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 16, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 10/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P5273EA
Estate of
FRANK LEE BINGHAM
Also Known As
FRANK L. BINGHAM
Date of Death: June 24, 2024
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 Rene Taber of Milton, 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 Rene Taber
of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal
Representative(s) of said estate to serve
Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised
administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the
Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object to this proceeding.
To do so, you or your attorney must file a
written appearance and objection at this
Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of
November 07, 2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-
line 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
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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 peti-
tion 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 10, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24D2783DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
CYNTHIA J. McNIFF
vs.
TROY D. McNIFF

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce
requesting that the Court grant a divorce for
Irretrievable Breakdown.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been
entered in this matter preventing you from
taking any action which would negatively
impact the current financial status of either
party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court
Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to
serve upon Cynthia J. McNiff, 190 Littleton
Rd., Apt. Rear, Ayer, MA 01432 your answer,
if any, on or before November 20, 2024. If
you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the
hearing and adjudication of this action. You
are also required to file a copy of your answer,
if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 09, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24D2847DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ARISMENDY A. MEDRANO
vs.
NURIAN L. VILLELA

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce
requesting that the Court grant a divorce for
Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been
entered in this matter preventing you from
taking any action which would negatively
impact the current financial status of either
party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court
Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to
serve upon Arismendy A. Medrano, 402
Mass Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139 your
answer, if any, on or before November 29,
2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed
to the hearing and adjudication of this action.
You are also required to file a copy of your
answer, if any, in the office of the Register of
this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 18, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Todisco Services, Inc., with its cor-
porate office located at 171 Boston
Street, Salem, MA 01970, under
the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255,
Section 39A, will sell the following
vehicles on or after November 09,
2024 by public or private sale to
satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and
all other fees due.

- 2001 ACURA TSX
Vin #JH4CU2F61BC015678
2006 INTERNATIONAL L9427
Vin #2HSCNAPR06C262392
2005 HONDA CIVIC
Vin #2HGES163X5H568672
1998 HONDA CIVIC
Vin #2HGEJ6626WH506663
2004 TOYOTA AVALON
Vin #4T1BF28B94U381706
2010 HONDA CIVIC
Vin #2HGFA1F58AH320262
2003 HONDA ELEMENT
Vin #5J6YH28523L045252
2001 HONDA CIVIC
Vin #1HGES267X1L052933
2006 HUMMER H2
Vin #5GRGN22U16H103044
1998 TOYOTA CAMRY
Vin #4T1BG22K9WU331011
2013 NISSAN JUKE
Vin #JN8AF5MV7DT223280
2016 NISSAN SENTRA
Vin #3N1AB7AP9GY311271

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P5407EA
Estate of
CHARLENE BARRANCO
Also Known As
CHARLENE F. BARRANCO
Date of Death: July 18, 2024
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 Caralyea M. Landry of
Arlington, 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 Caralyea M.
Landry of Arlington, MA be appointed as
Personal Representative(s) of said estate to
serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised
administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the
Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object to this proceeding.
To do so, you or your attorney must file a
written appearance and objection at this
Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of
November 15, 2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-
line 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
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A Personal Representative appointed
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regarding the administration directly from
the Personal Representative and may peti-
tion 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 18, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P5529EA
Estate of
BETTY M. HASKELL
Also Known As
BETTY HASKELL
Date of Death: March 29, 2024
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 Judith A. Gilligan of
Seabrook, NH requesting that the Court enter
a formal Decree and Order and for such other
relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Judith A.
Gilligan of Seabrook, NH be appointed as
Personal Representative(s) of said estate to
serve Without Surety on the bond in unsuper-
vised 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
November 18, 2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-
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and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 21, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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by Sal Giarratani

You Gotta Read
Phil Mushnick
Over at the NY Post

I love reading the NY Post, the
best center right newspaper in
America and it was founded by
Alexander Hamilton, yes that
Alexander Hamilton. Its editor-
ial content is great and I love
the newspaper's sports desk
too. The best columnist is Phil
Mushnick who always tells it
like it is. If you're not reading
the Post, you are missing out on
something great every morning.
It has become a great compan-
ion with my breakfast and it
goes great with anything from
oatmeal to hash and eggs. Try
it, you'll like it.

As I Write This Column,
I Want You to Know

I am working on a piece on
the legendary Louie Tiant aka
El Tiante , one of baseball's
best pitchers ever and a true
legend during his Boston years.
I want to make my piece truly
show what a great hurler he was
starting from his early years
with the Indians and those great
years with the Red Sox. You'll
see it real soon. Don't worry. I
can't believe this guy isn't in the
Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.
Does anyone else think that it
is a travesty of justice that he
is still locked out of the HOF in
Cooperstown?

