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## We Owe Our Veterans a Debt of Gratitude

by Patti Sartori

This past week, on Veterans Day, we honored our soldiers for their awe-inspiring display of courage, sacrifice and devotion. They patrolled and stood sentinel so we could live safely and sleep soundly. I have no doubt that each of us knows someone who has served or is still serving in the military. I often think of the amazing veterans in my own family, including my late father and grandfather. My dad was a quiet unassuming man, but he stood tall and proud at his recollection of his service to our country. He was very rarely without one of his army baseball caps and was extremely humbled when strangers would approach him and thank him for his service.

This year I attended the North End Veterans Day Services in the Paul Revere Mall (Prado) on Hanover Street, followed by a mass at St. Leonard Church. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 conducted its annual memorial services to honor and remember the heroes of the community who served in World Wars I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and more recent conflicts, including Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Greater War on Terror. As I watched the ceremony unfold, and pledged my allegiance to the flag of The United States of America, I listened to taps play and felt my patriotism and sense of appreciation for those who offered their service to our country, acknowledging a deep awareness to myself for their sacrifice.

Without question we owe a constant debt of gratitude to generations of veterans, past and present, and I hope, not just on Veterans Day, but each and every day you will show your support and appreciation for their devoted and selfless service to our country. May God Bless their souls and continue to keep them all safe.



Members of the North End Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 (l to r) Jimmy Sorrentino, Bob Cacici, Paul DaSilva, Past-Commander Joe Blazo, Paul LaVecchio, Ralph Masciulli, Jim Coyle, Commander Leo Egan, Fr. Alexander, and (kneeling) Adjutant Christian Kulikoski

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Santa Ana Voters Reject Ballot Question on Non-Citizen Voting

Voters out in Santa Ana, CA, the second largest city in Orange County, overwhelmingly rejected a ballot question (Measure DD) that would have allowed non-citizens the right to vote in local elections by a 62-37 margin. Santa Ana's current population of 300,000 is 76 percent Hispanic/Latino. Since 2016, San Francisco has allowed non-citizens to vote in school board elections.

### University Panic Room with Hot Cocoa

Students at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy where tuition runs \$62,000 per year opened up "self-care suites" where students could feel safe following the Election Day results. Here they could sip hot cocoa helping students for whom political discourse might be too overwhelming, according to the school's director of student engagement.

### Whereabouts of Earhart's Plane Still a Mystery

The South Carolina-based deep-sea explorer who had though he'd found Amelia Earhart's long-lost plane in the Pacific Ocean has now confirmed this once-promising find was just a rock.

### San Francisco Mayor Gets Booted

San Francisco Mayor London Breed lost her re-election to Levi Strauss heir Daniel Lurie following years in which this liberal city struggled with sky-high crime and a deteriorating quality of life. Breed was elected in 2016 and said she was "proud" and "accomplished so much" while in office, despite the city's drug crisis and rampant crime, including relentless shoplifting. Lurie received about 56 percent of the vote, while Breed lagged behind at 44 percent.

### Soros L.A. D.A. also Given the Boot

California voters who have been apparently fed up with rising crime have overwhelmingly defeated Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon who many have called the "godfather of progressive prosecutors."

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## Massachusetts' Disabled Veterans Benefitting from HERO Act

Eligible Disabled Veterans Exempt from Automobile Excise Tax, Receiving Fee Waivers for Vehicle Registration, Driver's Licenses and License Renewals Due to Legislation Signed in August 2024

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) and Executive Office of Veterans Services are reminding veterans they are eligible to receive fee waivers for various transactions at the RMV due to the most comprehensive piece of veterans' legislation in Massachusetts history which was signed into law by Governor Healey in August 2024. The HERO Act, (An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Servicemembers and Veterans), includes over 30 provisions positively impacting veterans, including specific transactions veterans may conduct at the RMV.

"The expansion of the HERO Act enables us to show additional gratitude toward veterans who served and sacrificed for our country," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "While these benefits are just a small token, we hope all qualifying individuals will make full use of them in their dealings with the Registry. On behalf of all our MassDOT employees, we say 'thank you' to veterans for your service."

"It is an honor for all of us at the Registry of Motor Vehicles to facilitate the expansion of the HERO Act on behalf of Massachusetts veterans," said

Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "With our service documentation requirements now even more seamless, I encourage disabled veterans and their family members to familiarize themselves with the available benefits and to reach out to us with their questions."

"We're incredibly thankful for our partners at MassDOT for supporting the HERO Act's provisions that bring real relief to our disabled veterans," said Secretary Jon Santiago of the Executive Office of Veterans Services. "Waiving these fees is a concrete step toward easing the daily burdens veterans face, and from excise tax exemptions to waived license fees, we're working to show that Massachusetts stands firmly committed to them."

Every motor vehicle registered in Massachusetts is subject to the annual excise tax, unless exempted. Under the HERO Act expansion, all Massachusetts residents who qualify as a disabled veteran are now eligible to receive the **excise tax exemption**. To qualify, they must present a letter from the U.S. Veterans Affairs Office to the city or town where their vehicle is garaged.

In addition, disabled veterans are no longer required to pay

a **vehicle registration fee** for any vehicle registered in their name. Previously, this benefit could only be applied to one vehicle registered in their name. Also, all of these veterans are no longer required to pay a **transaction fee for a passenger driver's license** or for a passenger driver's license renewal.

A disabled veteran is determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to either have a combined service-connected disability rating of 100 percent or be individually unemployable due to their service-connected disability.

The legislation signed into law by Governor Healey in August 2024 increases benefits, modernizes services and promotes inclusivity for veterans in Massachusetts. In addition to provisions impacting veterans who drive, the legislation expands access to behavioral health treatment, supports businesses that hire veterans, updates the definition of a veteran, expands the Veterans Equality Review Board's scope, and codifies medical and dental benefits.

RMV information for military service members, veterans, and their families can be found at [mass.gov/military-and-veteran-rmv-information](https://mass.gov/military-and-veteran-rmv-information).

# Stirpe Nostra

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

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

## IMPERATORE JULIUS CAESAR



**Cleopatra and Caesar by Jean-Léon Gérôme, 1866**

The Roman calendar became quite hopelessly confused after much tampering by officials for various reasons, such as prolonging their terms in office, also, to hasten or delay elections. Caesar consulted with the Egyptian astronomer Sosigenes to fix the normal year at 365 days plus leap year. This we call the Julian calendar and it was in use until 158 when the Gregorian calendar corrected the error of eleven minutes and fourteen seconds per year.

He reduced a welfare list for grain handouts from 320,000 to 150,000 and established colonies for jobless Romans. Citizenship was conferred on all foreigners who practiced medicine in Rome, and this offer was also extended to teachers of the liberal arts. He placed new controls on the payment of debts, increased penalties for crimes, and administered justice with the utmost conscientiousness and strictness.

He enforced laws against extravagance and had agents penetrate public markets and dining rooms for compliance. He also made available to the public, the great possible libraries of Greek and Roman books.

Among the honors bestowed upon Julius Caesar were dictatorship for life, the forename of Emperor, the surname of father of his country, his statue was placed among those of the early kings of Rome, he was given a raised couch in the orchestra at the theater and a golden throne in the Senate house, and lastly of course, naming the month of July after him.

He is said to have been quite tall with a fair complexion, shapely limbs, full face, keen black eyes, and excellent health. He was meticulous about the care of his person, always well-trimmed and cleanly shaved. He combed his hair forward to hide a bald spot, and often used the privilege voted him to wear a laurel wreath at any time. He usually wore a senator's tunic with fringed sleeves.

He completed a country estate at great cost and then tore it down because he was not exactly satisfied with it in every particular. He was always a most enthusiastic collector of gems, carvings, paintings, and exceptionally well built slaves.

His invasion of Britain was done in hopes of obtaining a fortune in pearls.

When in the provinces, he usually gave banquets in two dining rooms, one for his officers or Greek companions, and the other for Roman civilians and distinguished provincials. He managed his household very strictly, even putting his baker in irons for serving him one kind of bread while guests were served an inferior quality.

It is the general opinion that he had an eye for good looking women regardless of their marital or social status. It is particularly interesting to note that two of his close female friends were Servilia and Tertia, the mother and sister of Brutus. The top of his list was reserved for at least two queens — Eunde, a Moorish queen, and of course Cleopatra, with whom he often feasted until daybreak.

At one time, there was consideration given to presenting a bill in the Senate making it lawful for Caesar to marry as many wives as he wished for the purpose of begetting children. The bill did not pass because it was felt that this would beget Caesar "troppo stanco" (pooped).

**NEXT ISSUE:**

*Exitus Julius Caesar*

### LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex Division  
Docket No. 24W1678**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**SOPHEAK OEUR, Plaintiff (s)**  
**v.**  
**BOUNLAY MOON, Defendant (s)**

To the above named Defendant (s) **Bounlay Moon**

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff (s), **Sopheak Oeur** seeking a Complaint for **Custody Support Parenting Time**.

