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## Trump Chooses VP Running Mate



Ohio Senator JD Vance

Former President Donald Trump has chosen U.S. Senator JD Vance, a 39-year-old freshman senator from Ohio, as his Vice Presidential running mate, putting to rest months of speculation about who his number two choice would be. "After lengthy deliberation and thought, considering the tremendous talents of many others, I have decided that the best person suited to assume the position of Vice-President of the United States is Senator JD Vance of the great state of Ohio," Trump announced on Truth Social Monday afternoon. "JD honorably served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps, graduated from Ohio State University in two years, Summa Cum Laude, and is a Yale Law School graduate," Trump added.

It is believed Trump chose Vance based on loyalty and to complement his strong personality, but not overshadow him,

his ability to raise money and is ready to serve. JD's book, "Hillbilly Elegy" became a major best seller and movie, reflecting on his time growing up in Ohio, championing the hard-working men and women in our country and his focus will be on the American worker and farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio and beyond.

Trump's decision came on the first day of the Republican National Convention (RNC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this past week, and two days after a gunman attempted to assassinate the former President, at a rally he was headlining. The shooter, 20-year-old Thomas Crooks, just missed Trump's head, instead grazing his right ear, as the former President moved at the last second. One person was killed and two others were critically wounded.

Trump's pick may face off against Vice-President Kamala Harris in a Vice-Presidential debate if the two campaigns agree on a network to host the forum. Biden's team is pushing for CBS News, while Trump's campaign has held onto their Fox News Vice-Presidential Debate acceptance.

Vance was first elected to the U.S. Senate in the 2022 mid-term election cycle and would be the second youngest Vice-President to assume office if Trump is re-elected.

## Donald Trump Literally Dodges a Bullet

Last Second Move Saves His Life

by Patti Sartori



Last Saturday evening, while speaking at a re-election rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, Donald Trump literally saved his own life with a last second turn of his head. Had the bullet intended for Trump reached its target, it would have totally re-shaped the domestic and the global political landscape, not just for current Americans, but for future generations as well. Not only did the former President dodge a bullet, so did the United States of America.

Washington Free Beacon editor Peter Haddon posted on X, "The Teflon Don has outlasted two impeachments, four indictments - and with his fist defiantly raised in the air and blood running down his cheek, bested a would-be assassin."

While most Americans are truly grateful for President Trump's survival and safety, some view it very differently, and are not timid about espousing

their vitriol. The list of Never MAGA opponents posting on social media to express their dismay over the failed assassination attempt, including a staffer to a Democratic Congressman from Mississippi who posted, "I don't condone violence, but please get you some shooting lessons so you don't miss next time, and a Pennsylvania firefighter who posted on face book, "Too bad it didn't hit him square", alongside a popcorn box emoji. Clearly, he did not realize a fellow firefighter was killed while attempting to protect his family from the gunfire.

How much hatred and bitterness could a person hold in their heart when wishing death upon another human being? And, where and how do they learn it? Did these Anti-Trumpers actually want to see his head explode in front of children and families, and more importantly did they really wish to see a family

lose their father, husband and grandfather? Had the assassin been successful America would be facing a much darker landscape right now. Regardless of anyone's personal political affiliation, a public and bloody death would have been inhumane and having lived through so many unjust tragedies over the years, should put us all, as fellow Americans, first and foremost, above this barbaric behavior.

The vulnerable threads of civility in our society, would most likely be ripped to shreds. The consequences to our economy, and the perceived weakness and division amongst fellow Americans would be extremely evident to our foreign enemies. The appetite for violence and revenge would have been unimaginable. Thankfully it is just hypothetical thoughts and possibilities.

While it is normal to disagree with a political party or candidate, they should be judged at the ballot box, not by the depravity of a psychotic gunman. Hopefully there are more civilized citizens, voters and democrats who understand the gravity of the assassin's actions. If we, as fellow Americans, cannot find tolerance and compassion for former President Trump, given the severity of this situation, then we have surely lost our moral compass, and pose a threat of never returning to the civilized society we once were.

