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Fr. Antonio Nardoiani

Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Priesthood in Aquino (Frosinone) Italy

On June 30th, Padre Antonio Nardoiani celebrated an auspicious occasion of his 50th Anniversary of priesthood in Aquino (Frosinone) Italy in the medieval church of Santa Maria della Libera with the participation of hundreds (400/500) of people and over 40 concelebrants between priests, friars and nuns.

He was extremely honored by the presence of the Metropolitan Archbishop Prosper Kontiebo from Burkina Faso, and an unknown number of friends from the States and Toronto Canada. Among them Frs. David Costello, the director of the Missionary Society of St James the Apostle with its headquarters in the North End, Boston MA and Michael Simone, the first of the many Jesuits from Boston College who helped him during his 15 years tenure as pastor of St. Leonard's, North End, Boston MA.

Another surprising cause for rejoicing was the participation of 12 friars from the province of Naples, 11 of whom weren't even born 49 years ago when he left Italy to go to Boston. Antonio Riccio preached a beautiful homily as usual, and the friars from Rome provided an impeccable service during the liturgy. All the participants were incredibly excited to see such a large



concentration of priests and religious people in a rural area where most of the pastors serve between two and five churches/chapels every single week end.

His brothers organized a fabulous, though informal, reception in a resort area, near his home town, to which all those who attended the Mass were invited. The weather was very cooperative, couldn't be better.

For all participants this was probably, the event of a life time.

Mayor Wu Makes Personnel Changes

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the appointments of Ricardo Patrón as Deputy Chief of Staff and Emma Pettit as Press Secretary. Pettit began serving as Press Secretary on July 1, 2024. Patrón will transition into the Deputy Chief of Staff role through the month of July. Deputy Chief of Staff Yusufi Vali will be moving out of the city to attend to family matters and will transition out of the role.

"Ricardo and Emma bring a wealth of experience, institutional knowledge, and passion for ensuring City Hall connects with residents in every neighborhood," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thrilled that Ricardo is transitioning into this new critical role to build on our work to make Boston home for everyone and for Emma's bold leadership in our Press Office. Their leadership will help Boston move forward in our work to deliver for all of Boston's communities."

Patrón will support Mayor Wu and Chief of Staff Tiffany Chu in leading the Mayor's Cabinet and implementing Mayor Wu's vision to make Boston a home for everyone. Patrón will play a key role in advancing Mayor Wu's priorities, strengthening City government to be responsive to residents' needs and voices, and ensuring strong collaboration between City departments, local organizations, and other levels of government to



Ricardo Patrón



Emma Pettit

effectively deliver programs and services.

"We are incredibly lucky to have such a strong team and to be able to promote from within," said Chief of Staff Tiffany Chu. "Ricardo and Emma have been indispensable in the Mayor's Office from day one, and I am overjoyed to partner with them even more closely in their new leadership roles as we continue to make impactful changes across our organization and our city."

"Ricardo and Emma embody the best of public service," said outgoing Deputy Chief of Staff Yusufi Vali. "I am overjoyed in particular to have my post filled with Ricardo, who always puts our residents first, works to solve problems by bringing all parties and perspectives

to the table, and leads with compassion."

Patrón joined the administration as Mayor Wu's Press Secretary in January 2022. Before joining the administration, he served as former City Councilor Lydia Edwards' chief of staff. His previous experience includes working as a teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools and as a case manager in the Milwaukee County criminal justice system. Patrón was born in Mérida, Yucatán and immigrated to the United States as a child. He lives in East Boston with his wife Kathleen and their son Rafael. Patrón is a graduate of Marquette University with a Bachelors in International Affairs.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

New Transit Zoning Regulations Upsetting Status Quo

Last year, lawmakers in Arlington County in Northern Virginia tossed out local laws meant to create single family homes only with a landmark zoning change that mirror what is taking place across the country, including right here in Beacon Hill. Lawmakers there created a new housing law that tells communities inside the MBTA District (or just near a commuter rail station) that it must construct multiple family housing and increase housing density.

It is also happening locally in the towns of Winthrop and Milton, pitting folks against each other. Those supporting the new housing legislation want to open up a tight housing market and undo so-called racist zoning and those longtime residents who warn this new legislation would overwhelm neighborhood infrastructure are now at odds.

RFK Jr. Won't Take Sides Over 9/11

Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. recently announced he "won't be taking sides on the conspiracies surrounding the September 11, 2001 terror attacks if he got into the Oval Office" and "instead would push for transparency" around the day. "My take on 9/11, It's hard to tell what is a conspiracy theory and what isn't. But conspiracy

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The USS Constitution Sets Out on Its Annual Turnaround Sail




With the American Flag waving proudly from its stern, Old Ironsides began its annual July 4th trip from its berth in the Charlestown Navy Yard, continuing down past Castle Island in South Boston, before firing off its 21 Gun Salute and returning back to port.

(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE TOWER OF BABEL



(Genesis 11: 1-9) “And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said to one another, Go to, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone and slime had they for mortar. And they said, go to, let us build us a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built.

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to

do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of the earth; and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth; and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”

Archaeologists differ in their opinions as to the exact location and physical make-up of the Tower of Babel. Many texts refer to this as a tower built in a series of stages or levels, one above the other, each successive level being smaller than the one below.

Experts also seem to differ on the height of the tower which is given from three hundred feet to six hundred feet. One account

claims this is to have been the tallest manmade structure that the world knew up to the time of the Eiffel Tower (1889 A.D.). Some claim that it was six stages high and others claim seven. Another interesting theory is that the seven stages were built on an earthen platform, each stage or light was of a different color, and each was consecrated to a different planet. Many claim this to have been the chief tower in Babylon, others place it eight miles away in a suburb of the city, and still others claim it was built one hundred forty miles away in the ancient City of Ur.

A few facts seem to be accepted among all of the experts: (1) The tower was constructed of sun-dried bricks; (2) it was an extremely high tower; (3) it was built by the ancestors of Noah, either to escape from a possible second deluge, or to converse with the gods, or both. In any event, the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, and regarding this building as an impious assertion of human pride, He confounded their language so that they could not understand each other. Consequently, they gave up the building scheme and were scattered abroad. The Lord scattered them over the face of the earth, and thus we have one explanation for the different languages of the world, or so sayeth the Good Book ... and you’d better believe it!

NEXT WEEK:
Capsule Geology

Medicare Savings Program, Property Tax Work Off & City Savings for Older Adults

by Mayor Michelle Wu

I’m excited to let you know about two important programs that help our older residents save more money:

The first is the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) — which now offers more savings to more residents. Thanks to changes that went into effect earlier this year, assets are no longer counted against your eligibility for this program, eliminating a major barrier for access. And, on top of that, the amount of money you could save on Medicare-related costs like premiums, copays, and prescriptions have increased as well — from \$2,500 a year to \$3,000.

The second program I want to tell you about is Age Strong’s Property Tax Work off Program (PTWOP). The PTWOP invites Boston homeowners age 60 and older to volunteer with the city in order to work money off of their property taxes. PTWOP volunteers have the freedom to determine their own schedules and provide support to various city departments from the Boston Public Library and our senior centers, to the Disabilities Commission or the Office of Veterans Services. This year — thanks to advocacy from Age Strong and our partners in community — older adults can now earn \$2,000 off their property taxes — up from \$1,500. Examples of past

PTWOP projects include helping children with school work at the Leahy Holloran Community Center, directing traffic at the annual Boston Americans with Disabilities Act event, and assisting with the distribution of free air-conditioning units to Boston families.

Applications for PTWOP are now open. For more information, call Age Strong at 617-635-4366 or visit boston.gov/departments/age-strong-commissionsenior-property-tax-work.

There are also a number of other savings available to Boston residents age 60 or older. Age Strong’s trained advocates can help you find out if you’re eligible for savings on transportation, food resources, fuel assistance, water and sewer discounts, and health insurance. Call to schedule an appointment with an advocate at 617-635-4366 or ask an Age Strong advocate the next time you see one at one of our in-person events in your neighborhood.

Our goal is to make Boston a home for everyone — and that means creating every opportunity for our residents of all ages to thrive in our community.

I hope these programs help save you money and make Boston a better home for you and your loved ones.

PRESIDENTIAL Election Fatigue

It wouldn’t be a stretch to say most voters are probably suffering from a case of election fatigue, especially regarding the upcoming presidential race. Realistically there is no escaping it. No matter which television network we may watch or app we prefer on our phone, it is in our face. And face it we must, for there is a choice to be made, and we must choose wisely.

If we are to be fair and balanced, we should acknowledge that neither candidate is perfect, each has their flaws, and our options are limited. So which road do we take, which path do we choose?

Over the past few months, we have witnessed the divide between President Biden and former President Trump grow wider, especially over the last couple weeks, as voters have begun to process Biden’s abysmal performance at the recent CNN presidential debate.

According to a USA Today/Suffolk University survey this past week, Biden is now 3 full points behind the former president, 38% to 41% as they head towards a November rematch. While each candidate’s supporters are remaining committed, Trump seems to be evolving as the candidate of choice for 25% of those who are considering another option as they witness Biden’s confusion and verbal gaffes according to

David Paleologos, Director of the Suffolk Political Research Center. “It is still a margin of error race right now, but the Biden campaign must be concerned about the defection of second choice voters, of third-party candidates. The Biden strategy all along was that as third party candidacies evaporated, those voters would rotate to Biden. This research suggests the tables have turned and the Stein/West/RFK voters he may have been counting on in November have left him after the recent debate,” Paleologos said after the poll’s release.

A new CNN poll portrays even more unpleasant news for the Biden campaign showing him trailing Trump by 6 points, which is outside the 3.5% margin of error. According to the pollsters, most voters are saying the Democratic Party will have a better shot of keeping the White House for 4 more years, if they cast aside the incumbent president as their candidate.