You are required to serve upon **Sopheak Oeur** plaintiff(s) whose address is **17 Lawton Street, Lowell, MA 01851** your answer on or before **19th day of December 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at **370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.

Witness, **TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of November 7th 2024.**

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court  
Run date: 11/15/2024

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

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Docket No. MI24C1086CA**

**In the Matter of  
LESLIE JILL HEISEY**

**CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Leslie Jill Heisey of Concord, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Jill L. Heisey**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 29, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

Witness, **HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: November 01, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 11/15/2024

## Boston Polling Locations Run Out of Ballots

The City of Boston Election Department has come under fire amid accusations of incompetence. Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin confirmed that "numerous polling locations" in the City of Boston were not provided enough ballots despite the fact that over 750,000 ballots had been printed and delivered to the city.

Galvin fired off a letter to Boston Election Commissioner Eneida Tavares upon discovering a shortage of ballots resulted in Boston Police rushing to deliver ballots to multiple polling locations so residents could cast their votes. "Although it appears that these locations ultimately received ballots, voters were subjected to unreasonable and unnecessary delays. This is unacceptable and contradicts the most fundamental principles of our democratic process," Galvin wrote.

In addition to complaints from residents, election officials in various precincts notified Galvin's office to report the ballot shortages and complain they were not able to reach the Boston Election Commission via telephone. "This indicates the city did not originally deliver an appropriate supply of ballots to precincts in Boston, did not have adequate communication channels with polling places and had no plan to deliver additional ballots as needed, and in a timely manner," Galvin's letter stated.

Galvin is considering placing the city's Election Department into receivership, a move he made similarly in 2006, again due to the fact polling locations had not received enough ballots from the Boston Election Department during a gubernatorial race.

City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced the city would undertake "a full debrief and investigation" regarding the ballot shortfall. It is completely unacceptable for people to have to wait for significant periods of time without ballot access. On one hand having a high turnout is a great problem to have, but we need to make sure we are on top of all issues because protecting access to the ballot is the most fundamental part of our job."

The mayor did not directly answer when asked whether Tavares would face any punishment for the snafu, however at last week's city council meeting, a hearing order was filed to address "voter accessibility and election preparedness," so the commissioner should be prepared to answer questions.

## Revere City Councilor Angela Guarino Honored by Mirabella, Italy



**Giancarlo Ruggiero, Mayor of Mirabella Eclano in the province of Avellino, Campania, presenting Ward 5 Revere City Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya with a plaque commemorating her Ambassadorship to her parent's hometown.**

Ward 5 Revere City Councilor Angela Guarino Sawaya, formerly of the North End, was honored by Mayor Giancarlo Ruggiero of Mirabella Eclano, in the province of Avellino, Campania, during a recent trip to Naples, Italy. At the 2024 Festival of Immigrants, she was awarded with the title of World Ambassador of Mirabella Eclano, a city where both her parents were born and where she spent her childhood summers.

Angela was given the opportunity to tour the city council chambers, the mayor's office and historic city hall. She also had the privilege of participating in the Madonna Addolorata Festival, La Grande Tirata (The Great Pull), a religious event held every Saturday preceding the third Sunday in September, in Mirabella Eclano, in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows to ensure a fruitful harvest of wheat.

Angela was born and raised in the North End, on Prince Street, and maintains strong ties to the community. She proudly proclaims her Italian Heritage and will continue to promote a partnership between her native community and the hometown of her parents.

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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.

### • Thank You Veterans (Continued from Page 1)



Past-Commander Joe Blazo and Adjutant Christian Kulikoski



Jimmy Sorrentino and Bob Cacici

## In Memory of



Judge  
**Joseph V. Ferrino**  
November 22, 2020



Paul LaVecchio



Ralph Masciulli



Paul DaSilva and Jim Coyle

## Roberta F. Vozzella

October 7, 1939 - November 5, 2024

Roberta was born on October 7, 1939, (85), to her late parents, James & Mary (Marto) Penta in Boston.

She was raised in Boston's North End and was a proud alumna of Girls High in Boston, Class of 1957. Roberta married her husband Joseph Vozzella, also in 1957. She proudly raised her five children and moved to Revere and then later to Saugus. Roberta worked as a Mutuels Clerk at the Wonderland Racetrack for 30 years. She was kind, generous and loving devotee to St. Anthony of Padua Church and the Novena, she also taught CCD at St. Anthony's. Roberta was an avid reader and cherished her book club, and Girlfriends of the North End. She was truly a woman of faith and lived her life by example. Roberta always put her family first, and treasured her time with them constantly, especially her grandchildren, of whom she was so proud.

For over 40 years Roberta, and her husband Joe Sr. enjoyed spending time with family/ friends at their Second Home on George Street located in Barnstable, MA on the Cape. Many wonderful and loving memories



were created over those years.

She is the devoted wife of 60 years of the late Joseph S. Vozzella, Sr. Loving mother of Maria J. Ferro of North Andover, Christine A. Cavagnaro & her husband Louis, III, Robert J. Vozzella all of Revere, Anthony J. Vozzella & his late wife Astrid Prackatzch of San Francisco, CA, and the late Joseph S.

Vozzella, Jr., and his wife Cheryl. She is the cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren. Treasured sister of Christina Penta of Boston's North End and Maryanne Penta of San Francisco, CA, and the late Paula DiMarino. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Saturday, November 9th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere, MA. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Revere, MA. Interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, MA.

Remembrances may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Church Building Fund, 250 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



**Pasquale "Pat" Barrasso**  
*in Heaven*  
*on Your Birthday*  
*November 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*from Your*  
*Loving Family*

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

### Honoring the Bounty of Fall

by Ally Di Censo Symnkywicz



It is no secret that I love to bake. The bookshelf adjacent to my kitchen brims with dog-eared cookbooks whose chocolate-stained, worn pages tell the stories of delicious treats past. I especially enjoy baking when the calendar turns to the months of autumn, when chilly dark nights propel me into the warmth of a cozy kitchen. Fall is also an optimal time for baking because of the abundance of fruits and vegetables harvested around this time of year. As surely as the fallen leaves swirl gracefully in the November wind, I know that crisp apples, juicy pears and creamy pumpkins will form an essential part of my fall baking repertoire, especially as Thanksgiving approaches. However, baking is not the only way to enjoy the generosity of Earth's harvest. Autumnal produce makes a wonderful addition to salads, pastas and drinks, and of course nothing can quite compare to a fresh, seasonal fruit eaten in its plain natural state. One can develop an even deeper appreciation of fall's bounty when one examines the manner in which these fruits have shaped not only culinary creations but the very culture and traditions of societies around the world. So as the Thanksgiving season unravels around us in all its rustic and comforting glory, let us take a look at the folklore, superstitions, and recipes of four of our favorite seasonal treats.

**Apples:** Apples are synonymous with the fall for me. They conjure memories of collecting bags of bright jewel-toned fruit at a sunny apple orchard, of the tingle of tart apple cider dancing on my tongue, and of fresh-baked breads and streusel-topped crisps cooling on the kitchen counter. I have a difficult time thinking of an apple recipe I did not enjoy, and apples eaten straight from the trees are equally delicious with their burst of juicy, bittersweet

pulp. As one of the quintessential fruits of the season, with a fairly long harvesting period, apples also figure heavily in European myths and legends. The Greek demigod Heracles (or Hercules to the Romans) had to obtain golden apples as one of his arduous twelve labors, and the Celtic King Arthur recovered from his wounds in a mythical land called Avalon, or "isle of apples." Apples symbolized wisdom and immortality to the ancient Norse, while in the Germanic fairy tale Snow White, an apple causes the titular princess to fall into an enchanted slumber from which only a true love's kiss could save her. Popular tradition equates the apple with the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden, though it was never actually identified as such in the Bible. Apples also formed the crux of many Halloween divination rituals, as unmarried girls would interpret the shape of an apple peel or eat an apple in front of a candlelit mirror to reveal her future spouse on this spooky night. In Italy, apples are known as *mele* and are often baked into tarts or dumplings. Northern Italians are particularly fond of making German-inspired apple *strudels*.

**Pumpkins:** Ah, the pumpkin! This rotund, sunny fruit — and yes, pumpkin is a fruit! — carries the connotation of cozy, communal festivities. After all, pumpkins are one of the most recognizable symbols of Halloween worldwide, and pumpkin pie has become a mainstay at autumnal harvest celebrations like Thanksgiving. The autumn means pumpkin to me, and whether I am making pumpkin-chocolate chip bread, pumpkin butter cake, or pumpkin scones, the aroma of this fall favorite wafts through my kitchen on the darkened evenings of the season. Like apples, pumpkins also hold an important cultural history.

