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## Vance & Walz Meet on Vice-Presidential Debate Stage

*Will it Impact Votes*

by Patti Sartori

With just five weeks to go until election day, Republican Senator JD Vance of Ohio and Democratic Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota met on Tuesday evening, in New York City, for the only debate scheduled between the two vice-presidential nominees. "CBS Evening News" Anchor, Norah O'Donnell and "Face the Nation" moderator and chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Brennan moderated the debate.

The opening question regarding the on-going battle in the Middle East and Iran's missile attack on Israel earlier that day resulted in Walz avoiding the question and going off topic about Donald Trump being an eighty-year man who talked about crowd sizes at the last presidential debate, while Vance took the opportunity to introduce himself to the American viewers watching, acknowledging he is a new

face to many, before noting that Donald Trump delivered stability globally by establishing effective deterrents, unlike Kamala Harris who supported unfreezing billions of Iran's assets allowing Iran to purchase the weapons to launch the strike against Israel.

The moderators referenced to the horrific devastation caused this week by Hurricane Helene and climate change. Both offered their sympathy on the loss of life and to all the citizens affected. Regarding climate change, Walz said the Harris Administration has made "massive investments in global history in the Inflation Reduction Act," and accused Trump of calling climate change a "hoax". Vance stated, "I commit when Donald Trump is president again, the government will put the citizens of this country first

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of October Italian American Heritage Month



Invited guests, honorees, dignitaries, celebrate the 25 Anniversary of October Italian American Heritage month at the State House in Boston, Massachusetts.

The 2024 kickoff to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of October Heritage Month began on Tuesday evening, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Massachusetts State House. Following the welcome by Master of Ceremonies State Representative Paul J. Donato of Medford, the group recited the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America, led by

Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett. The attendees were serenaded with the United States and Italian National Anthems sung by the Coro Dante, Chorus of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, led by Nathaniel Meyer, Musical Director.

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Groundhog Pounces on Jogger

A crazed groundhog set its sights on a fallen Jersey jogger recently only to be thwarted by a quick-thinking teen. The jogger was confronted by a hostile hog on a trail behind the Bernards Township Police Department in New Jersey. "It must have been startled when I made a call on my speakerphone," said the jogger, "because it charged at me screaming and lunging ended up on my back kicking at it and screaming for about a minute."

A young teenager heard the jogger's cry for help and called the police. After the victim threw her phone at the groundhog, the animal promptly ate it. The teenage rescuer was given a proclamation by the mayor of the town.

### Newton Developer Unveils Plans for 40-Story Tower Near North Station

A Newton-based developer last week unveiled plans for the newest tower in the Boston skyline.

It will be a 40-story structure with housing, hotel and retail space near North Station. The project is proposed by The RMR Group and would include 420 residential units and 300 hotel rooms at the intersection of Causeway and North Washington Street. It would be the latest section of Causeway Street and the Bulfinch Triangle to transform to a new tower.

### Cheech And Chong

#### Sue Over New Cannabis Rules

Actors Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong (remember them from those long drive-in days?) now run a cannabis company out in California and are suing a California public health agency over new rules that would ban certain hemp products. "This draconian regulation alone will essentially devastate an emerging

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## Boston City Hall Honors Italian American Heritage Month with Italian Flag Raising

Boston City Hall Plaza could have passed for an Italian Piazza on Wednesday, October 2nd, in recognition of Italian Heritage Month. The Italian flag raising ceremony was hosted by District 1 City Councilor, Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata, a proud fourth generation Italian American.

In attendance were various elected officials and dignitaries, including the Italian Consul General

to Boston, Arnaldo Minuti, and City of Boston Michelle Wu, who offered a resolution proclaiming October as Italian American Heritage Month in the city.

Participating in the festivities were the North End's Eliot School children who sang the American and Italian National Anthems so beautifully.

May "Il Tre Colori" wave proudly above City Hall!



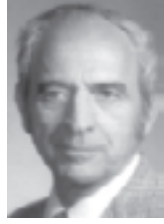
Gr. Off. Lino Rullo observes as Arnaldo Minuti Consul General of Italy in Boston raising the Italian flag at Boston City Hall Plaza

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## Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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

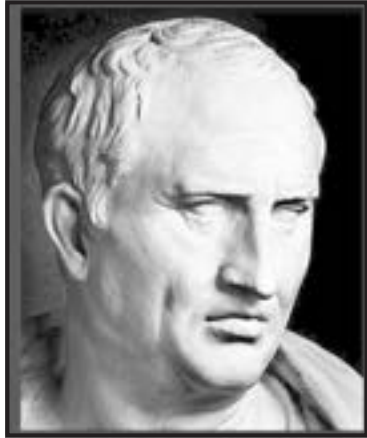


### CICERO Part II

One of Cicero's bitter enemies was a rabble rousing demagogue named Clodius (not to be confused with the Emperor Claudius). This man caused the enactment of a law which declared a person guilty of treason if he executed any Roman citizen before that person had been condemned by the people. This of course was aimed at Cicero because of past deeds which were performed in the line of duty; consequently, he went into voluntary exile in Greece. He wandered around that country, full of remorse and self-pity, even to the point where he avoided all public honors.

A favorable turn of events took place through the intervention of friends and Cicero was recalled to Rome with great honors. The senate met him at the city gate and he was returned in triumphal fashion.

Five years later, he was placed in control of the government of Cilicia (Armenia) and waged a successful war against plundering mountain tribes. His soldiers conferred upon him the title of imperator for that region. He resigned his command with intentions of returning to Rome in great triumph, but trouble between Caesar and Pompey put a damper on that idea. His vacillation between the members of the First Triumvirate was not a great period in history and neither was his divorce of Terentia, his wife of 33 years. During their married life, she had become a woman possessed of a violent temper in addition to her extravagance in the management of his private affairs. They had two children; a son and a daughter. He was very fond of his daughter Tullia,



but when her death brought joy to Terentia, he quickly divorced her. At the age of 62, he married a very wealthy and very young girl. From that moment, he became known as "Smiling Cicero."

After the death of Julius Caesar the "Second Triumvirate" was formed. This was a coalition between Octavian (later called Augustus), Mark Antony (Marcus Antonius), and a famous general named Lepidus. This Second Triumvirate was sealed by a proscription (publishing the names of persons condemned to death) in which each member permitted the execution of any friend who might be named by either of the other two members. By this method, at least 2,000 of the middle-class (equestrian order) and 300 senators were executed and their property confiscated.

After the assassination of Julius Caesar, it was Cicero who had composed vigorous orations against Mark Antony. It follows then, that it was Mark Antony who submitted the name of Cicero to be added to the list of those to be proscribed.

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
Cicero, Part III

## North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Donates to Parker's Fundraiser

North End resident Parker Watson, age 11, got a boost from the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) with his fundraising efforts for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk. As a blood cancer survivor himself, Parker has a strong personal connection to the cause. Last weekend, Chairman Ted Tomasone, personally delivered a generous contribution to his fundraiser, on behalf of the NEAA. Parker is active in NEAA sports and appreciates the community support!

**Parker Watson with North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Chairman Robert "Ted" Tomasone**



## Politics & Kids (Polarization Begins Early)

by Patti Sartori

CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 commissioned a study interviewing children in multiple states to ask how they feel about the two presidential candidates. With over forty hours of interviews amongst ten-year-olds from various states, the conclusion might just surprise you. Results showed children who support former President Trump are more than willing to visit houses of families with opposing views, more than their democratic counterparts. "Researchers found that Democrat-supporting kids drove polarization in a new study," CNN reported, and that kids in red states are more likely to repeat misinformation. These findings were taken from the interviews of eighty elementary schoolers in Arizona, New Jersey and Texas. All interviews were done with parents' or guardians' approval, in the Spring, before President Biden stepped aside, and in the fall, after Vice-President Harris became the nominee.

