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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Ozempic Lowers Alzheimer's Risk

Type 2 diabetics may have a shot at lowering their risk of Alzheimer's if they take Ozempic instead of other diabetes meds, a new study found. Semaglutide, the active ingredient in Ozempic and Wegovy, is part of a class of drugs that mimic the body's natural GLP-1 hormone, making users feel fuller for longer.

"Preclinical research has suggested that Semaglutide may protect against neurodegeneration and neuroinflammation," stated Case Western Reserve University biomedical informatics professor Rong Xu, adding the study published just last week in the journal Alzheimer's & Dementia "provides real-world evidence for its impact on Alzheimer's disease."

Catholic School Says Forfeit Not Over Trans Player

According to Bishop Brady High School in New Hampshire, it denies its girls soccer team forfeited a recent game due to the presence of a transgender player on the opposing high school team roster.

David Thibault, Supt. of Schools for the Diocese of Manchester said the Catholic school team lacked enough players for the game. He further stated, "The school district didn't forfeit this game in protest...every person is made in God's image, body and soul, male or female, every person's dignity and every student athlete's dignity must be upheld."

Meanwhile, the Hillsborough County Moms for Liberty chapter said it was "deeply concerned and disappointed the officials from the Kearsarge Regional School district would "allow a biological male' to compete on a girls team in violation of a N.H. state law that bars trans athletes from girls' sports in middle and high school.

Wages Losing Ground

As someone recently told me, if anyone out there feels like their paychecks haven't kept up with inflation, they're probably right. About three-quarters of those polled in a *Wall Street Journal* survey last week believe costs for everyday goods and services have outpaced the growth of household income over the past year.

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Madonna Della Cava Society Holds 73rd Annual North End Halloween Parade

If you closed your eyes and listened as the Roma Band led the way through the streets of the North End, you would have thought it was a traditional Sunday Festival. However, the mix of classic and unique Halloween costumes were the telltale sign it was indeed the Annual Madonna Della Cava Society's Halloween Parade, and once again, it was a huge success.

As participants gathered on Battery Street before kicking off the parade, DJ Justin Amoroso got the party started playing some top hits. It was such a joyful sight to see the children marching happily through the neighborhood. Following the parade, the children were treated to hot dogs, popcorn, cold drinks and prizes. President of the Society Matty Matarazzo and Locale Restaurant owner Jen Matarazzo were hands on overseeing the festivities. They offered a special thanks to Joe Mancuso for the donation of the inflatable bounce houses from Busy Bee Jumpers, City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, The Office of Arts, Tourism, and Special Events, Neighborhood Services and all of the volunteers, and members of the Madonna Della Cava Society for their continued support over the years. This event continues to grow in size and seems to get better and better with each year.



(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

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North Washington Street Bridge Receives "New Name"

(Connects North End to Charlestown)

by Patti Sartori

Construction of the *new* North Washington Street Bridge, connecting the North End of Boston to Charlestown, began in August 2018 and is expected to be complete in the Summer, 2025. According to the City of Boston project history the *new* bridge is being built to replace the 100-year-old bridge, to better serve everyone using it, including people driving, biking, walking and taking the bus. So *new* bridge, *new* name ... Except the City of Boston, upon the surprise announcement last week, declaring the *new* name to be the "William Felton 'Bill' Russell Bridge" in honor of the late Celtics player, made it seem they were renaming an existing landmark and caught almost everyone in the two neighborhoods totally off guard. It might have been slightly more respectful of the

city to notify the neighborhood residents instead of having to read and hear about it on the news, especially given Mayor Wu's comment that this has been in the works for the past 4 months and was pretty much fast tracked.

Everyone who knows Boston, understands we are a Sports City, Die Hard and Faithful through and through. So, the fact the bridge was renamed for a Celtics superstar is understandable. The bridge loomed in the shadow of the original Boston Garden and is still standing under the nose of the new Garden. But make no mistake, when you cross that bridge and take a right turn onto Causeway Street, to any longtime North End, you are still in the North End "jurisdiction" so to speak, NOT the West End. Many North

End residents I have spoken to recently expressed their dissatisfaction with the media's depiction of the Garden as part of the West End community.

The official dedication and installation of signage will not occur until the bridge is fully complete, in the Summer of 2025. Mayor Wu also announced two parks on either side of the bridge will be named in honor of two deceased "resident heroes," community activist Robert "Bobby D" DeCristoforo of the North End, and Boston Fire Lt. Stephen Minehan of Charlestown. "They represent, along with Bill Russell and the many, many people he inspired, mentored and shaped, the type of leadership that would make sure our city was a beacon of equity, justice, hope, and legacies that continue to bridge our communities," Wu stated.

Stirpe Nostra

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

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

INTRARE JULIUS CAESAR



Gaius Julius Caesar was born July 12th, in the year 102 B.C. into a noble and aristocratic family that traced its ancestry back to the very beginning of Roman history. During a one-hundred-year period from 160 B.C. to 60 B.C., there were several Caesars who held public office and at least four of them were honored with the consulship (chief magistrate). Not too much is known about the youth and education of Julius except that his instruction was entrusted to a distinguished teacher of grammar and rhetoric.

He married Cornelia Cinna, daughter of an opposing party member in a civil war against the dictator Sulla. Caesar was ordered to divorce Cornelia but boldly refused, consequently, his property was confiscated, and he was forced into a short period of hiding.

A military experience was considered necessary for any young Roman of rank, so Julius joined a Roman legion and earned a civic crown for bravery. He returned to Rome in 78 B.C. and gained such popularity and reputation through his oratory that he decided to go to the Island of Rhodes to study under the great orator of the day, Molo. His trip was interrupted when he was captured by pirates and held for a fifty thousand dollar ransom. After being released, he made good on a promise to return and crucify his former captors. An interesting attempt to comment on his merciful nature is given in the story that he slit the throats of the pirates before crucifying them so that they wouldn't suffer too much.

After completing his study at Rhodes, he returned to Rome to fill a vacancy in the Supreme College of Priests and threw

himself into politics with great energy. He was kind and generous to everyone; no applicant for aid went away empty handed and his popularity became unbounded.

Caesar obtained the governorship of a conquered portion of Gaul together with control of four legions. He became highly skilled in arms and horsemanship and he possessed incredible powers of endurance. When on the march, he was always at the head of his army, both on horseback and on foot, in sunshine or in rain. He traveled great distances with incredible speed, planned his battle strategy well in advance and struck when and where least expected. When victory was uncertain, he often sent away all of his horses in order to remove any temptation for retreat and to impress upon his troops the necessity for holding their ground.

He referred to his men as comrades and not as soldiers, he valued them for their gallantry and never attempted to curb them except in the presence of the enemy. He took no notice of conspiracies that were detected, other than to make it known that he was aware of them. He kept a watchful eye for deserters or mutineers and punished them more severely.

During the next several years, he continued with the conquest of Gaul in a series of campaigns which showed his skill and variety of tactics, as well as his energy of movement, which are said to be unsurpassed in the annals of warfare.

After a great victory he usually turned his men loose on the town, boasting that they could fight well even when reeking of perfumes.

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The First Triumvirate

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Virginia Gardner of Wayland MA A Battle Looming in the 13th Middlesex District



In September, against all odds, Virginia Gardner won her write-in primary. Her district includes parts of Wayland, Lincoln, Concord, Marlborough, and all of Sudbury. With optimism and hard work, Virginia Gardner will bring her 25 years of success as a community activist to the State House.

Gardner is seeking to represent the 13th Middlesex Community because she believes we desperately need alternative voices in a virtual one-party state. She believes that the government controlled at every level by one political party is detrimental to everyone.

Virginia Gardner Believes

* Communities have become powerless when high density developments take over their city or town. **Saying the state needs to collaborate NOT Dictate.**

* The Commonwealth must immediately review the state Gas Tax, just as they have done in Connecticut.

* The State needs to implement a moratorium immediately on housing any more migrants at the expense of Massachusetts tax payers

* As President of the National Chapter of the Italian American Alliance, Virginia is disappointed with her opponents view of Columbus Day. Carmine Gentile caved to the pressure of political correctness stating the following. "Christopher Columbus was evil. As a child, I liked Columbus. As an adult, once I educated myself on how evil Columbus was, I thought how could I or anyone support Columbus or Columbus Day."