Native Americans used pumpkins, including pumpkin seeds, for culinary and medicinal purposes long before the Europeans arrived on the continent. After pumpkins were introduced to Europe, the orange fruit found its way into several familiar fairy tales and tidbits of lore. In the French folktale Cinderella, a fairy godmother turns a pumpkin into a horse-drawn carriage, which then takes Cinderella to a much-anticipated royal ball. Strange superstitions became attached to pumpkins, including the fruit's alleged ability to cure snakebites and banish freckles! Nowadays, pumpkins are instantly recognizable as carved and illuminated jack-o-lanterns at Halloween, a hold-over from an old Irish custom of hollowing out turnips and placing a candle in them in order to frighten the evil spirits perambulating the world on this night. Italians love to cook with pumpkin — known as *zucca* in Italy — in savory dishes, such as pumpkin ravioli and pumpkin gnocchi, often accompanied by buttery sauces with sage. Yum!

**Pears:** My mother loves pears, and eagerly awaits the arrival of these green-yellow fruits at the supermarket every autumn. Pears drizzled with caramel sauce or yogurt are simply sublime, as the sweetness of the topping brings out the subtle, slightly nutty taste of the fruit. I like to bake pears in cakes or breads, and they taste especially good when mixed with tart apples in a pie or crisp. Pears do not occupy as big of a space in folklore as some other fruits, but nevertheless several fascinating bits of folklore abound. In China, it is bad luck to split and share a pear with a close friend or loved one. That is because the Chinese term for "sharing a pear" sounds like the word for "separate," and thus holds an ominous connotation. In Europe, it was bad luck for a pear tree to bloom out of season, and such an unusual event portended calamitous consequences. Italians know pears as *pere* and use them in many inventive dishes. Pears can form the main component of tarts or cakes or can be enjoyed in savory dishes like salads. Italians like to serve pears poached in wine or drizzled with balsamic syrup for a simple yet decadent finale to an autumnal meal.

**Chestnuts:** Finally, I am compelled to add chestnuts to this list because of nostalgic purposes. Every fall, my father would bring home a bag filled with chestnuts, gleaming like polished wood, straight from the supermarket or, even better, a small Italian grocery store. He would then cut an opening at the top of each chestnut to release the stream and roast them in the oven. The warmth of the oven and the creamy aroma of the roasting chestnuts enveloped the whole house like a bear hug, and to this day chestnuts remind me of cloudy, drizzly fall days spent in the joyful company of friends and family. Superstition dictates that carrying a chestnut protects a person from a whole bevy of ills, and I am pleased that this veritable

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### What to Do About the State's Right to Shelter Law?

As I read a recent newspaper interview with state Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy), I clearly understood what Keenan was attempting to point out and that was that every action taken up on Beacon Hill could create consequences that could make matters worse in solving a homeless crisis still growing in Massachusetts.

I remember clearly the reason for instituting the Right to Shelter Law over 40 years ago when the state was attempting to handle what was then a major issue with homeless folks living in Massachusetts due to a lack of affordable housing. The 1983 law was primarily written to protect women in crisis, mothers and little children, domestic violence victims, etc.

While this law was helpful for many, it was never perfect and along came the influx of migrants from our open southern borders arriving everywhere including Greater Boston, thanks to a crisis created by the federal government. And instead of governors across the nation telling Washington, DC to fix the border, many governors started providing cover for the Biden-Harris Administration. However, it can only work as long as we have the resources to handle a never-ending influx.

We all still remember when Terminal E at Logan was turned into a homeless migrant shelter. As the state kept spending more and more money to get

migrants out of the airport, the flow of migrants arriving in Massachusetts did not let up. Most of the existing shelters couldn't handle the number of migrants needing emergency shelter. The state keeps spending money and the issue never disappears.

Keenan talked about the unintended consequences of repealing our Right to Shelter Law which no other state currently has. Massachusetts and New York City have become the epicenter for what has mostly been truly unworkable Right to Shelter policies.

While our governor and state legislators wring their hands at what to do, isn't that another unintended consequence too?

I think the final two paragraphs of this interview story made real sense.

There was no way back in 1983 that our federal government would screw up the works on helping the truly homeless looking for housing in emergency situations, but how could anyone back then have the foresight to see what would be coming down the expressway today?

Massachusetts needs a completely separate emergency shelter plan for migrants getting relocated to Massachusetts after crossing over our southern border. Time for Beacon Hill to stop finding excuses and start finding solutions because to date we know what flows downhill, right?



## Thanksgiving Party

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# Preserving Heritage:

## The Impact of Fitchburg State's Center for Italian Culture

by Vincent Ialenti EdD

As we look back at October's Italian Heritage Month, it is fitting to highlight an institution that has become a cornerstone for the Italian-American community in Massachusetts: Fitchburg State University's Center for Italian Culture (CIC). Funded by a \$1 million endowment from Fitchburg State alumna Amelia Gallucci-Cirio '38 in 1999, the CIC has been instrumental in preserving Italian heritage, promoting cultural exchange, and enriching the lives of students and community members alike for twenty-five years.

One of the CIC's most significant contributions has been its unwavering support for students wishing to study abroad in Italy. To date, the Center has provided an impressive \$300,000 in travel scholarships, enabling countless students to immerse themselves in Italian culture and language. In addition, the CIC supports faculty scholarship and research. This investment in education goes beyond mere financial assistance; it's an investment in fostering global understanding and personal growth.

Students who receive travel grants from the Center's Study Abroad program universally report that studying in Italy changes their perspective on the world. As one student noted, "The CIC's scholarship made it possible to connect with my heritage in ways I never imagined. It wasn't just about learning the language and course content; it was about experiencing the culture firsthand."

Beyond its scholarship program, the CIC has established itself as a hub for Italian-American culture in Central Massachusetts. Its annual academic and cultural programming has brought a wealth of knowledge to the community. This past year, the Center organized presentations on Italian genealogy, guiding attendees through the intricacies of tracing their Italian roots. It also hosted a successful session on



Vincent Ialenti EdD, Fitchburg State

obtaining dual Italian citizenship, a topic of increasing interest for many Italian-Americans seeking to reconnect with their ancestral homeland.

Perhaps one of the most impactful presentations focused on Italian immigration to the United States. Visiting scholar Dr. Joseph Luzzi of Bard College emphasized the importance of exploring our immigrant past. By doing this, Luzzi believes that we not only honor our ancestors but also gain a deeper understanding of our present. He was pleased that the CIC is doing crucial work in keeping these stories alive.

The Center's commitment to preserving Italian-American history extends beyond presentations. The CIC Archives project is actively collecting and preserving documents, photographs, and oral histories related to Italian-American immigration in Central Massachusetts. This initiative ensures that the region's rich tapestry of Italian-American experiences will be available for future generations to study and appreciate.

The CIC supports the work of Archival Assistant Ross Caputi, who is expanding the scope of the Archive's efforts. Ross believes that "Every photograph, letter, and story we preserve tells a story of struggle,

perseverance, and success. The CIC Archives are not just about the past; they're about understanding who we are today."

As we reflected on the contributions of Italian-Americans to our nation this October, it's clear that institutions like the Center for Italian Culture play a vital role in maintaining and celebrating this heritage. Through its scholarship programs, cultural events, and preservation efforts, the CIC is not just looking back at history — it's actively shaping the future of Italian-American culture in Massachusetts.

The Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State University stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Italian-Americans in our community. It serves as a bridge between generations, connecting young Italian-Americans with their roots while promoting cross-cultural understanding for all. As we celebrated Italian Heritage Month, let us recognize and support the invaluable work of institutions like the CIC, ensuring that the rich tapestry of Italian-American culture continues to thrive and enrich our society for generations to come.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex Division  
Docket No. 24W1676  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**SOPHEAK OEUR, Plaintiff (s)**  
v.  
**BOUNLAY MOON, Defendant (s)**  
To the above named Defendant (s) **Bounlay Moon**  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff (s), **Sopheak Oeur** seeking a Complaint for **Custody Support Parenting Time**.  
You are required to serve upon **Sopheak Oeur** plaintiff(s) whose address is **17 Lawton Street, Lowell, MA 01851** your answer on or before **19th day of December 2024**. If You fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at **370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.  
Witness, **TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of November 7th 2024.**  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court  
Run date: 11/15/2024

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Docket No. MI24C1109CA  
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**ALLYSON MARIE CRAWFORD**  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Allyson Marie Crawford** of **Cambridge, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Allyson Marie DeVincent**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 29, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
Witness, **HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: October 31, 2024  
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## Saint Gaudentius

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



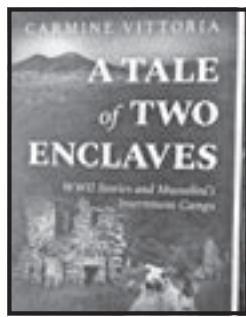
Born at Brescia, Italy, about the middle of the 4th century, St. Gaudentius was educated under St. Philastrius, Bishop of Brescia, whom he termed his “father.” After earning a reputation for sanctity, he traveled to the East where he gained even more fame. In his absence, he was elected Bishop by the people on the death of St. Philastrius; though he felt unworthy to receive such an honor. He was influenced to accept it by the Eastern Bishops, and in 387 he was consecrated by St. Ambrose.