At each point in time, Arizona State University Professor, child

development expert & media psychologist, Ashley Landrum, spoke with the children and noticed key differences between participants. "Democrat leaning kids were approximately nine times more likely (or 800% likely) to express negative emotions (nervous, worried, angry, or frustrated) about Donald Trump than Republican leaning kids were over Kamala Harris," the study noted. On his show, CNN Host Anderson Cooper explained that "Overall the biggest finding was that children were polarized with what researchers called more extreme responses from the blue state kids than red state kids." For example, "Donald Trump, he did bad things, he is like Hitler," a Democratic leaning student stated.

When Landrum showed each child an image of two houses, one with a sign for the Republican candidate, and one with the Democratic candidate, and asked if they or their families would be OK with them playing with a friend at a house of the opposing

candidate, "Most, Landrum notes, were open to visiting the houses associated with either political party, but a higher percentage of Democratic leaning kids, one third in September, were unwilling to visit the homes of children whose families support Trump." When asked the first words to come to mind when thinking of the candidate they didn't support, one child said it would be "liar" for Harris, and another said "pure evil" for Trump.

Landrum offered a theory as to why the response from Democratic leaning children were so much more polarized than those from Republicans, "Donald Trump is a very polarizing figure, and it's possible that kids are reacting to Donald Trump being a different kind of political figure than what we've seen before. So, do red state kids hold as strong of an attitude? Well, not when talking about Harris, possibly in part because they don't know much about her," She said on CNN.

## Biden's Legacy Begins to Take Shape After Final United Nations Address Eerie Similarities to Former President Carter

by Patti Sartori

President Biden gave his final address to the United Nations last week in New York City. His recall of the facts seemed rather muted. In his speech, he falsely suggested he voluntarily stepped aside as the Democratic Nominee, to offer his faithful Vice-President the opportunity, declaring "Somethings are more important than staying in power." He failed to disclose what everyone else knew, if he stayed in the race he would have lost in a landslide to Donald Trump. So, his own party dumped him.

To anyone looking objectively at present reality, it is obvious the nation domestically and internationally is in much worse

shape today than when Biden took office. It's reminiscent to when former President Jimmy Carter was in office. One is and the other will be one term Democratic Presidents, whose administrations were toppled by high inflation, a disastrous economy, disorder at home, and were viewed very weak globally, Carter with the Iranian hostage situation and Biden with the butchered Afghanistan withdrawal, Putin's invasion of Ukraine, Iran's barbaric assault on Israel and China's spy balloon. Yet Biden continues to look elsewhere when placing blame.

Foreign powers have sensed weakness and have pounced

on the Biden Administration's mistakes, none larger than allowing millions of immigrants to cross our southern border and infiltrate our country and neighborhoods. Again, he has not taken responsibility and erroneously points the finger at others.

It's not hard to see the country and world are in far worse shape at the end of Biden's term, than at the beginning. The question of his legacy and history of his tenure will be decided by others over time. I always thought it a stretch to imagine an American President worse than Jimmy Carter, — until Joe Biden took office.

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## Saint Francis Caracciolo

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Born in Villa Santa Maria, Italy on October 13, 1563, Francis Caracciolo was given the name Ascanio at his baptism. His mother was a relative of St. Thomas Aquinas. He lived a virtuous life as a youth and seemed inclined towards a religious vocation. When he was 22, he contracted a form of leprosy which he begged God to cure him of, he made a vow that if he regained his health, he would spend the rest of his life in the service of God and his fellow men. He recovered so quickly after this vow, that his cure was considered miraculous. Eager to fulfil his promise to God, he went to Naples to study for the priesthood.

On his ordination he joined the confraternity of The White Robes of Justice, who were devoted to helping condemned criminals to die a holy death, reconciled with God.

Five years after he went to Naples, a letter from Father Giovanni Agostino Adorno of Genoa mistakenly delivered to him, begging the intended recipient

to take part in founding a new religious institute. Francis saw in this error an assurance of the divine will towards him (1588). He assisted in drawing up rules for the new congregation, which was approved by Pope Sixtus V, July 1, 1588

The congregation lives both an active and contemplative life, perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament being one of the pillars of their life. They work with the sick, poor, prisoners and as missionaries. In addition to the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, they have a fourth which forbids them to seek or accept ecclesiastical honors

The institute named the Order of the Clerics Regular Minor (the "Adorno Fathers").

Upon making his profession, Caracciolo took the name Francis in honor of the saint of Assisi. He was noted for his ardent devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, often being found in ecstasy, and frequently repeating the words of the Psalm, "Zeal for Thy house has consumed me." He passed away of a severe fever on the eve of Corpus Christi in Agnone, on June 4 in 1608.

He was canonized by Pope Pius VII on May 24, 1807. The Feast Day of Saint Francis Caracciolo is June 4.

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## Michele Morgan

November 20, 1942 – September 29, 2024



Michele Morgan, age 81, of Boston, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

Visitation for Michele will be held Friday, October 4, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial Street, Boston. Complimentary valet parking attendants at front door.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Stephen Church, 401 Hanover Street, Boston.

Michele will be laid to rest in New Calvary Cemetery, 800 Harvard Street, Boston.

## Margarita E. D'Amore

We come to you with the heartfelt news of the passing of Margarita E. D'Amore, affectionately known as Maggie to her loved ones, a beacon of courage and love who left an indelible mark on the lives of those she touched. Born on September 24, 1977, in Worcester, MA, Margarita's journey was one of spirited joy and unwavering commitment to her family. She departed from this world on September 25, 2024, in Boxford, MA, after a valiant battle with an illness, just one day after her 47th birthday.



Those who had the privilege of knowing Margarita describe her as courageous and loving. Her smile could light up a room, and her presence was a source of warmth and security. She faced life's challenges head-on, never wavering in her resolve to make the most of every moment.

As we remember Margarita, let us not dwell on the loss but rather celebrate the legacy of love and determination she leaves behind. Her memory will

continue to guide and uplift us, a testament to a life well-lived and a woman well-loved.

Margarita's early life was spent in Auburn, MA with her loving family. She was the cherished daughter of Evangelos and Stamatina Bougiouris and the supportive sister to Antonios Bougiouris. Her formative years were characterized by her many friendships and playful spirit. Margarita graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, where she laid the foundations of her future successes. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Northeastern University in Boston, MA, a testament to her dedication and drive.

Professionally, Margarita excelled as an accountant, bringing precision and passion to her roles in various companies. However, her true calling came with motherhood. When she welcomed her beloved sons, Massimo and Evan, into the world, Margarita transitioned from her career to focus on raising her children and nurturing her family. Her husband, Paul D'Amore, stood by her side as a partner and confidant, sharing in the joys and challenges of their life together.

Margarita's interests were as diverse as they were profound. She had an eye for fashion and interior design, often bringing beauty and elegance into the spaces and lives around her. Those who knew her recall the days she indulged in pampering herself, moments of self-care that reflected her belief in the importance of wellbeing.

Her generosity was legendary; Margarita's fierce loyalty to her family and friends was a source of comfort and strength to many. She was the heart of her family, and the bonds she forged were unbreakable. Her spirit was infectious, and her courage in the face of adversity inspired everyone she met.

Our thoughts are with her family during this time of sorrow. To her parents, Evangelos and Stamatina Bougiouris; her brother, Antonios; her devoted husband, Paolo; and her adored sons, Massimo and Evan, her in-laws, Virginia and the late Massimo D'Amore; her sisters-in-law Victoria DiGiovanni and Rita Colarusso; her brothers-in-law, Roberto D'Amore, Paolo DiGiovanni, and Steven Colarusso; her nieces, Christina, Gabriella, and Daniella; her nephews, Delio and Michael; her loyal pets, Luca, Zoey and Mia, who was always by her side; as well as extended family and friends, we extend our deepest condolences. Margarita's spirit will forever be a guiding light in the lives of those she loved.