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Stop & Shop Shutting Store Locations

Stop & Shop will be closing seven stores in the New York City area and 32 overall. The chain owned by Ahold Delhaize, a Dutch conglomerate, had said it was planning to close "underperforming" stores, with industry experts estimating as many as 50 could be closed.

The Quincy, MA-based company said other closings will come in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, totaling 8 percent of all stores.

### Point-Counterpoint

"(Trump suggested) an "injection inside the body" with a disinfectant like bleach ... could help combat the virus."

— NY Times, April 24, 2020

"(Trump) did instruct people to inject bleach."

— NY Times, July 6, 2024

### Boston Public School History

On July 14, 1999, the Boston School Committee voted to drop race as a factor in school assignments, thus ending 25 years of the city's busing program after its heated inception.

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## Madonna Delle Grazie

Celebrates 121 Years



Madonna Delle Grazie Society Members and Families gather after Celebrating Mass

(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

Madonna Delle Grazie Society, founded in 1903, originates in San Sossio Baronia, Avellino, Italy, and remains one of the oldest religious groups in the North End of Boston, celebrated their 121st year this past

Sunday, July 14th. The festivities kicked off with a 10:30 am Italian mass at St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street, followed by a beautiful procession through the streets of this enchanting neighborhood.

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all of the society members, along with family and friends. The society extends their appreciation and gratitude to all who participated in keeping this sacred tradition alive.


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# Stirpe Nostra

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

by Prof. Edmund Turiello



## CAPSULE GEOLOGY

For the novice, a very small and elementary dose of geology, blended with some technology, might help to provide a better understanding for parts of ancient theology.

The solid surface of the earth as we see it is either rock or soil. Rock is the term used to denote the large geologic formations. Rock is broken into stone of various shapes and sizes. Rock is divided very generally into three classes according to the method by which it is formed. These classes are: (1) Igneous rock, which is formed by solidification of molten rock; in other words by volcanic action. Granite curbstones are a good example of igneous rock. It is the strongest and most durable of all rock; (2) sedimentary rock, which is formed from disintegrated products of other rocks. Flagstone is an example of sedimentary rock; (3) metamorphic rock, which is rock whose physical or chemical character is altered by pressure, temperature, and time. Marble is a good example of metamorphic rock.

Marble plays such an important role in religious architecture that it might be well to note that the most desirable qualities in sculptural marble are pure white crystals, straight uniform grain, freedom from natural stains, voids, and microscopic cracks. A good grade of marble is available in the U.S.A. Marble from Carrara, Italy is



**Christus (also known as Christus Consolator) is a 19<sup>th</sup>-century Carrara marble statue of the resurrected Jesus by Bertel Thorvaldsen. Since its completion in 1838, the statue has been located in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark's Church of Our Lady in Copenhagen, Denmark.**

better and pentelic marble from Mt. Pentelicus in Greece ranks with the world's best.

Soil is formed from the disintegration of rock. Soil that remains where it was formed is called residual soil and it builds up at the phenomenal rate of about one quarter inch in one thousand years. Soil that has been transported by water and deposited at another site is

called alluvial soil. The deltas of all rivers contain troublesome deposits of alluvial soil. An important soil type which is formed by wind-blown material is called loess.

Soils are also classified as (1) coarse grained like gravel and sand and (2) fine grained like silt and clay. The grain size of sand is about 1/1000 inch but in clay it is less than 1/12,500 inch. Much of the plains of Mesopotamia are made up of silt and clay carried down by the Tigris and Euphrates from the mountains the north. During ancient times these two rivers emptied into the Persian Gulf independently. Alluvial deposits have now forced the two rivers to join as one before reaching the Gulf and they have built up more than one hundred miles of silty soil in a huge delta. Ancient cities that used to be close to the shoreline are now far inland.

It follows then, to understand your Bible lands, you must understand the influence of geology upon that area. There was little or no building stone, just silt and clay, more silt and more clay. Where there is a lack of other building materials and an abundance of clay, we can look for and find brick. In this area there was small brick, large brick, sun-dried brick, kiln-baked brick and glazed brick in many colors.