Don't Know About You
But ...

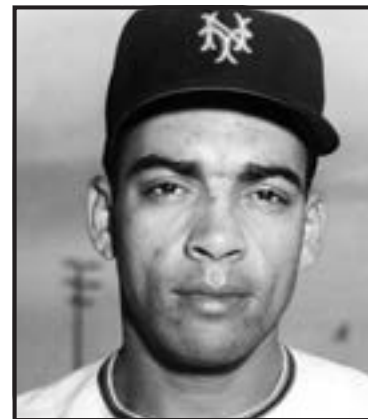
I just can't get into playoff
baseball. Do I want to see a
subway series between the
Mets and Yankees? I know the
networks don't want that. How
about Dodgers-Yankees in the
Series? What happens if it ends
up with Dodgers-Ind...OOPS...
Guardians? That could be more
boring than watching paint dry
on a wall. How are you all doing
out there wondering whatever
happened to great October
baseball. Can't you just wait for
the 2024 baseball season to be
finally over?

Kansas City
Took a Long Trip
to Get Home

The Kansas City Royals went
from September 23 to October 8
without playing a single game at
home. They ended their regular
season with a six-game road
trip, first to Washington and
then onto Atlanta. Then they
played two games against the
Orioles on the road in the Wild
Card Series before playing two
games against Washington then
two games against the Yankees

in the Division Series. All in all,
it was a 10-game, four-city road
trip over 15 days. WHEW, that
sounds hard but it would have
been even harder had the team
not even made the post-season
at all.

Ozzie Virgil, Sr.
First Dominican Player
in Majors



Ozzie Virgil Sr. became the
first Dominican native to play
in Major League Baseball when
he played third base with the NY
Giants in 1956. He took the field
two years later with the Tigers
and becoming the first Black
player on that team leaving only
the Red Sox without a Black
player until 1959 taking in
Pumpsie Green. Two weeks ago,
he died at home in Monti Cristi,
a city near the Dominican/Haitian
border at age 92. His
son Ozzie Virgil Jr., also a former
MLB player, said the cause
of death was pancreatitis.

He had played in all or part
of nine seasons and was con-
sidered an outstanding outfielder
but weak hitter. Virgil made his
major league debut with the
Giants against the Phillies on
September 23, 1956. In 1958,
he was traded to Detroit. His
career ended with stints with
the Kansas City A's, Orioles and
finally the Pirates.

“It was hard being ignored by
both white people and African
Americans, who didn't always
accept us Latinos as Black,”
Ozzie Virgil Sr. told the Detroit
Free Press in 1999. His career
ended with stints with the
Kansa City A's, Orioles and
finally with the Pirates, retiring
in 1969.

Career-wise he played in 324
major league games, batted
.231 over his career with 14
home runs.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24C0496CA
In the Matter of
KEVEN ANTHONY DONES GIL
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has
been filed by Keven Anthony Dones Gil of
Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a
Decree changing their name to Keven Anthony
Dones.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes
of objecting to the petition by filing an
appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family
Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of
November 07, 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 09, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run Date: 10/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 24W-0254
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
JESSICA A. SILVA, Plaintiff
v.
ALEX J. CIAREZZO, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this
Court by the Plaintiff(s), seeking Custody/
Support/Parenting Time.
You are required to serve upon Jessica A.
Silva - plaintiff - whose address is 50 Mass Ave.,
Arlington, MA 02474 your answer on or before
November 12, 2024. If you fail to do so, the
court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica-
tion of this action. You are also required to
file a copy of your answer in the office of the
Register of this Court at Woburn.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
Esquire, First Justice of said Court at
Woburn, this 2nd day of October 2024.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
Run date: 10/25/2024

# Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## When Doug Jones Fought the Other Clay

Doug Jones is best remembered for his fight with Cassius Clay. The fight took place in 1963. It was young Clay's 18th fight and the closest he would come to being defeated in his early career.

At the time of the fight Doug Jones had an impressive record. While not undefeated, he had scored 21 wins in 25 contests. His losses were to Eddie Machen, Harold Johnson (in a bid to win the World Light Heavyweight Title), and Zora Folley. He would avenge the loss to Folley when he kayoed him in 7 rounds. This was just before Jones took on Clay. Jones also scored a kayo over a young Bob Foster. In another fight he went to Europe where he fought a draw in a bout with Erich Shopper.

In total, Jones had 25 fights to Clay's 18. Cassius had fought some decent opposition at this time as well, going up against Billy Daniels, Alejandro Lavorante, Charlie Powell, Archie Moore, Alex Miteff, and Sonny Banks. On paper it appeared Jones had fought the better opponents and should have had the edge in experience on Clay.