Margarita D'Amore's life was a tapestry of dedication, love, and resilience. As we bid farewell to this extraordinary woman, we are reminded of the impact one individual can make through a life lived with purpose and compassion. Margarita's story is one of triumph, tenderness, and an unwavering commitment to her cherished family and friends. She will be deeply missed, yet her legacy will endure in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours on Tuesday, October 1st, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA, following with her Funeral Service. Committal services at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Margarita D'Amore to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via [jimmyfund.org/gift](http://jimmyfund.org/gift).

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

### Autumnal October, the Soul of Fall

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Every year, I look forward to taking advantage of a crisp, cool weekend day and going apple picking with my family. Everything in our favorite apple farm looks as if it has materialized from a quaint postcard depicting a rustic autumnal scene in New England. Ruby-red apples peek out from under multihued leaves. Corn stalks wave jauntily in the fresh breeze. Pumpkins gleam like bright sunbursts across a vine-studded patch. As I wait in line for a bag of delectable apple cider donuts, I marvel at the signs of fall surrounding me. These signs only intensify as we enter the month of October. For me, October is the period that best encapsulates what I love about fall. It is the month where I bake apples and pumpkins into everything, from breads to tarts to cakes. It is the month when the carpet of leaves on the ground glows with the same intensity as a fiery sunset. Finally, it is the month of Halloween, when ghosts and witches and black cats adorn doorways, and when winds howl through the dark nights. Over in Italy, October also means feasts of harvest and the last glorious moments of autumn before winter descends on the land. Italians celebrate this month with plenty of proverbs, traditions, and foods, and even introduce the month with a holy day that honors nature itself.

October's very name harkens to the Italian peninsula. It derives from *octo*, the Latin root word for "eight." October was indeed the eighth month in the year for ancient Romans prior to the addition of July and August to the calendar. Italians associate October with soft, golden afternoon sunshine, with days marked by cool breezes and pleasant temperatures that encourage travelers to visit. As October also involves the harvest of late-autumn crops

like mushrooms and apples, Italians pay homage to the month's agricultural significance with a bevy of proverbs. The meteorological backbone of these traditional dictums demonstrates the importance of farming in olden Italian culture. One famous maxim states: *"Ottobre é bello, ma tieni pronto l'ombrello."* This proverb means that while October is beautiful, one should always keep an umbrella at the ready as it also tends to rain during this month. Indeed, October rains always seem to fit with the mood of the month, as the slate-gray skies imbue Halloween decorations with an extra-ominous vibe. However, Italians do not bemoan the rains that periodically interrupt the otherwise serene October weather. Another proverb — *"Ottobre piovoso, campo prosperoso,"* or "rainy October, prosperous countryside" — speaks of the benefits these rain showers have on the harvest. No matter the rain, Italians appreciate October for its overall beautiful climate and the rhythms of the harvest season that sweeps its many fields and villages.

In fact, Italians begin October with a festival that celebrates the natural world. October 4<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, an immensely important figure in Italian culture. The thirteenth-century St. Francis, or *San Francesco* as he is known to Italians, is not only the patron saint of the country of Italy but also of animals and the environment. St. Francis was known for his respect for all of God's Creation and his kindness to animals, preaching of God's love to an audience of birds. His hometown of Assisi, a beautiful sunbaked medieval city nestled in the hills of Umbria, springs alive with activity on his feast day, boasting parades, folk dances, open-air markets and regional foods. The highlight

of the festival is the blessing of animals to commemorate the cherished nature-loving saint. This tradition of blessing pets has crossed the ocean and is an integral part of Italian-American St. Francis Day customs. I think about St. Francis when I observe the plentiful natural beauty that October has to offer. Squirrels scampering up trees, my cat intensely watching the autumn leaves swirl around in the air, geese flying south in v-formations across a cloudy sky — all of these images fill me with both awe and tranquility. St. Francis's Day teaches us that all of nature, from the loftiest tree to the smallest chattering squirrel, is worthy of respect and admiration. By honoring the natural world around us, we can enrich our understanding of the seasons and our gratitude for life's blessings.

October is a month that practically bursts at the seams with wonder and possibility. The sunset illuminating trees filled with red and orange leaves may lead into darkened days when the plaintive cry of the wind makes us shiver with thoughts of the unknown. Cozy evenings brim with the scent of pumpkin bread baking in the oven and mulled apple cider simmering on the stovetop. Sparkly witch and black cat decorations playfully remind us of the mysteries still left in the world. Yes, October opens autumn in all of its glory, and offers so much to enjoy. By taking our inspiration from Italy's love of the harvest season and the joy of nature embedded in St. Francis's Day celebrations, we can be sure to honor the many pleasures of October. After all, there is no season quite as wonderful as fall!

Happy October!

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

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Date: September 25, 2024

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### Political Hypocrisy for Two?

On Tuesday, September 24, Vice President Kamala Harris stated she wanted to get rid of the Senate's 60-vote filibuster-ending rule for Roe where only 51 votes would be enough to put back into law the protections for reproductive freedom. However, back in 2017 when she served in the US Senate representing California, she urged her Senate colleagues to preserve the filibuster when Republicans controlled the US Senate. Back then, she stated "We are united in our determination to preserve the ability of members to engage in extended debate when bills are on the Senate floor."

So what changed? First off, the Democrats control the Senate today. It seemingly is always about raw power and rarely about the best interests of the nation. Fifty-one votes or bust is never that good for the American people as a whole.

The apparent latest campaign strategy by Kamala Harris and the Democrats clearly shows that neither she nor the party seem to understand the importance of the filibuster ensuring that no one party can or should ram through legislation on purely partisan terms geared to the approaching November election.

No matter who takes the White House or the Senate, the filibuster must remain to ensure debate on the merits of proposed legislation. The majority

party should always listen to the minority party's point of view. In the past legislation on Social Security, Medicare and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 were all passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. Important legislation should never be railroaded through Congress on party lines.

Kudos to both US Senators Kyrsten Sinema, of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia who both recently left the Democratic Party and switched to Independent status. They seem to clearly understand the importance of the filibuster in our democratic republic. Sinema slammed Harris on her position ending the filibuster, calling it an "absolutely terrible (and) shortsighted idea." Manchin stated, "(Harris) knows the filibuster is the holy grail of democracy. It's the only thing that keeps us talking and working together. If she gets rid of that, then this would be the House on steroids."

Someone should tell Senate Democrats that eliminating the filibuster to codify Roe vs. Wade also enables a future US Senate ban on all abortions too. This is one reason why as much as party leaders in both parties always threaten to use the nuclear option, rarely does that happen because everyone at some point realizes that what's good for the goose is good for the gander too.



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# Friends of the North End (FONE) 52nd Annual Reunion



**(L-R) - Seated: Tom Damigella, Elio LoRusso, Pastor of St. Leonard Church Father Michael Della Penna, John Feloni, Victor Passacantilli, Jr.; Standing: Victor Passacantilli, Sr., Nick LaRosa, Dom Capossela, Bob Chiota, and Sam Viscione**

On Saturday, September 21st, 110 Friends of the North End met at Spinelli's to dine and celebrate their boyhood growing up in our magical North End. This was FONE's 52nd Annual Reunion and another memorable event. Victor Passacantilli thanked Sam Viscione, Vito Aluia, Arthur Lauretano, and his son Victor Jr., for all their efforts in making the 52nd Reunion a success. Gus Pesaturo blessed our meal and our fraternity. He also praised Father Michael Della Penna for his efforts to get the Christopher Columbus statue placed in the beautiful surroundings of Saint Leonard's Church Peace Garden. FONE's special guest Father Michael Della Penna addressed his fellow North Enders recalling what a special opportunity we all had growing up in the North End and lauded the way we strive to support each other. That was so apparent to him in the generous way FONE stepped up to contribute to the fundraising for the Noble Journey Sculpture. Finally, Tony Cortese spoke eloquently of the indefatigable efforts he, President of the North End Historical Society Tom Damigella, and its board of directors, including many volunteers have exerted to make Michael Annunziata's vision of honoring Italian immigration



**Friends of the North End Committee Members, Left to Right, Arthur Lauretano, Sam Viscione, Victor Passacantilli, Sr., Victor Passacantilli, Jr., and Vito Aluia**

to America and especially the North End come to life. He also thanked Elio Lo Russo and Cavagnaro Construction Company for their pro bono work on the Noble Journey Sculpture. He recognized Ted Tomasone and the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) for the most generous donation the Noble Journey Sculpture has received! John Ranauo was awarded the Woz Award for being the oldest FONE

member in attendance. John is 87 years old. The winner of the 50/50 drawing this year was not Jimmy Gannon. It was Robert Ricciardi for a change! As the 52nd Reunion came to a close, I witnessed many boyhood friends reluctant to say goodbye, yet looking forward to next year when we celebrate our 53rd Annual Reunion!