There are many other important issues. To Learn more about Virginia Gardner, please visit her face book page at **Gardner4staterep** or website at **Viriniagardner4rep.org**. A vote for Gardner will send a message that you are dissatisfied with your representation and want something better.

Vote For Virginia Gardner for State Representative of the 13 Middlesex District on Tuesday, November 5th.

Another Route 1 Staple Calling it Quits

A recent announcement by the owners of the Continental Restaurant on Route 1 North in Saugus will once again alter the traditional landscape of the familiar thoroughfare. The final farewell will take place the weekend before Thanksgiving, with Sunday, November 24th as the last day to dine at this 72-year-old establishment. Operated for the past 41 years by the Kourkoulis Family, this landmark is known for its classic steak and seafood dishes and its early bird specials.

This isn't the first long time area staple to shutter its doors in recent years, but has joined the growing list, including the nationally renowned Kowloon Restaurant, whose owners announced not too long ago it too would be downsizing to make room for a mixed use, residential development.

Change is inevitable, but it still difficult to let go of familiarity and the wonderful memories made at these establishments. Hopefully, whatever comes in its place will offer the next generation the opportunity to gather together and make new memories.

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Neiman Marcus Censors its Christmas Catalog

by Patti Sartori

Neiman Marcus Department Store has discreetly banned "Christmas" from its century old annual gift catalog, setting off a firestorm among employees and longtime customers, both of whom point the blame squarely on woke politics. While the retailer did not openly reference the omission in a recent press release, it did for the first time call the extravagant catalog the "Holiday Book" rather than the "Christmas Book."

As part of the rebranding, the new name was left off the cover and instead displays this year's seasonal marketing slogan, "A Neiman's Fantasy". Excluded were any traditional Christmas imagery, including evergreen trees or snowflakes, instead depicting a model with a big, clunky keyhole earring looking through another keyhole against a starry night backdrop.

The name change is not sitting well within the luxury chain's Dallas, Texas headquarters. Long time employees are galled at the actions of CEO Geoffroy van Raemdonck, whose restructuring and layoffs are thought to be the beginning

of the end for the history of this iconic retailer. "If Geoffroy and his team put as much time into running the business as they did on expressing viewpoints about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), we would be buying Saks or launching an IPO," one employee griped.

A spokesperson for Neiman Marcus said the change was made "in the spirit of inclusivity as it welcomes customers of all backgrounds, religions, and traditions to celebrate the season." Employees of Neiman Marcus claim they found out about the change from a newspaper article. In fact, the rebrand was so subtle, most media and other publications inadvertently referred to the 2024 catalog as the Christmas Book.

This is the final holiday season for Neiman Marcus before it is acquired for \$2.65 billion dollars by Saks Fifth Avenue owner HBC.

While current Neiman employees are concerned about keeping their jobs, most feel it was the last hurrah for this management team, including the CEO, and hope things will go back to more traditional leadership.

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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

Ronald P. Fuccillo, Sr.

Ronald P. Fuccillo, Sr., of Peabody, formerly of the North End of Boston, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

Devoted husband of the late Audrey (Esposito) Fuccillo. Beloved father of Andréa Fuccillo of Lynn, Celicia and husband Salvatore D'Amico, Sr., of Dracut, Ronald, Jr., and wife Janeen Fuccillo of Lynnfield, Robert, Sr., and wife Jenny Fuccillo of Peabody. Dear brother of the late Benjamin Fuccillo of the North End. Adored Papa of Ronald III and Gianna Fuccillo, Celeste, Robert, Jr., and Reese Fuccillo, and Salvatore D'Amico, Jr.



A special thank you to the David James Hospice Unit at the VA in Bedford who took great care of Ronald.

Ronald was a past member of Friends of the North End (F.O.N.E.), ITAM of Medford, Torigian Center, Knights of Columbus, and the VFW of Medford. Ronald was a United States Army Veteran whom served in the Vietnam War.

Ron loved anything Northend-related, from the day he was born he had a ton of family all around him. He attended St. Anthony's school where he met his childhood friend Victor Passacantilli and his friend to this day, "Peas in a pod."

On May 19, 1965, leaving 3 days before his 22nd birthday he served in the Vietnam War. Ron Fuccillo is a proud Vietnam Veteran!

Luckily one day in March, he met his bride Audrey, from that first eye contact at the Caravan Lounge in Revere, MA to the first date on March 15, 1968, to his engagement on March 15, 1969, and his wedding on March 15, 1970, Ron and Audrey lived the American Dream settling down in Everett, MA buying their first home, and starting and raising a family.

Ron worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Systems Analysis, as the years passed, he was promoted and always hustled to provide an amazing life for his family.

Ron loved doing anything for the family, he helped coach any sports the boys were into, he was at every kid's game possible. Sometimes they had to divide and conquer but he was always with his family.

Ron loved sports himself, from a young boy playing football, baseball, and really any sport related thing he could do, he was in. He'd always have about 3 nights a week that were dedicated to seeing the guys, ITAM, FONE, bocci or the VFW. Maybe it was his bowling league, or any softball game with the guys. He always loved being a part of any club.

Ron loved taking his family on vacation to see his wife's family down South, we'd pack the car and the Chiuili's would join us on a two-week vacation. We'd always be going somewhere or taking some vacation. Ron got his family a trailer up at Silver Sands right next to the Deloreto's (best time) we'd go up every weekend for about three years until we were too old to hang with our parents and too many activities going on with the kids. We'd travel to Florida on school vacations and that's when they decided they were going to go to Florida for the winters.

SNOWBIRDS - Florida for Ron & Audrey this was the most amazing time, as Ron retired from the Commonwealth get this — check out the dates — March 15, 2002. That was it for the two of them NO MORE WINTERS IN NEW ENGLAND! Right after Christmas of course Ron was driving to Florida, they left early in the morning, packed the car, especially with the fry pan and oil to make the meatballs, heading to the sunshine state. Between the two of them and everyone from up the Northeast it was like the same familiar faces but in a much warmer climate. (I / We know in our heart of hearts those were the best times my parents had every year, year after year!) Ron met so many people in Florida especially the Micheletti's in which they'd say "They kidnapped us for the day."

FINALLY, PASSPORTS – ITALY here we come, Ron even took Italian classes so he could mingle with anyone who would listen to him talk!

First trip - Rome, Avelino, Naples, Florence, Carpi, Sorrento, & Amalfi coast; Second trip - Sicily and Palermo.

Grandchildren WOW especially to have his first grandkid named after him he couldn't have been happier. Followed by more grandkids after that, was the lite of his life. He attended all the games he possibly could along with his wife, it was like they were reliving with us.

Ronald P. Fuccillo, Sr. Proud Man, Son, Husband, Dad, Brother, Cousin, Uncle, Nephew, Papa, Friend, Teacher, Veteran, & especially a 100% Food Connoisseur! He loved to eat anything.

"YOU ATE THE "ONY"

Family and friends honored Ronald's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home - North Shore Chapel in Peabody, on Saturday, October 26th Committal services were private.

Memorial donations may be made in Ronald's name to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 101 Summer Street, Holliston, MA 01746.

Faith & Blue Get Together The Cops, Community, and Coffee

by Sal Giarratani



Here is a visible picture of how community and community policing work together. A-7 works well with Ward 2 making East Boston a safer place for all

Once a year every October in neighborhoods across the city, both the police and community members come together for a morning breakfast get together and the cops are in charge of bringing both coffee and this year it was muffins too. It is a good time for everyone and is something that has been taking place, well received and well attending.

Over in East Boston in the lower hall at Sacred Heart parish both the community and the local police districts that serve them get together, have a cup of coffee and something to munch on and just chat up with one another. A real positive community engagement for everyone.

This year's East Boston gathering took place on Saturday, October 12th and the hall was full of laughter and talk in between all those muffins and coffee. Each year these events keep growing in size and are a good morale booster for everyone on both sides of the blue line.



(L-R): Supt. James Chin, Bureau of Community Engagement, Sal Giarratani, and Sgt. Gino Provenzano, Bureau of Community Engagement



Capt. Dean Bickerton presenting Father Paolo from Sacred Heart Parish with his Faith & Blue Certificate of Appreciation Award from BPD -District 7



These ladies look like they were really enjoying the breakfast, sitting down in the Sacred Heart Hall and meeting up with members of District A-7, sharing stories, drinking coffee and enjoying free muffins too

Daylight Saving Time Ends

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Is the Change Still Necessary

It's tough not to notice the sun setting earlier and earlier each day. Beginning Sunday, November 3, the sun will set one hour sooner, thanks to daylight saving time. For Americans in every state, except Alaska and Hawaii, it began on the second Sunday in March and will end on the first Sunday in November, as Americans move their clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m., at which point time will automatically move backward to 1 a.m. It makes you wonder why we are still doing this.