Gaudentius was a powerful preacher and ten of his twenty-one Sermons have survived, offering ample testimony to this fact. He governed his See with prudence and humility, inspiring his flock to imitate the Divine Master constantly.

In 405, Gaudentius was sent with two others by Pope Innocent I and the Emperor Honorius to the East to defend St. John Chrysostom before the Eastern Emperor Arcadius. However, the party was prevented from reaching Arcadius and never formally interceded for John; the three men were shipped back home on a vessel so unseaworthy that it almost sank and had to be left at Lampsacus (an Ancient Greek city). Subsequently, St. John wrote St. Gaudentius a letter of thanks for his efforts even though they had not borne fruit. Gaudentius passed away about 410.

The Feast Day of Saint Gaudentius is October 25th. Saint Gaudentius is the patron saint of Rimini.

## Author Carmine Vittoria Releases A Tale of Two Enclaves



As in the previous book, *Hidden in Plain Sight*, in this new book, *A Tale of Two Enclaves*, introduces characters not only in Avella, Italy, but also in the city of Vienna. It compares how people, Jewish and Christians, in those two towns were affected by historical events of WWII. Stories are being told about how Jews interned in remote hilly towns in Italy were able to survive and cope in those terrible times with the help of locals. Also, new revelations

have been discovered about personal relationships among Nazi and Fascist hierarchies which affected the outcome of the War as well as people.

**One excerpt from *A Tale of Two Enclaves*:** Giacomino lived in the Jewish Ghetto, so named in the middle-ages, near Via Ottavio and the Jewish Library. On October 16, 1943, he woke up early that morning and decided to take a cigarette smoke along the Tiber River. The morning breeze was so soothing that it seemed like he could have walked forever. When he returned to his apartment building, he saw furniture and what not strewn in the street and smelled diesel fuel everywhere. “What the ... is going on?” ...

**Another excerpt from *A Tale of Two Enclaves*:** However, the German hierarchy had every reason to put Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister and Mussolini’s son-in-law) to death. Herr Dollmann didn’t like Ciano as stated by himself, Hitler despised him and Ribbentrop wished him dead. They all considered him a traitor to put to death, period. The feelings toward the German leadership by Ciano were mutually expressed in his diary. Thus, Munich represented the last place in the world for Ciano would want to be, after escaping the apartment in Rome, and, worst of all, to meet his makers.

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## Cabrini Movie Night:

Celebrating Italian-American Heritage

## THROUGH THE LEGACY OF MOTHER CABRINI

by Lisa and Sandra Ventresca



On a recent evening, St. Joseph’s Hall in the basement of St. Leonard Church in the North End transformed into a vibrant hub of community spirit and heritage, hosting a special viewing of *Cabrini*. This gathering drew a remarkable audience of all ages, not only from the neighborhood but also from surrounding areas, all eager to explore and celebrate the life and legacy of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. The timing of this event was particularly meaningful, coinciding with Italian-American Heritage Month. It served as a powerful tribute to the enduring contributions of Italian immigrants, whose courage, faith, and resilience have shaped our society. Mother Cabrini’s extraordinary journey exemplifies these values, standing as a timeless symbol of Italian-American heritage that continues to inspire generations.

The film itself offered a stirring portrayal of Mother Cabrini’s mission and the profound impact of her life’s work. Born in Italy and sent by Pope Leo XIII to the United States, Mother Cabrini dedicated her life to assisting Italian immigrants facing discrimination, poverty, and hardship. Despite her small stature and often fragile health, she emerged as a formidable force, a towering figure of compassion and determination. Over her lifetime, she founded nearly 70 institutions — hospitals, schools, orphanages, and social programs — across the United States, Latin America, and Europe. Her efforts provided essential services like education and healthcare, instilling dignity and hope in those who had left everything behind in search of a better life.

The atmosphere of the event echoed the spirit of the North End from days gone by — a community defined by deep-rooted values, where gatherings

were imbued with faith, resilience, and genuine connection. It evoked memories of a time when neighbors were family, when laughter and stories filled the narrow streets, and shared struggles only strengthened our bonds. This evening was not merely a commemoration of Mother Cabrini’s life; it was a revival of the spirit that has shaped our community for generations. In honoring her, we celebrated the North End itself — a neighborhood built on resilience, compassion, and an unbreakable sense of togetherness.

As we look ahead, gatherings like this remind us of our shared heritage and the significant contributions of Italian Americans. In a world where connections can feel fleeting, nights like these help us reconnect with the strength of our community and the impact of one incredible individual. Mother Cabrini’s legacy is alive and well — not just in the institutions she created, but in the hearts of everyone who came together to honor her. Her story, just like the spirit of the North End, will keep inspiring us for generations to come.

We extend special thanks to Fr. Michael, Jimmy Martorano, and Amy Aceto-Hitchinson, whose dedication helped make this event possible. Their behind-the-scenes efforts were instrumental in bringing this celebration to life, and we are especially grateful to Amy for arranging the breathtaking performance by the opera singers. Their voices filled the room, adding an extraordinary layer of beauty to an already unforgettable night!





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A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

## Emily Dickinson

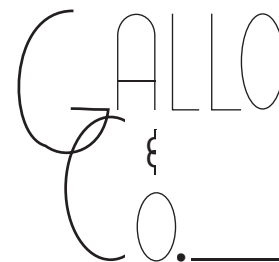
Emily Dickinson was born on December 10, 1830, in Amherst, Massachusetts. She attended Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, but only for one year. Her father, Edward Dickinson, was actively involved in state and national politics, serving in Congress for one term. Her brother, Austin, who attended law school and became an attorney, lived next door with his wife, Susan Gilbert. Dickinson's younger sister, Lavinia, also lived at home, and she and Austin were intellectual companions for Dickinson during her lifetime.



Dickinson's poetry was heavily influenced by the Metaphysical poets of seventeenth-century England, as well as her reading of the Book of Revelation and her upbringing in a Puritan New England town, which encouraged a Calvinist, orthodox, and conservative approach to Christianity. She admired the poetry of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, as well as John Keats.

Though she was dissuaded from reading the verse of her contemporary Walt Whitman by rumors of its disgracefulness, the two poets are now connected by the distinguished place they hold as the founders of a uniquely American poetic voice. While Dickinson was extremely prolific and regularly enclosed poems in letters to friends, she was not publicly recognized during her lifetime. The first volume of her work was published posthumously in 1890 and the last in 1955. She passed away in Amherst in 1886.

Upon her passing, Dickinson's family discovered forty hand-bound volumes of nearly 1,800 poems. Dickinson assembled these booklets by folding and sewing five or six sheets of stationery paper and copying what seem to be final versions of poems written on the backs of envelopes and scraps of paper. They were published gradually over the next 50 years, beginning in 1890.



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**FRANK SINATRA – L.A. IS MY LADY**  
(Vinyl) Capitol Records/UMe



In celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Capitol Records and UMe, in conjunction with Frank Sinatra Enterprises, announce the release of Frank Sinatra's *L.A. Is My Lady* with the late Quincy Jones and Orchestra. The vinyl is a reproduction of the 1984 LP release and features the original 11 songs. Sinatra reunited with Jones, with whom he'd last worked 20 years earlier. The album was a high-energy event that

showcased Sinatra's timeless voice paired with Jones's vibrant and sophisticated production of Jones, who masterfully brought together an extraordinary ensemble of musicians, including jazz guitarist George Benson, vibraphonist Lionel Hampton, and pianist Bob James. Legendary songwriter Sammy Cahn wrote new lyrics for Sinatra for "Teach Me Tonight" and "Until the Real Thing Comes Along." *L.A. Is My Lady* hit the *Billboard* Top 200 and Top 10 on the Jazz chart. A music video for the track featured cameos by many celebrities, including Nancy Sinatra, Dean Martin, David Lee Roth, Eddie Van Halen, Donna Summer, Jane Fonda, and Tommy Lasorda, and aired on MTV and VH1.

**B.B. KING IN FRANCE:**

**LIVE AT THE 1977 NANCY JAZZ PULSATIONS FESTIVAL**  
(2CD) Deep Digs/UMe

Deep Digs, in cooperation with the B.B. King Estate, Universal Music Enterprises and INA France, will issue a sensational, previously unreleased B.B. King album, *In France: Live at the 1977 Nancy Jazz Pulsations Festival*. The powerful set, featuring a dynamic, stops-out performance by the masterful blues singer-guitarist and his potent seven-piece band, was released for the first time as a two-CD set. In 1970, King enjoyed the biggest hit of his career to date with the lush ballad "The Thrill Is Gone," an R&B smash and pop sensation. The French recording, captured King's fifth trip to the Continent at the third biannual Nancy Jazz Pulsations Festival. King took the stage at Nancy in the east of France with a potent septet that was every bit the equal of his '60s outfit. The group stretched out on such instrumental showpieces as "I Need My Baby," "When I'm Wrong," and "Have Faith." Tenor saxophonist Walter King (B.B.'s nephew and band director), alto saxophonist Cato Walker III, trumpeter Eddie Rowe, organist James Toney, guitarist Milton Hopkins, bassist Joe Turner, and drummer Calep Emphrey, Jr. — is afforded space to make a brilliant solo statement of his own. King shines on extended solos on tracks as his concert warhorse "Sweet Black Angel," the Brook Benton ballad "It's Just a Matter of Time," the fresh original "I Got Some Outside Help (I Don't Really Need)," and the instrumentals "I Need My Baby," "When I'm Wrong," and "Have Faith" show him in complete control of his beloved ES-335 Gibson guitar Lucille.