*Long Live Our North End,  
Victor Passacantilli, Sr.*



**(L-R) - Seated: Michael Graffeo, John Graffeo, Dennis LePore, Louie Graffeo; Standing: Carmen Chirichiello, John Chirichiello, Nick Savino, and Anthony Pasquale**

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**(L-R): Antonio Calvagno, Incoming President, Joseph Bevilacqua, Newly Installed Member and Domenico Staniscia, Immediate Past President of UNICO Merrimack Valley (Massachusetts) at the recent installation of new officers and members including Merrimack Valley Chamber President Joe Bevilacqua. UNICO (Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, Opportunity) is the largest Italian American service club in the U.S.**

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# Girl Friends of the North End Gathered Once Again ...



The Girl Friends of the North End gathered for a group photo

The Girlfriends of the North End 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon was once again a smashing success. The committee members, Francine Capodilupo Gannon, Carol Langone Catanzaro, Diane Passero Pesaturo, and Christina Penta would like to thank Spinelli's Function Facility in Lynnfield, for their overwhelming generosity and for the delicious luncheon, along with a special thanks to all the contributors, including, Annette Mercogliano, owner of Mike's Pastry on Hanover Street for the scrumptious cookies, Maria Ciampa for the lovely floral centerpieces, Ben & Richard Molinari, Dom Capicella, and Patricia Annino for the book contributions, Dan DelGaudio of Boston gift shop in North Square for the donation of the Italian ornaments, and a huge shout out to Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Chairman of the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) for providing the phenomenal entertainment of DJ Alan La Bella, who had the ladies dancing to all their favorite tunes and of course waving their napkins to that's Amore.



Some of the Girl Friends getting ready for a "We Are Family" dance



(L-R): Girl Friends of the North End Committee Members: Carol Langone Catanzaro, Christina Penta, Francine Capodilupo Gannon, and Diane Passero Pesaturo



DJ Alan La Bella presenting flowers to some of the Girl Friends of the North End, Patti Bono, Donna Alessandro, and Barbara Coppola



DJ Alan Labella with two of the Girl Friends of the North End

# Ieri e Oggi

## Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari



**The Noble Journey** ... On September 29, 2024 the sculpture entitled "The Noble Journey" was dedicated in the Peace Garden of Saint Leonard Church. The gangplank with intaglio footprints is meant to evoke the first steps our ancestors took on entering the United States. The bronze gangplank is embedded in the walkway of the Peace Garden leading to the church.

The artist Nancy Schon who created the popular Ducklings sculpture located in the Public Garden was on hand to celebrate not only the dedication of her memorable peace but also her 96th birthday.

The Sculpture in the words of Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of Saint Leonard Parish, celebrates the noble journey our ancestors took as they left their homeland for a better life in America. The aim of art, in the words of Aristotle quoted by Father Michael, is not to represent the outward appearance of things but their inner significance. The sculpture is meant to speak of the inner journey of faith our grandparents took as they left their homeland on their Noble Journey into the unknown. It is a celebration of the triumphant power of faith and hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



It's A Privilege to See  
Review

## Urinetown: The Musical



Caldwell B. Cladwell (Christopher Chew) and Cast



Bobby Strong (Kenny Lee)

*Urinetown: The Musical* was an unlikely hit when it first appeared at the New York International Fringe Festival in 2001. Not only did it have, as the character Little Sally says, an awful title, it had been scheduled to move from Off-Broadway to Broadway just nine days after the attacks of 9/11. Many plays had folded or been canceled before opening when the theaters had to shut down due to that horrific attack.

Not only did *Urinetown: The Musical* open, it became a huge hit running for 965 performances and garnering three Tony Awards. It has worn well with time, though the lens through which it is seen has changed. Given that, it's still a play that makes you both laugh and think.

The current run at the Lyric Stage in Boston is in keeping with that theater's long-standing success in bringing large scale productions to a small stage. As has been so often the case, the Lyric team often improves on the work while adding an intimacy that can only take place in a small theater. *Urinetown: The Musical* is no exception.

Director Courtney O'Connor, along with musical director Dan Rodriguez and choreographer Christopher Shin have worked their magic, along with some wonderful ingenuity, to give Boston a musical that is not to be missed.

So, what do you call a play with that awful title, that includes suffering, unbridled greed, government corruption, police brutality, and people struggling to come up with cash so they can use the public facilities to relieve themselves? Funny! Not only funny, but highly entertaining and quite clever. It is also not what it may appear to be at first.

The people of an unnamed city are suffering under the heavy hand of Caldwell B. Cladwell (Christopher Chew), the head of Urine Good Company, a corporation that controls the limited water supply. Because of the water shortage, people are forced to pay large fees for *The Privilege To Pee*.

Chew is terrific in portraying the greedy Cladwell with a caricature that both conveys the joy he brings in making money off of the misery of others while treading a line of making him almost likable. This comes across in *Don't Be The Bunny* where Cladwell tries to teach his



Anthony Pires, Jr. (Officer Lockstock) and Little Sally (Paige O'Connor)

daughter Hope (Elliana Karris) how to make it in the world.

Bobby Strong (Kenny Lee) works at the public facility under the watchful eye of Penelope Pennywise (Lisa Yuen). It is a dirty job but has its privileges, if you get what I mean. Ms. Yuen's Pennywise sets down the law with an iron fist in *"It's A Privilege To Pee"*. You'd better have your money when it's time for you to use the public facility or you will be sent to Urinetown, a place from where no soul returns.

Bobby begins to question his work when his father (Remo Airaldi) is sent to Urinetown as punishment for breaking the anti-public peeing laws. It is upon learning of the elder Strong's gruesome demise that Bobby is pushed over the edge and is compelled to stand up to the powers that pee, I mean be.

Strong and Hope Cladwell fall in love while singing *Follow Your Heart*. Mr. Lee brings down the house while leading the cast in the gospel inspired *Run Freedom Run*. Both numbers bring laughs while also touching a deeper chord. Mr. Lee commands the stage in his role as Strong. His singing is sublime and his comic timing impeccable.

Elliana Karris is amazing in her ability to bring huge laughs using just her eyes. This was necessary in one scene because her character was bound and gagged while being held hostage. Yes, I'm not kidding, it really is a funny play.

While Kenny Lee is a powerful force on the Lyric Stage, the rest of the cast is solid as well. There is not a weak performance among them. Lisa Yuen is commanding as Miss Pennywise. Paige O'Connor and Anthony Pires, Jr. as Little Sally and Officer Lockstock respectively serve as chorus in addition to their roles within the story. They

are hilarious as they have constant back and forth about what makes a good musical. "You don't want too much exposition." Ms. O'Connor is clearly in her element as Sally, while Mr. Pires can be scary as the heavy handed Lockstock, yet you can't help but like him.

*Urinetown: The Musical* is both social commentary and satire. You will catch many take offs on musicals past, most notably *Les Miz*. There are also touches of Brecht and even William Shakespeare. Add into the mix that it is ambiguous work as well.

Throughout the first act the story seems to be a pretty formulaic one of evil corporations exploiting the helpless people of the city. However, as the story progresses, we find it is more complicated than that. The challenge of dealing with a shortage of natural resources coupled with government corruption makes me think of how so many make sure a crisis should never go to waste. In fact, a crisis, when properly exploited, can be quite profitable for many.