As the Republican powers to be attempt to control their own candidate’s comments, and with the angst and alarm taking hold of the Democratic Elites, we as voters must step up and make calm, composed, informed and conscientious decision when we step into the ballot box this November. After all it is our patriotic duty, and one we should all take very seriously.

Making it in Massachusetts

Has Become Making Our Way Out of Massachusetts

The latest IRS annual data is proving why so many people are exiting “Taxachusetts”. The Bay State has the 16th largest population in the U.S. but comes in at number 5 in lost income in 2022, losing approximately \$3.9 billion, according to Federal numbers. The only other cities with higher rates of working-class migration were California, New York, Illinois and New Jersey, which are all larger states.

According to the IRS, the top 5 states shedding income produced by non-welfare

recipients, all claim Democratic Governors, while the top four states gaining income are governed by Republicans, including Florida, Texas, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina may be on the brink as well. Three of the four states that gained the largest wealth in 2022, do not require residents to pay state income tax.

The Pioneer Institute just released the IRS statistics showing the largest voting block to hightail it out of Massachusetts were the 26- to 35-year-olds. Close to 10,000

of this demographic relocated from Massachusetts in 2022, five times more of that age group than fled Massachusetts in 2012. The biggest financial loss to Massachusetts resulted from taxpayers age 55-65, totaling 4,500 who moved on in 2022, 15 times as many as left in 2012, taking close to 1.5 billion with them, and with most of the losses coming from people making more than \$200,000 per year, according to the Pioneer Institute

Coincidentally, the appalling numbers from 2022, was the year the “millionaires’ tax” went into effect. Maybe that is the reason the states with no state income tax picked up our hard-working citizens.

You can bet these numbers will continue to rise each year and it’s tough to fathom what these exit numbers may look like in 5-6 years, as we enter a new decade. Such a sad state of affairs in Massachusetts.

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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.

AM I TALKING TO SOMEBODY?

FROM MY HEART TO YOURS:

Father Calude Scrima OFM

His Story and the Love He Inspires

Am I talking to Somebody? There is pride in being from the North End. Something I can hardly explain, it is tangible, in my blood and inside my soul. But Father Claude is one tangible reason.

Father Claude is probably one of the most beloved priests the North End has ever known. This book recounts a part of his story. From growing up on Charter Street, to entering a Junior Novitiate in Montreal, to finishing high school at Christopher Columbus and then entering the Franciscans, Father Claude has had many journeys. The many friends and parishioners who adore and admire him and also his wonderful family who love and cherish him, have all come to share remembrances, tributes and stories of father: *Am I talking To Somebody? From My Heart to Yours.*

Please enjoy this book and share the compassion and love he has for everyone,



especially the most needy in our world.

About Margaret Fucillo

Peggy was born in Boston's North End on Fleet Street. Her mother was born in Airola, Benevento, Italy. Her father's family and all her uncles

were born in Chiusano di San Domenico, Avellino, Italy.

The first woman in her family to attend college, she earned a M.A. in Political Science/Constitutional Law from Boston College and studied Spanish at Harvard University. Fluent in Spanish, she taught newly arrived immigrants in Public schools and colleges. Her consulting company provided professional development to schools throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

She is a member of the North End Historical Society and a Parishioner at Saint Leonard Church in the North End of Boston. Her first adult book, *My North End Family Stories: La gioia e il dolore* was published in 2023. Peggy has also had stories published in the North End Historical Society Newsletter and the *Post-Gazette* Newspaper.

To order your copy, e-mail airola1893@aol.com. Cost is \$14.00, plus \$5.00 shipping fee.

In Loving Memory of



Jean (Razney) Grasseo

8th Anniversary
 June 10, 1917 - July 13, 2016

You can only have one mother, Patient, kind and true;
 No other friend in all the world, Will be the same to you.
 When other friends forsake you, To mother you will turn,
 For all her loving kindness, She asks nothing in return.
 As we look upon her picture, Sweet memories we recall,
 Of a face so full of sunshine, And a smile for one and all.
 Sweet Jesus, take this message, To our dear mother up above;
 Tell her how we miss her, And give her all our love.

In Our Hearts Forever
 Your Loving Family

In Loving Memory of



Patrick "Pat" Simboli

June 26, 1932 - July 13, 2009

Guardian Angel

Guardian Angel from heaven so bright,
 Watching beside us to lead us aright,
 Fold thy wings around us and guard us with love,
 Softly sing songs to us of Heaven above.

Amen

In Our Hearts Forever - Your Loving Family

Chief Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department,

Reverend Daniel J. Mahoney

JUNE 19, 2024

Chief Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department, Reverend Daniel J. Mahoney, Pastor Emeritus of St. Francis De Sales Church in Charlestown, entered into eternal life on Wednesday afternoon, June 19, 2024, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was 94 years of age.

Fr. Dan was born in Haverhill on February 19, 1930, son of the late Daniel J. Mahoney and Mary G. (Tannian) Mahoney. He is the beloved brother of the late Mary E. Mahoney. He is also survived by his dear friends Joan Rae and her husband Kenny, several cousins and his dedicated Boston Firefighter brothers and sisters.

He grew up in Haverhill where he was educated at St. James Grammer School and graduated from St. James High School.

Fr. Dan was ordained to the Priesthood on February 2, 1956, by Richard Cardinal Cushing. His first assignment after ordination was at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Revere. In 1962, he was assigned to St. Joseph's Parish in East Boston. In 1966 he was assigned to St. Zephirin's Parish in Wayland. In 1968, he was assigned to St. Francis De Sales Parish at the "Top of Bunker Hill" and in 1978 was appointed Pastor becoming the eighth Pastor of St. Francis De Sales Parish.



Fr. Dan was appointed to Assistant Catholic Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department on October 1, 1964, and was promoted to Chief Chaplain on October 1, 1991. Fr. Dan is the Chaplain and a member of The Hundred Club of Boston, Chief Chaplain of The Professional Firefighters since 1985, Chaplain of Bunker Hill Council #62, Knights of Columbus of Charlestown, Chaplain of The Daughters of Isabella #1 of Charlestown, member of The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association, the Boston Sparks and Box 52 of Boston.

The Boston Fire Department escorted Fr. Dan from the Carr Funeral Home to St. Francis De Sales Church on Wednesday, June 26.

Fr. Dan lied in state at St. Francis De Sales Church, Charlestown on Wednesday, June 26, followed by a Vigil Mass.

Relatives and friends attended Fr. Dan's Funeral Mass on Thursday morning, June 27, 2024, in St. Francis De Sales Church, Charlestown. Burial took place at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

Memorial donation in Fr. Dan's name can be made to either The Boston Firefighters Relief Fund, 115 Southampton Street, Boston, MA 02118-2713 or The Boston Firefighters Death & Welfare Fund, 55 Hallet Street, Dorchester, MA 02122.

FIREMAN'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage,
 give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.
 Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late,
 or save an older person from the horror of that fate.
 Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout,
 and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
 I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
 to guard my every neighbor and protect his property.
 And if according to your will I have to lose my life,
 Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Cats, Confetti and Caws: Creepy Italian Credences

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



A few years ago, I wore a brand-new dress to a close friend's wedding. As soon as I saw it, I was immediately struck by its beautiful pastel-flowered pattern, and I imagined how it would look like a garden in motion against a hot July sky. In addition, the dress, and the event to which it was worn, reminded me of another fact. Summer is here, and for many people that means wedding season. There are many wonderful aspects that I love about weddings: the reunion of family and friends, delicious and intricately decorated cakes, pulsating dance floors, peals of laughter resounding through the room. However, in the midst of this joyous festivity, I am often reminded that Italian weddings carry a sinister side, enveloped in the world of superstition. Because marriage involves such a monumental life change, Italian society ascribes a number of superstitions to weddings, born of natural anxieties and the universal desire to prescribe good luck to the new couple. My family members still hand out confetti, or sugared almonds, as favors at showers and weddings. Supposedly, when wrapped in groups of five, they bestow fertility, health, longevity, happiness and wealth to the newlyweds. However, wedding confetti are merely a portion of the rich tapestry of Italian superstitions.

I love learning about superstitions because they are reminders of the values held dear by ancient societies. The superstitions that survived to this day tap deep into the fears and desires of the human subconscious: worries over our mortality, longing for a good harvest, a need for control in an unpredictable world. People scoured everyday occurrences for both good and bad omens, and often the signs were contradictory: a black cat, for example, could be the harbinger of fortune or disaster. Gathered below are some Italian superstitions repeated in my family, most from my grandmother. If you

think that summer proves an odd time to talk about something as creepy as superstitions, keep in mind that Italian culture begs to differ. Ancient Romans celebrated many festivals honoring the dead during the spring and summer. Odd, perhaps, but in the harsh world of antiquity death was an ever-present companion — along with primal emotions of joy and hope — no matter what the season. So, in honor of both wedding season and the journey of everyday life that continues into the summer, get ready to dive into the spooky side of Italian folklore:

The number 17 is bad luck: This was an oft-repeated nugget from my grandmother. In the United States, Friday the 13th serves as the quintessential bad-luck day. In Italy, it is the 17th of the month. The roots of this superstition extend to ancient Rome. Author Mirella Sichirolo Patzer theorizes that this belief originated from the fact that the Roman numeral for 17, XVII, can be rearranged to spell VIXI, a Latin word meaning "he lived" that is found carved in many ancient tombstones.