### NEXT WEEK:

*Clay is a Brick, or is it?*

## AT&T Data Breach, Again!

### Between Usage Outages & Hackers AT&T is Failing its Customers

AT&T disclosed last week that hackers had accessed records of call and texts of "nearly all" its cellular customers for the six-month period between May 1, 2022 and October 31, 2022. Coupled with the recent service outage, AT&T is failing its customer base.

In a statement AT&T said, "The compromised data doesn't include the content of the calls, texts or personal information such as social security numbers, date of births or other personally identifiable information." The company said, "hackers downloaded the data from our workspace on a third-party cloud platform." The company learned of the illegal download

in April and is working with law enforcement, noting "at least one person has been apprehended." While the files do not include call or text content, AT&T acknowledged the data identifies telephone numbers that an AT&T number interacted with during the periods.

"At this time, we do not believe that the data is publicly available," AT&T said in a statement, with the key phrase being "at this time." This data breach is separate from the one disclosed earlier this year by AT&T, the company commented. In that case hackers have stolen personal information for millions of current and former AT&T customers, with fraudsters sharing

the data on the dark web. Some security experts warned that any information could help hackers gain access to more data, opening the door to fraud.

"These types of identity-based attacks that exfiltrate customer records can allow attackers to piece together the personal data of individuals, including names, phone numbers, addresses, financial and social security details, placing millions of people at risk for identity theft or fraud, said Don Schiappa, Chief Product and Service Officer at Arctic Wolf, a cyber security company.

Companies are required to disclose security breaches to customers within 30 days of becoming aware of an incident, according to U.S. Security regulations. But when AT&T reached out to the FBI about the breach, the agency authorized a delay due to concerns over security risks, per the FBI. The agency noted that after learning of the breach, it worked with AT&T as well as the Department of Justice to investigate the incident. The Justice Department said it determined a delay in publicly disclosing the incident was warranted because it could "pose a substantial risk to national security and public safety." The U.S. Federal Communications Commission said it is also investigating the breach.

## MBTA Announces Contactless Payments

*Accepted Onboard Buses, Green Line Trolleys, Mattapan Line Trolleys, and at Subway Fare Gates Starting August 1st*

The MBTA is Rolling Out New Ways to Pay



### MBTA Contactless Payment Riverside Phone TAP

The MBTA announced that contactless payments will be accepted onboard buses, Green Line trolleys, Mattapan Line trolleys, and at all gated subway stations beginning Thursday, August 1, 2024. This new initiative is part of the MBTA's goal of offering easier, more convenient, and modernized ways for riders to pay fares. More information is available at [mbta.com/TapToRide](https://mbta.com/TapToRide).

"Transitioning to this contactless system is a part of the next generation of transportation that our riders deserve. This will allow them to save time and make it easier for riders and travelers to pay and board as they use the system," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt.

"I've seen directly at other transit properties and heard firsthand from many riders about the importance of contactless payment and how it would greatly enhance the experience of using mass transit. Last year this project needed a course correction and I'm proud of the progress made to deliver this important amenity for our riders, bringing our payment system for our bus and subway system into the 21st century. This lays the groundwork for the fare payment system of the future, incorporating our fare structure including the recently approved Income-Eligible Reduced Fares," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "The MBTA team's steadfast dedication to bring this initiative to fruition along with our partner Cubic, worked collaboratively, solving challenges to demonstrate our commitment to the public. I thank our riders for their patience as we continue to build a system that they can rely on and be proud of."

"Cubic Transportation Systems has been a proud partner of the MBTA for several years and we thank the MBTA for their collaboration throughout this project," said President of Cubic Transportation Systems Peter Torrellas. "The upcoming launch of Automated Fare Collection 2.0 system-wide will transform public transportation across Greater Boston and significantly enhance the rider experience. Millions of MBTA riders will soon be able to benefit from increased convenience with this modern, efficient, and user-friendly contactless payment system."

Contactless payment options provide better flexibility and allow riders to pay by tapping a contactless credit/debit card, phone with a mobile wallet, or watch on fare readers on buses, on Green Line vehicles, on Mattapan Line vehicles, and at all gated subway stations. A one-step option for pay-as-you-go travel, riders can save time by using their contactless credit/debit card, phone, or watch instead of purchasing and reloading a CharlieCard. Riders can look for the contactless symbol, tap their card or device on the reader at the fare gate or the reader at the vehicle door, wait for the green checkmark, then ride.