If you vaguely recall a bill filed in the U.S. Congress to permanently stop the time change, you are not alone. Overall, it seems to be a rather unpopular ritual. Back in March 2022 the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the "Sunshine Protection Act" introduced by Senator Marco Rubio, R-Fla, that would have made daylight saving time permanent starting in November 2023, meaning Americans would stop switching their clocks back or forward twice a year. The House of Representatives must first pass the bill, before the

President can sign it and rid the country of this bi-annual task. However, the bill stalled in the House of Representatives and has since expired.

Recent studies have shown an increased risk of traffic accidents and heart attacks occur after the two-time changes while many experts believe standard time is a better fit for the human biological clock. Regardless of time change laws, the earth is still tilted on its axis at an average of 23.5 degrees according to the National Oceanic and

Atmosphere Administration (NOAA). That tilt is responsible for seasonal changes and the amount of sunlight you get geographically. Your location on earth also affects how much sunlight your state will get in a year.

Here in Massachusetts, as the colder air begins to creep in and the sun begins to set earlier each afternoon (as early as 4:55 p.m. on the evening of November 3rd), all we can do it hunker down and wait patiently until the Spring reset.



L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Remember the Magic of November!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

I first noticed the commercials a few days before Halloween. Ads for layaway deals in big-box stores began to pepper my television viewing experiences, replete with images of smiling Santas, rolling ornaments and the sound of chattering jingle bells. Whenever one of these commercials caught my eye, a familiar, tingling sense of anticipation crept over me as I thought of the pleasures of the holiday season: swirling snowflakes, cookies baking in the oven, Christmas carols on the radio, potato latkes on sale for Hanukkah, trees illuminated with dozens of twinkling lights. However, I soon brought myself back to reality. I looked outside at the last yellow leaves drifting down from bare branches, the cornstalks and pumpkins decorating neighborhood homes. Halloween may be over, but we still have the whole month of November to enjoy! It is very tempting to dive into the pleasures of the holiday season early on, but the pulsating rhythms of the seasons and their unique feast days are meant to be experienced slowly, spiced with the trifecta of time, nature and mindfulness. This desire to live the seasons to their fullest proves especially palpable in November. Rather than a mere segue to the frenzied month of December, November boasts its own fascinating customs and traditions. As a month which signaled the end of the harvest and ushered in the beginning of winter, Italians honor the many faces of November, and their insights can help us appreciate this time for its singular delights.

At times, November can appear to be a somber month, sober and silent. Its skies are



thick gray blankets outlined by bare, black branches. Dead leaves collect in clumps across the wet ground. Night wraps its dark cloak around the Earth early in the evening, uninterrupted by the colorful holiday lights that start to appear much later in the month. Winter feels imminent as the first bewildered snowflakes spiral down from the slate-colored sky. This is the month when nature settles into a nap, slumbering until its rebirth in the spring. Old Italian proverbs, hailing from the days of a primarily agricultural society, speak of the month's chilly, bleak characteristics. A dictum stating "Per Ognissanti, mantello e guante" reminds Italians to start putting on their coats and gloves on All Saints' Day, or November 1st. Another maxim, "Per Santa Caterina, la neve si avvicina," warns that snow looms close around the time of November 25th, the feast day of St. Catherine. Some may find this transitional state of November, caught between the harvest of the autumn and the desolation of winter, downright dreary. However, I believe it perfectly fits the nature of the month. November was the month of Samhain for the ancient Celts, a month to honor the dead. It is befitting that the weather should match ponderous ruminations on mortality and life. I find November the perfect time to devote myself to solitude and tranquility, to

recharge my energy before the hectic holiday season.

However, November also contains another side, one of warmth, family and festivity. In Italy, November marked the end of the harvest. To celebrate this occasion, villages across the country held communal feasts in order

to enjoy the results of Earth's bounty. Oftentimes, these feasts became attached to particular saints' days. St. Martin's Day, or *San Martino* in Italian, occurs on November 11th and features banquets of goose, chestnuts, and the year's new wine. In fact, these foods feature in a notable Italian St. Martin's Day proverb: "Oca, castagne e vino per festeggiare San Martino!" Another feast, St. Andrew's Day, or *Sant'Andrea*, on November 30th, traditionally contained feasts of pork, commemorated in an Italian aphorism which states: "Da Sant'Andrea del maiale venticinque giorni a Natale." This proverb not only reminds Italians of the customary pork dishes on St. Andrew's Day, but also speaks of the fact that Christmas is merely twenty-five days away! Here in the United States, Thanksgiving beckons us into the comforts of family and friends, of heartwarming reunions and copious food to share. The stores brimming with boughs of holly and jolly elves tease the goodwill and joy of the upcoming holiday season. Though November demonstrates that nature goes through periods when it is resting and devoid of growth, the love of good company and the generosity of the Earth help us overcome that.

Italians honor November with communal feasts and unique holidays. Yes, the temperatures may drop to a biting cold, and the first dustings of snow may glitter on the ground. However, November also brims with a plethora of traditions that enforce the warmth of family gatherings in the face of the approaching winter, from the sampling of new wine of St. Martin's Day to preparations for Christmas occurring at the end of the month. Since time immemorial, Italians knew that the best way to contend with the solemn, wintry tone of November was to revel in its unique characteristics, but also introduce joyous festivities to keep people full of hope and optimism. As the month progresses, we may become worried about a frigidly cold winter filled with heavy coats and thick scarves. However, during such moments of dreariness, we should remember that the bleak November weather offers a much-needed chance for relaxation and reflection, and that the light and gaiety of the holidays will soon be upon us!

Happy November!

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.

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Our Democratic Republic Needs the Electoral College to Work

As I happen to be reading *The Item* newspaper up in Lynn recently, I came across its editorial that originally ran as an editorial in the *NY Times* (Dump the Electoral College — Candidates should campaign in every state) and I disagree with the premise that eliminating the Electoral College would force candidates to have a 50-state strategy. That simply isn't technically true, is it?

Back in 1988, I remember that year's race quite well. Our own governor and presidential nominee Michael Dukakis at the time had a reported 18 state strategy. Today, that strategy seems to have aged out with a new 7-state battleground state strategy. In a sense it is basically the same while very different.

Still in 1988, both Dukakis and Republicans understood that if you could carry the nation's largest states with the largest cities, you could technically, win 270 electoral votes. You could lose the popular vote and win the election. Thereby, making all the other states combined irrelevant when it came to electing our president. Today, we've gone to the battleground state strategy where seven or eight states can also decide the winner on the basis that the other states combined remain neck-and-neck in a statistical tie, relying on the battleground states to push either side over

the hump and making the winning difference.

The Founders of this country knew that we couldn't have an actual democracy and that we needed to be a democratic republic to protect us from the possibility that otherwise might lead to tyranny of the minority at the expense of everyone else.

People today seem to be historically confused about how important the Electoral College is. How many of us know there isn't one presidential election but actually 50 different elections in 50 different states?

Our Founders were a bunch of smart guys who luckily came of age at the same time. We overthrew a monarchy where the king ruled and everyone else just followed orders. Here in America, we tried something different, here all power came from the people. We were the sovereigns. They gave us a Bill of Rights, too. It was a grand experiment that has ruled now for almost 250 years. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Smaller states would not benefit by eliminating the electoral college's 270 mark. Larger states with larger populations would always have the edge, wouldn't they? There has been so much disinformation handed out by those with partisan agendas. Final quick note, without the Electoral College, folks in both coastal areas would rule and the vast majority of us in the so-called fly over skies of this nation would be impotent bystanders in this democratic republic of ours.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI24P4266GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
KELLY LOJA LOJA
of Framingham, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 08/09/2024 by Maria S. Loja Lema of Framingham, MA will be held 11/13/2024 03:30 PM Review Hearing Located www.zoomgov.com/my/cafazzo

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: October 29, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/01/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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vs.

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The Plaintiff has filed a complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown.