Malocchio: This translates to "evil eye" and is an extremely popular superstition not only in Italy, but in the entire Mediterranean world. Supposedly, looking at a person with jealousy or anger is enough to trigger a mountain of bad luck upon them. As such, Italians devised a plethora of charms to ward away *malocchio*. One of them is the *cornicello*, a horn-shaped amulet found everywhere ranging from necklaces to home decorations, usually colored bright red (when I was little, I thought these were supposed to represent chili peppers). The *cornicello* is modeled after the cornucopia, a symbol of abundance and fertility in ancient Greek and Roman mythology.

Cats: I am a huge cat lover, and ever since I was little, various cats have always been members of my family — including

adorable black cats! Though I obviously don't attribute any sort of misfortune to black cats, these kinds of cats were traditionally considered unlucky in many areas of Italy. This superstition may go back to the Middle Ages, when a popular belief stated that witches could disguise themselves as black cats. Conversely, some areas of Italy view a black cat crossing one's path as a fortunate happenstance. Hearing a cat sneeze is another lucky omen for Italians. Furthermore, I remember my nonna explaining that if a cat's paw went over its ear while it was grooming itself, that meant rain was on the way!

Birds: My grandmother acquired a very ominous voice when she talked about birds, as they are generally heralds of bad luck in Italy. A bird flying into the house is a death omen, perhaps because ancients viewed birds as being closer to the world of the dead due to their ability to fly. My grandmother mostly feared owls, which Italians also consider a death omen as a result of their intense stare and eerie cry. Conversely, however, owls also represent wisdom and knowledge.

Salt: Many readers will probably be familiar with the idea that spilling salt is bad luck, since this is a superstition that has reached all corners of the globe. It is also quite popular in Italy, and my grandmother swore by it. This superstition originates from the fact that salt was a very precious commodity in ancient times, and thus spilling it could really result in financial bad luck. Also related to the "precious commodity" line of superstitions are the Italian beliefs that it is bad luck to spill olive oil or throw away bread.

From animals and salt to numbers and amulets, Italian life is peppered with fascinating superstitions. Though most people do not take them as seriously as they did in the past, when uncertainty ruled the most basic interactions of daily existence, these superstitions are still followed out of appreciation of tradition or a sense of fun. Rites of passages and major life events, such as weddings, attract the bulk of these superstitions. As I enjoyed my friend's summer wedding, I also thought about the myriad superstitions that mark the Italian counterparts of these celebrations: the aforementioned confetti, the chiming of bells which originated as a way to ward off evil spirits, the belief that rain on a wedding day is paradoxically good luck, and the granting of the *bomboniera*, or wedding favor. No matter what occurrence life throws your way, you can be sure that Italian society has some sort of interesting lore attached to it! So, as you enjoy the warm summer weather, make sure to watch your saltshakers and guard your eyes, whether or not you are attending a wedding or petting a cat!

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

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



What about the Biden Problem?

Yes, it is a problem. We have a president sitting in the Oval Office who can barely comprehend what is happening to him. He is being fed plenty of malarkey about what he is accomplishing in office. He seems to be barely walking upright and his recent debate performance had to be the worst performance of any president in my lifetime.

Up until the horrible display at the podium, even the media could not pretend anymore, as more and more Democrats have started to abandon him. What took them so long to notice the obvious? The mainstream media should be ashamed of itself. Following Biden at the debate podium, neither the Democrats nor the lapdog media types could play pretend anymore. The obvious is the reality. At the moment Biden looks like a puppet on a string, and the strings aren't working.

The whole world must be watching us and laughing, especially our enemies around the world. We are headed for an election and crashing into November 5. Will Biden even be there on that date or will someone else be running against TRUMP. Will it be Kamala? Your guess is as good as mine.

November 5 could be our most important election in the history of our nation. Is our democratic republic at stake?

Listen to this before answering, it's a quote from former Harlem Rep. Charles Rangel who is 94 years old. He wondered whether Biden belonged in a nursing home rather than the White House following the Biden-Trump TV debate. Rangel stated, "I have never been more shocked and embarrassed by any presidential debate than I was that night. One (candidate is) a convicted felon who has no respect for the truth, for morality. The other seemed so damned confused. I didn't even know whether he knew where the hell he was at in terms of responding to the moderator."

Rangel finished up by saying, "If Trump is in jail, Republicans still vote for him. If Biden is in a nursing home, (the Democrats) are going to vote for him."

Will this madness ever end?

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. MI19W0724WD
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
JESSICA M. PEREZ JIMENEZ, Plaintiff(s)
v.
MICKEY GONZALEZ, Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) Mickey Gonzalez

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s) Jessica M. Perez Jimenez seeking a Complaint for Modification.

You are required to serve upon Jessica M. Perez Jimenez or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is Impounded, C/O Tara DeCristofaro, 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852 your answer on or before 7th day of August 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852.

Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of June 26th, 2024.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 07/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI24P3543EA

Estate of
LUCINE KOUCHAKDJIAN
Date of Death: February 26, 2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Jacques S. Kouchakdjian of Arlington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Jacques S. Kouchakdjian of Arlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 01, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 07/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI20P4976GD

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor

In the interests of
EVA M. MACNEILL
of Woburn, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Amy J. MacNeill on 06/04/2024 will be held 08/21/2024 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801 Judge Gargas Courtroom 4.

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

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

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

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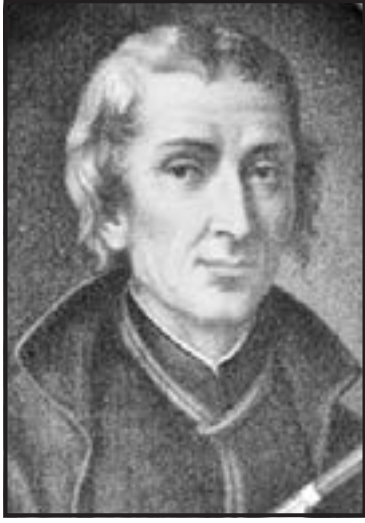
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Saint David Lewis

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Lewis was the youngest of nine children of Anglican Reverend Morgan Lewis, the headmaster of a grammar school, and Margaret Pritchard, a Catholic. He was born in Monmouthshire, England in 1616.



At 16 years of age, while visiting Paris, he converted to Catholicism from Anglicanism and subsequently went to study at the English College, Rome, where he assumed the alias "Charles Baker," a common practice among Catholic priests to avoid spies and informers in the employ of the Ohio Crown. He was ordained a Catholic priest on July 20, 1642. Three years later, he joined the Society of Jesus.

He returned to England for a year. Then he was appointed spiritual director to the seminarians at the English College in Rome. After his mission in Rome had been completed, he came back to Monmouthshire and worked for 30 years in the apostolate paying much attention to the poor people and people in need. Due to this, he was known as "Father of the Poor."

He was arrested on November 17, 1678 at St Michael's Church, Llantarnam, then in Monmouthshire, and condemned in March 1679 as a Catholic priest and for saying Catholic Masses. He was

accused of attempting to kill Charles II and trying to restore the Catholic faith in Wales. He was betrayed by an apostate couple who had been promised an award of 50 pounds for the Jesuit's capture, and another sum of 200 pounds was promised by a Welsh magistrate to those who could help in his exposure. Like John Wall and John Kemble, he was then sent to London to be examined by Titus Oates (the originator of the Popish Plot) and other informers.

He was brought to trial at Monmouth on March 16, 1679, on a charge of high treason — for having become a Catholic priest and then remaining in England.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge of being an accessory to the Popish Plot. However, five or six witnesses claimed they had seen him say Mass and perform other priestly duties. For this, Lewis was found guilty and sentenced to death. Lewis was brought to Newgate Prison in London with John Kemble and questioned about the "plot". Oates and his fellow informers were unable to prove anything against him. Lord Shaftesbury advised him that if he gave evidence about the "plot" or renounced his Catholic faith, his life would be spared and he would be greatly rewarded. Lewis said in his dying speech, "discover the plot I could not, as I knew of none; and conform I would not, for it was against my conscience". He was brought back to Monmouthshire for his execution by John Arnold of Monmouthshire, prayed at the Gunter Mansion and was hanged on August 27, 1679 and then posthumously disemboweled. It was a tribute to the esteem in which he was held that the crowd, mainly Protestants, insisted that he be allowed to hang until he was dead and receive a proper burial.

Father Lewis was Canonized on October 25, 1970 by Pope Paul VI. The Feast Day of Saint David Lewis is August 27th.

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Beloved North End Librarian LAN NGUYEN Retires After 24 Years of Service



North End Librarian Lan Nguyen

Lan Nguyen, a beloved librarian assistant at the North End Branch Library retired on July 3, 2024. Lan moved to the United States from Vietnam in 1994 and began working for the Boston Public Library on May 27, 2000, completing a 24-year career. Lan worked exclusively at the North End Branch and did so with the utmost grace and kindness. She has touched the lives of the countless individuals who have passed through the library doors and felt privileged to watch babies grow into adulthood. Thank you, Lan, for your years of service and dedication to the North End community — We wish you a happy and healthy retirement!

City of Boston Officially Launches New Planning Department

Mayor Michelle Wu marked the first official day of the City of Boston's new Planning Department. This is the first time in 70 years that Boston has had a Planning Department, restoring planning as a core function of City government. The majority of Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) staff have transitioned into jobs with the City of Boston and are now employees of the new Department.

The establishment of the Planning Department is a major part of Mayor Wu's vision to transform planning and development in Boston, and complements other initiatives including a home rule petition to end urban renewal

and establish a new mission focused on resilience, affordability, and equity; the establishment of the Planning Advisory Council; citywide zoning reform, including the "Squares + Streets" initiative to increase the availability of housing near transit, the modernization of the development review process and a design framework for guiding future development.

"Our goal to make Boston a green and growing city depends on planning together for our brightest future," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "With our new Planning Department, we will be able to unlock a future for our city that truly centers Bostonians' needs and brings communities together

in making Boston home for generations to come."

