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Veterans Day November 11th



**VFW NORTH END
POST 144
Veterans Day,
Monday,
November 11, 2024
at 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**

**PAUL REVERE MALL
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MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 will conduct its annual memorial services to honor and remember the fallen heroes of the North End who served in World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War; and more recent conflicts.

POST 144 HISTORY: VFW North End Post 144 was established in October 1921 by World War I VETERANS from the North End of Boston. Currently, (as part of the North End and Boston community) Post 144 provides charitable support to: Local Veterans Services, North End Community Organizations

CEREMONY: "Prayers, wreath laying, and remembrances" to honor the fallen heroes of Boston's North End will take place near the Paul Revere Statue; and at the "Old North Memorial Garden" to "honor American lives lost in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Greater War on Terror," located behind the Old North Church.

Following the ceremonies, the Veterans will attend

Mass at

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH on Hanover St. at 12:00 PM

"All are welcome to attend"

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Happy Veterans Day to All Who Served

On Monday, November 11 America will once again celebrate Veterans Day. Over in Quincy, Col. James A. Croall, a retired Army Special Forces officer, will serve as the keynote speaker for Quincy's annual Veterans Day ceremony which will take place in front of the World War II memorial inside Merrymount Park at the conclusion of the Veterans Day parade near the corner of Merrymount Parkway and Hancock Street. The parade will kick-off at 10:30 am at the Quincy High School parking lot.

Meanwhile, over in Revere, the Revere Veterans' Committee and the City of Revere will be hosting a Veterans' Day ceremony and dinner dance on Monday, November 11th at the Beachmont VFW 6712. Ceremony starts at 5pm and dinner follows at 6:15 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Revere Veterans Office. All veterans, family and friends are invited to attend.

New Loan Cancel Gambit?

The Biden Administration recently unveiled the latest attempt at cancelling student loan debt, introducing new rules that would wipe the slate clean for some 8 million borrowers facing "persistence financial burdens." The program would authorize the secretary of education to "waive up to the entire outstanding balance of a student loan" when it is determined that the borrower is unlikely to pay it off.

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The 45th President of the United States Becomes the 47th!!!

"The Teflon" Don Reclaims the White House

by Patti Sartori

Donald Trump, the 45th President of the United States, tentatively became the 47th President as the state of Pennsylvania was called, giving him 267 electoral college votes, and officially clinched a victory once Wisconsin was firmly in his column placing him over the top and sending him back to the White House. He will be the second president to serve two nonconsecutive terms since Grover Cleveland was elected in 1884 and again in 1892. But making history seems to be in Trump's DNA.

Reminiscent of the 2016 Presidential Campaign against then Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton, Trump once again defied all odds as he not only broke through, but rather detonated and leveled the Democratic blue wall on his path to victory. In 2016 it took until 3:30 a.m. for the race to be called in Trump's favor. In 2024, by 1:30 a.m. the main street media projected Donald Trump would defeat Kamala Harris in a stunning victory, rendering the too close to call polling utterly laughable, as he claimed must win swing states of North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin firmly in his grasp. He is currently leading in the remaining swing states of



Nevada, Michigan and Arizona, but have not been officially announced as of yet. Trump was also leading in the popular vote tabulation, although final numbers may not be available for another few days.

At his victory celebration Trump took a conciliatory tone, stating, "It is time for our country to heal, and we're going to help our country heal. This is a movement like nobody's ever seen before. I believe it's the greatest political movement and comeback of all time. I will fight for you, every citizen, for your family and your future. Every single day I will be fighting for you. And with every breath in my body, I will not rest until we

have delivered the strong, safe, and prosperous America that our children deserve and that you deserve. This will truly be the golden age of America." Vice-President Elect, JD Vance also addressed the crowd thanking them and Donald Trump for "allowing me to join you on this incredible journey and for the trust you placed in me."

The United States Senate flipped red with the Republicans now holding a majority while the outcome of the House of Representatives still too close to call. Locally in Massachusetts, Democratic U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren easily defeated Republican John Deaton, giving her another six-year term and a third straight victory.

Question 1, giving the Massachusetts State Auditor, Diane DiZoglio, the authority to audit the State Legislature, passed decisively, as did Question 2, removing the MCAS as a high School Graduation requirement. Question 3 allowing Transportation Drivers, including Uber and Lyft to unionize was still not determined. Question 4, seeking to legalize psychedelic substances was voted down as was Question 5, requesting to increase the minimum wage of tipped employees.

North End Societies Unite to Honor All Saints Day

All Saints Day, recognized on November 1st in the Catholic Church, brought together all of the North End Religious Societies, its members, families, friends, neighbors, and parishioners of St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street for a standing room only mass, offered by Father Michael Della Penna. Multi-generations of each society celebrated individually and collectively their patron saints.

Following this celebratory mass, a traditional procession took place through the streets of the North End. Led by the Children of St. John's School, the Italian American Band from Lawrence and the North End Marching Band, hundreds of participants marched along to the Ave Maria, the Italian National Anthem and many other favorites. The societies would like to thank all those who participated in this annual ritual and for the continuity of this joyful tradition.



North End Feast Societies proudly display their banners in celebration of All Saints Day. (Additional Photos on Page 5)

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE FIRST TRIUMVIRATE

Caesar became a consul (chief magistrate) in 59 A.D. and shortly thereafter entered into a coalition with Pompey (an army general) and with Crassus (a wealthy real estate dealer). This coalition became known as the First Triumvirate and its ties were further strengthened by the marriage of Caesar's daughter Julia to Pompey. The jealous Pompey soon attempted to check the increasing power of Julius through much political intrigue. He succeeded in obtaining a decree from the Senate that Caesar should disband his army by a certain date or be considered a public enemy. With the strength and speed characteristics of all his earlier military campaigns, Caesar assembled his legions which were still in Cisalpine Gaul, crossed the River Rubicon, and within three months was master of all of Italy.

Caesar then set out for Spain where he soon dispersed the forces of Pompey and then later defeated Pompey's superior army in Greece by his excellent generalship and courage. Pompey fled to Egypt where he was soon murdered by unknown assassins. Caesar arrived in Egypt in time to settle a disturbance known as the Alexandrine War and then placed Cleopatra on the throne.



A bust of Roman statesman and general Marcus Licinius Crassus (c. 115-53 BCE). Glyptothek, Copenhagen (Photo by Diagram Lajard)

Later, he proceeded to Pontus (city on the Black Sea) which at that time was called Cappadocia and ruled by forces opposed to Rome. He defeated Pharnaces and this is when he sent his famous dispatch to Rome, "Veni, vidi, vici," I came, I saw, I conquered. Caesar then returned to Rome where his supremacy was no longer disputed.

During the ensuing months, he exercised the full scope of his civil administration. All of his projects were characterized by the highest order of statesmanship. Meanwhile, Crassus the third member of the Triumvirate

became very wealthy through his association with Caesar. He also trained a group of slaves as firefighters. Fires of suspicious origin would often occur in very desirable pieces of property. Crassus usually appeared on the scene very quickly to offer sympathy to the grieving landlord and also to offer a pittance for the purchase of the burning property. If the offer was refused, then the firefighters usually milled around to hamper all fire-fighting efforts. If the offer was accepted, then the fire was quickly extinguished and the property repaired. Older structures standing on valuable land were usually permitted to completely burn down and Crassus would then bring in a team of trained builders who had a good income producing a structure on the site in record time. He was then handsomely rewarded for his sympathy and capital outlay.

It was said that his fame spread faster than his flame. Crassus was captured while leading an army against the Parthians, and because he had such a great love for wealth, they put him to death by pouring molten gold down his throat. This was known as getting your teeth filled the hard way.

NEXT ISSUE:

Imperator Julius Caesar

City of Boston Moves Forward with Commercial Tax Increase

(Awaits Massachusetts State Legislature Approval)

The Boston City Council decisively passed Mayor Wu's revised proposal raising commercial tax rates in the city with a 12-1 vote. The home rule petition will now be forwarded to the state Legislature for a vote, with time of the essence, as tax rates are set to be determined later in November and third quarter bills mailed to property owners in January of next year.

The mayor's updated legislation came after a compromise she reached with business leaders who vehemently opposed her previous plan, stalling it in the senate. The new plan proposes to hold off a 28% quarterly tax increase in January, 2025 for single family home owners followed by a 14% increase next year. Under the new proposal, the typical homeowner would incur an 18% quarterly increase and 9% annual spike, rates Mayor Wu believes are comparable with past increases.