In the twenty plus years since it has first appeared, trillions of dollars have been spent on dealing with climate change making billions of dollars for the well-connected both in and out of politics. Has this solved the problem? As seen now, I believe that question can be one of the take-aways from this musical. What at first glance was a fairly simple story really leaves the audience with much to ponder. It is not preachy, but rather provoking.

Most importantly, *Urinetown: The Musical* is great fun. You will leave the theater humming the tunes you have heard as well as feeling connected to the characters. It's a rare feat to portray not one, but two executions in a way that has the audience breaking into side-splitting laughter, but it happens here. What a terrific musical! Get to the Lyric Stage before it's too late. You won't be disappointed. And don't worry, there won't be too much exposition. Little Sally promises that to you.

*Urinetown: The Musical*, Lyric Stage Boston, 140 Clarendon Street, Boston, now through October 20th, 617-585-5678, <https://www.lyricstage.com/>  
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• 25 Anniversary (Continued from Page 1)

Recognition of Italian American organizations was read by Richard J. Vita, Esq. and Arnaldo Minuti, Consul General of Italy in Boston, offered greetings. Michael G. Polo, National President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America expressed his fondness for Massachusetts chapters, and Boston, including Fenway Park and the North End, and was honored to be a part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Gr. Off. Lino Rullo introduced the scholarship recipients; Maired Clayton of Portsmouth High School, received the October Italian Heritage Month Scholarship, Samuel Cacicio, of Revere High School, and Sofia Bonfa of Canton High School, each received the Albanese Family Scholarships, presented by Adelaide Guarracino, CASIT President, Delia Conte of Tewksbury High School, and Julia Malowitz of Central Catholic High School, each received the UNICO scholarships,

presented by Antonio Calvagno, Esq., and Alexandru Cristescu of NEMPAC, received the Geraldine Marshall scholarship, presented by State Representative Aaron Michliewitz in honor of his mother.

The Italian American Heritage Month 2024 Honorees were Mary Ann Esposito for the Lifetime Achievement in Culinary Arts presented by Kevin Caira, Michael Colomba for the Lifetime Achievement in Public Service presented by Marisa DiPietro, Emilio Bizzi, PhD for the Lifetime Achievement in Science and Medicine, presented by Nadia DiCarlo.

At the conclusion of the evening, guests were invited to enjoy a lovely buffet dinner, by Gran Gusto Catering in Cambridge, courtesy of the Consul General of Itali in Boston, Arnaldo Minuti.



Kevin Caira, MaryAnn Esposito, and Richard Vita



State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Representative Jessica Giannino, State Representative Paul Donato, Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti and Richard Vita



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Kevin Caira, State Representative Paul Donato, Michael G. Polo, National President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, and Paul Polo, Past National Past President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, and Richard Vita



Coro Dante, Chorus of Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, performing the American and Italian National Anthems, led by Nathaniel Meyer, Musical Director



(L) Sherri Snow of NEMPAC and (R) State Representative Aaron Michliewitz presenting the NEMPAC Scholarship in loving memory of his mother Geraldine Marshall to (C) Alexandru Cristescu



State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Ivana Maroncelli, Director of Education for Consulate General, Richard Vita, City of Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn, State Representative Paul Donato, Arnaldo Minuti, Consul General of Italy in Boston, Alberto Mustone, President of COMITES, and Paolo Gaudenzi, Counselor of Scientific and Technology for Consulate General of Italy in Boston



• Flag Raising (Continued from Page 1)



Students from the Eliot School in the North End perform the American and Italian National Anthems



City of Boston Mayor Michele Wu offers a proclamation on behalf of October Italian American Heritage Month



District 1 Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata, Lino Rullo, Mayor Wu, and Richard Vita greeting a student from the Eliot School in the North End



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# How to Interpret the Constitution

BY CASS R. SUNSTEIN

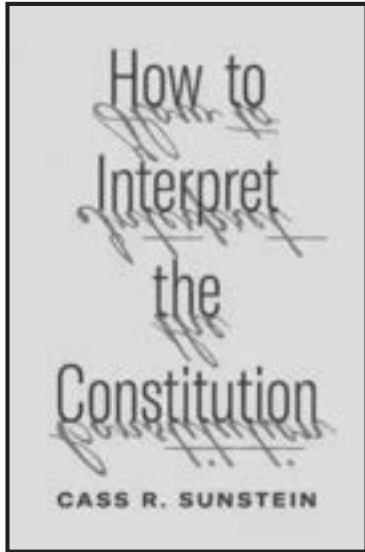
Review by John Joseph Fahey

Published by Princeton University Press in 2023, author Cass R. Sunstein's work *How to Interpret the Constitution*, as the jacket flap indicates "is essentially reading for anyone who is concerned about how the Supreme Court is changing the rights and lives of Americans today."

Sunstein, in his brief but weighty book permits not just the general reader, but also one who wishes to be more versed on the various options that can be taken into consideration when interpreting Supreme Court decisions.

In arguing on how one is to interpret issues that are included in the Republic's Highest Law of the Land, i.e. the United States Constitution, but how current day society must view often contentious issues in the realm of public discourse (which are perhaps more polemical more than two hundred years after its adoption) Sunstein explains the several Theories of interpretation in respect to how they can be construed in relationship with the current timeframe rather than when the Constitution was ratified in 1789.

The purpose of the author's concise treatment is to be found in the author's introduction. Sunstein writes: "any approach to constitutional interpretation needs to be defended in terms of its effects, broadly conceived of what it does for our rights and our institutions. You might be inclined to think that judges should be "originalists," or should respect "democracy," or should not be "activists." You might think that the rule of law and stability over time are of central importance. You might think that the Supreme Court should adopt a strong presumption in favor of the constitutionality of what Congress and the president do which means that the Court should uphold most of such actions against constitutional attack. Or you might reject that idea and think that the Supreme Court should take a strong stand in favor of certain rights say, the right to free speech or the right to religious liberty. If so, the approach to interpretation that you favor must be justified on the grounds that it would make our constitutional order better rather than worse (in terms of



your own considered judgement about what counts as better and what counts as worse), and it must be compared to alternatives."

The author writes of the Theories in terms of definition and how their interpretation can be reasoned based on logical factors. The reader is made aware of something that one might not realize and that are several approaches to constitutional approaches.

Sunstein includes Originalism: interpretation based on how the issue was understood at the time of writing; Textualism: interpretation based on the actual meaning of the text; Moral Reading: interpretation based on morality; Common-Good: interpretation based on the "principles of the 'common good;'" Traditionalism: "... interpretation should be undertaken with close reference to long-standing traditions;" and Thayerism: the interpretation that "... all reasonable doubts should be resolved favorably to Congress, in the sense that the Constitution should be interpreted in a way that gives the political process maximum room to maneuver."

Sunstein compares the various interpretations as to denote how, based on the issues at hand, would suggest which interpretation "... would make our constitutional order better?"

This work is good primer to understanding not only the interpretations covered but how important the Constitution is to the republic.

*How to Interpret the Constitution* is 195 pgs. *The United States Constitution* is also included.

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

### REMEMBER THE SAINT?

I ended up watching a great old TV series recently. Back in the '60s a number of great British TV shows successfully made it over the Pond to America and found an audience here.

One of those shows was *The Saint* starring a very young Roger Moore before he would eventually become the new James Bond 007 superspy. I loved his *Saint* role as Simon Templar. The closest thing to it on networks today would be *The Equalizer*.

If you have Xfinity cable, check out Channel 1043 and you'll find a number of TV series that have stood the test of time. Another show on this channel is *Hunter* from the '90s. Sad that you need to go back in time to see shows with great writing.

### COLUMBUS HAS LANDED AT THE PEACE GARDEN

Once again, Columbus is back in public view at the St. Leonard's Peace Garden on Hanover Street. While our political elites have cancelled out Columbus Day, the Italian American community hasn't. Next week we will start celebrating Italian American Heritage Month. Celebrate who you are

loud and clear. Rumor has it that next year Revere may revive its Columbus Day parade. If you are a Revere resident, advocate for the parade. If you are not, still advocate. Let our elected officials know where we stand.