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Heidi A. Tribble, Esq.
Metro West Legal Services
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Framingham, MA 01702
your answer, if any, on or before **November 28, 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. PATRICIA GORMAN,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 18, 2024

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Italian Day at the Bradley School in East Boston



Bradley School in East Boston celebrated "Italian Day" on October 24, 2024



Christine Mazzarella Doherty, Christina Gibson, Samantha Topolski, Ms. Danker, and Lisa Cappuccio



Christian Cappuccio dances the tarantella

As Italian Heritage Month closed out, the Bradley School in East Boston celebrated with "Italian Day" on October 24, 2024. Students were treated to Italian cookies, pizzelles, cannoli and given a miniature sized panettone to take home. Entertainment was provided by Beverly Richards Dance studio. The dancers performed traditional Italian dance, including the popular Italian tarantella which children interacted and danced along with the performers. Beverly Richards, a long-time dance studio in East Boston, has cultivated Italian Dance for decades in East Boston and is proud to share Italian culture with her performing art students.

Art teacher, Ms. Danker created a mosaic with the kids focusing on the famous Cane Cavem mosaic from Pompeii, while teachers read snippets from Tomie DePaola's famous *Strega Nona* series.

Special thanks to the Cappuccio, Heigelmann, Fanuele, Doherty, Topolski, and Gibson families who organized and contributed to this event. Thanks to Celeste Ribiero - Hewitt for her donation of pizzelles. Barbara Puopolo for the Italian decorations.



Ms. Powers reads a page from *Strega Nona*



Students create the Cane Cavem mosaic of Pompeii



Beverly Richards Dancers
(Photos by Samantha Wu Topolski)

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EAST BOSTON Columbus Day Block Party

by Sal Giarratani



Hail, Hail, the gang's all here and from the looks of it, they were ready to party

There have been many within the Italian American community of Boston who remain upset over Columbus getting culture cancelled. To those of Italian/Sicilian roots, Columbus remains a symbol of pride to us as an ethnic community. They took away the annual Columbus Day Parade and we have been told to pick better heroes or role models but that is our decision, not theirs.

Last year Stevie and his wife and family decided to bring back a Columbus celebration for the East Boston parade in

lieu of the ending of the parade. It was brought back again this year and bigger than ever. Despite the not so nice weather, the cross came and had a wonderful afternoon of celebration.

Kudos to Stevie, his family and everyone who made this block party a reality. See you next year and always salute the memory of Christopher Columbus for bringing the Western Hemisphere and Europe together. He is still worthy of remembrance and East Boston folk will always celebrate in his memory of who he was and his accomplishments too.



Jack and Sandy Vernarelli dancing to the stars above hiding under cloudy skies on Sunday, October 13th at the East Boston Columbus Day Block Party up at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Looks like all those years dancing to the music on the *Lawrence Welk Show* paid off big time



Two great looking classic cars. The one on the right screams 1970s (Chevy) and the one on the left is a 1927 roadster, I think a Ford but it could be wrong. This is Steve's classic car manufactured the same year as when Stevie's grandfather opened the deli

Saint Franca Visalta

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Franca was born at Piacenza, Italy in the twelfth century. She was placed in the Benedictine convent of Saint Syrus at Piacenza, in 1177 at age seven, she joined the Order at age 14. There she became an example of all virtues for her fellow sisters.



In 1206 she served as mediator between her hometown and Pope Innocent III and by her efforts, peace was restored. After the death of the Abbess, Franca was unanimously elected by her fellow sisters, who were around fifty in number, to be their Abbess. In this capacity she sought to promote godliness in every possible way, especially the spirit of mortification. In order to achieve this goal, however, she had to endure great difficulties and was finally removed from her office and became isolated from most of the sisters.

One of the Nuns, Sister Carentia, agreed with her discipline. When Sister Carentia left Saint Syri Convent and entered the Cistercian Novitiate at Rapallo. Around the year 1216, Franca convinced her parents to build a Cistercian house at Montelana. There, she became the Abbess of the community at of Santa Maria di Montelana and Sr Carentia joined her there and was appointed as the Prioress. The community later moved to Pittoli.

Franca consistently maintained the severe penances she imposed on herself, even in the face of poor health. She spent most nights in the chapel, praying for hours. She passed away in this Abbey on St Mark's Day 1218. Her Relics were later transferred to Piacenza where they are today, in the Church of San Raimondo. The Feast day of Saint Franca Visalta is April 26th.

• Madonna Della Cava Annual North End Halloween Parade (Continued from Page 1)



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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Frederic Remington

Artist Frederic Remington was born in Canton, New York on October 4, 1861. He studied at Yale Art School then set out for the West. Remington found his spiritual home in the American West. Remington was determined to gain firsthand knowledge of western life.



In 1881, the young artist set out for the Montana Territory, determined to gain a firsthand knowledge of western life. During the next few years, he sampled sheepherding and gold prospecting.

In the late 1800s he began sketching cowboys, Native Americans, frontiersmen, and soldiers. At the same time, he produced black-and-white illustrations of cowboys, bucking broncos and Native Americans that brought him considerable recognition. In the early 1890s, he began to paint and sculpt these same subjects, eventually producing a body of some three thousand vivid pictorial narratives.

His art made his name synonymous with a powerful nostalgia for the vanishing Wild West. Remington captivated audiences with his action-packed, romanticized scenes of the Old West. His imagery of heroic masculinity and frontier living circulated widely as illustrations in the popular periodicals of the day, offering a reassuring narrative for Americans unsettled by the cultural upheavals of urbanization, industrialization, and immigration. As his career progressed, Remington sought to align his artistic reputation with his accomplishments as a painter and sculptor, an endeavor cut short by his

sudden death at the age of 48 in 1909.

Frederic Remington through his luminous art captured for posterity frontier life in the American West.

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Saint Theresa Society Block Party

by Anthony Boyd



On a mild afternoon, Sunday, September 22nd, the North End was packed with devotees of all ages in the mood to celebrate the success of the first year of a newly formed religious society in the North End.

The Saint Theresa Society hosted their members and community Block Party through

Sun Court and North Streets. Children and adults who, alike, brought their dance moves to celebrate the new society in the community. Everyone was treated to free activities such as cornhole, bbq food, delicious sweet treats, and music by D.J. Spinelli. Red roses were given to everyone in attendance

to represent and show the love of "the little flower" St. Theresa. The St. Theresa Society also presented Father Michael Della Penna with a beautiful, hand stitched chasuble robe from Europe with the image of St. Theresa on it with gold red roses. Everyone had a wonderful time!



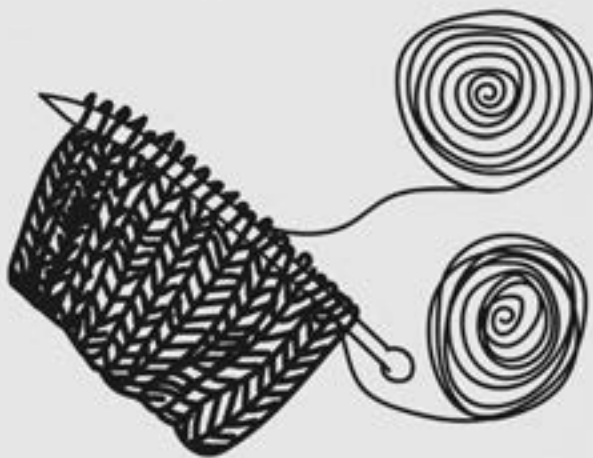
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THE PROJECT A COLLECTION:

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88 Films is proud to announce the release of Jackie Chan's action-comedy *Project A and Project A: Part II* in a Deluxe Limited-Edition 4K UHD + Blu-ray and Special Edition Blu-ray box set. *Project A and Project A: Part II* showcase director and superstar Chan at his very best. The swashbuckling adventure series set in the 19th century casts Chan as Dragon Ma, a lieutenant of the Hong Kong military police. *Project A* pits Dragon against a band of pirates who, after calamitous attempts at being captured, have the hero thinking outside of the box. He then decides to team up with an unusual array of cohorts, including a thief, a Navy admiral, and a police officer, to take down the terrorizers of the high seas. *Project A: Part II* has Dragon infiltrating the ranks of Hong Kong's police department to investigate the newly minted police chief, who happens to be associated with the criminals and mobsters he's been making a show of arresting.