Three councilors who previously voted against Wu's initial proposal this past June, John Fitzgerald, Erin Murphy, and Brian Worrell, voted in support this time, along with Julia Mejia who voted "present" last time. The only "Nay" vote, both times, was Ed Flynn who is adamantly opposed to the mayor's proposal, and instead suggests looking at alternative options, "This was a rushed process to fast track the revised petition for a vote, among private negotiations that excluded the City Council and public. It did not have to be this divisive pitting residents against businesses, or public disagreements with the state and business community. We should have listened to fiscal watch dog groups and experts to compromise months ago, before waiting until the 11th hour. We could have done more to compromise by cutting spending and tightening our belts after an 8% budget increase."

Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair of the Government Operations Committee, held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 29th, a day prior to the council's vote, rejects the idea the process was rushed,

"I think we have done our due diligence. Facts matter and facts show that we have spent seven months talking about this proposal and variations of it. It has been widely publicized. A hearing was held on Mayor Wu's proposal to shield residential property owners from a sudden, one-time increase in their tax bills. The legislation has undergone rigorous review by both the city council and State Legislature, with substantial media coverage throughout the process. My priority is to protect those who are economically vulnerable, such as homeowners who are house-rich but cash-poor and those on fixed incomes. This proposal also thoughtfully supports Boston's "mom and pop" small businesses by providing additional exemptions."

The new proposal is the result of an agreement worked out between Mayor Wu and leaders of the business community, including the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Boston Municipal Research Bureau, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation and the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP), the largest chapter of the international commercial real estate association in Massachusetts. The business leaders reached a consensus last week on a compromise plan that would shift a higher tax burden on businesses for a three-year period. The first year allows for an 181.5% shift, followed by a 180% and 178% in the remaining two years with the standard 175% limit in the fourth and final year, fiscal year 2028. The mayor's initial proposal in March, included a five-year plan, with a 200% maximum shift.

The updated plan proposes \$45 million in tax relief over a three-year period to small businesses to soften the impacts of the commercial tax rate increase, and triples the personal property exemption for small businesses, from \$10,000 to \$30,000, all of which were included in a previous agreement with the House of Representatives.

City of Boston Attempts to Crackdown on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Evaders

Rumor has it City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu is quietly negotiating long term payments with some of the city's largest nonprofits, including Harvard University, Northeastern University, Boston University, Boston College, Massachusetts General-Brigham Hospital, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Tufts Medical Center, in hopes that other smaller and more moderate sized institutions will follow suit.

The city is striving to modernize these decades old Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements as an option to provide some much-needed cash

into the city coffers and ease the increased tax burden on homeowners and businesses. "We continue to give Harvard, Northeastern, all these institutions a pass. At some point, the city is going to have to say you are going to have to pay if you are going to do business in the city of Boston," Julia Mejia said at last week's council meeting.

The last PILOT program update took place in 2012 under then City of Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, offering private institutions, colleges, universities, hospitals, and cultural institutions with tax-exempt property in excess of \$15 million, the opportunity to make voluntary payments

amounting to approximately 25% of what they would traditionally be required to pay in real estate taxes.

Mayor Wu's administration is attempting to update the PILOT program with new agreements and commitments by early 2025. However, Boston College made is extremely clear in a recent Herald article they will not be participating in the PILOT program in any manner. "As a non-profit educational institution and religious affiliate, Boston College chooses not to participate in the Voluntary PILOT program so as to not relinquish the tax-exempt status afforded to educational and religious entities," BC spokesman Jack Dunn stated in the Herald last week."

Hopefully with some "peer pressure" and cooperation from neighboring institutions, Boston College will see the light of Christian Charity and pay their fair share for the many services the City of Boston has afforded them over the years.

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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.

COMMENTARY

TRUMP BEATS HARRIS, U.S. SENATE GOES REPUBLICAN, U.S. HOUSE IS CLOSE, DEATON GETS WHIPPED BY WARREN GETTING ONLY 33 PERCENT

by Sal Giarratani

In all transparency, I have now voted for Donald Trump three times now but this week's election results did not surprise me. Kamala Harris who was handpicked by Democrat bigwigs to replace President Biden in the election in hindsight looks like a bad political move. I believe Biden might in fact have been a stronger candidate going up against Trump.

As an enrolled unenrolled voter, I felt good the morning after the election. Driving to work, the sky was blue, the sun shining and the temperature rising. Like how I felt in 1980 when Ronald Reagan defeated President Jimmy Carter, this election feels like Morning in America all over again. The results proved that most voters understood they were better off four years ago rather than today's reality.

Republicans are looking good on Capitol Hill, winning the upper body while the US House majority is still not official as of November 6th but the GOP is looking like it may hold onto the majority when all the smoke clears.

President-elect Donald Trump did quite well in Massachusetts too, getting approximately 36 percent of the state vote against Harris. Former US Senator Kelly Ayotte beat former Manchester, N.H. Mayor Joyce Craig in the N.H. Governor's Race replacing outgoing Gov. Chris Sununu.

Ballot questions in Massachusetts showed that State Auditor Diana DiZogio's ballot question to audit the state legislature won a majority vote. Will the Legislature push back on the people's passage of Question 1? Voters chose a Yes vote on 2 and ended the MCAS tests as a high school requirement.

The people have spoken, our choices made and our electoral system worked well this time around. Finally, I say shame on the state media lapdogs working in cohorts with Democrats and providing endless disinformation to the voting public. It didn't work, the People won. God bless the USA. God bless our soon-to-be 47th President Donald Trump. Let the good times roll.

"I will not let you down." — Donald Trump

In Memory of Benjamin "Benny" Fuccillo

11th Anniversary

November 13, 1936 – November 26, 2013



*Gone are the days
 we used to share
 But in our hearts,
 you are always there.
 The gates of memory
 will never close
 We miss you more
 than anyone knows.*

*With tender love and deep regret
 We who love you will never forget.*

from
Your Family
 In Our Hearts Forever

Happy 50th Rita and Tom Damigella



Rita and Tom Damigella celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, November 3rd. They renewed their vows at St. Leonard Church, on Hanover Street, in Boston's North End.

Joining Rita and Tom were their children, grandchildren, family and friends.

Tom and Rita reaffirmed their wedding vows and commitment to each other 50 years to the day of their initial nuptial, November 3, 1974.

The occasion was officiated by Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard Church.

Congratulations and wishing many more years of love and happiness to this special couple on their "Golden Anniversary"!

Revere Celebrates Italian American Month

by Sal Giarratani



Local and state elected officials gathered on steps of City Hall

The City of Revere on Thursday, October 10th celebrated Italian American Heritage Month on the steps of Revere City Hall where elected dignitaries from both city hall and the statehouse gathered to honor all Italian Americans who call Revere their home. A large gathering of folks from across the city showed up for inspiring speeches, great

entertainment, dancing and plenty of good Italian food.

Among the crowd were many who offered Columbus Day greetings to one another. I am one of those people. Many in the crowd were hoping that the Columbus Day parade might return next year as many Revere officials have been talking about the possible return of the parade.



(L-R): Joe Intenicola, Matteo Cogliandro, Ed Terrell, Anthony Cogliandro, Tony Zambuto



(L-R): Milly Schettino, Ann Eagan, Patricia Manzo, and Eilena Guarino

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Commemoration and Celebration at Autumn's Close

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



November, probably far more than any other month, embodies a multifaceted range of characteristics and qualities. One side of November encompasses the frenzied threshold to the holiday season. Advertisements set to the tune of tinny jingle bells or featuring a jolly, smiling Santa Claus overtake our television sets and billboards. Shopping centers are already wrapped in evergreen boughs and twinkling electrical lights. However, the other side of November remains its most immediately recognizable. This side involves the gray skies of early winter, the cranberry-colored leaves strewn across the ground as tree branches stand bare, the plaintive cries of geese streaking across the heavens as they migrate south. We are often in too much of a hurry to jump into the gaiety of the festive aspect of November that we forget to appreciate the month's unique beauty. November, in all its chilly and hushed glory, offers us a chance to reflect on the past, to ponder on our memories, to express gratitude for our loved ones and the blessings in life. November even contains a date that seems tailor-made for honoring the simultaneous somber and communal nature of the month. It is November 11th, a day which demonstrates to us all that is meaningful and powerful about this time of the year.