### NEW APPETIZER FROM UP IN QUEBEC

There is a new appetizer that folks love up in Quebec and it appears to be sneaking across our northern border into places like Minnesota. When I first heard about it, I almost gagged. What is it you ask? French fries, cheese curds and gravy. Sounds disgusting to me but I already know, folks in Minnesota die for cheese curds. Throwing gravy into the mix isn't to die for but might actually kill your taste buds. It is time to stop this invasion across our northern borders, isn't it?

### AREA REPUBLICANS GETTING READY FOR THE ELECTION

This past week Republicans from East Boston, Revere and Winthrop held two more standouts supporting Republican candidates on the ballot this campaign season with more standouts to follow in the coming weeks heading toward TUESDAY, ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 5.

### EAST BOSTON CAMPS REUNION

I didn't grow up in Eastie but on the side of the city in Roxbury/South End and I was surprised to hear from so many of my friends who grew up there on their stories about their days going up to summer camp back in their youths. They seem to have so many fond memories that I felt a bit jealous about not sharing those days with them growing up on the other side of the Sumner Tunnel. I used to belong to a group that met nightly at the Dunkin up the Heights and I still hear about their camp days today with my friends who now hang out at Burger King across the street from Dunkin.

Well, I just found out that there is upcoming East Boston Camps Reunion to take place on Saturday, October 19 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the Beachmont VFW.

For tickets, call or text 617-634-2127.

### RHS CLASS OF '59 REUNION

It will be held on Sunday, October 13 at the Marina on the Wharf from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Revere. For tickets call Sonny Cataldo at 617-371-5795, ASAP.

### • Vice-Presidential Debate (Continued from Page 1)

when they suffer from a disaster," and offered the Trump administration would produce as much energy as possible in the United States and as much American manufacturing as possible to remain the cleanest economy in the world.

The moderators turned to immigration and questioned Vance on their campaigns plan for the largest deportation in history he responded, "You've got to stop the bleeding. You've got to reimplement Donald Trump's border policies, rebuild the wall, reimplement deportations. We have a historic immigration problem because Kamala Harris opened the flood gates and that meant a lot of fentanyl coming into this country." Walz responded by blaming Trump for telling congress to vote against the toughest and fairest immigration bill this nation has ever seen because it gave him a campaign issue to talk about. This was one of the issues the two candidates sparred back and forth about, with Vance pushing back on a fact check by a moderator and both candidates having their microphones muted so the debate could move on to the state of the economy.

Vance was emphatic in his belief that "If Kamala Harris has such great plans for how to address the middle-class problems, then she ought to do them now, not when she is asking for a promotion, but in the job America gave her three and a half years ago." Walz countered by blaming Trump for the economy that the Biden-Harris administration inherited during the covid pandemic.

Both candidates were allowed to clarify statements they have made in the past. Walz said he misspoke on his being in Hong Kong and China during the deadly Tiananmen Square protests in 1989 and democracy

protests, while Vance responded that he was wrong about critical statement he had made years back Donald Trump and that he had believed some of the media stories that turned out to be dishonest fabrications of his record.

As the debate turned to abortion, Vance said he wanted to be "pro-family in every sense of the word. We've got to do so much better of a job at earing the American people's trust back on this issue and that is one thing Donald Trump and I are endeavoring to do," before clarifying that he believes the decision on abortion belongs with the states. Walz blamed Trump for overturning Roe v. Wade and stated, "he put all this onto motion, Democrats are pro-women."

Over the course of the ninety-minute debate, the candidates faced additional questions and exchanged answers and viewpoints on a multitude of topics, including, gun violence and mass shootings, especially in school settings, the housing crisis and the lack of home ownership affordability for so many Americans, health care and family medical leave.

The final question of the night posed to Vance was whether he would challenge the election results this year, as Donald Trump did in 2020. Vance response wasn't quite straight forward and stated, "Remember Trump said on January 6th, the protestors ought to protest peacefully, and on January 20th, Joe Biden became the president, and Donald Trump left the White House," Walz responded critically stating, "That is a damning non-answer."

Both candidates hail from the Midwest, and with this race so tight both parties are focused on the seven swing states that include Pennsylvania, North

Carolina, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada and Arizona. The question, will this debate actually move any voter from one side to the other is still to be determined. Vance seemed to dominate the first hour and appeared relaxed and in command of his answers and the issues, with Walz coming across hesitant and uneasy. Toward the latter portion of the evening, he came up stronger regarding health care and the January 6th attack on the Capitol. Be prepared for a long five weeks of continued campaign rhetoric from both sides ...

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The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center celebrated the official end of summer with a fantastic Labor Day party on Friday, September 6th! The event brought together the neighborhood's North End seniors for an afternoon of laughter, community, and delicious Chinese food. It was the perfect way to unwind and reflect on the meaning behind Labor Day — a day that honors the hard work, dedication, and contributions of workers throughout the years. Labor Day does not just mark the end of the changing seasons, but rather it is a celebration of

the American workforce, a tribute to the countless individuals who have helped build this nation. It is a reminder to appreciate all the people who keep our world running — from the goods produced in our factories to offices and everywhere in between. Guests enjoyed rice, chicken and broccoli, and egg rolls, as well as lively conversation among themselves and with NE/WE NSC staff. Here is to the hardworking spirit that Labor Day represents and to our wonderful community that makes it worth celebrating year after year!



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**“And Jerry Mathers as The Beaver”**

by Sal Giarratani

As someone who grew up in the '50s, I can remember my younger brother Dominic and I watching lots of television. I still remember when my dad bought our first TV set. It had a round screen, weighed about 50 pounds and we had a total of three channels to watch.

On Saturday mornings, it was *Rex Trailer*, a bunch of cartoons, *Fury*, *Circus Boy* and *Roy Rogers*. Weeknights the whole family would turn on the TV to watch black and white sitcoms or dramas. One of my favorites was *Leave it to Beaver* starring Jerry Mathers as the Beaver. I once sent a letter all the way to Hollywood trying to get his autograph. It came in the mail a few weeks later.

Back at the beginning of August, I read a piece in the *Advocate* advertising that Jerry Mathers would be at Phil Castinetti's Sportsworld on Route 1 in Saugus. I marked



**Jerry Mathers with Bruce Singer and his mom Rita Singer, who was the first woman elected to the Revere City Council and served from 1976-1993**

me in line because *Leave it to Beaver* was a part of so many kids' lives back then. Now all these '50s and '60s kids are a bunch of ever-growing older guys and gals like me. Happy to go back in time to when life

felt so much simpler. We don't often get a chance to get inside a time machine and go back, but that was how I felt up at Phil's place on August 25th.

By the way, I loved Sportsworld, too. I wish my mother never gave away the baseball card collection I had to a little kid next door. Who knows how much some of those cards would be worth today. By the way, Phil is a 1974 graduate of Revere High School, which means he was able to see this iconic TV series in repeats. I got to watch them when the show was still running new episodes.

Well, I got to take meeting Jerry Mathers in person off my bucket list. However, my bucket list still feels pretty heavy and the list is still long.



**The line outside was in a great mood as each waited to get inside to talk with “The Beaver” remembering youthful days again**

my calendar. When Sunday, August 25th, arrived, I drove up to the place. A large line of folks was lined up outside waiting to get in to see the Beaver. Most of the folks were around my age since the TV series ran from 1957 to 1963. My brother identified as the Beaver and I did likewise with older brother Wally. In real life though, I was the exact same age as Mathers.

I even got a great photo of me with Jerry Mathers taken by my friend Bruce Singer who emailed it over to me. Amazingly there were lots of old dudes like



**Bruce Singer, Phil Castinetti, his son Cory, and Rita Singer**



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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



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

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

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

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

La Bollita and that of my friend, Pesce.