"I'm glad we could see the mayor's vision through and create a Planning Department for the City of Boston," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "This was a tremendous effort led by dedicated and determined staff who focused on every detail to support our employees through this transition. I am excited to launch this new Department, which will shape the future of our great City, and ensure it is planned equitably, for years to come."

The Planning Department is charged with developing comprehensive short- and long-term plans for Boston's built environment, establishing a consistent and predictable zoning code for the city, advancing exceptional and inclusive design standards, providing predictability to guide development that is responsive to community needs, and planning for the effective use of public real estate. It is through these actions that the Department will address Boston's greatest challenges of resilience, affordability, and equity. The Planning Department will work to build trust with communities through transparent processes that embrace predictable and responsible growth.

The new Planning Department includes the divisions of planning & zoning, development review, urban design, and real estate, as well as support staff. Moving forward, the Planning Department budget will be reviewed through the City's budget process, like all other

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Draft 5-Year PHA Plan FY 2025-2029 of the Watertown Housing Authority (WHA) will be available for a public review and comment period, starting **JULY 19, 2024** and ending **SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**. The Draft is available for inspection by the public at the principal office of the WHA, located at 55 Waverley Ave., Watertown, MA 02472 and is also available online at www.watertownha.org. The office is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requesting assistance.

A Public Hearing for comments on the Draft 5-Year-Plan will be held on SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 at 2:00pm at 100 Warren St., Watertown, MA 02472 in the E. Joyce Munger Community Room.

Virtual access will also be available through Zoom at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82320937956?pwd=miF4hYquYdGuucfdnNrwOdmvLuUGNN.1>
Meeting ID: 823 2093 7956 Passcode: 855629

Comments on the Draft 5-Year-Plan will be considered up to this date. Anyone wishing further information may contact Michael Lara, Executive Director of the Watertown Housing Authority, at 617-923-3950, or by fax at 617-923-2466. Persons with disabilities needing information in an accessible format or persons with limited English proficiency needing an interpreter to participate fully in the hearing should call 617-923-3954 in advance to make arrangements.

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



Termales Santa Rosa

It is perhaps futile to question commercializing nature as it seems the natural next step in our evolution as a species ever since our primitive ancestors mended the wilderness for survival. And yet, decades after learning that the fabled Old Man of the Mountain had long been held together by wiring before its collapse among other artistic licenses taken with nature, I still could not help but feel a bit dismayed with the Termales Santa Rosa de Cabal, hot water pools produced by the volcanos of Los Nevados rich in telluric and alkaline.

Hot pools occur wherever volcanos are found and in of themselves are wonders of nature but the way the pools of Santa Rosa de Cabal were treated made me wonder why the gifts of the land are never sufficient in themselves. To be sure evidence of natural grandeur spills through the park but it is marred by overcrowded concrete swimming pools, noisy food and beverage take-out windows and spa resorts.

I made the most of what nature was left alone here, following paths through the hills and around the cascades but I had little reason to stay long.

Many of the tourists that flock to Santa Rosa de Cabal, I am sure, do so to connect with the therapeutic effects of these waters but the push, once in the resort, is so aggressively toward the constructed swimming pools and massage areas, which make so little use of the mineral-rich waters, that it begs the question how different would their experience have been simply staying in their hotel?

That night we made our way to the city of Circasia for a stroll through the lively open markets and city squares. The city came alive that night with vendors peddling an assortment of curiosities in the stands they built throughout the narrow streets. Ironically, the city felt more natural than the resort, acting on its own nature.



Area Map



Water Falls



Potted Plants



City Street



Colorful Flower



Vibrant Plant



Stairs



Circasia sign



An Abundant of Greenery

2024 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

JULY

MADONNA DEL GRAZIE	July 14
Mass St. Leonard Church	10:30 am
Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	2 pm
SAN ROCCO	July 21
Italian Mass St. Leonard Church	10:30 am
Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	1 pm
ST. JOSEPH	July 28
Procession Only – Hanover – Prince Sts.	1 pm

AUGUST

ST. AGRIPPINA	August 1, 2, 3, 4
Hanover & Battery Sts. Opens 7 pm on Thursday	
Sunday Procession	12 noon
MADONNA DELLA CAVA	August 9,10,11
Hanover & Battery Sts. Opens 7 pm on Friday	
Sunday Procession	1 pm
MADONNA del SOCCORSO	August 15, 16, 17, 18
North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's)	
Sunday Procession 1 pm - Flight of the Angel 8 pm	
SANTA LUCIA	August 22
Thursday, Feast & Procession	
Thacher & Endicott Sts.	5 pm
ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST	August 23, 24, 25
Endicott & Thacher, N. Margin Sts.	
Sunday Procession	12 pm

SEPTEMBER

ST. ROSALIA di PALERMO	September 8
Procession Only - North Square	1 pm

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Sunday Mass 10 am (Outdoor) - Procession 12 pm	
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Malden, MA	
SAINT ROCCO FESTIVAL	August 9, 10, 11
Pearl Street, Malden, MA	
Sunday Procession	1 pm
Lawrence, MA	
FEAST of the THREE SAINTS	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1
Saints Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino	
Common & Union Streets, Lawrence	
Sunday Procession	3 pm
Cambridge Festival	
SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN	September 6, 7, 8
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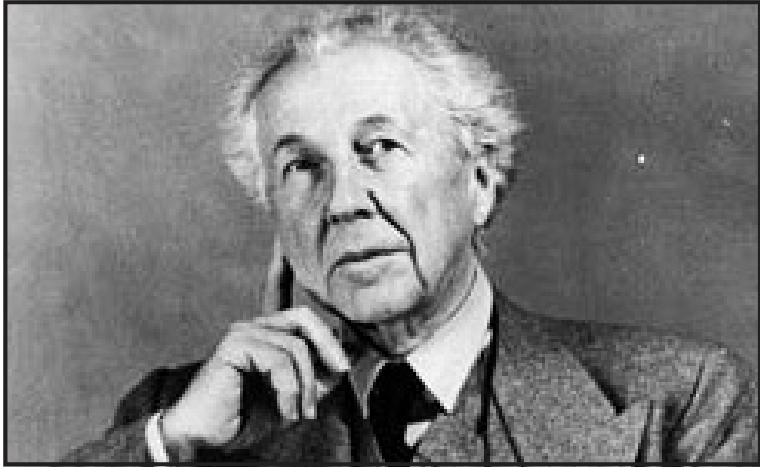
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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Frank Lloyd Wright



Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin, on June 8, 1867, the son of William Carey Wright, a preacher and a musician, and Anna Lloyd Jones, a teacher. His early childhood was nomadic as his father traveled from one ministry position to another in Rhode Island, Iowa, and Massachusetts, before settling in Madison, Wisconsin in 1878.

Wright's parents divorced in 1885, making already challenging financial circumstances even more challenging. To help support the family, 18-year-old Frank worked for the dean of the University of Wisconsin's department of engineering while also studying at the university. But he knew he wanted to be an architect. In 1887, he left Madison for Chicago, where he found work at the prestigious partnership of Adler and Sullivan, working directly under the noted architect Louis Sullivan for six years.

In 1889, at age 22, Wright married Catherine Lee Tobin. Eager to build his own home, he negotiated a five-year contract with Sullivan in exchange for the loan of the necessary money. He purchased a wooded corner lot in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park. It also reflected Wright's ingenuity as he experimented with geometric shapes and volumes in the studio and playroom he later added for his ever-growing family of six children. Remembered by the children as a lively household, filled with beautiful things.

Wright opened his own office and began his quest to design homes that he believed would truly belong on the American prairie.

Wright was determined to create an indigenous American architecture, over the next sixteen years he set the standards for what became known as the Prairie Style. These houses reflected the long, low horizontal prairie on which they sat with low-pitched roofs, deep overhangs, no attics or basements, and generally long rows of casement windows that further emphasized the horizontal theme.

In August 1914, Wright's life with his wife Catherine was tragically ended as she, her two children and four others were killed in a fire, intentionally started by an angry domestic employee. Emotionally and spiritually devastated by the tragedy, he found solace only in his work.

In 1928, Wright married Olga Lazovich. She proved to be the

partner and stabilizing influence he needed in order to refocus on "the cause of architecture" he had begun decades earlier. With few architectural commissions coming his way, Wright turned to writing and lecturing. Two important publications came out in 1932: An Autobiography and The Disappearing City. The first received widespread critical acclaim and would continue to inspire generations of young architects. The second introduced Wright's scheme for Broadacre City, a utopian vision for decentralization that moved the city into the country, it would influence community development in unforeseen ways in the decades to come. At about this same time, Wright and Olga founded an architectural school at his winter home they called Taliesin, the "Taliesin Fellowship," an apprenticeship program to provide a total learning environment, integrating not only architecture and construction, but also farming, gardening, and cooking, and the study of nature, music, art, and dance.

In 1935, Wright moved to Arizona where he worked on the Broadacre City model, which would debut in Rockefeller Center in 1935. Wright was by this time still considered a great architect, but one whose time had come and gone. In 1936, Wright proved this sentiment wrong as he staged a remarkable comeback with several important commissions including the S.C. Johnson and Son Company Administration Building in Racine, Wisconsin; Fallingwater, the country house for Edgar Kaufmann in rural Pennsylvania.

In June 1943, Wright received a letter that initiated the most important, and most challenging, commission of his late career. Baroness Hilla von Rebay wrote asking him to design a building to house the Solomon R. Guggenheim collection of non-objective paintings. Wright responded enthusiastically, never anticipating the tremendous amount of time and energy this project would consume before its completion sixteen years later.