As a history teacher, I always try to bestow upon my students an appreciation for the sacrifice and dedication of the men and women in our armed forces, living and dead, past and present. I tell them that it is important to honor Veterans Day, the most well-known commemoration occurring on November 11th. Originally called Armistice Day, Veterans Day began as a way to mark the anniversary of the end of the First World War, when peace was declared on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Nowadays, this holiday functions as a reminder of the sacrifices our veterans, of all wars, have made on behalf of our country. Often, my veteran co-workers organize a school assembly that includes speeches by those who have witnessed the horrors of war firsthand, patriotic music by the school's band and chorus, and poignant recollections from veterans of all ages. This event endeavors to foster gratitude towards our brave veterans, and it is my hope that, hearing about warfare through the words of those who have experienced it, my students will be more likely to strive for peace. Veterans Day is also a solemn occasion, honoring the

men and women who died in the line of duty. This fits into the very history of November, a month that ancient Europeans distinguished as a time to commemorate the dead. When vegetation withers and the air turns gray and cold, our minds wander to thoughts of mortality and memory. This Veterans Day let us keep the sacrifices of all our veterans forever in our minds and let us offer thanks for the freedoms they protected and enabled. Moreover, let us always ensure that this sense of honor and gratefulness for our military does not end on Veterans Day, but continues all year long.

November 11th also holds a European festival celebrated since the Middle Ages. St. Martin's Day, commonly known as Martinmas, honors the fourth-century French bishop St. Martin of Tours. Across Europe, Martinmas blended religious significance with agricultural importance, as it marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Martinmas celebrations boasted feasts of seasonal foods and boisterous family reunions. In Central Europe and Scandinavia, people dine on goose, often stuffed with the autumnal chestnuts. This meal commemorates a well-known legend about the humble St. Martin, who supposedly hid in a goose pen when he was reluctant to receive the position of bishop. In Germany and the Netherlands, costumed children collect sweets and coins in lantern-bearing processions, while people in Poland enjoy croissants filled with poppy seeds and almond paste. Italians celebrate Martinmas, or *il Giorno di San Martino*, by sampling the year's new wine. One of my father's favorite proverbs was "*San Martino, si fa il vino*", meaning that wine is made on St. Martin's Day. Another proverb, "*San Martino, castagne e vino*," states that chestnuts and wine can be expected at Italian Martinmas celebrations. These proverbs reveal the Italian affinity for seasonal delicacies and traditions hearkening back to olden agricultural days of society. I always make pumpkin gnocchi, from the inimitable book *Festa* by Helen Barolini, and bake cinnamon-swirl bread for Martinmas. As the scent of warm spices like nutmeg permeate my cozy kitchen, I cannot help but feel a special connection with my Italian ancestors who battled the darkness of the encroaching winter with communal meals and the love of family. Martinmas is a special November feast precisely because it embodies all the

varied aspects of the month: it reflects on the harvest and the start of winter, but it also presages the joyous goodwill of the holiday season.

November brims with many delights and much symbolism, even though many people view it as nothing more than a stepping-stone to December. However, November can be the most rewarding of months if we recognize its wondrous details. The wintry sights of red and brown leaves dancing across a cloudy sky and the yellow burst of an early sunset encourage us to reflect on the cycle of the year as the current one draws to a close. Cold, dark evenings beckon us home to the loving embrace of friends and family. November 11th is a date which allows us to ponder the meaning and the pleasures of this month. On Veterans Day, we honor the bravery, courage and selflessness of our military men and women, carrying a sense of gratitude that should remain with us all year long. On Martinmas, we honor the generosity of the harvest and invaluable time spent with family, friends, and a good meal. These joint commemorations show us that underneath November's bleak air, we will find a treasure trove of love, warmth, and joy.

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

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Time to Bring Back the Columbus Day Parade

As I read recently in the pages of the *Revere Journal*, I noticed the news of the possibility of the Revere Columbus Day Parade once again marching through the streets of the city. The parade disappeared for a few reasons. The first was the COVID pandemic, which ended life as it once was. The last parade was held in 2018, which is already five years ago. I am afraid if it doesn't return soon, it will never return and be consigned to the dustbin of history.

The other reason being the Cancel Culture's attack on American history. Columbus

has now been deemed no longer to be a hero but rather a villain in American history. Seems like this happened overnight thanks to woke progressivism. Some even say he didn't really discover America. Instead of an explorer, he is now an invader of the New World who brought sickness and violence wherever he walked on shore.

Today, we seem to have moved backwards and disrespect the Italian American community all over again. I want the holiday back and I want to march in the parade once again both in Revere and next door in East Boston, too.

Elite Colleges Express Concern Over Students Reading Ability

Professors at some of the top Ivy League and elite universities across the country have expressed concern about students who attend college unable to read a full-length book. Teachers from Columbia, Georgetown and Stanford are stymied at the realization that students are enrolling in colleges without the ability or focus to finish reading an entire book.

Columbia University professor Nicholas Dames described feeling "bewildered" when a first-year student told him that she had never been required to read a full book at her public high school. "My jaw dropped," Dames said. Professors refer to those students who are able to complete the task, as "exceptions" rather than the norm, while other students "shut down" when faced with tough assignments.

Daniel Shore, Chair of Georgetown's English Department said his students "have trouble staying focused on a sonnet. It's not that they don't want to do the reading, it's that they don't know how. Middle and high schools have stopped asking them to."

EdWeek Research Center reported on a recent survey of approximately 300 third to eighth-grade educators and discovered "only 17 percent said they primarily teach whole texts," with almost 25 percent reporting whole books

themselves are no longer a focus in their curriculum.

The issue seems to be less of a problem with private school students, and more prominent with public school students, where standardized test prep is blamed. "Private schools, which produce a disproportionate share of elite college students, seem to have been slower to shift away from reading complete volumes, leading to what Dames describes as a disconcerting reading-skills gap among incoming freshmen," according to Rose Horowitz, Assistant Editor of the Atlantic. In response, colleges have been reducing their reading load.

Psychologists suspect the abundance of social media apps, such as TikTok and YouTube, have taken over recreational reading. "It's changed expectations about what's worthy of attention. Being bored has become unnatural." Stated Daniel Willingham, a Psychologist at University of Virginia. Other experts attribute the decline of book reading to a shift in values rather than in skill sets. Students can still read books they're just choosing not to.

Some professors and instructors have intentionally cut back on their reading curriculum in favor of shorter texts or excerpts. But is there genuinely a replacement for the cultural enrichment derived from reading ...

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Mail to: **Sarah Peck**
Planning Department
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Boston, MA 02201
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Close of Public Comment Period:
12/4/2024

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI24P5616PO

TRUST CITATION

In the matter of:
LEO WASSERMAN FOUNDATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **David R. Pokross, Jr.** of Newton, MA requesting this honorable Court enter an order authorizing distribution of all trust assets and termination of said trust pursuant to G.L. c. 203E.

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 November 21, 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: October 24, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/08/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. MI24P5550EA

Estate of
MARY ANN TAYLOR

Date of Death: August 11, 2024

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Daniel Taylor of Waltham, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Daniel Taylor of Waltham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Run date: 11/08/2024

H A L L O W E E N



St. John School - North End Boston



St. John School - North End Boston



Halloween with 3 Nonna Strega, Maria, Natallina, Emelia at the Prado, North End



Halloween at the Prado, North End



Halloween at the Prado, North End



Halloween at the Prado, North End



Halloween at the Prado, North End



Stephen Virgilio coordinator and Frank DePasquale sponsor of Halloween at the Prado, North End



Halloween at the Prado, North End



Halloween at the Nazzaro Center



Halloween at the Nazzaro Center

A R O U N D T O W N



DJ - Alan LaBella - Halloween in Malden



Trick or Treaters waiting for the "T"



Halloween Charlestown Christian



Halloween at Beacon Hill



Halloween - Beacon Hill Lucas and Delilah Topolski



Halloween - East Boston Central Catholic School



Halloween - Vinegar Hill, Saugus



Halloween - Vinegar Hill, Saugus



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**IRVING BERLIN'S
WHITE CHRISTMAN
(4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray
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Paramount Home Ent.**

The 70th anniversary of one of the most beloved Christmas movies ever made — *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*, and Paramount Home Entertainment is releasing the fan-favorite film for the first time ever on 4K Ultra HD. A dazzling and delightful holiday treat, *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* stars Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen in a joyous showbiz story filled with song and dance and featuring the timeless music and lyrics of legendary composer and songwriter Irving Berlin whose artistry defined American popular songs for much of the 20th century. Crosby and Kaye star as war veterans who become one of the hottest acts in show business. When they encounter a sister act (Clooney and Vera-Ellen), they're off to Vermont for a holiday celebration unlike any other. Featured are a host of memorable songs including "Snow," "Sisters," "The Old Man," "The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing," and the immortal classic "White Christmas." The film was restored from the original negative and looks more vibrant than ever for home viewing in 4K Ultra HD, including a sing-along option, as well as extensive legacy bonus content, and access to a Digital copy of the film, packaged in a collectible slipcover based on the original theatrical poster, and a list of bonus content.