VEEP: THE COMPLETE SERIES (Blu-ray)

Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

Just in time for one of the biggest political elections of all time, Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment has released *Veep: The Complete Series* on Blu-ray. Binge on all 65 episodes from HBO's Emmy award-winning original series, along with all the previously released special features. The political comedy series follows United States Vice President Salina Meyer (Julia Louis Dreyfus) and her incompetent team as they attempt to secure a legacy, but often instead become bogged down in day-to-day political games. *Veep* also stars Anna Chlumsky, Tony Hale, Reid Scott, Timothy Simons, Matt Walsh, Sufe Bradshaw, Kevin Dunn, Gary Cole, Sam Richardson, Sarah Sutherland, and Clea DuVall. Julia Louis-Dreyfus is the Vice President of the United States in this hilarious HBO comedy series. Each episode follows her whirlwind day-to-day existence as she puts out political fires, juggles public and private demands and defends the interests of the chief executive — with whom she shares a uniquely dysfunctional relationship.

THE GILDED AGE:

THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON (DVD)

Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent

Embark on a compelling journey through life in New York in the late 1800s, as Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment brings HBO's *The Gilded Age: The Complete Second Season* to DVD. *The Gilded Age* Season 2 was recently nominated for six Emmy® Awards including *Outstanding Drama Series*. Indulge in all 8 episodes from the second season of the historical drama that won fans over with its charming cast and compelling storylines plus over 20 pieces of bonus content including never-before-released featurettes. The American Gilded Age was a period of significant economic change, conflict between old and new systems, and fortunes made and lost. Season two of *The Gilded Age* begins on Easter 1883, with Bertha Russell's bid for a box at the Academy of Music rejected. Over eight episodes, Bertha challenges Mrs. Astor and the old system to gain a foothold in Society. George Russell battles a growing union at his Pittsburgh steel plant. Marian secretly teaches at a girls' school, while Ada starts a new courtship, to Agnes's disapproval. In Brooklyn, the Scott family heals from a shocking discovery, and Peggy becomes an activist through her work at the NY Globe.

ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES (4K Ultra HD) Paramount Home Ent.

An enduringly hilarious cult classic, director Barry Sonnenfeld's *Addams Family Values* has been newly remastered from the original camera negative and is creepy fun for the whole family. Featuring the return of everyone's favorite frightening family, the uproarious film boasts an all-star cast. Gomez (Raul Julia) and Morticia (Anjelica Huston) welcome a new addition to the Addams household — Pubert, their soft, cuddly, and mustachioed baby boy. As Fester (Christopher Lloyd) falls hard for the new nanny (Joan Cusack), cynically suspicious Wednesday (Christina Ricci) and Pugsley (Jimmy Workman) discover she's a black-widow murderess. Though they're shipped off to summer camp, Wednesday still has a Thing or two planned to save Fester and the family.

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

SALESIAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PASTA DINNER

It is that time of the year again. Time for the 18th Annual Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston Pasta Dinner which will be held on Friday, November 22nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This annual tradition brings families, friends, volunteers and supporters together, allowing the club to raise funds for all the young people who participate in the club's programs.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

One of the best country music venues is down in the southwest in Austin, hence Austin City Limits. It began operations back in 1974 and the first act on stage was, of course, Willie Nelson. Austin even has a giant statue of him in the Downtown area not far from city hall.

There are a few things about PBS and GBH I like and one of them is watching Austin City Limits. I recently tuned in and saw to my surprise the band Black Pumas singing on stage. I love this band! It's a mix of Texas blues, rhythm & blues and jazz too. This band has only been around since 2017 and I love their sound. My favorite tune of theirs is "Black Moon Rising" but, on this particular show, the band members were playing a lot of new stuff that I hadn't previously heard. You need to check this band out.

HAPPY 50TH TO THE FENWAY NEWS

On November 13th, *The Fenway News* will be celebrating 50 years of keeping it Local News. Lots of people today have seemingly stopped reading actual newspapers but the local media out there in our neighborhoods are still must-see publications and are still on the job bringing you the news from where you live and enjoy life. Many weekly newspapers have sadly disappeared but their loss is our loss too. You can't get everything online in local media. You can't get real community stuff on the

computer. You need to pick it up, digest it, feel its pages ... you really do.

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A. BIBLES MADE IN CHINA

What else is new, huh? Back in March, Donald Trump announced he was partnering with country singing legend Lee Greenwood of "God Bless the USA" fame to hawk the Bibles. I guess there are people out there who mix their religion and politics when looking for biblical inspiration. I have a feeling that these Bibles will sell because this is how we live together in America 2024. However, buying Chinese made Bibles was surprising to me. I still have my family bible at home. It still looks brand new because sadly none of us read the bible enough to wear out the pages. Sadly, it took me aging to realize the Bible can help guide you where you need to be at this moment of your life. However, my Bible is not a political prop. Yours shouldn't be either.

MIKE'S DONUTS CREW MEETS ACROSS THE STREET FROM MISSION CHURCH



(L-R): Tom, Mossy, and Nick posing together
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I belong to what can only be described as a men's group, some would say old men's group because, well, we are "kinda" old, right? Over in Eastie, we call ourselves the BK Guys. Well, over across town in Mission Hill, they've the same kind of morning gatherings at Mike's Donuts. The other day, I made a cameo appearance over there. Mossy Martin is the Captain Kirk of this group. I found him the center

of attention as usual at a table next to Tom from West Roxbury and Nick, joining them talking about Mission Hill, who just died, do we think Trump will win, and other things.

ANDREW JACKSON ACTUALLY BELIEVED IN THE DEEP STATE TOO

Recently, Rich Lowry in a column of his stated that a Jackson biographer had noted that Jackson in his time believed "the country was being controlled by a kind of congressional-financial-bureaucratic complex in which the needs and concerns of the unconnected were secondary to those who were on the inside."

NEXT MONTHLY COMMUNITY DINNER

The next monthly community dinner at Sacred Heart parish will be held on Wednesday, November 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Always open to the community and it is free of charge. Come on down to the church hall and have a great meal and enjoy all the company that shows up month after month and enjoy the company of your neighbors and friends.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK / TRUNK-O-TREAT AT SUFFOLK DOWNS



Desi Perez couldn't wait to show off his Cat Boy costume. His grandma took him over to this fun-filled event.
(Photo by Sherri Raftery)

There was a great Touch-A-Truck/ TrunkOTreat event last weekend for all the kiddos getting ready for Halloween that just passed yesterday. Parents, grandparents came with plenty of children showing off their Halloween costumes.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Inflation has left prices for food and other essentials more than 20 percent higher than when President Biden took office.

Ohio Town Flooded With West Africans Migrants

A small Ohio town is the latest example of the Biden-Harris open-border policy after 3,000 immigrants from Mauritania in West Africa moved in over the past year. According to Mayor Mark Mason of Lockland, Ohio, his town of just 3,500 residents cannot support the sudden arrival of 3,000 West African migrants who do not work or pay taxes.

As the mayor stated the influx has put the town over the edge and in desperate need of resources as the new arrivals have overwhelmed housing capacity and emergency services.

The mayor stated, "If they're going to have an open-border policy they're going to need a policy to direct these immigrants

to communities that can withstand that kind of population burst ... it's unsustainable." The mayor says he's not exactly sure why his small town has become the prime destination for the 40,000 mile journey from West Africa to his little town.

MassGOP Finds State Rep Candidate in 13th Middlesex

Virginia Gardner from Wayland, MA is running for state representative in the 13th Middlesex District. Gardner won her GOP primary as a write-in candidate and has been working tirelessly since getting her message out to voters.

Dr. Domenic Amara from the Italian American Alliance has been working on her campaign and says, "She is about community, balanced representation, communication, and transparency."

Politician Mower Crashes to Death

A Kentucky state senator

has died one month following a freak accident in which he fell into a swimming pool while riding a lawn mower. Johnnie Turner, 76, died following a hard-fought battle with injuries he sustained when he accidentally drove his lawn mower into the deep end of the pool.

Turner was a Republican and a US medic and served in the House of Representatives from 1999-2002 and was elected to the state Senate in 2020.

End Quotes

"I'm ready for the fight, I've never been more energized, and I'm ready to stand for re-election and that is my intention."

— U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, on announcing his intention of running for re-election in 2026
at age 80

"People generally see what they look for and hear what they listen for."