Wright was still actively involved with all aspects of work including frequent trips to New York to oversee construction of the Guggenheim Museum when, in April of 1959, he was suddenly stricken by an illness which forced his hospitalization. He passed away on April 9, two months shy of his ninety-second birthday.

Laccetti Foundation Addresses New Programs

Highlighting Italian Contributions to the World

Submitted by Silvio Laccetti, Ph.D.



(L-R): Angela Calasso, Melissa Manzella, Mauro Raguseo, Daniele Castellani, Paul Juliano, Director of NJSEA, Dr. Silvio Laccetti, Dr. Silvia Abbato, Robert Astudello, Fabiana Rodriguez, Christina Frederickson, and Dr. Angela Cristini

A select group of teachers and Program Directors were invited guests of the Silvio Laccetti Foundation to a special meeting at the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) Meadowlands Environment Center in Lyndhurst to discuss new, unique and innovative projects to spread awareness of Italy's contributions to our world. NJSEA hosted the session, providing technical assistance.

Special guests were Daniele Castellani, the Education Officer of the New York Italian Consulate and Dr. Angela Cristini, Director of the Meadowlands Environment Center, an NJSEA facility operated by Ramapo College.

The first item considered related to improving visibility of Italy's historical and modern contributions to science and technology — especially modern ones which find little mention in curriculums, for example those of Volta, Meucci, Marconi and Fermi. The consensus was to use linkages through STEM classes and to promote extra-curricular assignments/activities in Science and Italian language courses.

Two such examples were cited. Mr. Castellani discussed the valuable role played by students from Spilimbergo, Italy who attended the world's only school that trains students in the arts of mosaics and terrazzo. These students created the tile and mosaic work to restore NYC subway stations damaged by the 9/11 terrorist attacks. On a lesser scale, the amazing work of Union City School students working in terrazzo and mosaics, in conjunction with a project to honor Italians who brought these trades to the U.S., was presented by Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor Robert Astudello and Arts teacher Fabiana Rodriguez.

Related to environmental concerns, Dr. Laccetti

explained his Foundation's WorldCast seminars for high school students globally.

For WorldCast, students from various countries produce videos of significant environmental issues in their local areas. Examples include presentations about the Brazilian Rain Forests, the weakening of the Gulf Stream (Ireland), peril of the coral reefs (Australia), land preservation in the Meadowlands, saving our Jersey shores (Pt. Pleasant Boro) and Overtourism and Ocean Liners in Venice (Venice). To see these programs, visit: laccettifoundation.org. This year a new sponsor will be needed.

An exciting highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a totally new course for use in multiple educational settings. "Italia di Lusso" was designed for the Silvio Laccetti Foundation by Mauro Raguseo, Italian teacher at Lyndhurst High. The course is essentially an exploration of Italy as a global brand. It examines various fields in which Italian achievement is unrivaled, from automobiles, to fashion, design, and cuisine. "Italia di Lusso" can be taught in Italian IV courses, or as a course open to any and all students tailored to grade levels. Mr. Castellani offered the possibility of assistance from the Italian government.

Castellani further suggested that a National Design Competition could be held with the assistance of various Consular offices in the U.S. Eventually, there could be National Teachers Conferences as well. Hopefully, Consulates in New York, Boston, Chicago, and California might serve as starting points.

So many ideas were projected and discussed that we could fill much of this publication with them. Suffice to say that from this starting point, through cooperation and networking of all parties, big developments are coming in the future.

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**JON DE LUCIA -
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pay tribute to the late musician with their own spin on fan favorites. The extensive track list includes: "I Should Have Known It" (Chris Stapleton), "Wildflowers" (Thomas Rhett), "Runnin' Down A Dream" (Luke Combs), "Southern Accents" (Dolly Parton), "Here Comes My Girl" (Justin Moore), "American Girl" (Dierks Bentley), "Stop Draggin' My Heart Around" (Lady A), "I Forgive It All" (Jamey Johnson), "I Won't Back Down" (Brothers Osborne), and hit the midpoint via, "Refugee" by Wynonna Judd & Lainey Wilson, The Country music celebration continues with, "Angel Dream No. 2" (Willie Nelson & Lukas Nelson), "Learning To Fly" (Eli Young Band), "Breakdown" (Ryan Hurd featuring Carly Pearce), "Yer So Bad" (Steve Earle), "Ways To Be Wicked" (Margo Price featuring Mike Campbell, "Mary Jane's Last Dance" (Midland), "Free Fallin'" (The Cadillac Three featuring Breland), "I Need To Know" (Marty Stuart And His Fabulous Superlatives), "Don't Come Around Here No More" (Rhiannon Giddens featuring Silkroad Ensemble and Benmont Tench), and the celebration ends with George Strait's 'live' version of "You Wreck Me."

**GLEN CAMPBELL DUETS
- GHOST ON THE CANVAS
SESSIONS (CD)
Big Machine +
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Glen Campbell Duets: Ghost on the Canvas Sessions, reimagines Campbell's critically-acclaimed, history-making 2011 farewell album with some of today's brightest stars, is available on Big Machine Records and Surfdog Records. The one-of-a-kind project blends the late Campbell's original vocals with some of today's most iconic musicians across all genres including Brian Wilson, Carole King, Dolly Parton, Elton John, Hope Sandoval, Linda Perry, Sting, Brian Setzer and more. Campbell's original *Ghost on the Canvas* is the only album written and recorded by someone who was actively battling Alzheimer's disease. The result was a beautifully vulnerable body of work full of songs that explored complex ideas of hope, reflection, mortality, gratitude, and acceptance of fate. This dozen duet collection was created out of love and respect for Glen and his beautiful take on the conclusion of his life with the goal of providing hope to others also struggling with Alzheimer's. The inspiring track list shines brightly on: "There's No Me ... Without You (with Carole King)," "Ghost On The Canvas (with Sting)," "Hold On Hope (with Eric Church)," "The Long Walk Home (with Hope Sandoval)," "Nothing But The Whole Wide World (with Eric Clapton)," "In My Arms (with Brian Setzer)," "A Better Place (with Dolly Parton)," "Strong (with Brian Wilson)," "A Thousand Lifetimes (with Linda Perry)," "It's Your Amazing Grace (with Daryl Hall & Dave Stewart)," "Any Trouble (with X)," and "I'm Not Gonna Miss You (with Elton John)."

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

WHICH ROAD TO TALK?

I was over at Shea's Beach in East Boston (DCR calls it Constitution Beach but I won't) this past Monday morning adding to my summer tan. As I sat back in my brand-new beach chair, I saw two planes taking off from Logan right across from the beach. One veered to the left and the other to the right. I instantly thought of Robert Frost and his poem about the road you choose to follow when you hit that proverbial fork in the road. This morning, I veered to this beach of mine and as a result my writing skills kicked in. A writer is always a writer. I see it as a gift. My imagination always seems to have the green light.

I thought the older I have become, the more words in a poem change meaning. It happens to all of us. I also thought of the lyrics of an old favorite song of mine from back in the day, "You can choose what you want to do or you can choose to just get old." I have become so much more philosophical with age. Haven't we all?

REDISCOVERING WJIB AT 740 AM

I have been listening to WJIB 740 AM for years now. Bob Bittner bought this station back in 1992 and WJIB was born and Bob ran the whole thing single-handedly until he passed away last May at 73. Following his death, another music legend, John Garabedian purchased the memory stations owned by Bittner and the music has continued.

Garabedian has been around for years. If you remember "Open House Party," that was Garabedian. He created this Saturday Night Party Show and it was born back on September 5, 1987 when it hit the air on KISS 108, and by 1990 was heard on over 100 radio stations nationwide.

I see WJIB in very good hands with John Garabedian at the helm, a great successor to the legend Bob Bittner.

• City Launches New Planning Department (Continued from Page 5)

City departments. Staff of the Department will support the BPDA Board, which will remain the City's Planning Board, reviewing development projects,

HEY, IF YOU CAN HAVE BOCCE & BISCOTTI, WHY NOT DELI MEATS WITH ICE CREAM?



On a hot night, what better way to cool down. Here's a couple taking a break in the humidity with their favorite ice cream flavor being served by Nick and family.

Last Friday night over at Carmella's Market on Cottage Street in Eastie, Nick decided to host an "Ice Cream Night" as he added ice cream to his deli's menu. After all, what goes better with a small Italian sub with everything on it than a delicious cone of vanilla ice cream (or choose your favorite flavor). Carmella's Market was packed and the scoops kept on coming all night long.



Here's a customer who brought her poodle down to Carmella's where she and her dog, on vacation here from Brooklyn, could also cool down with some ice cream.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

THE BIG SHOW IS COMING TO THE CHEVALIER THEATRE IN MEDFORD SQUARE

Skippy White's Sweet Soul Revue THE BIG SHOW live on stage for the first time in the Boston area. Saturday, August 24th at 7:30 p.m., at the Chevalier Theatre in Medford Square. The Delfonics, The Manhattans, The Intruders, The Stylistics, The Temptations, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, and so much more. Tickets at the Chevalier Theatre. Go

to chevaliertheatre.com or the Wilbur Theater Box Office Monday through Saturday noon to 6:00 p.m. or call 781-391-7469.

THIS SATURDAY OVER IN QUINCY

The Veterans Music Festival Benefits Career Expo will be held Saturday, July 13th from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at Pageant Field in Quincy. Don't miss it. The public is invited to this celebration dedicated to veterans, first responders and their families.

• Wu Makes Personnel Changes (Continued from Page 1)

"I'm so thankful to Mayor Wu for this opportunity to serve our city in a new capacity," said Ricardo Patrón. "I'm also grateful to Yusufi for his mentorship over the years and look forward to building on his work to make city government work effectively for every resident. Emma has been a leader in the press office for years and I'm excited for her continued leadership as she steps into her new role."