**DON'T CHANGE HANDS
(Blu-ray) Severin Films**

Delve into this trio of genre classics released by Severin Films, as they've issued three Blu-ray titles — *Don't Change Hands*, *The Mad Bomber*, and *The Red Light Bandit*. From iconoclastic French writer/director Paul Vecchiali comes the wickedly perverse thriller *Don't Change Hands*, that subverts the conventions of film noir by slyly flipping its traditional gender roles: When a prominent politician receives a pornographic film starring her son, she hires a hard-boiled private detective to track down the blackmailer. But as bodies strip down, corpses pile up and suspects are never what they seem, will this case climax with the most shocking bang of all? A dangerously sexy drama scanned from the original camera negative.

**THE MAD BOMBER
(Blu-ray) Severin Films**

Although best known for his giant monster movies, writer/producer/director Bert I. Gordon took a sharp right turn into '70s urban perversion with *The Mad Bomber*, a "remarkably politically incorrect" crime-shocker: A psycho citizen is planting deadly bombs across Los Angeles. A depraved rapist is the only witness who can identify him. And a deranged detective will break every rule in the book to bust them both. Also known in various censored versions as *The Police Connection* and *Detective*

Geronimo, this "dynamite mix of grit and sleaze" is now scanned from the inter-negative for the first time ever with over 6 hours of explosive Special Features.

**THE RED LIGHT BANDIT
(Blu-ray) Severin Films**

The centerpiece of the radical underground *Cinema Marginal* movement, this "electric, legendary movie" written and directed by 21-year-old Rogério Sganzerla, *The Red Light Bandit*, defiantly attacked Brazil's sociopolitical morals, gleefully subverted the rules of narrative cinema and has lost none of its power to shock, disturb and delight: Based on police reports of the real-life bandit who terrorized '60s São Paulo, a charismatic crook robs the rich, taunts law enforcement and becomes a public hero in an anarchic odyssey that's equal parts crime thriller, urban western, grindhouse roughie, twisted comedy, cultural grenade and still unlike anything you've ever seen. Helena Ignez co-stars in this hallucinatory and amazing manifesto now scanned in 2K from the original camera negative.

**1982: GREATEST GEEK
YEAR EVER!**

**COLLECTOR'S EDITION
(Blu-ray)**

MVD Rewind Collection

1982: Greatest Geek Year Ever! is an epic documentary about the greatest geek year in films, 1982, featuring stars, directors, writers, producers and pop culture historians sharing their insights about such legendary movies as *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, *Blade Runner*, John Carpenter's *Runner*, *The Thing*, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, *Poltergeist*, *Creepshow*, *Night Shift*, *The Dark Crystal*, *48 Hours*, *First Blood*, *Tron*, *Conan The Barbarian*, *Cat People*, *Fast Times At Ridgemont High*, *The Road Warrior*, and much, much more. Filled with exclusive interviews, rare behind-the-scenes footage, and exclusive never-before-seen clips (including Henry Winkler's home movies from the set of *Night Shift*) in a fun, lively, no-holds-barred celebration of the legendary movie-going year of 1982.

**INFINITE SANTA 8000
(Blu-ray) Synapse Films**

Synapse Films brings the post-apocalyptic animated classic *Infinite Santa 8000* to Blu-ray in its all-new Director's Cut version, with bonus content that includes the original 13-part web series. The year is 8000. Humanity has been wiped out, leaving only the vilest creatures roaming the Earth. Even Santa must kill to survive the wasteland that is left. When Martha (aka Mrs. Santa) is kidnapped, jolly old St. Nick and his robotic reindeers brave the hellish landscape to save her. Santa must contend with all matter of villains, from robots to mutated animals and even the Easter bunny, to save Mrs. Claus, all in the name of the Spirit of Christmas. An outrageously gory and off-beat take on the holidays, accompanied by a heavy metal soundtrack, *Infinite Santa 8000* is the perfect gift for the horror-movie-lover on your list this year!

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

**HOW OLD WAS THAT
POP & DOO-WOP CONCERT
ON GBH?**

Two Saturdays ago, I tuned into GBH to watch a little TV before heading to bed and this PBS station was showing a pop and doo wop musical concert with plenty of R&B music too. Of course, as usual, the entire audience was completely middle-aged white folk trying to dance to black music and it looked so pathetic to me. Not a black face in the entire audience.

If that wasn't bad enough, Jerry Butler emceed the concert as he usually does on PBS but this seemed like a much younger Jerry Butler not the Butler who's almost 85 in just five weeks. This had to be a really older concert, especially when I saw Frankie Valli walking down a set of steps unassisted up onto stage. Frankie is now 90 years old. I wonder how many performers on stage for this Cold Case file of a show are even still alive today? By the way, I think this whole concert was a bunch of lip syncing too if you ask me.

I have a feeling this concert came out of the PBS archives because the money pitches were cheap. A \$10 donation per month or a single donation of \$120 got you a whole bunch of free gifts. TEN DOLLARS A MONTH! Was this concert from 20 or 25 years ago?

**COULD THIS ACTUALLY
BE TRUE?**

I can't verify this yet but according to sources the MBTA has been hiring ticket-takers on its commuter rail lines at \$58 per hour. If this is true it would mean ticket-takers taking tickets from riders make much more an hour starting pay than our underpaid public school teachers. Anyone out there have any info on ticket-takers starting pay?

FATHER BUTLER, RIP

I accidentally came across an obit in the Sunday Globe two weeks ago. I recognized the name and face almost immediately. It was Father Bob Butler, a young priest who arrived at St. Philip's Parish on Harrison Avenue in lower Roxbury back in 1964. It was only his second assignment since ordination. He was only 27 or 28 at the time and I was 16 years old and thought he was old. He stayed at this parish a few years before moving on elsewhere in his 62 years as a priest. He just passed away on October 21st at age 88. Boy, what happened to that young priest I can still remember? I guess I could say the same thing about myself, huh? Time just keeps flying by, doesn't it?

Just thinking. The other day while driving in my car, I had Willie's Roadhouse channel on Sirius Radio and there was Garth Brooks singing, "Much too young to feel this damn old." Ain't that the truth.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR AT
SACRED HEART IN EASTIE**

Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston is getting ready for its annual Christmas Fair -which will be held in the downstairs

hall on November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Food, games, raffles, vendor tables, raffles, baked goods and more.

**REMEMBERING THE
CRAZY 1970s**

Sitting down for dinner at home one night, I put on MC Channel 530 on my television and on came a tune from 1970 by Ray Stevens entitled "Everything is Beautiful." I was a 22-year-old college student living on Pearl Street in Charlestown at the time. It was a very upbeat positive song in an era filled with riots, protests, marches and lots of turmoil, much like today. Remember the more things change, the more they stay the same. Ray Stevens had a great voice and this song spoke to the best within us back in that day.

**FOUND A NEW
MUSIC RADIO STATION ...**

... and by accident too. This station plays lots of classic rock with few if any commercials. The station is WRCA and is over in Watertown. Signal is pretty good too.

**GOOD NEWS
FOLLOWS BAD NEWS**

Recent new data showing chicken nugget preference found that McDonald's is the home of the nation's most beloved nuggets. The chain has a supersized number of states, 21 in all, where the McNuggets

fans are clucking over this classic item. Chick-fil-A came in a close second with 19 states. Up closer to home, Wendy's does better in New York and New Jersey.

Thank God for this news because recently McDonalds had been seeing both sales and foot traffic plunging because nobody was looking for any Mc E.coli sandwiches with what now appears to have been a bad batch of E.coli onions. McDonalds says everything is good once again and they have a new onion supplier too.

**FORD CEO
LOST HIS FORD FOCUS?**

Ford's CEO recently revealed he is driving a \$30,000 Chinese-made electric sedan and is being ripped by critics who call it a "slap in the face" to employees of the Detroit-based automaker. Jim Farley, Ford CEO since October 2020, has been driving a Xiaomi SU7 which he had specially flown from Shanghai. This car was introduced in December 2023 and is the first EV sold by Xiaomi, the world's second largest seller of smartphones.

Farley obviously doesn't see the poor optics of buying a non-Ford vehicle and in fact seems to be doubling down telling a podcaster that he has no plans to switch to an EV manufactured in this country.

The company has been receiving billions of dollars in subsidies from the American taxpayers to support domestic EV production. It is also disturbing that Ford's CEO would choose a Chinese car over an American car which his own company is currently manufacturing. File this story under "Stugarts."