There was a difference though. While Clay was fighting solid competition, he was being brought along thoughtfully. Yes, he was in with some tough guys, but they weren't of the world class status as Jones's opponents were. In fact, if Jones had been guided in the same manner as Clay his career might have ended up very differently.

In 1960 Doug Jones fought another fighter named Clay, Von Clay. This Clay was also an up-and-coming prospect. Jones had 13 fights at this point with 13 wins. Von Clay had a record of 11 wins, 1 loss, and 2 draws. The fight took place at St. Nick's Arena in New York with Jones winning a ten-round decision. The two were matched again three months later. This time it was a closer fight with Jones winning a split decision after ten rounds.

Here's where it gets interesting for both fighters. Clay was still a good prospect but obviously not ready for the big time. However, after just two subsequent wins, his managers threw him in to a title fight against the great Harold Johnson. Clay had only 18 fights at this point in his career, Johnson had been to the post 71 times. Clay was dropped once in the first round and three times in the second resulting in a knockout win for the champion.

After this loss Clay was back in the ring just two months later. After being dropped in the first round, he kayoed Kirk Barrow in the 6th round. A month later the two fought again with Clay stopping Barrow in the 5th round.

Now, just a month after beating Barrow, and just three months after being kayoed by Johnson, Clay was matched once again with Doug Jones. This fight was scheduled for



Jones Kayos Von Clay

August 26, 1961 at Madison Square Garden. It would be Clay's 6th fight in that year.

Meanwhile, since the second go round with Clay, Jones had stayed busy and undefeated. He scored a kayo over former middleweight champ Bobo Olson, stopped Pete Rademacher, and kayoed Floyd McCoy.

The third fight between Clay and Jones is available to watch on YouTube. It is an interesting fight in that you get to see two very good young prospects go at it. At the opening bell Jones came out and took control and appeared on his way to a one-sided victory. Von Clay rallied in the 3rd and 4th rounds and evened the fight up. Jones regained control in the 5th round and began landing heavy shots on Clay culminating in his knocking Von out in the 10th and final round. At this point Clay was an exhausted and beaten fighter.

It was not only the blows Clay took from Jones but also the toll that had been exacted on him in his fights leading up to this bout. He was a young fighter who was brought along much too fast and was already getting burnt out at this point in his career. In the final 17 fights of his career, he lost 10. A sad ending for a promising fighter.

Ironically, Jones's career began to follow the same path as Clay's after their third bout. In his very next fight, he was put in with Eddie Machen. Interestingly, Jones was originally slated to fight Harold Johnson, but Johnson pulled out due to an injury. Machen won a one-sided decision in the fight.

Jones would then fight Johnson in his very next bout. This was for the title, with Jones losing a one sided 15 round decision. You'd think Jones would be given a rest after all of these tough fights, but no. Just three months later, on August 8, 1962, he was facing top heavyweight contender Zora Folley. Once again, Jones lost though this fight was a closer with Zora winning a ten-round decision.

Just a month later, Jones is in Europe fighting Eich Schooner to a draw, then he is back in New York a month after that

where he stops a young Bob Foster. His blistering schedule does not let up. Just two months later he steps in against Zora Folley once again. In a big upset he knocks out Folley in the 7th round.

This leads to his fight with Cassius Clay on March 13, 1963. Jones had the speed to match Clay and gave him fits throughout most of the fight. Clay pulled out the close decision by coming on very strong in the last two rounds.

At this point in his career, Doug Jones had only had 26 fights but was battle scarred. He had been in with formidable opposition and taken quite a few punches. In the third fight with Von Clay, you can see the great ability Jones had. He was an aggressive boxer puncher with great head movement and terrific combinations. As good as he looked at that stage of his career, he was still developing and quite a ways away from being put in with the likes of Harold Johnson and Eddie Machen. If he had been guided more carefully, he very well may have beaten Cassius Clay in 1963. Alternatively, he also could have remained fighting as a light heavyweight and seen success in that division.

Unfortunately, Jones ended up becoming an opponent. He had name recognition because of the Clay fight, but he was pretty much through as a serious prospect. He had three wins after the bout with Cassius. In his fourth fight he lost a decision to Billy Daniels whom he had previously beaten. In his next fight he was kayoed by George Chuvalo.

The descent continued with his only wins after that coming against second raters. With losses to Ernie Terrell, Thad Spencer, Joe Frazier, and Boone Kirkman, Jones finally hung up the gloves in 1967.