Riders with weekly or monthly passes or those who would like to continue to use their CharlieCards will not be impacted by the change. The current ways to pay will remain the same.

While onboard buses, Green Line trolleys, and Mattapan Line trolleys, riders should be mindful of the location of the tappable fare readers near the vehicles' doors. To avoid the possibility of accidental taps and charges of their contactless credit or debit cards, riders are encouraged to hold their purses, bags, and backpacks away from the contactless readers.

Riders in reduced fare programs (such as Senior, Student, and TAP) will have the option to link their benefits to their contactless card, phone, or watch. Riders who do not want to link their benefits to a contactless card, phone, or watch will be able to continue using their current payment method. For more information, visit [mbta.com/ContactlessReducedFares](https://mbta.com/ContactlessReducedFares). Contactless payment options will operate in accordance with the MBTA's privacy policy, which is available at [mbta.com/policies/privacy-policy](https://mbta.com/policies/privacy-policy). The MBTA is committed to a strong culture of privacy based on protecting our customers' personal information as well as being as transparent as possible in how we use customer data and how customers may access, update, or delete their personal information.

Riders will be able to manage their contactless cards, phone, and/or the watch they use for travel through an online Charlie account at [charlie.mbta.com](https://charlie.mbta.com) or by calling the Customer Support Center at 617-222-3200. A Charlie account allows riders to check their balance, manage their charges, view their trip history, and access other self-service tools for quick and easy account management. Registration is optional.

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## Coletta Zapata Holds Hearing on Proposal to Provide Relief for Small Businesses through Commercial Property Tax Exemption

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata chaired a hearing on July 9th to discuss an ordinance to adopt the small commercial tax exemption as a local option in the City of Boston. The Councilor's proposal would allow the City of Boston to opt into the existing state law and provide financial relief for small businesses valued under a million dollars or with ten employees or less. Those in attendance included Councilors At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune, Henry Santana, Julia Mejia, Councilors Ben Weber, John Fitzgerald, Brian Worrell, Ed Flynn, Sharon Durkan, Tania Fernandes Anderson, and Enrique Pepén.

"This ordinance comes after numerous conversations my colleagues, the administration, and I had earlier this Spring regarding tax classification in the City of Boston and finding additional pathways to support small businesses. This is one way to get a little bit more money in the pocket of mom-and-pop stores by giving them certain exemptions and protecting them from the cost burden shifting to them," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. "I'm grateful for the robust conversation we had and the various perspectives shared. I look forward to continuing the conversation to ensure we work collaboratively to assist small businesses and mom and pop stores like restaurants, corner stores, laundromats, and barber shops from potential impacts the new tax levy may have."

During the hearing, Councilors discussed the proposal specifically potential measures for quantifying success of the exemption, collaboration within various city departments to ensure adequate and effective communication and outreach for small businesses, and protections for small business tenants. Councilors requested additional information on the average increase on commercial and industrial property if the exemption was baked into the annual tax rate, projected impacts, and a roll out plan if the exemption is enacted.

In addition to the ordinance, Councilors discussed the possibility of amending Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5I for a specific Boston statute that would allow for businesses valued over a million dollars to opt in. Coletta Zapata noted that she is interested in understanding the implications of increasing the stipulations between two to three million dollars to cast a wider net for properties.

Additionally, Councilors heard testimony from small business owners and representatives including Jessica Muradian, Director of Government Affairs for the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, and Carlos Castillo of Castillo Wine & Spirits and Board Member, Massachusetts Package Stores Association. Public testimony was offered by Brad Brown, owner of the Blue Frog Bakery in Jamaica Plain.

Coletta Zapata's proposal comes after the Boston City Council voted for a Home Rule Petition regarding property tax classification in the City of Boston sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu. Mayor Wu sponsored the Home Rule Petition as a temporary tool to protect residents from property tax increases to mitigate potential revenue shortfalls from declining commercial valuations. The Home Rule Petition is now awaiting approval from the State Legislature before it can take effect.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata by phone at 617-635-3200 or by email at [gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov](mailto:gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov).