— Harper Lee

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Now that Halloween is over it's time to think of Thanksgiving. But, before I start writing stories about that "so American" holiday, I have to tell you the first time I ever experienced a hurricane. It was late August in 1954. My folks, Nanna, Babbononno, I and a childhood chum, Carl Sinatra, were at the family cottage in Winthrop, Maine. It was the tail end of the summer and Carl and I were doing everything we could to prolong the fun we had had all month. Being an only child, Dad often let me invite a friend to spend time with us at the Maine cottage. Carl and I worked together at the Seville Theater and we often "hung around" together. Dad knew his father from his own high school days and had no problem with me inviting Carl for the last few weeks of August.

Carl was a personable type and my summer friends soon became his friends. A couple of summer residents from Lewiston, Maine had sons just a little older than we were, and to Dad's consternation, the boys taught Carl and me how to ride their motorcycles. My father was worried when we headed out on the backs of the bikes during the day, but wouldn't let us go motorcycle riding at night. What neutralized this was the two daughters of another summer family. Carl and I would walk them to town, take them to a local hangout called McNamera's ... a Maine version of Arnold's from *Happy Days*. We were more interested in these teenage girls than Harley Davidsons. Quite often, someone would pick us as we walked back. Most of the folks on Memorial Drive, the main drag on the east side of Lake Maranacook knew who we were and would stop us at night with, "You yung folks want a ride back to the uttha end of thah lake." We usually accepted.

Around the 28th or 29th of August, Dad had heard that a storm was coming up the east coast. He told Carl and me to take our speed boat, head to the public landing at the edge of town with several empty gas cans, one or two for gasoline and the others for kerosene. He wanted to be prepared. If the electricity went out we had old fashioned kerosene lamps. If trees were knocked down and we couldn't get to town by car, we would have extra gas for

the boat. So, we headed for the general store.

Babbononno didn't like the speed boat and wouldn't ride in it. If he wanted to take his chances on the lake, we had a row boat that he could use. The speed boat was exactly that. It was built for racing, held 4 people and was powered by a 50 horse power Mercury race engine, when 50 horse power was real horse power. Carl and I took care of the chores and forgot about the storm. That night at McNamera's, we happened to be alone and met two new girls around our ages. Their family had a place at the opposite end of the lake, and they invited Carl and me to their cottage the next day. Late the next morning, Dad dropped us off before taking Mom shopping. Carl and I walked down a winding path and stopped at a closed wrought iron gate. There was a call box on a pole and we buzzed and announced ourselves. Seconds later, the gate swung open. When we arrived at the cottage, it was a two level lake front mansion. We looked at each other and didn't know what to do. We rang the bell and were let in by a lady who announced us to the girls. After we said hello, I innocently asked the lady who opened the door if she was the mother of the girls. It was the maid. Carl and I looked at each other again, knowing we were in over our heads. The girls turned out to be the daughters of one of the owners of Montgomery Ward Department Store from the Chicago area. We were treated to lunch by the girls and we chatted much of the afternoon. When it was time to leave, we all jumped into one of their cars and a man in a black suit, bow tie and a captain's cap got behind the wheel. Carl asked the girls if he was their father and the girls told him that he was their father's driver. We were really in over our heads. When we were dropped off at our cottage, the girls invited us back the following day to hang out and swim at their place. We accepted.

The next day, Dad was listening to the radio about the storm. We didn't have a TV at the cottage and the only news came from one of the few Maine radio stations. Carl and I didn't wait for the midday weather forecast. We jumped into the speed boat and headed in the direction of the Montgomery Ward family summer place. We got about

fifty yards out from our cottage and headed to the right. The wind was rather strong and to combat it I squeezed the throttle to pick up speed. It didn't work. Again I tried to pick up speed, but by the time I had the throttle wide open, but I was going backward due to the wind.

Just then, we saw Dad on the dock waiving and we waived back. I thought he was seeing us off, but he was trying to waive us in. We eventually had to beach the boat and drag it along the shore line back to our cottage. By then Babbononno had joined Dad on the dock and both of them were yelling at us, Dad in English and Babbononno in Italian.

It seems that the storm was a hurricane named Carol and it was hitting central Maine with full force. We didn't know, and the only thing that saved us was the need to secure anything that wasn't nailed down. Dad had dragged the row boat onto our beach and told me to do the same with the speed boat. We put the fire wood in the shed, brought the axe and outdoor tools from the back of the cottage and put them into a container attached to the side of the cottage and closed the shutters to protect the windows.

The storm hit hard, but we survived. There was no damage to the cottage. But, when I looked out at the beach area, my boats were missing. I thought the choppy surf might have carried them out into the middle of the lake. We walked onto the beach and discovered that the boats were there, alright, buried under the sand.

After a careful examination of the cottage, we knew we were lucky, no damage what-so-ever. We didn't even lose electricity. While we waited out the storm, Nanna and Mom cooked some pasta and chicken. Dad, Babbononno, Carl and I played whist while we listened to the radio for weather information. When the storm finally cleared Dad said that we should take a walk and check on Old Vic.

Old Vic was around Babbononno's age and the father of Arthur Gordon, one of the locals who lived down the road on the opposite side. Arthur and Dad had become good friends and the day before, he told Dad that he had to take the family to Portland for doctor visits and asked if we could keep an eye on Old Vic. En route to the Gordon home, we climbed over broken tree branches and spotted a couple of trees that were uprooted. When we reached the Gordon home, Old Vic was sitting on the front steps.

Dad asked him if he was OK. "Yup," was the response. Then Dad asked him if there was any damage to the house. Old Vic looked up and said, "Nope." Babbononno asked, "Da animales, dey OK?" Vic replied, brought 'um into the house durin' the storm." Then Dad asked, "Vic, any damage to the barn?" Old Vic looked up at Dad again and said, "Dunno, John, Iye haven' found it yit!"

GOD BLESS AMERICA



When we lose a Nonna, a piece of our heart goes with her. In those moments, our thoughts drift back to the cherished times spent by her side; moments wrapped in warmth, guided by her wisdom, and filled with her unconditional love.

I dedicate this to a special Nonna who held this newspaper close to her heart for many years. Her daughter, Angela, warmly shared with me how her mother made it a weekly ritual to carefully clip out this very recipe column. That special Nonna was Jean T. Cristiani. Throughout her life, first as a reading teacher and later as a psychologist in the Boston Public Schools, Jean touched the lives of countless children, including her own beloved grandchildren.

At her funeral, Mother Olga gently reflected on the memories Jean's family holds closest. Among the many beautiful stories, one stood out and left a lasting impression on my heart — her granddaughter's memory of time spent together in the kitchen, rolling little meatballs for her Italian chicken soup. It brought me back to moments of watching my own daughter roll those same small meatballs alongside my mother and grandmother.

Though I don't have Jean's recipe, she shared the same Sicilian heritage as my family. When her daughter described the way Jean prepared her chicken soup, it mirrored the way my family made ours. So, with that in mind, I am sharing ours.

As this holiday season approaches, let us take a moment to remember the Nonna's that are no longer with us by reflecting on the values they instilled, the meals they tenderly prepared, and the way they wove love into the fabric of our lives. May we keep their spirit alive by carrying their traditions forward and passing down love through the generations, one tiny meatball at a time.

NONNA'S ITALIAN CHICKEN SOUP *Zuppa di Pollo all'Italiana della Nonna*



Ingredients:

1 whole chicken, including gizzards (about 4 pounds)
8 quarts cold water (enough to cover chicken and vegetables)
2 whole Vidalia onions, skin removed

8 large carrots, peeled
4 to 5 stalks celery
2 large potatoes, peeled
2 heads escarole, cleaned, boiled, and chopped
1-pound Acini di Pepe, Pastina, or Orzo, cooked al dente and drained

For the Meatballs:

2 pounds ground hamburger
1 ½ cups grated Parmesan cheese
1 ½ cups seasoned breadcrumbs (add more if needed)

2 cloves garlic, pressed
¼ cup fresh parsley, chopped
2 eggs, beaten
Salt and pepper, to taste

Making the Soup:

Place the chicken, onions, carrots, celery, and potatoes in a large stockpot.

Add enough water to cover the ingredients by 3 to 4 inches.

Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce to a simmer. Cook for 3 to 4 hours, until the chicken is tender and the stock is flavorful.

Once cooked, let the soup cool. Strain the ingredients and return the stock to the pot.

Squeeze the juice from the onions into the stock and discard the remains.

Remove the meat from the chicken and shred about 3 cups of it finely. Add this back to the stock (reserve any extra chicken for another use).

Chop the carrots, celery, and potatoes into bite-sized pieces and return them to the pot. Add the chopped escarole.