As Press Secretary, Pettit will lead the Mayor's Press Office. The Press Office serves as a liaison between the mayor and reporters, conveying the mayor's policies through press conferences, interviews, public events, and press releases. The office works closely with the speechwriting, digital, and photography teams to convey

planning and zoning initiatives, and land acquisitions and dispositions. Planning Department staff will also support the other parts of the Planning Cabinet

a unified message about the Wu administration's vision and to build transparency and trust.

Pettit has been a part of the mayor's press team since July 2019, serving three administrations. She worked as press assistant and deputy press secretary prior to becoming press secretary. Pettit is a graduate of Northeastern University with a Bachelors in Political Science and International Affairs. She lives in Dorchester. In her free time, she enjoys playing field hockey, running, spending time at the beach, trying new restaurants, and walking around the Arboretum. Pettit will serve under Chief of Communications Jessicah Pierre, who oversees the City's press, speechwriting, digital, and photography teams.

which includes the Boston Civic Design Commission, Zoning Commission and provide recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeal.


"I'm very grateful to Mayor Wu, Jessicah and Ricardo for the opportunity to continue working with the press team in this new role," said Emma Pettit. "Ricardo leads with transparency and passion, and I look forward to continuing his work to ensure residents are informed of the work of the Mayor and all City government."

"Ricardo and Emma's leadership has been instrumental to ensuring the City's communications work empowers residents to feel connected to City government," said Chief of Communications Jessicah Pierre. "I am very excited about their transitions and how their efforts will continue to drive Mayor Wu's vision to make Boston home for everyone."

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a kid, Nanna and Babbononno would put a family barbecue together about a week after the 4th of July weekend. On the 4th weekend, Dad and my uncles would be playing functions or marching in local parades, musicians one-and-all. A week later on the weekend, Dad would book a barbecue pit at Mystic Lake Reservation on Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

My grandparents would invite their relatives, who like them, came from the old country. This would mean Zi'Antonio, Nanna's oldest brother and Babbononno's best friend.

Also invited were Nanna's sisters and their husbands, her youngest brother and his wife, and oh, yes, Zi'Antonio's wife Mariauccia. Dad and Mom would invite some of the children of those old timers, and by the time we had a list put together, there might be 20 or so people, if you added in "us kids."

During the week prior to the event, all of the necessities were bought and the preparations would begin. Now an American barbecue usually consists of hotdogs, burgers, cold beer and more cold beer. An Italian barbecue is a bit different. The ladies would make ravioli, meatballs, sausages, and a meat sauce with chunks of pork, beef, lamb and the afore-mentioned meatballs and sausages mixed in. The fixin's for a salad would be readied along with the oil and vinegar dressing. Dad and my uncles Nick, Paul and Gino would pick up barbecue briquettes, and steaks, hot sausages, and hot dogs to cook on the grill, for those who wanted just barbecue. An Italian barbecue needed hot peppers, and an assortment of them were added in.

Dad had a Coleman gas stove which meant Mom could make coffee in an American pot and Italian espresso in another pot designed just for ground Italian beans. The American coffee consisted of a pound of ground up A&P Eight O'clock coffee and the Italian, a pound of Stella D'Oro. Several types of pastries and cookies were picked up in either East Boston or the North End for dessert. (We always wound up with more cannoli than we could eat.)

Babbononno and Zi'Antonio would bring a couple of gallons of homemade wine, and Dad, my uncles and a couple of cousins my folks age would add in the beer and hard stuff for those who didn't drink wine. For us kids, there was Saraford orange soda, 7 Up, and Royal Crown Cola. Checking off a list of things, Dad, Mom, Nanna and Babbononno would determine what else should accompany us to a family picnic. As a result, Babbononno would bring a set of bocce balls, a deck of Italian playing cards, and a deck of American playing cards. Dad and I would bring baseball equipment and my female cousins would add in badminton rackets and shuttlecocks.

When all seemed ready, a final list would tell everyone if anything was missing, and Dad would call one and all and remind them to wear their bathing suits as there was a beach at the Mystic Lake Reservation. Of course, none of the old timers even owned a bathing suit. A few of my folk's generation would bring theirs, but all of us kids would wear ours to the reservation and leave our shorts and shirts in our folk's cars.

On a morning of that 2nd weekend in July, we were usually the first at the lake, with Dad locating the barbecue pit reserved for us. Mom and Nanna would set up a nearby picnic table or two, to handle all of the family members who were coming. A blanket would be spread on the ground for us kids and anyone taking a baby along.

While the women would bring out the prepared foods and heat them up, the old timers would play bocce or cards. We kids would head for the beach with one of my uncles or my mother's cousins to watch over us, and Dad and my uncles would play catch with a baseball or a football. Dad would soon tire of this and begin to cook the meats slated for barbecuing. Within the hour, someone would yell, "Vieni a mangiare, vieni a prenderlo." (Come and eat, come and get it) At that point, all sports activities would stop and everyone would sit at the tables. The ladies would serve salad, the pasta, the meatballs and sausages

and gravy meats family style. Babbononno and Zi'Antonio acted as the bartenders and the wine and beer would begin to flow. Someone would be sent to the beach to round up us kids and the adult watching out for us. We were usually threatened because we wouldn't get out of the water, but we eventually obeyed, knowing that we could be punished if we didn't obey.

The meal would last for an hour or so before Dad and Mom made the pots of coffee. When they did, the tables would be covered with dishes of pastries and cookies, after dinner liquors, and dishes of fruit. We kids were then warned by an adult in either English, Italian or both, "You can't go into the water for an hour. You just ate and if you go back in the lake, you will get a cramp and drown." As a result, we played games on the grass that surrounded the barbecue site, and prayed for the hour to slip by so we could go back into the lake.

After everyone ate, the women usually cleaned up (What else), and the men headed for the blankets. After another drink, almost all were asleep. In the meantime, as we kids played on dry land, I would ask Mom what time it was every few minutes. When the hour was up, we all would cheer and head back to the lake with a now full and tired adult running after us. There we would stay until our skin was wrinkled. We were Italian and there was no need to worry about the July sun doing any damage to our skin. We would just tan and not burn like other American kids did.

As the sun started to head toward the west, the entire gang would begin to pack up leftovers and all of the things they had brought with them. Someone always invited the entire group back to their home, but at this point in time, most everyone just wanted to get home, change their clothes and relax. Once all of Mom and Dad's belongings were situated in the trunk, they, Nanna and Babbononno, would say goodbye to everyone and this would take a half hour or more. Italian goodbyes can be never ending, but once they were over and the sun was setting, Nanna, Babbononno and I piled in the back seat of Dad's car, and with Mom as the copilot, we would head back to East Boston.

Within five minutes of leaving Mystic Lake, I and Babbononno would be asleep and stay that way all the way home.

We were at a couple of barbecues over the 4th, but they weren't the same ... hotdogs, burgers, potato salad, macaroni salad, tonic and beer. It wasn't the same as the old days, at Mystic Lake. Both my grandparent's and parent's generations are gone and I'm now one of the old timers, plus most of the folks surrounding me were American. None of them would ever know the fun we had back when three generations of my Italian-family decided to celebrate an American holiday, Italian style.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



In Italy during the 1960s, a humble dessert known as Pizza di Gallette, or Cake Pizza, affectionately called "the poor man's cake" or "Mary's dessert," was a beloved staple at Nonna's house, often served as the sweet finale to Sunday dinner. Originating from Southern Italy — some say Salerno, others claim Campania — this dessert is crafted using dry biscuits, such as Saiwa Gold, soaked in vermouth and layered with rich, velvety custard. The result is a dessert that is both easy to prepare and deeply nostalgic. In the United States, a similar concept took shape with Icebox Cakes, which were made using chocolate wafers and whipped cream, followed by variations with graham crackers and pudding.

Though the traditional recipe for Pizza di Gallette calls for soaking the biscuits in vermouth, many Italians today prefer a modern twist, using *caffè latte* or coffee with milk instead. These biscuits, once soaked, are layered with creamy custard and finished with a dusting of bitter cocoa, transforming the dessert into an easy-to-make Tiramisu. Whether you stick to the classic Cake Pizza or try this variation, this no-bake dessert is sure to be a hit at all your summertime gatherings!

CAKE PIZZA Pizza di Gallette



1 package Saiwa Gold Classic Biscuits (or Italian tea or milk biscuits)

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| Crema Pasticcera or Custard | Vermouth Bath |
| 4 cups whole milk | 1 ½ cups water |
| 8 large eggs | ¾ cup vermouth |
| 1 cup sugar | ½ cup sugar |
| 10 tablespoons all-purpose flour | |
| 1 organic lemon peel | |
| 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract | |

Custard

1. In a medium saucepan, combine the milk and lemon peel. Heat until just before boiling, then remove from heat and allow to cool.
2. Once cooled, add the remaining ingredients to the saucepan and whisk together.
3. Return the saucepan to medium heat and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens into a custard.
4. Remove from heat, discard the lemon peel, and transfer the custard to a heatproof bowl.
5. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until chilled and fully thickened.

Vermouth Bath

1. In a small saucepan, combine the water, vermouth, and sugar.
2. Heat over low heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves, then remove from heat and let cool.

Assembly

1. Dip each biscuit individually into the vermouth bath to moisten.
2. In a 13 x 9-inch baking dish, create a layer of moistened biscuits followed by a layer of custard.
3. Repeat the layers until all ingredients are used.
4. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or overnight, before serving.

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

theories flourish when the government routinely lies to the public."

As president, Kennedy said "I won't take sides on 9/11 (but) I will open the files and usher in a new era of transparency."