**DEAN MARTIN'S GREATEST HITS**  
(Vinyl) Capitol Records/UMe

Capitol Records/UMe announces the first-time vinyl release of Dean Martin's *Greatest Hits*. Is an LP collection of 13 classic tracks, from "That's Amore" and "Ain't That a Kick in the Head" to "Volare (Nel Blu Di Pinto Di Blu)" and "Sway (Quien Sera)," among others. Fittingly, the album concludes with the heartfelt "Return To Me (Ritorna-Me)." When it comes to holiday music, Dean is equally impressive. His version of the classic "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" reached No. 7 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 in 2023. Impressively, the King of Cool holds the most-streamed version of five beloved holiday songs, proving his music's timeless appeal. Rounding out Martin's track list are, "Memories Are Made Of This," "Just In Time," "On An Evening In Roma," "Powder Your Face With Sunshine \*Smile! Smile! Smile!," "You Belong To Me," "Innamorata (Sweetheart)," "Cha Cha D'Amour)," and "Your Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You." The King of Cool can still melt your heart with his music!

**SUN RA – LIGHTS ON A SATELLITE:**  
LIVE AT THE LEFT BANK  
(2CD) Resonance Records

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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

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**Mayor Wu with Sandra Nijjar, founder and executive director of East Boston Community Soup Kitchen**

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**(L-R): Leo F. Reardon, John O'Brien, and Peter Smialek gather together following the City of Quincy's Veterans Day Parade at the Soldiers Monument in Wollaston, where all veterans were honored by a number of speakers. The City of Quincy often called the City of "residents has also become the City of Veterans."**

**THE "BEACH BOYS" ARE BACK**  
**INSIDE BURGER KING AGAIN**



Photo by Anthony Fiore

Down at the BK Cafe up the Heights in Eastie old guys seem to rule. There are actually two separate crews there during the year. However, one group now dubbed the BEACH BOYS just returned inside again after spending their Sunday mornings over the warm summer months across the way over at Shea's Beach soaking up the heat. Well, they're back inside with my crew now. I and "NY Yankees" Anthony LaMattina had a photo taken with those guys. You can see me in the back left and NY Yankees Anthony in the back right.

**DEMOCRATS NEED TO DO**  
**SOME REAL SOUL SEARCHING**

Apparently when the dust cleared, the Republicans had a very victorious Election Day. Trump returns to the White House, the U.S. Senate is now in GOP hands, and the U.S. House most likely will remain in Republican control too.

All in all, the people have spoken and the Democrats must face hard facts that it was their failed policies that pushed a majority of American voters over to the other side. Clearly, the Biden-Harris-Democrat policies became a losing cause as Americans voted with their safety being a big concern and their depleting pocketbooks and the economy a close second.

The Democrat Party needs to return to the political center if they don't want to become badly injured going forward at the polls. The fixation with moving further and further to the far left on the political spectrum must be halted. It is time for the party to move to the political center again where most Americans and most voters live their lives.

President-elect Trump has shown that he understands that extremism is not the pathway to victory. The people on November 5th proved Trump right. Never mind, the GOP going the way of the Whigs, it could be the Democrats who get there first.

**71ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
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Quincy has been hosting the annual Christmas Parade going back to 1953. This year's parade will take place on Sunday, December 1st. The parade begins near Quincy Center and ends at North Quincy High School and travels down Hancock Street. It is the largest Christmas parade in Massachusetts and one of the largest in all of the USA too. It all starts at High Noon. Remember Santa Clause will be riding on his sleigh as the last parade float. Can't miss him and you shouldn't either because you can get on his naughty list and you don't want to do that, right?

**JIMMY CARTER**  
**MOVES DOWN A NOTCH**

As for me, in my lifetime, I thought Jimmy Carter would always be our worst president but I have moved him down a notch and replaced the Peanut Farmer with Joe Biden, aka Lunch Bucket Joe at the top of that heap now. Say what you want about Carter, at least he was an honorable, honest and moral man. Can anyone out there really say that about Joey Baby?

The people have spoken, they want their government back. The biggest winner on November 5th when the votes were tallied: the return of a sensible government whose policies actually work for all of us.

By the way, my third and fourth worst president goes to both Bush 41 and Bush 43. I am pretty sure that President Reagan felt forced to pick the former CIA director as his running-mate and Bush 43, he gave us the Endless War that started in Iraq after 9/11 and then moved over to Afghanistan where it just went on and on before Biden finally screwed the ending so badly and ISIS took back control of the place. Twenty-something years and all for nothing.



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



A friend recently sent me an email that contained a link that allowed me to see, via my computer, what it was like growing up Italian. Unfortunately, the accent was all wrong and the scenario wasn't positive. The accent or accents centered around New York and New Jersey. We Italians living here have a Boston accent, or broken down and qualified even more, a North End accent, an East Boston accent, a Revere accent and a Medford accent. The New Yorkers in the video, although meaning well, reinforced the negative images that many of us have fought against, especially the Hollywood versions of what Italians are.

As I watched the people in the video, I began to reminisce about how it was for me growing up in East Boston and the North End. Most of us grew up becoming "street wise" at early ages, but we were **good kids** and did what our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and an assortment of neighborhood elders told us to do, **or else**. Unlike some of the other ethnic groups living in the city, we had extended families and assumed that everyone had extended families. As an example, growing up in Eastie, we lived in what is called a three decker. In our case, the top floor was occupied by Uncle Paul, my mother's oldest brother, and his family: Aunt Eleanor and cousins Paula and Ellie. The middle floor was composed of a living room, my folks bed room, Nanna and Babbononno's bed room, my bed room, and Uncle Gino's bed room. Uncle Gino was still single and lived at home until he joined the Army Air Corps in World War II. The first floor was composed of a dining room, a kitchen, a toilet stall and the cellar.

Babbononno had no relatives in the U.S., but most of Nanna's family had immigrated to America and lived in what my mother called "the first section." The first section was the Jefferies Point part of East Boston. All of her family lived on either Orleans Street or Cottage Street. I remember learning a Thanksgiving song in school with the first line beginning with, **"Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go."** None of us kids could identify with this as all of our grandparents lived in similar three-deckers,

or within walking distance of the one we lived in.

In the video, when the men were sitting at a dinner table, they were wearing those spaghetti strap T shirts and munching away on spaghetti that was hanging from their mouths with gravy stains quite evident on the front of those T shirts. When they drank, they were slurping whatever was in their glasses. This was insulting. I thought that, if a non-Italian saw this, they might think Italians really ate in that fashion. I suppose, being realistic, some people didn't have Emily Post type table manners, but it definitely was a class thing, not an ethnic tradition. When we Italians sat down at the dinner table, we were washed, dressed and ate appropriately. I once asked Babbononno on a hot summer's evening as we sat in the back yard eating pizza, why he used a knife and fork to cut and pick up his pieces. His answer intrigued me, "The Romans invented the fork and we use them to eat with, we are not barbarians. When I was in the Italian Marines, I saw tribes in the deserts of North Africa eating with their hands, no knives or forks."

Looking at me eating a slice of pizza by picking up the triangular shaped piece, he said, "You eat pizza like you live with a desert tribe."

In terms of having a distinct accent, I remember an incident that happened many years ago when I was at a night club in Honolulu. I was sitting at a table in the Hilton Hawaiian Village with a couple of friends one night, having a drink and listening to a dance band. A rather attractive young lady at another table motioned me by pointing at me, then herself and then making a circle with her finger as she pointed it toward the dance floor. I took it as a request to dance and nodded in the affirmative. We both got up and began to dance. It was a slow tune and we danced the old-fashioned way. I put my right hand on her waist, clasped her right hand in my left and we began to do a fox trot. I was about to ask her what her name was but she spoke first, "Way aah you frum?" At that point I asked, "What part of Revere do you come from?" She replied, "Howd jew know I wus frum Reveah?" To be polite, I said, "Your accent gave you away." Today, most of this is gone.

It is changed by the neutered English we learn watching TV and by education.