BAD TARZAN DAD JOKE

Recently, I read a newspaper comic strip where Tarzan is talking to his two kids. He was telling them a horrible dad joke that went like this, "My doctor told me to go on a banana diet. I told him I found the idea unappealing." Jane is standing next to Tarzan making an 'ugh' expression on her face. I found this out on a limb and not quite funny myself.

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
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Docket No. SU24P2372EA

Estate of
JOHN TIMOTHY SHEA

Date of Death: December 21, 2020

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 Christopher D. Shea of Naples, 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 Christopher D. Shea of Naples, 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 16, 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 04, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Run date: 11/08/2024

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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. MI24C1100CA

In the Matter of
MAKAYLA MARIE MEYERS

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Makayla Marie Meyers of Woburn, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Makayla Marie DeTomaso.

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 27, 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 30, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 11/08/2024

Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



A friend of mine recently sent me an article called, "Capeesh." I will repeat some of it for you, but after I read it, it started me thinking about the local neighborhoods that it was pointing to. I read some of it to a few non-Italian friends, and it sounded funny. To my Italian friends, it sounded demeaning and stereotypical. Let's see what you think:

Come stai? Molto bene Bongiorno Ciao Arrivederci." Every Italian knows these expressions and we Italian Americans have used them from time to time. But the article has a hidden language that the writer called the Goomba Italiano. It's not gangster slang that we hear in today's films that try to depict our ethnic group as the originators, organizers and sole directors of organized crime. The article uses a contraction of Italian, English, and made-up street corner words and calls it "Guido" talk. It starts by saying that when an Italian arrives at or leaves from a location he says, "Ciao." When he expresses emotion, he says "Mama Mia," regardless of the situation. If our speaker wants to be a bit crasser, you might hear "mannaggia," "Meengya," "Oofah," or "Va Fungool." The emotional sentence might end with "Capeesh"?

Our star of this debacle might use a muppeen to wipe his hands in the cucina, or get agita from gravy that was too spicy and will skeeve the meatballs he's been served unless they were made by his mother or grandmother. To continue, when he sticks a piece of bread in the gravy, if he gets his fingers wet, he might be considered a "strunzo," "googootz," or a "mezzo finowkio." Some of the guys from that old neighborhood are called "Mamalukes," and when referring to the neighborhood girls, they might have been referred to as "faccia bruta," "puttana," or "schifosa."

The next set of references include, "cattivo," "cabbadosto," "sfatcheem," "stupido," or "strunzo." These meant you were a pain in the rear or worse. It said that we all carried a corna or horn, which would give the evil eye. Actually, according to superstition, the horn was to ward off the evil eye given by the "malokya, or evil eye expressed by pointing your index and pinkie fingers at a person you wish to curse. From there, the article went on to say that when this guy was responding to his parents, grandparents or elders from the neighborhood, he always said, "Per piacere, prego or mille grazie."

If he was feeling tired or out of sorts, he used words to describe the sensation such as mooshadda, stunada or mezzo-morto. His grandmother would always get him out of this funk by giving him something to eat, maybe a sangweech of cabacol, or some proshoot or mozzarella and a piece of cheese. If she was pushing sweets, they might include zeppolis, cannolis, torrone, struffoli, shfoolyadell or

cookies with pignoli nuts on top. Once out on the street, our friend might use terms like "disgraziato," "mi dispiachay" or just "fa-ghedda boudit." ARE YOU GETTING DISGUSTED YET?

The story then goes on to describe a typical Italian house with a \$40,000 kitchen on the first floor and a 100-year-old black iron stove in the cellar which is constantly used. The living room is filled with old wedding favors and little packets of coated almonds that are too pretty to eat. All lamp shades, stuffed chairs and couches are covered in clear plastic. Portraits of Frank Sinatra and the Pope hang in the dining room. And, God forbid anyone ever attempted to eat Chef Boyardee or Franco American pastas or use any sauce called Ragu or Prego or anything else in cans or jars labeled as Italian. Meat balls are made with pork, veal and beef all mixed together. On Thanksgiving, the turkey might as well be made of plastic because no one eats it because it doesn't come up to the level of escarole soup, ravioli, sausages, meatballs, stuffed artichokes, stuffed mushrooms all followed by a salad seasoned with olive oil and red wine vinegar. The wine is always home-made and all the table utensils were placed on the right side of the plate and the napkin on the left. Cloth napkins were at the place settings of the grandparents as they wouldn't use paper napkins. After dinner, the kids would go out and play, the men would head for the living room and all fall asleep and the ladies would clean the dining room and wash the dishes.

When social events would take place especially for the young girls in the family, Aunt Carmela the seamstress would make a formal dress for the cost of the material and the kid's hair would be done by cousin Maria the hairdresser. If the girl had a date for this special occasion, standing in the back of the location would be her parents, grand-parents and her God parents.

By the time I reached this point, I had had enough of the stereotyping. I will admit that some of the comments hit home and I accepted them, but much of it was nothing more than a list of insults to Italians and Italian Americans. I remember conversations with Dean Saluti when we were young men working on doctoral degrees at Boston University. Some of the descriptions in the above paragraphs were in our conversations as well as the attitudes toward our ethnic origins and their descendants in America. We decided that we, somehow, were going to make a difference in society and help dispel these depictions of who and what we were and are.

Hollywood hasn't helped, but I can't blame them. The producers in the movie industry are out to make money and much of the general public only knows us by what Hollywood portrays

in the films the studios have made and distributed. When Dean and I concluded our conversation(s), we decided to begin making that difference for ourselves and our people. The gods of success must have been smiling at us because we both, as well as an inner circle of friends, have been working at improving the image of Italian Americans. Not because of us, but due to education, whatever levels they may be or whatever disciplines they might involve, things are a lot different than in the days of our parents or the Nannas and Babbonnos of America.

Someone recently asked me why people like Dean and I have been so successful. My whimsical comment was, "We dress British, think Yiddish, but let them know that we are first and foremost, Italian. By the way, growing up in East Boston and the North End, I had never heard the term, "Badda Bing" used.

I suppose it is the same for most 2nd and 3rd generation individuals from other ethnic groups. Over the years, I have heard insults thrown at just about every nationality and race that has settled in America. I wonder if it will ever stop. I guess it's up to the individuals in these groups, not the groups themselves to straighten things out, what do you think?

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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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Run dates: 11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2024



by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

Thanksgiving isn't traditionally celebrated in Italy, but for Italian immigrants in the United States, it has become a rich blend of American traditions and much-loved Italian flavors. Italian Americans have created their own version of the holiday, with a menu that pairs the American Thanksgiving staples with classic Italian dishes. So, alongside a golden turkey, you might find a hearty lasagna, delicate ravioli, and a vibrant antipasto spread. This unique culinary fusion is more than a meal — it's a symbol of family, resilience, and a tribute to the stories of generations past. For many, Thanksgiving has evolved into a celebration of both American and Italian heritage, honoring the spirit of gratitude in a way that's distinctly Italian American.

In my family, Thanksgiving always began with an antipasto, followed by Italian Chicken Soup, then a pasta dish, and finally, the turkey. Our turkey was accompanied by a bread stuffing, butternut squash, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, peas and mushrooms, turkey gravy, and homemade cranberry sauce — ending with an array of desserts. With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, I thought I would share our favorite way to make roasted mashed butternut squash and a homemade cranberry sauce that is absolutely delicious and can be served as a side, or as an appetizer, over a block of cream cheese with crackers. I hope you enjoy both as much as we always have!



ROASTED MASHED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

- 2 to 3 butternut squash
- 1 to 2 sticks salted butter
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Cut each butternut squash in half lengthwise, then scoop out and discard the seeds.

Add ¼ cup water to each baking sheet. Place the squash halves skin-side down, side by side on the sheets.

Bake uncovered for 45 minutes or until the squash flesh is soft and the cut sides have caramelized.

Remove from the oven and let cool.

Scoop the squash flesh into a large heatproof bowl. Add butter, salt, and pepper to taste. Mix well and serve.

HOMEMADE CRANBERRY SAUCE

- 18 ounces fresh cranberries (1½ bags)
- 1¾ cups granulated sugar
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 cup water
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1½ Cortland apples, peeled, cored, and chopped
- Zest and juice of 1 large organic orange
- Zest and juice of 1 organic lemon

Instructions:

In a medium saucepan, combine cranberries, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and water.

Cook over medium heat for about 10 minutes.

Add cinnamon, chopped apples, orange zest and juice, and lemon zest and juice.

Continue cooking for another 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thickened and the apples are softened.

Remove from heat and let cool. It will continue to thicken as it cools. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Fiorello LaGuardia

Fiorello Raffaele Enrico La Guardia, with Raffaele later removed and Enrico Americanized to Henry, was born in Greenwich Village, New York City, on December 11, 1882, to Achille Luigi Carlo La Guardia and Irene Luzzatto-Coen.