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## Joanne Coyne Fraser

September 1, 1959 – July 16, 2024

Joanne Coyne Fraser of Milton, formerly of Dorchester and Quincy, passed away peacefully July 16, 2024 after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Steven R. Fraser and loving mother to John Fraser of Milton. Daughter of the late John Coyne and Josephine (Murphy) Coyne, sister of Kathy and her husband Terry Foley of Braintree, Jacqueline and her husband Michael Penzo of Quincy, and the late Thomas Coyne. Sister-in-law of Annette Coyne of West Roxbury. Godmother of Shannon Foley, and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor and remember Joanne's life by gathering for visiting hours in the Murphy Funeral Home, 1020 Dorchester



May She Rest In Peace

Ave., Dorchester, on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Joanne will be warmly remembered for being a loving wife and mother and for her devotion to her dogs Dorchester (Chester) and Gizmo. On Summer weekends, Joanne could be found at her mother's house in Marshfield, surrounded by family and friends. Some of her most treasured times were those spent with her family. Joanne held a special place in her heart for veterans, children and animals.

For those of us at the *Post-Gazette Newspaper*, we will miss her smile and pleasant greeting each day. We send our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the Fraser Family in their time of sorrow.

## North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) HOLDS JULY MEETING

Hosts Feast Society Representatives/Votes on Licensing Applications

by Patti Sartori

The monthly North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) Meeting was held on Monday, July 8th, 7:00 p.m., at the Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennet Street. The meeting was called to order by the President, Kevin Fleming, and updates were given by each of the committee chairpersons. The voting membership consists of Kevin Fleming, President; Adam Balsam, Vice-President; Alex Chilton, Secretary; Rory Harrington, Sergeant of Arms; Marie Simboli, Joel Faller, Kristen Hoffman, and Gail Salvati Orenberg.

Jack Imbergamo, a North End resident and Liaison to District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coleta, offered community updates. A clean up is scheduled at the Prado (The Paul Revere Mall) on Hanover Street, Saturday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m., for anyone interested in participating. Boston Transportation Department (BTD) will begin parking enforcement in the North End on Sunday, July 14th from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Councilor Coletta is aware the community requests a new trash barrel in the Polcari Playground, outside the Nazzaro Center and is working to make it happen. The cost of each barrel is approximately \$400 and many communities have also made similar requests. Regarding Cutillo Park, Jack did not have a formal update, but did note the businesses directly adjacent to Morton Street & Cutillo Park will be allowed to keep their trash outside but will be required to sign a business agreement with the city to keep the area clean and replace their existing barrels to help combat the rodent issue. The long-awaited opening of the Mirabella Pool is now a reality. The pool is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 8:15 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., closed Mondays, and does require patrons to register with the City of Boston and make advance reservations on weekends. The number of

available slots has doubled for the 2024 summer, up from 150 to 300 so hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy this Urban Oasis.

Public Safety Chair Kristen Hoffman reminded the group to use 311 and 911, when necessary, especially as a tool to identify and document repeat problem issues. The focus on safety this summer will be at the upcoming festivals. The chair of the streets committee, Adam Balsam, offered a reminder about the Summer Tunnel closure from July 5th to August 5th. The entire MBTA Blue Line, in both directions will be free during the closure as will the East Boston Ferry Service.

There were two licensing matters before the council. The first was Forcella, 33 North Square, represented by Attorney Dennis Quilty, applying for a new all alcohol beverage license. There would be no change to hours of operation, capacity size or menu. The vote was 6-0, unanimous support. The second licensing issue discussed was the Wild Duck at 89 Salem Street, applying for a Common Victualler (CV) license with take out. The concept is based on an international market/high quality New York-style, full-service deli, similar to what is currently in other areas of the city, including the Seaport and Back Bay. There will be no seating, it is all off premise consumption. The hours of operation would be 7 days per week, from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. The council again voted 6-0 in full support of this applicant.