The English my grandparents spoke was not broken English it was fractured English. Actually, Nanna had a slight accent. She had worked with Americans when she first came here and learned the language rather well. Her only problem, she couldn't read nor write. She had never gone to school as a child in Italy, and never had the opportunity when she got here. Babbononno was educated both in the Old Country and here, but he had a problem with English. He actually fractured it. I remember on occasion, he would say something to me and after not understanding him a second or third time, I would have to ask him to repeat it in Italian so I could get the gist of what he wanted to say. I remember one incident after we had just moved to Belmont from East Boston. He was setting up his room and after he plugged in his radio, yelled, "Jenny, veni qua." (John, come here) I asked what was wrong and he said, "La skeecha eh bowka, eh la radio no worka." I asked him to repeat it two or three times until I finally knew what the words were, "The switch is broken and the radio doesn't work." Today, I have a good friend who is well educated but speaks fractured English. I guess some dialects of Italian don't lend themselves to speaking understandable English.

Getting back to the video I saw on line ... As the men describing their neighborhoods gave a tour, they mentioned locations where local gangsters hung out and they pointed out the restaurant in Little Italy where Crazy Joe Gallo was gunned down a few decades ago. If non-Italians saw this portion, it emphasized what Hollywood has taught the American public about Italians and organized crime. Considering this point, when people have either seriously or kiddingly, mentioned Italians and the Mafia, I usually ask them to give me the percentage of their ethnic group that is part of the underworld. Most of them can't answer, and because my head is full of useless statistical information, I will quote them the percent. More often than not, it is larger than the percentage attached to the Italian population. Another part of the video asked, "Are Italians really white?" This upset me as it intimated that Italians weren't white and that there was something wrong or negative with NOT being white.

We Italians and Italian Americans are descendants of every racial group, ethnic group, culture or tribe that passed through the western Mediterranean and landed in Italy or the nearby islands at some point in the past 3 thousand years. We are what we are. If we constitute a race of people, I think that the Lord was good to us because we are a beautiful people inside and out. DON'T YOU AGREE? Let me know. My email is [beagsley@rcn.com](mailto:beagsley@rcn.com).

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

Almost all Italian families have their own special recipe for Torta di Mele (Apple Cake). Unlike American apple cakes that are mainly batter and spices, Italian apple cakes are all about the apples and contain very little batter. The essential ingredients are simple and familiar — apples, flour, sugar, eggs, a touch of oil or butter, milk, leavening, and, depending on its origin, a unique hint of regional flavor.

My Nonna had a sprawling apple tree in her backyard, and together we transformed its fruit into an assortment of cakes and pastries. Among them all, her favorite was always her Sicilian Apple Cake, enriched with raisins and walnuts. This "Calabrian Apple Cake," originating from another of Nonna's Southern Italian friends, is wonderfully simple and straightforward. It makes a perfect breakfast treat but is equally delightful served warm with a scoop of vanilla gelato or ice cream for a cozy dessert.

## CALABRIAN APPLE CAKE

*Torta Di Mele Calabrese*



### Ingredients:

- 5-6 large apples, peeled, cored, and cut into cubes
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 large eggs
- ½ to ¾ cup granulated sugar (depending on desired sweetness)
- ½ cup seed or vegetable oil
- 1 ¼ cups whole milk
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

### For the Topping:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 ¾ teaspoons cinnamon

### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour an 8 x 12-inch (20 x 30 cm) baking dish and set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, sift together the flour and baking powder, then set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs and sugar until smooth, then mix in the oil, milk, and vanilla extract.

Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients and beat until well combined. Then, gently fold in the apples.

Pour the batter into the prepared baking dish, spreading it evenly.

For the topping, mix the butter, sugar, and cinnamon until crumbly, and sprinkle it evenly over the top of the cake.

Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## The Patterson-Gimlin Film and the Religion of Bigfoot

In an age of divisiveness nothing should be a surprise as a point of contention. No, not even Bigfoot, and I'm not talking about the head-butting that always surrounded North America's fabled wild man. Believers have always stood firm while the calls for logic from scientists have been in vain. What has changed is the increased hostility between the two.

This, too, was inevitable for the supernatural is, after all, a religion and few subjects elicit stronger passions, especially when drawn into the political arena, than dogma. Look no further than the quarrel with the church of the flat earth for proof.

Not surprisingly, the quarrel reaches a pitch when Patty enters the room. Patty is the christened name given to the supposed female sasquatch filmed by Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin in 1967 in a piece of footage which has since then become the Shroud of Turin for Bigfoot hunters.

Patterson had been such an aficionado since at least 1959, when he began reading about accounts of mysterious hairy humanoids around the world and by the early 60s began visiting Bluff Creek, a tributary of the Klamath River in Northern California's Six Rivers National Forest, where rumors of the creature's existence were thriving. As his friend Marian Place recalled, "In 1962 he visited Bluff Creek and talked with a whole host of Bigfoot-believers. In 1964 he returned and met a timber-cruiser named Pat Graves, who drove him to Laird Meadows. There Patterson saw fresh tracks—for him an almost unbearably exciting, spine-chilling experience. What a tremendous feat it would be — what a scientific breakthrough — if he could obtain unshakable evidence that these tracks were not the work of a prankster, but the actual mark of a hitherto unknown creature! If he succeeded, he would be famous! And rich! Alas, fame and fortune were not gained that year, nor the next, nor the next. Patterson invested thousands of hours and dollars combing Bigfoot and Sasquatch territory. He fought constant ridicule and a shortage of funds. ... he founded ... the Northwest Research Foundation. Through it he solicited funds. The response was encouraging and enabled him to lead several expeditions. In 1966 he published a paperback book at his own expense. He added the income from its sales and his lectures to the search fund. As each wilderness jaunt failed to see or capture the monster, one by one the thrill-seekers dropped out. But Patterson never gave up."

In the spring of 1967 Patterson turned to filmmaking, beginning production on a low-budget independent film about Bigfoot hunters in Northern California. Along with himself in the lead, Patterson cast local volunteers as extras and his friend Bob Gimlin as the Indian



scout. Where Patterson was falling short was in acquiring a Bigfoot costume.

That October, Patterson and Gimlin made an excursion on horseback (on Patterson's suggestion) to Bluff Creek, for years the hub of Patterson's obsession. Although rifles were packed, Patterson was steadfast in not shooting a specimen should one be seen. Instead, he hoped to bring back evidence (more footprints or film) to drum up funding for his film project.

To the shock of no one reading the story with a rational mind, they returned with the best footage of a Bigfoot ever. In the film, an alleged female sasquatch is seen ambling away after spotting the two men filming it and wanders off upright into the forest. The film caused a sensation in its day and analytical studies of the footage continue today.

Up until his death from cancer in 1972, Patterson maintained that what he filmed was a live animal. He spent the rest of his ears on talk shows and media tours. At 91, Gimlin is still taking interviews on the film and while he insists that he was not involved in a hoax, he has gradually come to concede that Patterson may have put one over on him.

The biggest fans of the film have been Hollywood make-up artists. While none have given an opinion one way or the other most agree that, if it is footage of an actor in an ape suit, it is top tier work. A handful of biologists have taken the time to analyze the footage and while none have officially endorsed it (the closest it has come to a validation is "inconclusive") some have given credit where credit is due and consider it a well-made hoax as far as hoaxes go.

One counterpoint presented by defenders of Patterson against the suit theory is that a suit depicting a female of the species would have to be custom made as animal suits are male by default and if this were nothing more than a prank, why the extra effort? Fair enough, here one must remember that Patterson was a long-time Bigfoot aficionado and his drive was created by an assortment of sasquatch tales, chief among them was a 1957 story by one William Roe who claimed to have encountered a female bigfoot and accompanied his story with illustrations.



Be that as it may, this counter-argument holds little weight when set against the questionable points in the film. The creature is seen to have pale foot soles but dark hands, not only an unprecedented occurrence in zoology but the soles are too clean for a creature that walks on the muddy riverbanks. Patty walks away too calmly from the approaching horsemen for a creature unaccustomed to seeing humans and no other evidence of Bigfoot has come out of Bluff Creek since.

To me the film is a hoax as an ipso facto: it is a hoax because the existence of Bigfoot is almost certainly a biological impossibility, a fact becoming increasingly clear in the age of drones, camera phones and tracking devices. A breeding population would be needed for a species to thrive for so long and the likelihood of numerous large apes going undetected for centuries as settlement and development push forward is practically nonexistent. As paleontologist Darren Naish pointed out in 2016, "If 'Bigfoot' existed, so would consistent reports of uniform vocalizations throughout North America as can be identified for any existing large animal in the region, rather than the scattered and widely varied 'Bigfoot' sounds haphazardly reported. If 'Bigfoot' existed, so would many tracks that would be easy for experts to find, just as they easily find tracks for other rare megafauna in North America, rather than a complete lack of such tracks alongside 'tracks' that experts agree are fraudulent. Finally, if 'Bigfoot' existed, an abundance of 'Bigfoot' DNA would already have been found, again as it has been found for similar animals, instead of the current state of affairs, where there is no confirmed DNA for such a creature whatsoever."