La Guardia was reared in Arizona and at the age of 16 moved with his family to his mother's hometown of Trieste. He was employed at the U.S. consulates at Budapest and Fiume (now Rijeka, Croatia) before returning to the United States in 1906. While working at Ellis Island as an interpreter for the U.S. Immigration Service, he studied law at New York University and was admitted to the bar in 1910.

La Guardia served as the deputy attorney general from January 1, 1915, to 1917. He left the American Bar Association in the 1930s.

La Guardia met Thea Almerigotti, an immigrant from Trieste, they married on March 8, 1919, in a Catholic ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Their daughter, Fioretta Thea La Guardia, was born in June 1920, but died on May 8, 1921, and Thea died on November 29th. The death of his wife was described as "the greatest tragedy of La Guardia's life".

La Guardia was elected to the House of Representatives as a progressive Republican in 1916, but his term was interrupted by service as a pilot in World War I. He was returned to Congress in 1918 and, after serving as president of the New York City board of aldermen in 1920-21, was reelected to the House in 1922. He was reelected four more times, and in the House he opposed Prohibition and supported woman suffrage and child-labor laws. He cosponsored the Norris-La Guardia Act (1932), which restricted the courts' power to ban or restrain strikes, boycotts, or picketing by organized labor.

In 1925, he formed the La Guardia Publishing Company using his savings and a second mortgage to publish L'Americolo, an Italian-language magazine. La Guardia married Marie Fisher on February 28, 1929. They adopted two children.

Fiorello LaGuardia would go on to become the 99th Mayor of New York City, serving a twelve-year term from 1934 to 1946. LaGuardia served as Mayor during the Great Depression and World War II, and is widely acclaimed by scholars and historians as New York City's greatest mayor. He oversaw an era of great public investment, and left behind a legacy that has since profoundly shaped the city.

La Guardia in 1945 refused to run for a fourth term as mayor. He was appointed director of the U.S. Office of Civilian Defense (1941) and director general (1946) of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. La Guardia passed away in his home on September 20, 1947, at the age of 64.

A 1993 survey of historians, political scientists, and urban experts conducted by Melvin G. Holli of the University of Illinois at Chicago ranked La Guardia as the best American big-city mayor to serve between the years 1820 and 1993.

Saint Vincent Palotti

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Vincent Pallotti was born in Rome on 21 April 1795, to Pietro and Magdalena De Rossi Pallotti. He was descended from the noble families of the Pallotti of Norcia and the De Rossi of Rome. He became a priest and dedicated himself completely to God and cared for souls. He dreamed of gaining for Christ all non-Catholics, especially the Mohammedans. To this end he inaugurated a revolutionary program which envisaged the collaboration of the laity in the apostolate of the clergy.

Vincent was also well aware of the many deprivations in the natural sphere that hindered the spread of the Faith. He thus obtained and spent huge sums for the poor and underprivileged. He founded guilds for workers, agriculture schools,



loan associations, orphanages and homes for girls — all of which made him the pioneer and precursor of Catholic Action. His great legacy was the congregation which he founded for urban mission work, known as the "Society for Catholic Action."

St. Vincent died on January 22, 1850 from a severe cold which he most likely caught on a cold rainy night after giving his cloak to a beggar who had none.

When his body was exhumed both in 1906, and again in 1950, examiners found his body to be completely incorrupt. His body is enshrined in the Church of San Salvatore in Onda, in Rome, where it can be seen still intact. Pope John XXIII canonized him in 1963. The feast day of Saint Vincent Palotti is January 22nd.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Death of Fattest Cat

The world's fattest cat, Crumbs, died two weeks ago after having been sent to a feline fat camp — with vets saying his extensive layers of flab had hidden his cancerous tumors. This feline went viral about a month ago from the basement of a Russian hospital where he was rescued from the basement there and had been raised on a diet of scraps, biscuits, and soup causing him to weigh 38 pounds. Prior to his demise, he had lost 7 pounds before developing sudden breathing problems.

Clerk Shot Dead Over Pizza Maker

An irate customer shot a Milwaukee store worker dead after flying off into a rage questioning whether or not the pizza cook in the back wore gloves while making his pizza, according to a criminal complaint. The customer opened fire on the cashier and shot him dead. The killer pulled out a handgun shooting the victim in the chest before running out of the shop

U.S. Senator Ed Markey Running Again

U.S. Senator Ed Markey announced on Sunday, October 27th that he will be seeking a third term in office in 2026, proclaiming at 78 years old he's energized as he's ever been saying that it's not the age of the candidate that but the age of their ideas that matter. Markey added on a WCVB Sunday political show that he's "always been the youngest guy in the room."

Markey would be 80 when he retakes the oath of office if he gets re-elected in two years to a third term. The last year of his current term will represent his 50th year up on Capitol Hill. He was first elected to the House back in 1976.

A spokesperson for MassGOP stated, "Some politicians simply don't know when to step aside. Regardless of his age, his policies are woefully out of touch with Massachusetts voters. We look forward to challenging him in 2026."

Remember Life is Short

"Life is short. There is little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel this way with us; so be swift to love; make haste to be kind; and be open to the beauty and wonder that surrounds us all."

— In memory of Jane Farrell Smith, October 19, 2006

50 Shut by TGI Fridays

TGI Fridays has abruptly shuttered nearly 50 locations

across the nation bringing the company's total to approximately 100 closures this year as it reportedly approaches a bankruptcy filing. The 59-year-old chain had 270 locations at the start of this year and now has only 164.

Rocked by Raccoons

A Washington state woman who fed neighborhood raccoons recently had to call 911 when she came home and found more than 100 raccoons preventing her from getting to her front door. The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office stated, "Somehow the word got out in raccoon land and they all showed up at her house expecting a meal."

The woman told police she had been feeding animals for over 35 years but that recently the raccoon population "exploded" and the raccoons started scratching on her windows and walls at all hours, days and nights demanding food.

A deputy had to escort the woman to safety and neighbors are hoping the raccoons will get relocated and their neighbor stops feeding them.

Newspapers are Stopping the Presses

New Jersey's biggest newspaper, *The Star-Ledger*, said that it will stop publishing its print edition in February amid rising costs and low demand.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Plymouth Probate and Family Court
52 Obery Street,
Suite 1130
Plymouth, MA 02360
Docket No. PL24D1016DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
MICHAEL MORALDO
vs.
ANDREA LYSTRA MORALDO

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 Michael Moraldo, 610 Chatham West Drive, Brockton, MA 02301 your answer, if any, on or before December 30, 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. PATRICK W. STANTON,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2024

Matthew J. McDonough, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/08/2024

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The newspaper's owner said it would also be closing its production plant and ending the print publication of *The Times of Trenton* and the *South Jersey Times* as well as the weekly *Hunterdon County Democrat*.

114 Plus Years of Clean Living

A Pennsylvania woman who recently celebrated her 114th birthday is now recognized as the oldest living person in North America and credits her long life to having no vices. She was born in 1910 a little less than two years before the Titanic went down. She just replaced the previous oldest person who just died at age 115 on October 22nd.

Hospital Bill

Only \$300 Thousand

A California family received a hospital bill and were charged for almost \$300,000 in bills after their two-year old son was bitten by the venomous fangs of a rattlesnake and required nearly three dozen vials of antivenom to save his life. Those 3 vials accounted for \$213,278 of the \$297,461 total, which also included two ambulance rides, an ER visit and days spent in pediatric intensive care. After the family's health insurance, the family paid \$7,200 and still owes another \$11,300.

End Quote

"I don't know what the hell aging is. It seems absurd and crazy."

— Al Pacino at 84

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24C0539CA

In the Matter of
JULIETSA LILIAN CARRASCO AGUIRRE
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Julietsa Lilian Carrasco Aguirre of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Julitsa Lilian Aguirre.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 21, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 29, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run Date: 11/08/2024

Consulate General of Italy in Boston

launches

The Festival of Italian Creativity



All Events Free and
Open to the Public

November 14 - 22, 2024

From November 14th to 22nd, the Consulate General of Italy in Boston is launching "The Festival of Italian Creativity," an amazing range of cultural events (music, cinema, art, literature and theater), science, technology and business seminars, Italian language labs, food tastings, inspirational guests and much more! All of the events and programs in the Festival, organized in cooperation with the October Italian American Heritage Month Committee of Massachusetts, are open to the public and **free of charge** with registration. The complete program of events is online at www.italyinboston.org and all events are available with a single registration.