Well, we were told to fill out schedule cards and all types of paperwork that registered us as incoming freshmen. Being industrial arts majors and considering the point in time we attended college; the assembly of students was all male. Pesce and I looked around at our future fellow classmates. Some looked quite older than we were, but there were several who looked green behind the ears and we knew that they were recent high school graduates just like the two of us. We discovered a bit later when we had a break, that the older looking of the crowd were actually veterans who were taking advantage of the GI Bill before it ran out for Korean War vets. We kids were 17 or 18, but the vet's ages ranged from the late 20s to the mid-30s.

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

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

We were greeted by four men, Mr. Staebner, the director, Mr. Hartnett, who would teach us machine shop, printing and graphic arts, Mr. Walker who would teach us sheet metal and electricity, and Mr. Ventura who specialized in woodworking and drafting. They gave us the run-down as to which of us would be taking what course at what points in time and described the shop courses. When I returned home, Babbononno wanted to know what the wood shop looked like and what I learned. I told him we hadn't started yet and he reminded me that he had taught me how to use hand tools and that I shouldn't have any trouble making things. I assured him that what he taught me would be applied to

whatever they gave me as projects and he felt relaxed. When Dad came home and Mom had dinner on the table, I had to tell them what my academic studies would be like and they were pleased. The following day, we were in full swing as college freshmen, all 42 of us future shop teachers.

That first year I saw several of my classmates drop out. Most of them who did were the veterans with only a couple being in my age bracket. By the end of our sophomore or second year, we were down to 21, and for the last two years, we remained at that number and called ourselves, "Club 21." When we graduated, I looked into teaching in Boston, took the necessary exams to comply with the rules, but knew that I would wind up on a waiting list. With veteran's preference and disabled veteran's preference in place, I knew I didn't stand a chance regardless of my high scores on the exams I had taken. I was right and applied to several cities and towns around the eastern part of Massachusetts. One of my class mates, Paul Ciccarella, and I accepted jobs at Tewksbury High School, he in the wood shop and me in a drafting room, and there we stayed for a year.

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

Unfortunately, I've lost touch with most of my classmates. It is now 68 years later and all of us are retired. Attempts to get all 21 of us together for a reunion never happened, and many of those vets and a few of the guys my age are gone. The last time we had a reunion, about 8 classmates showed up. Since then, several more of the original group have left us and a couple don't get around much anymore.

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



by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

Wine biscuits, also known as *biscotti al vino*, are rustic, crunchy cookies rooted in Italian tradition, particularly from central regions. Made with red or white wine, sugar, flour, and olive oil, they embody the simplicity of peasant cuisine. Fennel or anise seeds are sometimes added for extra flavor. These biscuits are traditionally prepared without exact measurements — only the liquid ingredients are typically measured, while the flour is added gradually until the dough reaches the desired consistency. Often shaped like donuts, they are enjoyed with wine or coffee.

My Nonna always made red wine biscuits using leftover homemade wine. She stored them in a paper bag in the wine cellar to maintain their crispness, and they were a favorite among family and friends. I am sharing her recipe and promise, once you taste my Nonna's Red Wine Biscuits (*Biscotti al Vino Rosso della Nonna*), you won't want any other kind!

## NONNA'S RED WINE BISCUITS

### *Biscotti al Vino Rosso della Nonna*



5 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt

1 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup burgundy wine  
1 egg and 2 tablespoons water  
(egg wash)

#### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

Sift together the dry ingredients.

Add the oil and wine, mixing until a soft dough forms.

Let the dough rest for 10 minutes, then mix again to fully incorporate the oil.

Transfer the dough to a floured surface and let it rest for another 20 minutes.

Knead the dough, then, using a cookie scoop, take portions and roll them into 6-inch cigar shapes.

Shape into circles and place them on a prepared baking sheet.

Brush each biscuit with egg wash, then bake for about 25 minutes, turning halfway through until they are lightly golden brown.

Once baked, turn off the oven and leave the biscuits inside for 10-15 minutes to crisp.

Store the biscuits in a paper bag to retain their crispness.

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# North End Athletic Association (NEAA) *Hosts Annual Golf Tournament*

Once again, the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Annual Golf Tournament, held on August 12, 2024, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, MA, was a phenomenal success. Thanks to Tournament Chairperson Robert "Ted" Tomasone for his dedication and hard work, the tournament continues to be a complete sell-out each year.

"What better way to spend a beautiful sunny day than on the golf course with friends, especially knowing all the

proceeds raised from this event will continue to fund existing NEAA programs as well as any new programming opportunities that may become available." said Teddy. The NEAA began in 1960 under the guidance of Freddy Carangelo and continues today as a vital part of the North End community.

On behalf of the NEAA members, Teddy would like to extend his appreciation to all of the golfers, sponsors and donors for their unwavering support of this program.



(L-R): Bob Dello Russo, Brennan Fiore, Michael Dello Russo, and Vinny Ferrara



(L-R): Scott Howard, Laura Howard, Ted Tomasone, Gloria Pizzaerella, and Leah Ferullo



(L-R): Stephen Reppucci, Anthony Reppucci, Ted Tomasone, Anthony Reppucci III, and Joe Neary



Dan Nuzzo, Lou Ranelli, Ted Tomasone, Steve Judge, and Fred Scopa



(L-R): Anthony LaBella, Daniel Delia, Ralph Delia, Ron Romanowski, and Ted Tomasone



(L-R): Patrick Lyons, Jonathon Costa, Ted Tomasone, Kenny Lanza, and Joe Valarese



(L-R): John DeMarco, Anthony Cucinatti, Arthur Maranian, and Bob Ceccini



# Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## So Close He Could Taste It Laurent Dauthuille was Seconds Away from Winning the Middleweight Title



Laurent Dauthuille

On the thirteenth day of September in 1950 with just thirteen seconds remaining in his challenge to Middleweight Champion Jake LaMotta, Laurent Dauthuille was kayoed by Jake LaMotta. Dauthuille was far ahead on the scorecards when the fight ended. I have no doubt the French boxing sensation suffered from triskaidekaphobia (fear of the number 13) for the rest of his life after that experience.

On February 21, 1949, LaMotta and Dauthuille met for the first time in Montreal, Canada. This was before Jake had won the title, and both men were vying for a shot at champion Marcel Cerdan. In that fight, Dauthuille fought a smart fight and won a ten round unanimous decision. Laurent used a precision like left jab and landed solidly on the Bronx Bull. LaMotta put the pressure on continually throughout the bout and did manage to inflict some damage on his opponent, but in the end the scores of 7-3, 6-3-1, and 6-3-1 showed there was no question about who deserved the decision.

LaMotta would continue chasing a shot at the middleweight title with wins over Robert Villemain, O'Neill Bell, and Joey DeJohn. Interestingly, his fight with Villemain, another Frenchman, almost put an end to his dreams of fighting for the title.

The fight, which took place in Madison Square Garden, was seen as a gift decision for Jake. One judge and the referee ruled for LaMotta while the remaining judge had Villemain the clear winner. The crowd and sports-writers also saw it as a decisive win for Laurent. The United Press reported:

"Jake LaMotta won an unpopular split 12 round decision over Robert Villemain of France after a great fight Friday night before 11,491 fans at MSG. The fans booed the decision for more than 5 minutes. They hooted LaMotta as Jake climbed down from the ring and they gave the Frenchman a great ovation. There were no knockdowns during the bout but LaMotta appeared to be staggered in at least three rounds. Villemain won the fans with his persistent short-hooking attack to the head that caused far more damage than LaMotta's wide swings. And it was the Frenchman that did most of the forcing. Both

scrappers were bleeding from gashes over their left brows at the final bell."

The decision was considered so bad that the New York State Athletic Commission suspended both the judge and the referee who scored the fight for LaMotta indefinitely.