And yet committed believers take skepticism as a personal attack. Science and fundamental beliefs have a long turbulent history, often the very identity of the combatants is at stake. To the true believers, questioning the existence of Bigfoot, especially the Patterson-Gimlin film which is hailed as the best piece of evidence, is no different than questioning miracle healing for those so devoted. It *needs* to be true for them.

As it did for Roger Patterson, the legend of Bigfoot fills a void in our psyche just like religion does to our soul. Bigfoot symbolizes our wondrous and often conflicting attitude to the wild. We are in awe of its mysteries, yet we need to tame them, to understand them. Our connection with nature has always been based on molding it to our terms instead of the other way around, hence Bigfoot is described as "human-like" and more so than a missing link represents for some the bridge between the comforts of civilization and the primal instinct that keeps longing for the forest. In this vein it is easier to sympathize with even the most stubborn of Bigfoot champions.

### • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

During his term of office, he introduced sweeping criminal justice reforms when elected in 2020. He only received less than 40 percent of the vote and lost to Nathan Hochman a former federal prosecutor who campaigned against Gascon's "public safety failure" in his four years in office.

Gascon survived two recall attempts as voters grew increasingly unhappy with his "soft-on-crime" policies.

#### Ohio Archdiocese Ends Partnership with Girl Scouts

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has announced it is dissolving its partnership with the Girl Scouts due to the organization's "impoverished worldview regarding gender and sexuality," which conflicts with Catholic teachings. Individual parishes will now begin phasing out their own parish partnership over a 14-month period. By the end of 2025, it is expected Girl Scouts troops will find alternative sites to meet.

#### Barr Says

**Time to Drop the Cases**  
Former U.S. Attorney General

Bill Barr says that federal and state prosecutors should immediately drop all pending criminal cases against President-elect Donald Trump in wake of his decisive election victory.

"The American people have rendered their verdict on President Trump and decisively chosen him to lead the country for the next four years," said Barr. He argued that the legal cases against Trump "have now been aired and rejected by the American people."

#### No Stopping and Shopping Hits 8 Sites

Halloween marked the last day of operations for eight Stop & Shop locations across Massachusetts and left many residents scrambling for new supermarkets to patronize. The closures are part of a consolidation effort in which the chain has already shuttered 32 underperforming stores across the Northeast.

#### End Quote

"Difficult things take a long time. Impossible things a little longer."

— Andre A. Jackson

### • L'Anno Bello (Continued from Page 4)

little nut has such a positive association in folklore. Italians harvest chestnuts, or *castagne*, every fall, dropping them from the trees like a cascade of glossy marbles. The chestnuts may then be enjoyed roasted, as my father liked, their pulp soft and pillowy. They may also be ground into flour to make cakes or pie crusts. No matter how they are cooked, chestnuts remain one of Italy's best fall flavors.

The fruits and produce of autumn teem with the very sensations of the season. They are reminders of communal gatherings that honor the bounty of the Earth, of the rhythmic dance of the harvest, of family recipes that have withstood the flow of time and inspired each future generation. By exploring the folklore surrounding some of these fruits, we are recognizing the importance of agriculture and sustenance for our ancestors. Delighting in their tastes, we have become part of living history, participating in the joys of each passing season.

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Docket No. M124D0718DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**

**CINDY TORRES DIAZ**

vs.

**JUANCITO A. MORETA MERCEDES**

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Cindy Torres Diaz, 3 Beaver Park Rd., Apt. 14, Framingham, MA 01702** your answer, if any, on or before **December 11, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: October 30, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/15/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. M124P4883GD

**NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor**

In the interests of  
**ZACKARY McALLISTER**  
of Medford, 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 09/13/2024 by Justin F. Schuurman of Wilmington, MA will be held 11/26/2024 08:30 AM Review Hearing Located Lowell Justice Center Courtroom 13 - 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852

**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: September 19, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/15/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **November 23, 2024 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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VIN # WAUC4CF54KA000583
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VIN # KMHDN56D56U200413
  - 2015 MAZDA 3, BLUE**  
VIN # 3MZBM1K79FM235030
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VIN # LLPTGKBN7P105788
  - 2014 JIAJUE JJ50QT-4, WHITE**  
VIN # LLPVGBDA8E1M10005
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VIN # 1N4AA51E89C835418
- Run dates: 11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2024

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Docket No. MI24P5787EA  
Estate of  
NIKI VOORTHAMIS  
Date of Death: December 28, 2023  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Aphrodite Forsyth of Daytona Beach, FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Aphrodite Forsyth of Daytona Beach, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the **Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 05, 2024.**

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: November 07, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/15/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

Probate and Family Court Department  
Summons by Publication  
SUFFOLK DIVISION

Docket No. SU24A0831SJ  
CHARLIE ARBOLEDA ARANGO  
VS.  
RODOLFO A ARBOLEDA

Complaint for Dependency filed on October 11th, 2024, has been presented to this court by the plaintiff, **Charlie Arboleda Arango**, against the above-named defendant(s), **Rodolfo A. Arboleda**, seeking a Judgment of Dependency with determination relative to special immigrant juvenile status, pursuant to G.L. c. 119, §39M. The said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth in his/her present whereabouts are unknown; personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable. The said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

The defendant is required to serve upon their attorney **Philip M. Hamilton, Esq. at SB Law, PLLC, 1257 Worcester Rd. Suite 513, Framingham, MA 01701** their answer, if any, to the complaint, within 7 days after service of this summons upon them, exclusive of the day of service. The defendant is also required to file an answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Suffolk Probate and Family Court, either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter.

#### ORDER OF NOTICE

It is ORDERED that a copy of this summons be:

Served, with a copy of the complaint, or by publishing a copy of the summons in a publication circulating in the geographical area where the defendant is last known to have moved, at least Seven (7) days prior to hearing date.

This matter shall be scheduled for Administrative Hearing on **December 5th, 2024.**

Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this **29th day of October 2024.**

The Plaintiff is seeking an order of special findings stating that the Defendant has abused, neglected, and abandoned the Plaintiff, **Charlie Arboleda Arango**, born on May 5, 2008, that reunification between the Defendant and Plaintiff is not viable, and that it is in the Plaintiff's best interest to remain in the United States.

Register of Probate

Run Date: 11/15/2024

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Docket No. MI24P5920PM  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of  
**SUE WANG**  
of: ,

**RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Minuteman Senior Services of ,** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Sue Wang** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Eunice Wang of Williamsville, NY** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **December 10, 2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 12, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/15/2024

# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Sal,

Just a quick note to comment on your great writing. Luis Tiant should be in the Hall of Fame-it is just not feasible he is not in. I have been a Red Sox fan since 1967. I would pick him over ANY Red Sox pitcher to win the most important game. Also, what a character! Carisma-style — whatever you call it!

*Harry Johnston, Woburn  
Happy Birthday To ...*

Jack Clark who just turned 69 years old the other day. He was a righthand hitting slugger who finished his 18-year career with the Red Sox from 1991 to 1992. He hit 33 homers and drove in 120 runs. His nickname was Jack the Ripper. By the way, his last name may have been Clark but he was quite an Italian American on his mom's side of the family.

**Red Sox Seem to be Putting a Lot of Effort into Giolito Saving Our Pitching Staff in '25**

Lucas Giolito just picked up his \$19 million option for 2025. Only Rafael Devers and Trevor Story are set to make more than him at least for the

moment. Giolito, 30, didn't pitch in '24 having undergone a case of Tommy John surgery. The right hander was 8-15 with a 4.88 ERA in 33 starts with the ChiSox, Angels and Guardians in 2023. Since 2022, he has had an OUCH 4.89 era. I see him as a bigtime GAMBLE at the moment. We shall see.

**Tiant on HOF Ballot After Passing**



Luis Tiant

Baseball fans from the '60s and '70s like myself have always thought that Luis Tiant should have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. He recently passed away at age 83 and hopefully baseball will do right by him finally. He is one of eight players on this year's Classic Baseball



Ron Santo

Era Committee alongside a number of other players from that era of his. He played 19 seasons and is most remembered as either with Cleveland or Boston between 1964 and 1982. He also played for the Yankees, Pirates and Angels too but mostly for eight seasons here in Boston.

He once said, "I'd love to be in the Hall of Famer one day. I just hope to do it before I die so I can drive out to Cooperstown with my family." He was always upset that the great Ron Santo of the Cubs didn't get elected into the Hall until two years after he passed. Tiant said at that time, "They waited until after he died. That's a lack of respect. That's heartless." Tiant was right saying that about Santo and I now say that about Tiant. If he gets in this time around after being passed over so long that is also disrespectful and heartless.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI24C1088CA  
In the Matter of  
BRITTANY EDWINIA RIOS  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Brittany Edwinia Rios of Lowell, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Brittany Edwinia Levesque.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 29, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: November 01, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 11/15/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

Departamento del Tribunal de Sucesiones y de Familia  
Citación por Publicación  
DIVISIÓN SUFFOLK  
NÚMERO DE EXPEDIENTE: SU24A0831SJ  
CHARLIE ARBOLEDA ARANGO VS.  
RODOLFO A ARBOLEDA

Demanda de Dependencia interpuesta el 11 de octubre de 2024, ha sido presentada ante este tribunal por el demandante, **Charlie Arboleda Arango**, contra el(los) demandado(s) arriba mencionado(s), **Rodolfo A Arboleda**, solicitando una Sentencia de Dependencia con determinación relativa al estatus de inmigrante juvenil especial, de conformidad con G.L.c. 119, §39M. No se puede encontrar a dicho demandado dentro de la Commonwealth ya que se desconoce su paradero actual; por lo tanto, la notificación personal a dicho demandado no es factible.