Simmer the soup gently over low heat.

Making the Meatballs:

Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a bowl, combine the hamburger, breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese, garlic, parsley, and beaten eggs. Mix well with your hands.

If the mixture is too dry, add a little water.

Roll the mixture into small, bite-sized meatballs and place them on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake the meatballs for 10 to 12 minutes, until cooked through.

Final Steps:

Drop the cooked meatballs into the simmering stock a few at a time.

Simmer the soup for an additional 35 to 40 minutes to allow the flavors to meld.

Stir in the cooked pasta and mix well.

To Serve, ladle the soup into bowls and sprinkle with additional grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



Billy Murray, Musical Pioneer

Between 1893 and 95 a number of song titles, among them “Daisy Bell”, “The Sidewalks of New York” and “The Streets of Cairo”, sparked a mini artistic revolution. The singer, Dan W. Quinn, became one of the pioneers in recorded music. Music was not reinvented per se but it became a popular commodity and we have been witnesses to this evolution from vinyl to cassette, from CDs to mp3, right back to the resurgence of vinyl.

In the dawn of the 20th century a number of artists jumped on the musical bandwagon, including Marie Cahill, the Haydn Quartet and even Sousa’s Band began recording their standards like “Stars and Stripes Forever” and “In the Good Old Summertime”. With the growing popularity of ragtime, many found it easy to transfer their vaudeville hits to record or cylinder. Solidifying the industry was the establishment of a flurry of record companies to compete with the trail-blazer Edison Records, chief among them the Victor Talking Machine Company.

In as much as the roots of recorded music are remembered today one name has had an enduring legacy. His name may not be recognized but samples of his recordings have appeared everywhere from Radiator Springs Racers at Disneyland to Michael Moore’s *Bowling for Columbine* to the video game *BioShock Infinite*.

Listening to the playful nature of his recordings, however, it’s hard to imagine that Billy Murray had any idea much less ambition to make music history. Practically his entire career was based on good-humored novelty songs (enhanced with comical sound effects as his career progressed) and goofy spoofs of popular standards. And yet, the musical catalog of this chipper Irish tenor, has a lasting appeal.

Born in Philadelphia in 1877 to Irish immigrants from County Kerry, Murray moved to Denver at the age of five and by the time he was fourteen began travelling with vaudeville troops where he found a niche in humorous melodies. By the time the 19th century came to a close he began recording music for Peter Bacigalupi, a San Francisco based wax cylinder distributor.

The real turning-point, however, came in 1903 when Murray made his way to New York City and found work as a recording artist from Edison’s Phonograph Company with “I’m Thinking of You All of de While” and “Alec Busby, Don’t Go Away”. In a combination of factor involving perfect timing, the ideal contacts and an endearingly youthful cheer in his voice, Murray soon became one of the most popular recording artists of the opening of the 20th century.

Throughout the first decade of the century, Murray recorded some of the greatest hits of the era including “Meet Me in St. Louis” (1904), “Shine On Harvest



Moon” (1909) and “Casey Jones” (1910). His variety covered tributes to his Irish parentage “It Takes the Irish to Beat the Dutch” (1903 and 06), “Bedelia” (1903), “Harrigan” (1907), and “Tipperary” (1908), to classic patriotic anthems “Grand old Rag” (1906) and “Yankee Doodle Boy” (1905), to tributes to his love of automobiles “In My Merry Oldsmobile” (1905) and “This Little Ford Rambled Right Along” (1915).

By the start of the next decade Murray had already been dubbed “The Denver Nightingale” and had recorded favorites with Ada Jones and the Haydn Quartet and was the lead singer of the American Quartet, his greatest vocal partner from which was Will Oakland. The songs now were often enhanced by comical sound-effects (like a cowbell and a rooster’s crowing in 1914’s “I Want to Go Back to Michigan”, a lion’s roar in the following year’s “Circus Day in Dixie” and airplane gadgets in “Come Josephine in My Flying Machine”) and his vaudeville beginnings proved useful to his narrative presentation. By the middle of the decade Murray, along with the American Quartet, was developing a massive portfolio of recordings. These now included medleys like “War Song Medley” in 1913 and samplings of lines and notes from the great American Songbook in comical songs such as the delightful “If War is What Sherman Said It Was” from 1915 which sampled the Civil War song “Marching Through Georgia”. As the clouds of war began to hit close to home Murray turned first to tributes to aviation and then to moral boosting anthem’s like “Over There” in 1917.

Tastes, attitudes (now affected by war) and even technology progresses and Murray began to fade in popularity by the 1920s but he hung on during the roaring decade and by the time the Depression came he found new life in the emerging talking pictures lending his voice to the character Bimbo in Max Fleischer’s Betty Boop cartoons.

It would have been impossible for Murray to retain his popularity much further but by the time he died of a heart-attack in 1954 he had amassed a treasure trove of recordings for almost all of the lead recording companies of the early 20th century that remain a joyous delight and a defining era in music history.

Meetinghouse Hill Gets New Firehouse

by Sal Giarratani

Up until very recently, every time I was near the old Boston firehouse in the Meetinghouse Hill neighborhood of Dorchester, it looked almost as old as the First Church of Dorchester or St. Peter’s Church. Old buildings come with history, history of what the neighborhood once was and of the ties to history it carries forward to today. I had been inside the old firehouse, one of the oldest still standing in the city but unfortunately time has not done this structure well. The old firehouse is nearly 100 years old and it looked every bit of its age.

For a long time, many in the neighborhood as well as many of the firefighters who worked inside the old place had to have wondered how much longer this place could remain. Well, on Friday, September 27th the future was christened with the opening of the sparkling brand-new firehouse along with a ribbon-cutting that also doubled for a memorial nearby dedicated to Marie Conley, a mom and traffic supervisor from Dorchester who was fatally struck by a car protecting a student while working the intersection in 2008.

I did not make it to the official ribbon cutting but when I saw that Capt. Guy Camaratta of Engine 17 addressed the gathering, I made sure to contact him. I’ve known the captain for many years. He was the captain of Engine 50 in Charlestown. He and I have been good friends for many years. I also just found out that back in the



Brand new firehouse which just opened a few weeks back. (Courtesy photo by BFD)

beginning of his BFD career, he served on Engine 5 in East Boston too. About three years ago, I used to live right behind the Engine 5 firehouse.

Last week, I traveled over to Meetinghouse Hill to check out the new quarters for Engine 17 and Ladder 7. The building looked great from the outside. So spacious too. I got the official tour of the place plus a cup of hot firehouse coffee. This place must be the envy of firefighters across the city. I heard they even have a couple of great cooks too.

I am sure the entire surrounding neighborhood is glad to see a brand-new firehouse serving them and the neighborhood. Everyone is Meetinghouse Proud today.



Old firehouse right behind the new house. This site is scheduled to be turned into a parking lot in the coming new year. (Photo by Sal Giarratani)



Here is the crew of old Ladder 7 taken back on a cold and snowy February 12, 1983. Left to right, Mark Callahan, Brad Rattigan, Rick Connolly and Tommy McGovern. (Photo by Michael Quan)

North End Athletic Association (N.E.A.A.) Girls Youth Field Hockey Program Flourishes

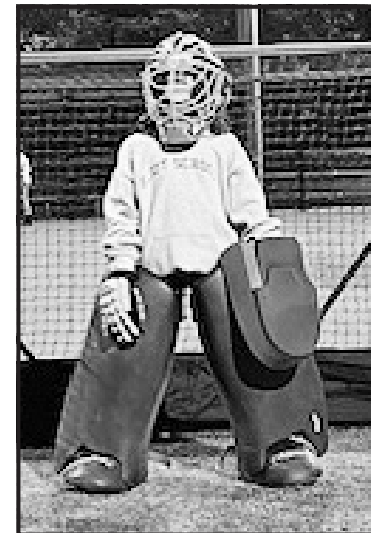


Now in its’ third year, the North End Athletic Association’s Girls Youth Field Hockey program has begun to flourish. Under the direction of Leslie Horn Wallus and Leah Ferullo, along with several talented young ladies who volunteer as

instructors, coaches and mentors each week the program has doubled in size this year.

Each Wednesday evening at Puopolo Park they gather and run drills, practice and now play some scrimmage games. This season the NEAA

purchased a set of Field Hockey nets, Leah got some goalie equipment donated and the girls are off and running! Stop by on a Wednesday and see these great young ladies before they wrap up their season at the end of October!