The Festival is part of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs designation of Boston as "2024 Capital of Italian Creativity in the World." "The Festival of Italian Creativity is an extraordinary opportunity to promote Italy and highlight the many connections between Italy and Boston as well as celebrate the contributions of the Italian American community to the historic and contemporary fabric of the city," said Arnaldo Minuti, Consul General of Italy in Boston.

Download the complete News Release at:

<https://tinyurl.com/FestivalOfItalianCreativity>

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. MI24P5535EA
Estate of
BAIBA KRISTINA OZOLS
Also Known As
BAIBA K. OZOLS
Date of Death: July 26, 2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Peter D. Ozols of Norwalk, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Peter D. Ozols of Norwalk, CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in supervised 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 26, 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 01, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P5547EA
Estate of
ELEANOR M. SEAVEY
Also Known As
ELEANOR SEAVEY
Date of Death: August 02, 2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James R. Seavey of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that James R. Seavey of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 22, 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.

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 25, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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 **November 16, 2024** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.
1985 JEEP CJ-7
Vin #1JCU87A8FT097425
2004 ACURA MDX
Vin #2HNYD18994H533346
2012 NISSAN ALTIMA
Vin #1N4AL2APOCN547110
2009 YAMAHA YZF-R6
Vin #JYARJ16E99A011448
2006 GMC SIERRA
Vin #1GTEK19Z36E204682
2012 HONDA CR-V
VIN #5J6RM4H5XCL027450
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information.
info@todiscotowing.com
Run dates: 10/25, 11/01, 11/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24C0528CA
In the Matter of
JONATHAN SHAMUS CANARIO
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jonathan Shamus Canario of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jonathan Shamus Canario Greenspan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 21, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 22, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run Date: 11/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P5672EA
Estate of
JADEN McDANIELS
Date of Death: August 30, 2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Averyl McDaniels of Cambridge, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Averyl McDaniels of Cambridge, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 29, 2024.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 31, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/08/2024



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Mushnick, Ice Cube & Fat Joe

I so enjoy reading the sports pages of the *NY Post* and especially Phil Mushnick's baseball commentaries. He is always spot on as he was on his latest on the recent World Series and the sad state of Major League Baseball today. His November 1st column was a grand slam.

I do agree with Mushnick on Ice Cube and Fat Joe even more so. I have to be honest with no dog in this year's World Series, I barely cared about who would win and who would lose. However, when I flipped on my TV to see what was happening in Game 3, there was Fat Joe rapping incoherently on national television.

I quickly switched over to a cable channel that was playing endless Hunter reruns from the '80s and '90s. I found that a good alternative and much more entertaining. Baseball is losing it. All you have to see is how kids are really no longer playing any kind of organized baseball. I can only imagine they are not even watching baseball on TV today.

I hope he continues his great writing where he calls 'em as he sees 'em. I also loved that recent comparison of Bernie Williams and Mickey Mantle. Back in the old days, the playoff system was basically the World Series and perhaps a special playoff game every now and then like the '48 Red Sox-Indians or the '78 Red Sox-Yankees meetups.

There is no way to compare stats for Williams and Mantle. Mick always comes out on top. The same goes for pitching stats, too. In 1967, Bob Gibson won three games against the Red Sox. Today, a pitcher can win many more games than that counting the League Championship, Division Championship and, of course, Wild Card games.

**Incoming Emails:
They Still Love Louie
Here In Boston**

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 he had it!

Harry Johnston - Woburn

Hi Sal, if you haven't read Louie's book (son of Havana) there is a story of when he was traded to the Sox and he settled in Milton. At this time, Milton was a mostly white town. Unfortunately, he bought next door to an old white couple who didn't appreciate their new neighbors. Louie tried to get friendly, going as far as shoveling their property during storms, and keeping an eye on their property. Never a word or a wave.

So, years later when Louie got traded again the neighbor finally approached to ask if he could buy the house for his daughter. Louie answered that he already sold it to a black dentist.

Al Capozzi - East Boston

P.S. As a little leaguer I was and still am a fan of the old INDIANS, McDowell, Tiant, Siebert, Romo, and Williams.

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2011 NISSAN SENTRA
Vin #3N1AB6AP7BL629244
2021 YONGFU YN50QT
Vin #LL0TCAPH1MG004051
2016 SUBARU FORESTER
Vin #JF2SJABC6GH423892
2004 FORD FREESTAR
Vin #2FMZA52274BA16289
2011 HYUNDAI SONATA
Vin #5NPEB4AC0BH067123
2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA
Vin #2G1WT57N791129962
2012 HONDA ACCORD
Vin #1HGCP2F83CA062526
2011 FORD F250
Vin #1FTBF2B6XBEA05197
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information.
info@todiscotowing.com
Run dates: 11/01, 11/08, 11/15/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Division
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24P2243EA
Estate of
CHARLES R. RASMUSSEN
Date of Death: February 09, 2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Dagmar M. Pollex of Dorchester, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Dagmar M. Pollex of Dorchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Run date: 11/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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 02, 2024** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.
2021 YONGFU YN50QT
Vin #LL0TCAPH1MG004051
2014 HONDA ACCORD
Vin #1HGCR2F36EA057306
2009 NISSAN ALTIMA
Vin #1N4BL21E89C146041
2003 HYUNDAI SONATA
Vin #KMHWF25S93A811627
2006 CHEVROLET TAHOE
Vin #1GNEK13T96R160546
2005 ACURA TL
Vin #19UUA66275A034658
2007 HONDA ODYSSEY
Vin #5FNRL386X7B144210
2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
Vin #5NPDH4AE1DH312493
2007 PORSCHE CAYMAN
Vin #WPOAB29837U780064
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information.
info@todiscotowing.com
Run dates: 11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION
MBTA CABOT YARD REBUILD & MAINTENANCE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-38421
A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed under 310 CMR 40.0480. As a result of this investigation, the site has been classified as Tier II under 310 CMR 40.0500. On October 30, 2024, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).
To obtain additional information on this disposal site, please contact Christine Lentini, Environmental Compliance Officer for the MBTA, located at 10 Park Plaza, in Boston, MA, 617-429-4119.
The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at the MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-38421 or MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA, 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.
Run date: 11/08/2024

**Mollie
Macintosh
Crowned
National
Champion
at the
PHR
Championships
World Series**



The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) hosted MLB's Pitch, Hit, & Run (PHR) competition this past July. Our 7-8-year-old softball winner, Mollie Macintosh, from Haverhill, went on to compete at Fenway Park where she made quick work of the competition there, as well. She then went on to play in the PHR championships at the World Series in LA where she was crowned National Champion! Her dad, Mike, went along with her for the whole journey and had several "proud dad" moments culminating with her taking home the elusive hardware in her division. The NEAA is happy to host this event and super proud of our champ, Mollie!

Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN



Some Thoughts on Ali Vs Foreman — Fifty Years After

October 30th was the 50th anniversary of the Muhammad Ali vs George Foreman fight. It was an extraordinary victory for Ali who regained his title with an 8th round kayo of Foreman. I thought I would look back on the build up to and the fight itself along with some thoughts about what happened to Ali in the years after.

Leading up to the Foreman fight Ali had lost some of his luster. Coming back from a forced exile that began in 1967, he had gone almost three years without stepping into the ring. His first comeback fight took place in October of 1970 when he stopped Jerry Quarry on cuts in the third round. This was followed by a 15th round knockout win over Oscar Bonavena in December of that same year.

Three months later he was stepping in with champion Joe Frazier in what was billed as the Fight Of The Century. After fifteen brutal rounds Joe won the decision. To top it off, Muhammad was decked in the final round. The shine had come off of the self-described greatest of all time. The fight also took a lot out of both men.

During this same period, the 1967 Olympic Heavyweight Champion George Foreman was building up an impressive record against less than impressive opposition. From 1969 to 1972 Big George had scored 37 straight victories with 37 coming via knockout. With the exception of his wins over Gregorio Peralta, with whom he struggled to win a decision and a very impressive stoppage of George Chuvalo, the rest of his opposition was made up of "opponents" or worse. George did stop light heavyweight Peralta in a rematch.

The quality of Foreman's opposition wasn't improving much over time. As late as 1972 and in his 37th fight he kayoed a fighter named Terry Sorrell who had a record of 4 wins and 15 losses. It's no wonder that in his next fight, a challenge to Joe Frazier for the heavyweight title he was a 3½ to 1 underdog.

George proved the oddsmakers wrong when he totally destroyed Joe inside of two rounds. He knocked the champion down six times before the bout was halted by the referee. In less than six minutes Foreman had gone from untested prospect to being seen as one of the most devastating heavyweights of all time. His subsequent impressive wins over Roman and Norton added to that narrative.