The main discussion centered around the upcoming festivals with reports offered by representatives of the various feast organizations including, Sal Gesamondo, (St. Agrippina) August 1st through 4th at Hanover & Battery Streets, Stephen Passacantilli, (Madonna Della Cava) August 9th through 11th at Hanover & Battery Streets, Dom and Louis Strazzullo

(Madonna Del Soccorso - Fisherman's Feast) August 15th through 18th at North Street and Lewis Streets, Jason Aluia, (Santa Lucia, August 22nd and St. Anthony, August 23rd through 25th) at Endicott and Thatcher Streets, North Margin Street.

The updates provided by the festival representatives were lengthy and quite detailed. Each society has hired private security companies, as security will be the main focus at each of the festivals this year. Society members will also be stationed, with security, at each of the entry points, which will also be limited in number. No open containers or backpacks will be allowed. There have been multiple meetings between the societies, Boston Police, City of Boston and Transit. Closing times will vary by festival and are as follows; St. Agrippina and Madonna Della Cava's plan is to close at 11:00 p.m., Fisherman's will use a slow close with entertainment stopping at 9:00 p.m., stands closing at 10:00 p.m., beer garden and full feast closure at 11:00 p.m. St. Anthony will close fully at 9:00 p.m.

Every festival will have Boston Police Details inside and patrol officers throughout the feasts and the Gassy (DeFilippo) on Prince Street will have security stationed there all night. In addition to police patrolling the exterior perimeter of the feasts they will also be vigilant throughout the neighborhood, especially in the areas of the Steriti skating rink and Starbucks, both located on Commercial Street, as these two locations are known problem areas for outside youth to meet and gather. Each of the societies stressed their commitment to ensuring safety and respect to the North End community, its businesses and its residents!

For further details regarding the dates, times, locations and procession information for each feast, please refer to the *Post-Gazette* Festival Directory.



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

### Blasts from Birthdays Past

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



My birthday is quickly approaching on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and it has gotten me thinking about these unique celebrations in general. Birthdays fall under the category of rites of passage, or milestones, and, as a result, cultures around the world celebrate birthdays with special customs and traditions. While we think of birthdays as great opportunities for parties and food, in ancient times people viewed birthdays as dangerous occasions because of their liminality, being poised between one year and the next. As such, birthday parties included—and continue to include—loud noise and noise makers to scare off the evil spirit believed to be lurking around during this period. Many vestiges of these ancient fetes remain. From birthday cakes to picking up the check, here are special birthday traditions from around the world.

Our first stop, of course, is Italy, one of the original homes of the birthday cake. Though scholars are still unsure about the roots of the birthday cake, many theorize that these sweet treats originated in the Mediterranean world. Ancient Greeks baked round cakes to honor Artemis, the goddess of the moon and the hunt, and then illuminated the cakes with candles in order to better resemble the moon. The ancient Romans, on the other hand, made sweet honey cakes to serve at birthdays and weddings — where they were traditionally broken over the bride's head for good luck! However, the custom of placing candles on a birthday cake comes from

Germany, where a large candle was often situated in the center of the cake to symbolize life. Modern Italian birthday traditions resemble those of America. People gather for a birthday cake, food, a party and gifts. There are some differences, however. Beware of people pulling on your earlobes if you celebrate your birthday in Italy — they will pull the corresponding number of years you are turning. Also, if a group of friends go out to dinner, it is the friend celebrating the birthday who is expected to pay for the meal. Finally, since saints are an important part of Italian society, children are often named for the saint whose day coincides with their birthday. Or they may celebrate on a smaller scale during the day belonging to the saint who shares their name. My father, for example, was born on August 16<sup>th</sup>, which is Saint Roch's day, and so my grandmother appropriately named him Rocco!

Foods are an important part of birthday celebrations around the world. Australian children can expect to be served the charmingly named Fairy Bread, or buttered bread covered with multicolored sprinkles, during their parties. Children in Brazil receive marzipan candies shaped like fruit. Candies feature in Mexican birthdays as well, where they are concealed in a piñata which is later broken open by blindfolded guests. The Dutch, on the other hand, like to feast on pancakes sprinkled with powdered sugar. Many birthday foods also reflect the theme of good luck for the

upcoming year. A person celebrating their birthday in China will eat long noodles, which symbolize a long life. Russians have birthday pies instead of birthday cakes, and a message bestowing good fortune upon the birthday person is inscribed on the crust. Finally, Canadian children can expect a more immediate form of luck at birthday parties. Whoever finds a coin hidden in his or her slice of birthday cake will have the first turn in all of the feast's games! In addition to food, sometimes the specific age a person is turning forms the focal point of birthday celebrations. Usually, these special birthdays honor the entrance into adulthood. The United States has "sweet sixteen" celebrations, while Latin American countries hold elaborate *quinceañeras* when a girl turns fifteen. These parties rival weddings and the girl shares a special dance with her father. In the Jewish tradition, bar or bat mitzvah rituals near a teenager's thirteenth birthday welcome the boy or girl as adult members of the community.