Boxing Ringside

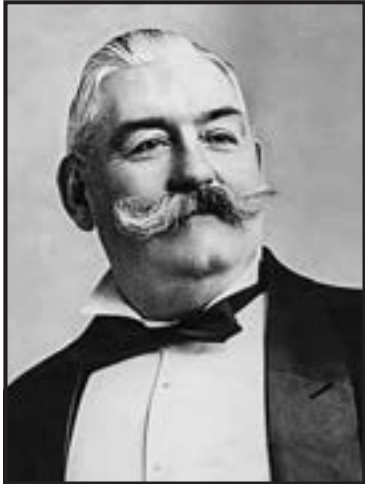
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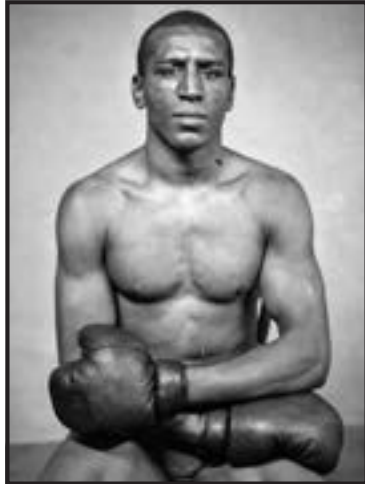
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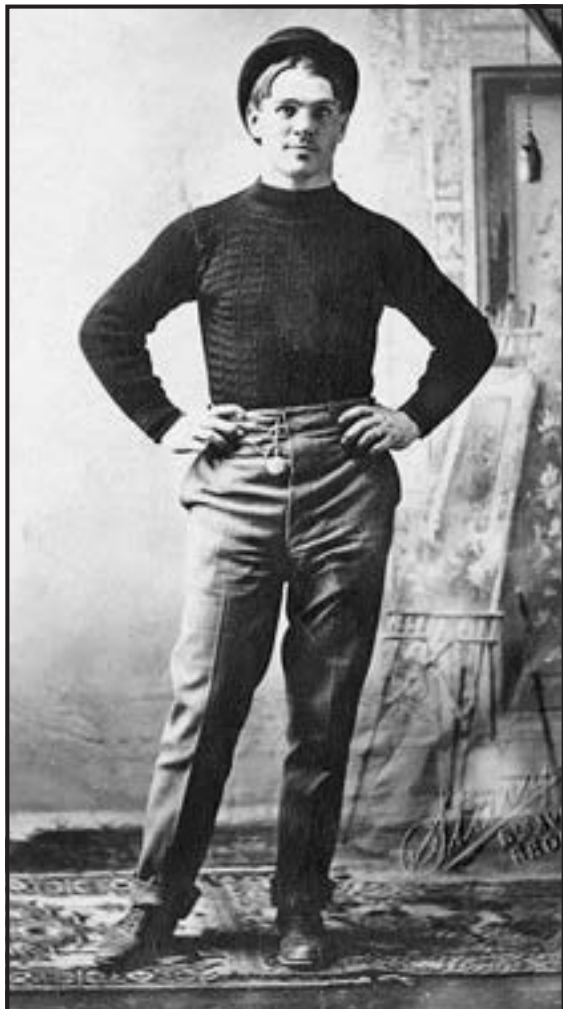
The uncrowned Heavyweight Champion, Boston's own Sam Langford



Another great from Boston, John L. Sullivan



The great Joe Gans holder of the Lightweight Title



Bantamweight and Featherweight Champion Terrible Terry McGovern



Lightweight Champion Battling Nelson



Bob Fitzsimmons (Left) squares off with James J. Jeffries



Another great trainer in the early 20th Century Charley Goldman engaged in 44 pro fights. He went on to guide Rocky Marciano to the Heavyweight Title



Before he trained Joe Louis, Jack Blackburn was a formidable Fighter

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



SPECULATION ABOUT SWAYMAN — As the Bruins continue through the early portion of their schedule there is already speculation how frequently first-string goalie Jeremy Swayman will play as the season runs its course. Boston Globe columnist Kevin Paul Dupont has already offered his opinion.

The netminder from Alaska by way of the University of Maine will be penciled in for every start other than in those instances when the Bruins play on back-to-back dates, states Dupont.

That adds up to quite a bit of time in the nets — a situation that Swayman wanted by the way. Earlier, before the season started, head coach Jim Montgomery said that he had spoken to both of members of the goalie tandem (Swayman and Linus Ullmark) that had won the 2023 Jennings Trophy (best goalie duo in during the 2022-2023 National Hockey League season).

They had played together again last season but now both indicated that they each wanted to play more games in 2024-2025. The number 55 came up. Montgomery said that was impossible within the confines of an 82-game schedule. And thus, a choice was made by the B's.

They decided to keep Swayman and trade Ullmark to Ottawa, obtaining Joonas Korpisalo in return. Thus, there won't be a true tandem this season but a defined solo starter with a backup.

But a significant fly in the ointment appeared when Swayman held out for a top salary throughout the preseason, finally signing on the dotted line for the princely sum of \$66 million over eight years, a pact that runs through the 2031-2032 season.

Prior to the signing, he was coming into the season as a restricted free agent who had been awarded a one-year \$3.4 million contract in arbitration back in August, 2023.

Someone once stated: To whom much has been given, much will be expected. And that describes exactly where the Bruins are today with Jeremy Swayman.

Through the early part of the season, the B's have been rather pedestrian to put it mildly. They were sitting in the sixth spot in the Atlantic Division, a couple of rungs above the cellar in that division as of the morning of October 29th. And for the first time in a long time a rather interesting statistic had come to the fore. At that juncture the B's had actually allowed more goals (32) than they had scored (27). Through most of the recent seasons the B's had always been at the top (or near it) in the fewest goals allowed category.

Swayman had played in seven of the nine games while Korpisalo has guarded the nets for only two.

But here is the troublesome part. In one of those games that Swayman saw action, the B's allowed six goals while in another two they allowed five. He also was in the nets for an embarrassing 4-0 to Nashville, who was winless until the Predators beat the B's. Over the course of seven games played Swayman had a 3-3-1 record. Good, but for the money he signed for, should it be better? It is asking a lot for a team to score five or six goals and defeat an opponent. How many games will a team win when it allows five or six goals in a game. Not that many in a given season.

You would think that a goalie that had recently signed a \$66 million contract would not have allowed those numbers of goals to be scored by the opposition. That is asking a lot of your teammates to overcome.

Even in games that appear close, many actually are not. If a team trails 2-0 that means it must score three goals to win. A challenge to be sure.

So, we will see how the season goes because three weeks do not a season make. But in the early going at least, it seems that Swayman is having difficulty living up to the monetary value of his contract.

Remember, to whom much has been given, much will be expected.

THE CELTICS OVERCOME A CHALLENGE — Yes, it was a great game — for just over three quarters. It was interesting to see how the powerful Celtics reacted to a strong challenge, this one delivered by the Doc Rivers coached Milwaukee Bucks before final pulling away in the fourth to capture the 119-108 victory.

But for three quarters it had been a game, a back-and-forth contest between two quality teams in the Eastern Conference — and a team that the Celtics could encounter during the 2025 playoffs.

Jaylen Brown led the Celtics with 33 points but it was Payton Pritchard who stole the show, hitting eight three pointers, including a buzzer beater that closed out the third quarter. He finished with 28 tallies on the night as the Celtics remained unbeaten at 4-0.

Throughout those first three quarters, it felt like playoff basketball, with excitement on nearly every play as the teams battled for every possession.

We always liked Pritchard, the Prince from the Pacific who excels on the Parquet.

He is a rarity in the NBA these days, a player who stayed at the University of Oregon all four years and graduated in 2020. He could have left but he chose stay and complete his degree. How many NBA plays would choose that route today? Very, very few, if any.

We always enjoyed Doc Rivers coached teams — from the time he was here and won the 2008 NBA championship until the present season. After all these years, he still recognized yours truly in the hallway leading to his press conference after the game.

Although Milwaukee left the Garden with a three-game losing streak, we feel that Doc has a good chance of overcoming this underwhelming start. If his team plays like it did against the Celtics, there is no reason it can't make the playoff field.

The Celtics will not be back in the Garden until November 6th when they face the Golden State Warriors. That will be followed by a Garden game against New Jersey on November 8th.