Trump Dumps on "2025"

Donald Trump blasted a policy agenda put forward by the conservative Heritage Foundation last week, calling the plans "abysmal" and saying he has "nothing to do with them." Project 25 released a

'180-day playbook' for the first 6 months of a new administration calling for limiting immigration, and abortion and shrinking the federal bureaucracy.

"I know nothing about PROJECT 25. I have no idea who is behind it," said Trump.

End Quote

"(BIDEN IS) VERY LUCID... WELL-INFORMED." — *NY Times* columnist Paul Krugman before the presidential debate
"(BIDEN) needs to withdraw." — *Krugman after the debate*

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Watertown Housing Authority's (WHA) 2025 Moving to Work (MTW) Supplement will be available for review and public comment as of **July 19, 2024**. The MTW Supplement will be available at www.watertownha.org and the WHA main office. Written comments will be accepted through **September 3, 2024** and should be submitted via e-mail to bjancarik@watertownha.org.

A Public Hearing for comments on the MTW Supplement will be held on SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 at 2:45pm at 100 Warren St., Watertown, MA 02472 in the E. Joyce Munger Community Room.

Virtual access will also be available through Zoom at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82320937956?pwd=miF4hYquYdGuucfdnNrwOdmvLuUGNN.1>

Meeting ID: 823 2093 7956 Passcode: 855629.

WHA will consider all comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing and may modify the MTW Supplement and related materials in response to public comments. Persons with disabilities needing information in an accessible format or persons with limited English proficiency needing an interpreter to participate fully in the hearing should call 617-923-3954 in advance to make arrangements.

Run date: 07/12/2024

Nazzaro Center Sewing Club

in Boston's North End, Takes a Break for the Summer



Lucille DeChristoforo finishing her sewing piece



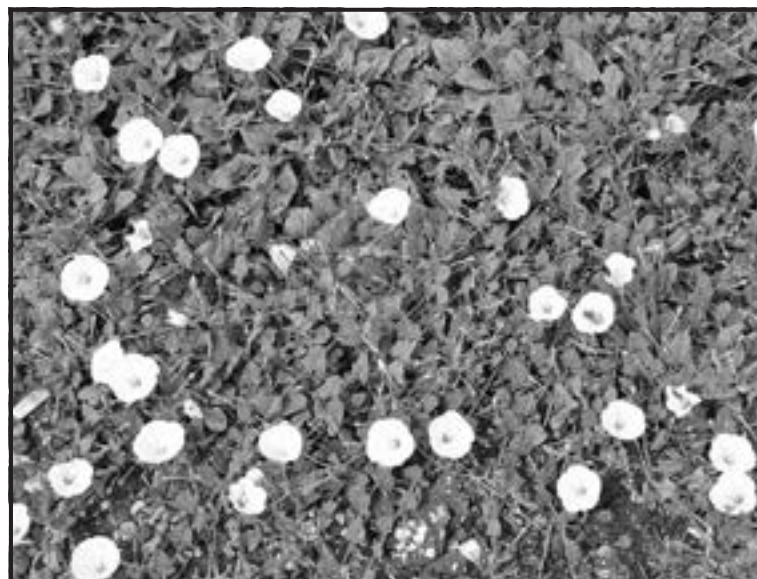
Lennie Martins, Patricia Romano, and Rachel Manupelli

Through the efforts and coordination of Patricia Romano and the Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYS), a North End group gathered weekly for a wonderful sewing course at the Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennett Street. While classes have finished for the Summer, the participants enjoyed a great opportunity to explore their creativity, socialize, interact with friends

and neighbors, develop new skills and hone current skills. Some of the finished products included a quilt, pot holders and jar openers. The weekly class will begin again in the fall after Labor Day.

Managing Weeds in the Garden

by Melinda Myers



Persistence is the key to success when battling bindweed (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

No matter the weather, weeds seem to thrive and reproduce, and if left unchecked, they can overwhelm the garden and gardener. These unwanted plants find their way into your garden as seeds, roots, rhizomes, or whole plants. Seeds can be carried in by the wind, birds, and other animals, or on the soles of shoes. Roots, rhizomes, and even plants hitch a ride in the soil or with plants that we move into the garden.

Start early managing weeds in your garden. Smaller weeds are easier to pull and removing them before they flower and form seeds can prevent hundreds of weeds in next year's landscape.

This is not always possible. Weather and busy schedules often limit gardening time, allowing these vigorous plants to overtake the garden.

It is never too late and worth investing time in managing weeds in the garden. Weeds are adaptable and vigorous, out-competing your desirable plants for water and nutrients. Many serve as host plants for insect pests and diseases that may also attack your garden plants.

Carefully dig or pull weeds, removing the top and roots. Established weeds may have a deep tap root or extensive root system that may be difficult to remove. Depending on the weed, any part left behind has the potential to start a new plant.

Find the tool that best works for you. A Dutch or action hoe works well on small weeds where there is space between plants. Glide the cutting edge just below the soil surface to cut the roots. Many gardeners find a weed knife to be a useful tool. It allows you to dig right next to the weed and pop it out of the ground with minimal impact on surrounding plants.

If bending is an issue, you may opt for one of the standup weeders. There are several types available. Most have tines you insert into the soil surrounding the weed. A hand or foot-operated action causes the tines to tighten around the weed roots before you lever it out of the ground.

Perennial weeds are a bit more challenging. Many have extensive roots that are nearly impossible to remove entirely. Repeatedly digging up the plants can eventually manage these weeds, but it can take years. Cutting the plants back to the ground as soon as they appear can help "starve" them, prevent reseeding, and help contain and even eliminate some perennial weeds.

If the weeds begin to take over the garden, tackle those flowering or setting seeds first. Do not compost these or perennial weeds. Most compost piles don't get hot enough to kill the seeds or perennial weeds. Contact your local municipality to find out your options for disposing of these as well as perennial and invasive weeds.

Once the weeds are out of the garden, spread a layer of organic mulch over the soil surface. The finer the mulch, the thinner the layer needed. Pull the mulch away from tree trunks, shrub stems, and the crowns of your other plants.

Mulching helps suppress weeds by reducing seed sprouting and making it easier to pull the seedlings that get through the mulch. Increase your success by placing a couple of sheets of newspaper or a piece of cardboard beneath the mulch. Mulching won't stop existing perennial weeds like quackgrass and bindweed. Keep managing these until all the roots have been removed.

Shredded leaves, evergreen needles, and other organic mulch also conserve moisture, moderate soil temperatures, and add organic matter to the soil as it breaks down. Mulch also helps protect the soil from compaction and erosion during heavy rains. As many places experience more intense rainfall and higher-than-normal summer heat, mulching the soil becomes even more beneficial.

Consider the benefits when you head out to tackle the weeds in your garden. You will improve the health and beauty of your garden while burning between 200 and 400 calories every hour you weed.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

#WalktheBeat with Area A-1 Boston Police Officers



(BPD Photo)

'Walk the Beat' is back!! Please join us to #WalktheBeat with Officers from A1/A5 and the Bureau of Community Engagement (BCE) EVERY Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting)!

We meet at Nazzaro Community Center (30 N Bennet St, Boston, MA).

New walkers are always welcomed and highly encouraged! In light of bad weather, please

call us ahead of time for any alternative plans inside the BCYF Nazzaro Community Center (617)-635-5166.

If you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Christine Vraibel at 617-343-4627 or Police Officer Lauren Woods (BCE) at 857-337-9441.

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. MI24P3678GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of
RUSSELL LOZINSKI
of Taunton, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lahey Hospital And Medical Center of Burlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Russell Lozinski is in need of a Guardian and requesting that _____ (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of August 06, 2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: July 09, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 07/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI24C0607CA

In the Matter of
CHRISTIANA DANIELLE AKINS

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christiana Danielle Akins of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Christiana Giselle Maceiras De Araujo.

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 July 25, 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: June 27, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 07/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI24C0225CA

In the Matter of
SAMUEL BADOT FISHER

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Samuel Badot Fisher of Somerville, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Samuel Badot-Fisher.

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 July 24, 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: June 26, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 07/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **July 20, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

- 2011 FORD TAURUS VIN # 1FAHP2HW2BG156303
2022 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA VIN # 3AKJHHR3NSNF3583
2003 HONDA ACCORD VIN # JHMCM56393C036139
2011 FORD FUSION VIN # 3FAHP0HA8BR259582
2012 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP2F3XCA242722

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 07/05, 07/12, 7/19/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stevens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **July 13, 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:

- 2012 TOYOTA CAMRY, SILVER VIN: # 4T4BF1FK7CR160123
2010 NISSAN ALTIMA, WHITE VIN: # 1N4AL2AP9AN488930
2012 FORD FOCUS, SILVER VIN: # 1FAHP3F29CL387472
2006 CHEVROLET EXPRESS, BROWN VIN: # 1GCGG25V861105902
2021 SCOOTER, BLACK VIN: # L2BBAACG7MBO00408
2008 AUDI A4, WHITE VIN: # WAUDF78E78A036912
2006 FORD EXPLORER, RED VIN: # 1FMEU74EXUB62417
2009 FORD ESCAPE, GRAY VIN: # 1FMCU93769KB94545

Run dates: 06/28, 07/05, 07/12/2024

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. MI24P3600EA Estate of BENEDETTO LUIGI SALAMONE Also Known As BENEDETTO L. SALAMONE Date of Death: April 20, 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 Christopher Salamone of Hudson, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Christopher Salamone of Hudson, NH and Renee Simonetti of Lynnfield, 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 July 31, 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: July 03, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 07/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stevens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **July 30, 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:

- 2021 YONGFU YN50QT, BLACK VIN: # LL0TCAPF6MG000043
2007 FORD EDGE, RED VIN: # 2FMDK46C37BB58700
2004 TOYOTA CAMRY, WHITE VIN: # 4T1BF32K14U076294
2013 FORD FIESTA, BLACK VIN: # 3FADP4BJ6DM198621
2007 FORD E-150, WHITE VIN: # 1FMNE11W97DA90604
2006 TOYOTA SCION TC, GRAY VIN: # JTKDE177160118989
2002 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE, GREEN VIN: # 3GNK13T22G278433
2017 TRITON TRAILER, SILVER VIN: # 4TCSM1110HH502145

Run dates: 07/12, 07/19, 07/26/2024

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. MI23P2612EA Estate of CATHERINE A. SICILIANO Also Known As CATHERINE SICILIANO Date of Death: June 14, 2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by John P. Tirone of Midvale, UT and Austin S. O'Toole of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 July 30, 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.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 02, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 07/12/2024

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. MI24P0989EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of ALAN W. APAKIAN Also Known As ALAN W. AVERY Date of Death: December 02, 2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by David C. Avery of Tamworth, NH requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 July 25, 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.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 27, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 07/12/2024

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court Lowell Justice Center 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 656-7700

Docket No. MI24P2893EA

Estate of THERESA R. PARK

Date of Death: May 02, 2024

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lorraine E. Park of Phoenix, AZ, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lorraine E. Park of Phoenix, AZ 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: 07/12/2024

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Docket No. MI24P3569EA

Estate of SONA MANJIKIAN

Date of Death: May 04, 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 Raffi M. Manjikian of Belmont, MA and requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Raffi M. Manjikian of Belmont, 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 July 30, 2024.

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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: July 02, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 07/12/2024

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Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Dempsey Vs. Gibbons

In One Photo



I have written about Jack Dempsey a number of times. Looking at his fights against Jess Willard and Tommy Gibbons I commented on his defensive skills. My take on the Willard fight surprised a few people as they stayed focused on the tremendous beating Dempsey handed out to Willard. What I tuned in on was the way Jack set the champion up to be hit with those fierce blows. He didn't just run at Jess while throwing punches. He bobbed and weaved while feinting. He stepped in and back out again while circling and searching for an opening. Jack wasn't looking to go toe to toe with a man who outweighed him by over 60 pounds. He was actually fighting defensively and strategically while setting up his assault. If it had just been a slugfest Dempsey would have been hit more than he was.

The Gibbons fight was a different story as the challenger was intent on lasting the fifteen rounds without getting kayoed, so Jack had to rely more on his boxing skills than his power. This is not to say Dempsey's power did not play a part in his victory. It was that power that had Gibbons in such a defensive posture.

I'm not implying Gibbons just ran or spent fifteen rounds covering up. He boxed beautifully. However, Dempsey proved to be the superior boxer. While not the most watched of Jack's fights, it is the one that gives fans a great look at Dempsey's skills as a keen tactician.

Jack Dempsey will always be put into the slugger category, but he was not one to take two punches to land one. He may

have been a knockout artist, but he was very savvy in there.

Recently, I came across a photo of the Dempsey vs Gibbons fight that illustrates the skills of both men. It is amazing what can be gleaned from a photo, a split-second moment from a fight.

In the photo, Gibbons is throwing a hard left jab at the champion. His head is down and his chin is protected by his left arm and shoulder while his right hand is in position to defend against Jack's left hook counter. This is a punch Tommy is anticipating. Both of Tommy's knees are bent a bit, the left more than the right which allows him to deliver the jab with force. It is an excellent execution of a left jab.

Now to Dempsey. As good as the Gibbons left jab is, Jack is parrying it. Note that Dempsey has not reached out to stop the punch. Instead, he is catching it just as it reaches him. This allows him to be in position to throw the counter hook. If he had reached out to stop the punch, he would have been vulnerable to be hit by a left hook. He has his left hand poised to let it go. Jack's left foot is a bit off the mat because he was stepping in when the jab was thrown by Tommy. I say this because of the positioning of Jack's right foot and leg which appear to be propelling him forward. If there were photos from the next second or two, I believe you would see Jack firing that hook as his foot settles onto the canvas. It is likely Tommy tried to slip inside of it and probably attempted to clinch.

Back when boxers were well schooled, they would focus

very much on how their opponents would respond when they threw a punch. As boxer was at his most vulnerable when throwing a punch, this was very important. It is also why all good fighters were counter-punchers. It's why feinting, a long-lost skill, was employed so often.

Jack Johnson was probably the most noted heavyweight champ when it came to using feints, but Jack Dempsey was no slouch in that department. Yes, he may have been a slugger, but he used feints to create the openings for his great combinations.

Boxing has been called physical chess, and that's what it was. In chess you have to think a few moves ahead. You have to anticipate how your opponent will respond to the moves you make and then you have to plan accordingly. The same was true of boxing. It was a game of anticipation.

One other thing I noticed in the photo is how intently the fans are watching the fight. Of course, in a Dempsey fight a knockout could occur at any moment so that is one possibility for their focus. I also believe they understood what was happening in the ring and appreciating the skills being displayed.

I maintain that not only were the fighters better schooled in boxing's Golden Age, but the fans were too. The majority of them understood the intricacies of the game.

One last thing. Check out the shadows cast by Jack and Tommy. It is almost surreal. Art cast by two men practicing the art of boxing. Cool.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Well, the long-awaited rumor came true and now NBA megastar LeBron James has been successful in securing his son Bronny as a teammate on the Los Angeles Lakers.

The younger James' initial deal is a four-year pact worth a total of \$7.9 million.

There are different yearly values but the amount for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$1.2 million. That may seem small by NBA standards but how many 19-year-olds do you know that are earning \$100,000 monthly checks? How about none.

His dad, of course, inked a somewhat larger deal, resigning with the Lakers for \$104 million for the next two years. That will average out to about \$2 million per week or about \$142,400 per day year-round.

The deal, of course, brings together what everybody wants. Television gets the father-son pair playing together. The NBA receives some additional attention with perhaps more interest (particularly) in the fall when football claims the top spot in fan interest.

Early on in 2022, the elder James issued a statement saying "My last year will be played with my son. Wherever Bronny is, that is where I will be. It's not about the money at that point."

However, Bronny has stated on occasion that he wants to be his own man with his own identity.

"I'm trying to get my name out for myself," he told those assembled for an introductory press conference in Los Angeles. "I never really had a thought of me going to play with my dad. That is always there to take part of but it wasn't a main focus of mine."

But it has been — and will continue to be — the main focus of everybody else. It will be virtually impossible for Bronny to be separated from his father. So, let's face it. If he harbored desires to go his own way at this early stage of his adult life, those hopes just evaporated with the dual signings.

We are hesitant to be hard with Bronny since he suffered a major heart attack from congenital defects last year at age 18. But he recovered and we wish him well in this new phase of his life.

NOT IN TUNE WITH REALITY — As the NBA signing season opened at the start of the month, Isaiah Hartenstein, who had played with the Knicks for the past couple of years, signed a three-year contract with Oklahoma City worth \$87 million.

What caught our eye was not the amount but an attempted explanation that appeared in the *New York Post* by writer Stephan Bondy.

"The money is not just about the salary but also about the cost of living and taxes for a fresh first-time father who spent much of his NBA career on relatively low paying and non-guaranteed contracts," wrote Bondy. "According to Spotrac, Hartenstein's career earnings since 2018 are \$22.65 million. He will easily surpass that in year one of the new deal."

Hartenstein is 26 years old. Even before signing the \$87 million deal, he had already earned \$22 million by age 26. Think about that for a moment. How many people will even approach that figure in their entire working lives — even if they are employed for more than 50 years. We would say virtually no one.

And if you have or had children, think of the cost of living and taxes you perhaps had to deal with as a parent — at a far more average monthly wage than Isaiah Hartenstein. Having already earned over \$22 million, Hartenstein is one of those very few fortunate persons living a family life free of concerns about the financial costs of daily living. We salute the working people of America. The ones who get up each and every workday and put in a full day's work to earn a full day's pay. We admire all of you. And we just can't feel sympathy for someone who has already earned over \$22 million by age 26.

THE NHL DRAFT — There was a lot of Boston flavor at the NHL Draft held recently in Las Vegas. The big moment when No.1 was announced had Boston ties written all over it. Yes, the San Jose Sharks did pick first with the Sharks General Manager Mike Grier on hand for the big announcement. A native of Holliston, he played his high school hockey at St. Sebastian School. He followed that up by playing three-years at Boston University.

After BU, he played over 1,060 games in the NHL spread across 14 seasons. He became the GM of the Sharks in 2022.

Also on hand was Joe Thornton, who had a lengthy and memorable career with the Sharks after spending his early years with the Bruins. And thus, it was that BU star player Macklin Celebrini was selected first in the draft by the Sharks.

Celebrini was the star on the ice for the Terriers last season scoring 32 goals to go with 32 assists for 64 points in 38 games — an output that was a significant factor in leading the Terriers to the Frozen Four and that earned him the Hobey Baker Award as the best player in college hockey. Celebrini decided to forego his sophomore season with the Terriers. He signed an entry level contract with the Sharks in early July.

Another player taken in the same draft by the New York Islanders is Cole Eiserman of Newburyport. He is headed for BU after playing last season in the U.S. National Team Development Program. While there he scored 58 goals in 57 games this past season while also contributing 31 assists. An off-ice relationship always helps — BU coach Jay Pandolfo played for current Islanders GM Lou Lamoriello when Lamoriello was affiliated with New Jersey a number of years ago.

A LONG ROAD TRIP — The Celtics won Banner 18 at home but they will be playing far from home when they play two preseason games in the United Arab Emirates this fall.

The two games will feature the two most recent NBA champions — the Celtics who won back in June and the Denver Nuggets who won the title in 2023. The games will be played on Friday, October 4th and Sunday, October 6th.