Birthdays are a special time to honor both human joy and resilience. They indicate that we have once again made it through a year filled with myriad human emotions, from happiness to disillusionment, challenges and triumphs. They remind us that we have the strength to endure. Like holidays, birthdays are an indication that the year cycles on, and that is a good reason to celebrate. Whether we celebrate with cakes or dinners, when we honor a birthday, we honor the passage of time, but also all that is timeless — love and family and good food. That is the true meaning of the candles winking and blinking cheerfully on a birthday cake, a symbol that, like us, has come a long way.

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# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



## TRUMP AND AMERICA STILL STANDING STRONG

The last thing I want to do is ramble on about what almost happened this past weekend down in Butler, PA at that Trump rally. Can anyone imagine what this nation would be like today had the sniper hit his mark or had Donald Trump not moved his head in the seconds before a bullet almost tore off his ear rather than delivering a fatal shot? I found the whole thing a mess and a significant security failure on the part of the Secret Service and local law enforcement. Apparently with the data we now have, it does appear there was a clear lapse in communications between agencies responsible for Trump's safety. This lapse didn't get Trump killed, it only missed

him by sheer luck and perhaps the hand of God.

Once again, we are told it was the act of a lone gunman but the rhetoric that has been pushed endlessly by Democrats has been so hateful and demonizing. Maybe it was just the act of a 20-year-old unhinged individual but wasn't his head being filled with all the talk? I may have little choice but to go with Trump again this year.

Our nation's very future hangs in the balance. America may not be perfect. Our very history shows that but is there any other country you'd like to be living in right now? Time to tell these crazy radicals out there to remember that too?

## North End Athletic Association NEAA Umpire Sponsorship's needed

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If you are interested in sponsoring one or more games at \$85 each, please email me at [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com), call or text me at (617) 750-9749.

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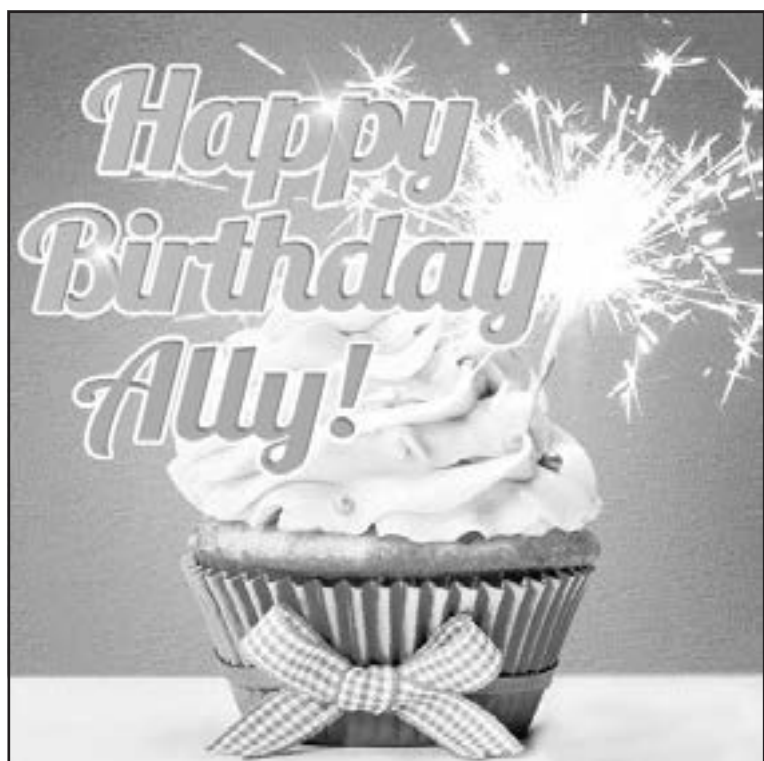
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## Saint John of Egypt

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

John of Egypt was born in Lycopolis, Egypt in the year 305AD. His parents were poor and he trained as a carpenter. At the age of 25, he became a monk under the guidance of an elderly hermit.