During this same period, Ali was still looked upon as a great fighter but his star was fading. He stayed very active after his loss to Frazier with 10 straight wins from 1971 to 1973.

On March 31, 1973 Ali stepped into the ring to face up and coming prospect Ken Norton. Norton wasn't considered much of a threat and was a 5 to 1 underdog going into the bout. Ken surprised the boxing world when he not only won a split decision over the former champ, but broke his jaw in the process.

At this point both Ali and Frazier seemed well past their primes: However, their rivalry still was of interest to the public, so the two former champs were signed to meet in a rematch at Madison Square Garden. In a fight that did not come close to the drama of their first fight, Ali won a close decision over 12 rounds.

The Frazier win put Ali back into contention and a title shot against Foreman was agreed to with the fight to take place in Zaire. Very few people gave Ali much of a chance against the powerful champion. In fact, given Foreman's reputation at this point, there were those who truly believed he might kill Muhammad.

The fight was originally set to take place on September 25, 1974 but was postponed when Foreman was cut over the eye in training. It was rescheduled for a month later on October 30th.



Even though Foreman had not been overly impressive before the Frazier win, and with the fact he had struggled against an over the hill light heavyweight (Gregorio Peralta) who showed how movement could be a problem for Big George, he was made a 4 to 1 favorite against Ali. Odds also favored that the fight would end before the fifteenth round with Foreman the victor by kayo. This made sense given his impressive wins over Norton and Roman, and the fact that Ali had been beaten by Norton, though he did avenge that loss with a very close decision win. The fact is, Foreman was looking better with each fight and Ali was not setting the world on fire.

That night in Zaire will go down in boxing history as one of the greatest upsets of all time when Ali employed the "Rope A Dope" to win by an eight-round knockout over an exhausted George Foreman.

It turned out that Foreman did not have much more than his incredible punching power to rely on. Once Ali nullified that power, he was able to control the fight. Many thought at the time that when Ali laid back on the ropes and allowed Foreman to flail away at him that he was committing suicide, but The Great One was blocking George's shots which were getting wider and wilder with each round.

By the eighth round Foreman was breathing heavily. At this point Ali was able to move off of the ropes and drop George with a right hand. Foreman was not rendered unconscious from the punch, but the blow combined with the fact that he was completely spent kept him from getting up.

The win was a phenomenal one for Ali. The last time he was such an underdog was in his first fight with Sonny Liston, another fearsome puncher who many feared could seriously injure him.

Ali would go on to fight fourteen times after regaining the title. He had a third fight with Joe Frazier, as well as a third go around with Ken Norton. He won a questionable decision over Jimmy Young, and took some horrific punches while winning a fifteen-round decision over Earnie Shavers. He lost and then regained the title in fights with Leon Spinks.

After the second Spinks fight, he retired only to make a comeback two years later in 1980 in a title fight against Larry Holmes. At this point Ali was showing obvious signs of brain damage from the blows he had taken over the years. Holmes stopped him when he could not answer the bell for the 11th round.

Ali still wasn't through. A little over a year later he faced Trevor Berbick. The former champ took another beating over ten rounds while losing a decision.

The people who made these fights had to know how bad off Ali was at this point. It wasn't long after that he began to lose the ability to speak and have trouble walking. It's no wonder after having been hit hard blows to the head hundreds if not thousands of times.

It is a shame Muhammad Ali did not retire after the Foreman victory. He had done the impossible with that win and had cemented his place in history as perhaps the greatest heavyweight champion of all time. While he certainly had had some brain trauma at that point, he never would have ended up in such tough shape if he had walked away from the game at that time. Unfortunately, between his ego and the fact that he remained a marketable product, he would continue on.

Ali, the man who was thought to be nearly impossible to hit with a solid punch during the first part of his career, the man who bragged how he could avoid punches and not end up like so many other former champions became the most damaged in history. It was a sad ending to a great career.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It was the last stand of the core players. And although it was halted just short of the summit, it was quite a run for a group that won two Stanley Cup Championships and went nearly to the wire battling for a third.

We speak of those 1973-1974 Boston Bruins, who found success in the early 1970s by winning two Cups within three years (1970 and 1972) and then just missed out on a third in the spring of 1974.

By any measure, this was a team that was the hallmark of the very definition of success. Just taking a look up and down the lineup shows the sheer power of the scoring machine that made its mark night in and night out across the 78-game regular season and on into the playoffs. There was always the very real possibility of a scoring threat no matter which group was on the ice.

Start with center Phil Esposito who scored 68 goals and added 77 assists for a whopping total of 145 points across 68 of those 78 games. For his sterling performance he won the Art Ross Trophy (top scorer, regular season) as well as the Hart Memorial Trophy (most valuable player, regular season).

Add in Bobby Orr, four years removed from his famous tally that brought the 1970 title to Boston. He scored 32 goals and added 90 assists for 122 points. And remember, Orr was officially a defenseman. For his efforts, Orr was awarded the Norris Trophy (league's best defenseman). Those 90 assists made him the league leader in that category.

Need additional top-flight point producers? How about Ken Hodge, a right winger, who found the range for 50 markers and assisted on 55 more for 105 points. Then there was Wayne Cashman, also a left winger, who scored 30 times and had 59 assists for an 89-point season.

What kind of quadruple threat did they present? Those four players — Esposito, Orr, Hodge and Cashman weren't just the leading scorers on the Bruins. They were the top four scorers — in that above order — in the entire National Hockey League. Wow!

But there's more. Johnny Bucyk, a stalwart veteran on left wing, pumped in 31 goals and got credit for an assist on 44 others for a 75-point campaign. He also won the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy (for sportsmanship and gentlemanly play). Don Marcotte, another performer on the left side, went 24-26-50 to round out the group on the roster who put up half a hundred points or better.

It should be no surprise then that the B's led the league in goals scored with 349 and topped the standings with a 52-17-9 mark to give them a total of 113 points on the campaign. But right behind were the Philadelphia Flyers, their eventual opponents in the Stanley Cup Final, with 112.

The Presidents' Trophy (highest team point total in the regular season) was not awarded until 1986. Thus, the B's had to be satisfied with the Prince of Wales Trophy, which at that time was awarded to the East Division regular season champions.

But while the offense soared, the defense was stingy. Leading the league in goals scored was terrific. But that was combined with a strong defense that ranked first in fewest goals allowed in the East Division — 221. As we've indicated here on numerous occasions those two statistics are strong indicators of a team's success.

The man who patrolled the crease was Gilles Gilbert, who was in his first of six seasons with the B's after coming over from the Minnesota North Stars. The 34-12-8 record that he compiled would be the best of his career. Ross Brooks, who went 16-3-0, was the principal backup.

The Bruins opened the playoffs by sweeping Toronto 4-0 and then downing Chicago 4-2 to advance to the Stanley Cup Final against Philadelphia. Even though Philadelphia is only about 300 miles from Boston, it had been placed in the West Division because it was an expansion team.

The first two games were played in Boston and went to the wire in exciting fashion. In the series opener Orr blocked a shot with just over a minute remaining in the third period and then went the length of the ice to put a slapshot past Philly's standout goaltender Bernie Parent and secure a 3-2 victory.

Game 2 saw the B's take a 2-1 lead late in the third before Parent was pulled for an extra attacker — resulting in a Philadelphia score with less than a minute left to knot things at 2-2. Bobby Clarke then won it for the Flyers in OT.

Hot goalies can make all the difference in world — especially during the playoffs. And thus it was that Parent, who posted a superb 1.89 goals against average in the regular season, was able to shut down the Boston scoring machine in three of the final four games of the series.

The powerful Boston point producers fell silent, scoring only a single goal in one of the last four games and just two in another. As a capstone, Parent registered a 1-0 shutout over the B's in what proved to be a decisive Game 6. Only in Game 5 did the Black and Gold appear to be in regular season form, carving out a 5-1 victory at the Garden. For his outstanding performance Parent was named the winner of the Conn Smyth Trophy — the MVP of the playoffs.

Thus the 1973-1974 Bruins, undeniably one of the best teams ever to compete on Causeway Street, were denied hockey's highest honor. The season proved to be the last stand in the Hub for several core players that had won the Cup in both 1970 and 1972.

By the time the B's next made it to the Stanley Cup Final in 1977, Esposito, Orr and Hodge were gone as was Derek Sanderson, the man who passed the puck to Orr for his famous goal in 1970. Bucyk was in the next-to-last season of his career before retiring in 1978 while Cashman and Marcotte would play until 1982. Gilbert shared regular season goaltending duties with Gerry Cheevers. The 1973-1974 campaign — a memorable playoff run for a remarkable Boston core in an exceptional era.