Jake was able to secure a shot at Champion Marcel Cerdan without having to face Villemain again. He won the title when Marcel was unable to continue because of an injury sustained in the first round when Jake threw him to the canvas. Fighting with just one arm Cerdan was still able to take the fight into the ninth round before the fight was stopped because of his injury. Red Smith wrote of the fight: "In spite of his injury and in spite of a severe beating in the first round ... Cerdan won the second round big and the third and fifth by lesser margins. A master at handling his opponent, turning him, tying him up, slipping or blocking his punches, and setting him up, Cerdan could do none of this one-handed. He couldn't even stick his left out to ward off his foe ... it is difficult to believe LaMotta would have a chance with a two-handed Cerdan."

LaMotta was scheduled to fight a return match with Cerdan on September 28, 1949, but the former champion was tragically killed in a plane crash while returning to NY for the bout.

Inside of a year LaMotta had fought three French boxers. He lost to one, got a gift decision from the next, and won the title when an injury ended the fight. You can either see it as Jake had a real problem with Gallic fighters, or he had great luck against them.

I should also mention that after winning the title, LaMotta gave Villemain a rematch, but it was a non-title affair. In this fight the Parisian won and received a one-sided decision, but was not given title shot. Had Villemain replaced Cerdan as challenger for the title, it is very likely the crown would have been returned to France.

A French contender did eventually get the first shot at Jake's crown. Laurent Dauthuille who had beaten him in 1949 got that opportunity.

On September 13, 1950 the two men stepped into the ring at Olympia Stadium in Detroit. For the first ten rounds the fight went much as their first bout did, with Dauthuille building upon a lead. The next four rounds were close as Jake increased the pressure, but Laurent still stayed comfortably ahead on the judges' cards going into the fifteenth and final round.

As the bell rang for the last round all Dauthuille had to do was move around and run out the clock. Of course, no one knows for certain how the judges will score a fight; just ask Robert Villemain.

As the round opened it did appear Laurent was going to



Laurent Dauthuille blocks a punch thrown by Jake LaMotta

fight smart. He didn't need to slug it out to win the round. He proved that he could win rounds with his jab and just needed to continue doing that. LaMotta was the one in desperate need of a knockout. He put the pressure on and was throwing left hooks with abandon. He still wasn't getting through. Then he pulled a sly move. He fell back against the ropes looking exhausted and possibly on the verge of being taken. In reality, he was playing possum, and Dauthuille took the bait. Laurent just couldn't pass up the chance to win the title by kayo. He started to mix it up with the champion and then realized he had been taken in. At this point it was too late. Jake had him caught in corner and unleashed a furious assault. Dauthuille used all of his skill to get free but was hurt and Jake was in hot pursuit. The champion chased him across the ring and dropped the challenger with a series of punches. Dauthuille was counted out with just thirteen seconds remaining in the fight. Just thirteen seconds from winning the title. It was a heartbreaker.

It was the first time Dauthuille had been knocked out. In fact, he was only stopped on two other occasions and those were in his final two fights. He never got another shot at the title. LaMotta lost the title to Sugar Ray Robinson in his next fight.

In Cerdan, Villemain, and Dauthuille, France had a trio of outstanding middleweights all fighting at the same time. Had things been just a little different, it could have been a dominant era for French boxing.

When it comes to close calls for winning a championship people think of Billy Conn vs Joe Louis in their first fight and Meldrick Taylor's loss to Julio Chavez with just two seconds to go. The LaMotta/Dauthuille fight certainly ranks near the top for very near misses.

Laurent Dauthuille retired in 1952 with a record of 45 wins (24 KOs), 13 losses, and 4 draws. He was a brilliant boxer who, like Conn and Taylor, will be most remembered for the fight he lost. He died young, passing away in 1971 at the age of 47. In nearly fifteen rounds against LaMotta he proved to be the better fighter. He made one big mistake in that fifteenth round and for that reason he is not remembered as World Champion. It truly was heart breaking.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It is only October but the Garden will be in midseason form during the long Columbus Day Weekend.

The holiday festivities will be a mixture of regular season and preseason games — with the Bruins playing their home opener of the 2024-2025 regular season while the Celtics take the court for preseason action — their first appearance on the parquet since defeating Dallas for the NBA Championship back on June 17.

After playing their season opener against Florida in the Sunshine state on October 8, the B's return to the Hub for their home opener against the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday, October 10. That will mark the first time that the Bruins played a "game that counted" at home since being eliminated from further action in the Stanley Cup Playoffs back on May 17 by Florida.

Saturday, October 12, the traditional Columbus Day, will seem like a midwinter day on Causeway Street with a Bruins-Celtics doubleheader making it seem like January within the confines of the facility.

The Bruins will start the day by taking on the Los Angeles Kings at 1:00 p.m. That will be followed by the Celtics meeting the Philadelphia 76ers at 8 p.m. Although there may not be many L.A. Kings fans in the area, they should be forewarned that this will be their only opportunity of the season to see the Kings play in Boston.

That is true for all Western Conference teams playing in Boston this year. They will each play one game in the Hub and then depart, not to be seen in the Garden until either the following season or by playing the B's in the Stanley Cup Final.

It is the same for the Bruins who will play one road game against each Western Conference team, excluding the rare meeting in that season Stanley Cup Final.

That's right. When the Kings leave the Garden ice at the end of the game, they won't be back in the Hub for another regular season game until sometime during the 2025-2026 season.

By Columbus Day, the Celtics will have returned from the Middle East where they opened the preseason with a pair of games against the Denver Nuggets.

Following the game with Philadelphia the Celtics will keep the action going the next day — Sunday, October 13 — when they host the Toronto Raptors in another preseason game at 7:00 p.m. That will be the final home preseason game for the Celtics before they open the regular season against the New York Knicks at the Garden on October 22.

Just as the Bruins opened the long weekend, they will close it out by hosting their current nemesis — the Florida Panthers — at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14 — this year's official observance of Columbus Day when all schools and many branches of government will be closed.

This will be Florida's first appearance at the Garden since eliminating the Bruins from the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs back in the spring, the second consecutive year the Panthers sent the B's to the summer sidelines.

So, by the time the long weekend has concluded, we in the media will have spent quite some time with the current editions of the Bruins and Celtics.

The Celtics are picked by many prognosticators to go all the way again and win a second consecutive NBA title. This is based on the fact that the entire starting rotation from last season's championship team returns — somewhat of a rarity for any team in professional sports these days — given the normal offseason transactions that normally take place during the summer months.

The Bruins should make the playoffs, given that there are eight places available in each conference. Of course, that depends quite a bit on who is available and who is out with injuries.

"I think if we get everybody in camp and everybody healthy, we are a Cup contender," stated Bruins President Cam Neely at the Bruins season-opening press conference on September 30. "There is no question that I strongly believe that. I think our players believe that. I know our coaching staff believes that. I think we are going to defend extremely well. We still need to get the offense we would like. We still need some guys to step up offensively. You know about our power play. It slipped a little bit in the latter part of last year. I think we can come back now. I feel like we are a strong contender if we have our full lineup."

Throughout the preseason there has been a growing concern over the status of Jeremy Swayman, the B's top goaltender who has balked at signing a new deal. He has not been in camp nor has he played in any of the preseason games to date. In fact, head coach Jim Montgomery has already named Joonas Korpisalo as his starting netminder for the season opener at Florida on October 8.

"I think the longer you go without seeing NHL shots and the longer you go without seeing that tempo and pace in front of you — whether it is five-on-five scrimmages like we have been doing every practice or getting the game reps — the farther back you get pushed. Even if a deal got done now, there is only the possibility of two practices (before opening night). Korpisalo has done really well and we are confident in him. So that is why I have referenced him starting game one."

If it happens, Korpisalo will have been given the opportunity to improve his status with the Bruins. He was traded to Boston by Ottawa for Linus Ullmark back in June.

"Both goalies (Swayman and Ullmark) had asked to play 55 games," noted coach Montgomery. "That is not possible if you are playing on the same team. So, we made a decision and we felt comfortable with Jeremy going forward."

But things may have changed a bit on the doorstep to the start of the regular season. At least in the short term. We should know more as the opening chapters of the 2024-2025 season unfold.