Dicho demandado no ha comparecido voluntariamente en esta acción.

Se requiere que el demandado entregue a su abogado **Philip M Hamilton, Esq. at SB Law, PLLC, 1257 Worcester Rd Suite 513, Framingham, MA 01701** su respuesta, si la hubiere, a la demanda, dentro de los 7 días posteriores a la entrega de esta citación, excluyendo el día de la entrega. El demandado también está obligado a presentar una respuesta en la oficina del Registrador de este Tribunal en el Tribunal de Familia y Sucesiones de Suffolk, ya sea antes de la notificación al demandante o al abogado del demandante, si está representado por un abogado, o dentro de un plazo razonable a partir de entonces.

**ORDEN DE NOTIFICACIÓN**  
Se ORDENA que una copia de esta citación sea:

Notificada, con una copia de la demanda, o mediante la publicación de una copia de la citación en una publicación que circule en la zona geográfica donde se tenga constancia de que el demandado se ha trasladado por última vez, al menos Siete (7) días antes de la fecha de la audiencia.

Este asunto será programado para Audiencia Administrativa el **5 de diciembre de 2024.** Atestiguo, Brian J. Dunn, Abogado, Juez Primero de dicho Tribunal, este 29 de octubre de 2024.

El Demandante solicita una orden de conclusiones especiales que declare que el Demandado ha abusado, descuidado y abandonado al Demandante, **Charlie Arboleda Arango**, nacido el 5 de mayo de 2008, que la reunificación entre el Demandado y el Demandante no es viable, y que lo mejor para el Demandante es permanecer en los Estados Unidos.

Registrador Sucesorio

Run Date: 11/15/2024

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Docket No. MI24D3148DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

**NESTOR A. AQUINO MEDINA VS. BREANNA M. MEDINA**

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Nestor A. Aquino Medina, 25 Brossi Circle, Framingham, MA 01701** your answer, if any, on or before **December 11, 2024.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: October 30, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/15/2024

# Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## Happy Birthday Joe Choynski



Joe Choynski

November 8th was the anniversary of Joe Choynski's birth. He was born in 1868 and his career bridged the bare knuckle and gloved era.

His list of opponents is a who's who in the early days of modern boxing. He fought many future heavyweight champions. Among those fights were two bouts against James J. Corbett, a fight in Boston against Bob Fitzsimmons, a 20-round draw with James J. Jeffries followed by a 20-round draw with Sailor Tom Sharkey.

In 1901 while in Galveston, Texas, Joe took on a young Jack Johnson. The fight was billed as an exhibition. This was fairly common at that time as boxing was outlawed and this was a way of skirting the rules.

In the third round of their match Choynski fainted with his left and then landed a right on Jack's jaw. Johnson went down for the count. Because the fight ended in a knockout, both men were arrested and spent the next thirty days in jail. During that time, the sheriff allowed the two to spar.

Choynski was a powerful puncher but also well versed in the emerging science of boxing. It is said that after the thirty days of schooling from Choynski, Johnson was a much-improved fighter. Indeed, this experience likely set Johnson on the path to becoming one of the most brilliant defensive fighters of all-time.

Joe Choynski, also known as Chrysanthemum Joe because of his thick wavy hair, was one of the most respected boxers of his time. Though rarely weighing over 170 pounds, he campaigned as a heavyweight, often times beating men who outweighed him by 40 or more pounds.

Joe's knockout power was legendary. In a 1940 interview Jack Johnson had to say about Choynski when asked his opinion on whom he considered the hardest puncher ever: "Jeffries No. 1? No, sir. Give me Joe Choynski anytime. I faced both and should know. Jefferies had a powerful wallop, but Choynski had a paralyzing punch. His left hand was a

corker. He was the hardest puncher in the last 50 years, with Joe Walcott a close second. I think his left hook was even more effective than even Dempseys."

Joe Choynski was one of the first to approach boxing as an art form. Perhaps this was from growing up in a home where his father was a writer and his mother a musician. The artistic influences continued after he retired from boxing. He and another fine boxer from his era, Peter Jackson, toured in a production of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Though he faced five future or former heavyweight champions, Joe never fought for the title. He does go down in history as one of those who greatly contributed to improving boxing. For this he should never be forgotten.



Chrysanthemum Joe, always in shape



Joe and Jack Johnson sparring



Choynski and Johnson Sharing in a cell in Galveston

## HOOPS and HOCKEY IN THE HUB

by Richard Preiss



In the end summer finally came, even though the solstice had passed, the joyous cries of liberation by school children had been heard and the landscape once more was in full bloom, nature's way of informing the residents of the Northern Hemisphere that the cold and blustery days of winter had once more been banished from their midst.

There remained, however, a solitary sanctuary in Boston that harkened back to the months before, where winter's game was still on-going and the proceedings were still avidly chronicled and followed as if it were January instead of June.

There the forces of nature were held somewhat at bay, although the ice had a bit mushy as the 90 plus degree temperatures outside the TD Garden tried their best to overwhelm this remaining outpost of a season past.

Yes, that's how the ice surface appeared to your faithful correspondent as he walked upon its surface in the immediate aftermath of the Chicago Blackhawks stunning 3-2 victory over the Bruins on June 24, giving the team from the Windy City its second Stanley Cup in four years while denying Boston its second trophy in three.

In front of me were the victorious Chicagoans, having been swarmed by family, friends, relatives and assorted hangers on, the delirium of delight that follows the acquisition of the newly attained Cup fully carrying the spirit of the moment.

From one to another to another Lord Stanley's Cup was passed, with each player skating in his own way, trophy held high, as applause, laughter and sometimes downright giddiness provided the immediate backdrop.

Some ventured close to the seating areas where accolades poured forth the loudest, a sizeable and vocal contingent of Chicago fans having made the trip to Boston to cheer on their team.

We estimated the fans of the Blackhawks as numbering at least 500 and quite possibly more, with many having somehow acquired prime seats in the lower bowl of the Garden. Indeed, during the game, we noticed that quite a number were in the first few rows of seating in what would normally been area occupied by Bruins season ticket holders.

However, they were acquired, the placement made the Chicago fans visible as the vast majority were attired in team colors and it made their cheering even more prominent with a good number being so close as to be able to bang upon the glass after each Chicago goal. However, it was in the post-game celebration that their vocal efforts attained new heights as they all came down to the lower seats, irrespective

of where they had sat during the game. As a Chicago player would near the glass with the Cup held high, a frenzy would develop and the banging and cheering would reach even more frenetic levels.

Later, we visited the Chicago locker room where another celebration was apparently in its wind down phase. Empty bottles of champagne were strewn everywhere and nearly every area of the room was just drenched with the celebratory beverage. The floor looked as if a garden hose has been turned on and champagne, rather than water, had been sprayed about.

We took our leave when some of the celebrants went on the hunt for "dry" people, those who had apparently escaped the liquid barrage. We managed to leave in an unmoistened state and ventured forth to a party for media members that the NHL was hosting in another area of the building.

And what of the Bruins, those whose hopes were dashed in a now famous 17-second span in the closing moments of the game? To hear the callers to local sports talk radio programs on the morning after the deciding game, one would have thought the B's were complete and abject failures.

But those on hand knew better. Just moments after the Blackhawks won, the chant of "Let's Go Bruins" broke out in the arena, dispelling any hint of gloom that might have overshadowed their performance. It was a classic moment by classic fans in a classic town for a classic team.

This was, after all, the team that figuratively had shown us the direction away from the darkness of the tragic events of April 15th. Their miracle finish in the seventh game of the first round against Toronto provided a much-needed uplifting to the Boston spirit.

Next came the Rangers who fell in five followed by a surprising sweep of the favored Pittsburgh Penguins. Advancing to the Stanley Cup Final was icing on the cake. As B's head coach Claude Julien pointed out before the Final began, all other NHL teams wished they were participating but only the Bruins and the Blackhawks made the party. While it's true that the 2013 Bruins didn't hoist the Cup, they lifted the spirit of everyone in the region. They showed us a direction away from the darkness and pointed us towards the possibility of a better tomorrow. It takes relatively strong arms to lift the Cup and hold it above one's head for an extended period. After all, it weighs about 35 pounds. But it was the entire Bruins team that lifted the spirit of a region and held it high for all to see for some two months. It took a stronger quality than that needed to lift the Cup. For indeed, just when they needed to be, the Bruins were Boston Strong.