Both Jones and Von Clay were talented and promising prospects. Their careers may very well have turned out quite differently if they had been managed better. Instead, they were thrown in for the quick money and never were able to fully develop. Unfortunately, their story was not an uncommon one in boxing.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



There they were — looking upward — both those gathered on the floor of the Garden and those in the stands as well. They were there witnessing the final official commemoration of the Celtics triumphant journey that concluded with their winning the 2023-2024 NBA Championship.

Four months earlier, back in May, there had been another celebration in the Garden, one that took place in the immediate aftermath of the Celtics defeating Dallas to claim the cherished championship trophy.

But it was different. In June confetti descended from the rafters to the Garden floor, transforming the parquet into a whitened space. All eyes had been on that moment as the white shreds turned a portion of the floor into a surface fit for victory.

But now, all eyes were transfixed on an upward journey as Banner 18, nobly, solemnly and majestically, rose to take its place with its other 17 brethren for all time. Back in June, the confetti was gradually swept away but this was an eternal placement, one for the ages.

On hand were numerous Celtics luminaries including one of the eldest of the elite. Bob Cousy's lengthy lifetime of association with the Celtics has embraced all 18 banners. He won six of them — one third of the total — as an active player.

Cousy, a member of the 1947 Holy Cross NCAA Division One National Championship team, came to the Celtics in 1950. He was there for the first banner in 1957 and then for five more in 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963.

Although the ceremony had been heavily publicized in the weeks leading up to it, the actual duration was rather short. It started at 7:00 p.m. and concluded at 7:18, thus lasting only 18 minutes — a bit of a letdown after all the buildup. We think people were expecting a somewhat more lengthy affair, given its deep meaning for the Celtics. Speeches, such as they were, were very brief. Celtics Captain Jayson Tatum, who was the last to receive his ring, seemed to be distracted by the glare of the Garden lights shining down on the spot where he stood and appeared to cut his remarks short.

We would have enjoyed hearing a few words from Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Ray Allen, three members of the 2008 championship team who were on hand.

But from a different perspective the ceremony was a novel experience. The last time the Celtics won it all was in 2008, some 16 years ago. Applying a standard that to fully understand an event one must be 10 years or older at the time, that would mean that those with a full comprehensive memory of the 2008 event would be at least 26 today, meaning that for a significant number this was an initial experience.

The raising of the banner, which was the capstone of the ceremony, occurred last. It was not raised from center court as one might have expected

but from a location down near the end of the visiting team's bench.

On hand for the festivities and the game, of course, were the night's opponents, the New York Knicks. They remained in their locker room and did not witness the ceremony from the Garden floor, choosing to only engage in final warmups before tipoff. The last time the Knicks won an NBA championship was 1973 — over a half century ago. They lost in the NBA Finals twice after that — in 1994 to the Houston Rockets and in 1999 to the San Antonio Spurs. Thus, two extremes were present on the floor at the same time — the franchise with the most recent title, separated by just yards from a franchise that has not won one in over 50 years.

Many New York media members feel the Knicks can finish second in the Eastern Conference standings and then go on to meet the Celtics in the Eastern Conference Finals. Most everyone who follows the NBA picks the C's to win it all for the second year in a row. But some pick the Oklahoma City Thunder. We shall see.

As Mike Vaccaro wrote in the *New York Post*: "The Knicks want what the Celtics have and in order to take it away they will have to learn how to beat them over the next seven or eight months. The Celtics are the gold standard right now. They are the defending champs." The C's return 13 players, including the entire starting rotation from last season's title team. One prominent member not seeing action on opening night was Kristaps Porzingis, who was present to receive his ring but did not take the floor. He is recovering from ankle surgery he underwent in June and is expected back sometime in December for the majority of the regular season and the playoffs.

Out on the floor, it seemed as if the Celtics from last year had just hit the pause button for a few months. Tatum hit a three-point shot soon after the tip, giving the C's a 3-0 lead that only increased as the game progressed. It reached 35 at one point in the second half and concluded with the Celtics winning 132-109. Tatum's three-pointer was the first of 29 that the C's made on the night, a total that tied an NBA record.

It appeared that the 2024-2025 season was starting for Knicks on a negative note. Last year, the Knicks were 1-4 against the C's with three of those setbacks featuring double-digit margins of defeat. It seemed that the Knicks, at least on this opening night, had not begun to learn how to beat the Celtics, a move that Vaccaro said was critical.

Finally, at some point after the game had concluded and the fans had left, the lights went out in the Garden. The festivities were over but Banner 18's reign in the rafters had just commenced, standing as a sentinel for all time as a reminder of the accomplishments of 2023-2024 Boston Celtics.