He spent a decade with the hermit, taking direction from him and learning from him. John Cassian recounts a tale that the hermit directed John to water a dry stick every day for a year. After this test of obedience his superior threw the stick away. When the hermit died, John spent the next five years traveling and visiting monasteries.

John was noted for performing seemingly absurd acts such as rolling rocks from place to place and cultivating dead trees. Finally, he withdrew to the top of a cliff near Lycopolis, Egypt, where he could avoid all human contact. There he carved three small cells out of rock; one for sleeping, one for work and the last for praying.



Then he walled them up with himself inside, leaving only a small window. He communicated through the window to people who brought him food and water twice a week. Crowds would gather on those two days to hear him preach.

John never ate until sunset and lived on a diet of dried fruit and vegetables for fifty years. He refused bread and never ate anything cooked. He lived this way well into his nineties.

He was believed to possess the spiritual gift of prophecy often predicting the future and knowing the details of persons he had never met.

To avoid temptation, but he avoided all people for the last fifty years of his life. Saint Augustine wrote that John was tempted by devils and performed miraculous cures. He cured a woman, according to Augustine, of blindness and then appeared to her in a vision to avoid seeing her in person.

John prayed incessantly, and he spent the last three days of his life without food or drink or any interactions but prayer. He was discovered in his cell, with his body in a position of prayer.

The feast day of Saint John of Egypt is March 27th.

## Mayor Wu Announces New Staff to Improve Access to City Services and Transparency

### Staff Changes Made to Registry, Public Records, and Parking Clerk

Mayor Wu today announced new leadership to manage key constituent-facing departments, to improve efficiency in the delivery of city services and to better manage public records requests received by the city. Paul Chong will serve in a newly created role as the Commissioner of City Records. In this new capacity, Chong will be responsible for overseeing the Registry for Birth, Death, and Marriages; the Public Records Department; and the Office of the Parking Clerk. Grace Jung will support Chong as the Chief of Staff for City Records, and Mia Capone will be joining the Office of the Parking Clerk in a newly created role as the Director of Parking and Curbside Management. This is a key step to creating exceptional basic city services for Boston residents.

“For Boston to be a home for everyone, we want every interaction with City government to be welcoming and efficient—whether residents are applying for a parking permit, getting married, or requesting public records,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Paul has demonstrated his dedication and determination to serve every constituent and improve our processes. I’m grateful that Paul, alongside Mia and Grace, will deliver the best experience possible for our residents.”

Prior to being appointed the Commissioner of City Records, Chong led the Registry Division, which issues more than 100,000 copies of vital records to residents each year. Since Chong became registrar in January of 2023, the city has made significant improvements to records access. The average wait times for birth certificates and marriage licenses are down by nearly 50 percent, and the visits needed to City Hall for these services have been reduced. Under Mayor Wu and Chong’s leadership, last year Boston became the first city in the

Commonwealth to remove gender identification from marriage licenses. Chong will continue to serve as the City Registrar in his new role. Chong, a resident of West Roxbury where he lives with his wife and two children, is a graduate of Northeastern University and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

“I’m honored to support the mayor’s vision and work alongside an extremely talented team,” said Commissioner of City Records Paul Chong. “I believe deeply in transparency and good government and am committed to continuous improvement of the City’s operations.”

Jung, the new Chief of Staff for City Records, will focus on building staff capacity and implementing service improvements. Jung brings eight and a half years of experience in various roles in the Boston Public Schools, including Director of Training and School Support in the Office of Equity. Across roles, Jung worked to prevent and address bias-based conduct and sexual misconduct, including coaching of school administrators and conducting training on district policies. Jung is a graduate of Northeastern University and currently attends Northeastern University School of Law.

“I am excited to support the Registry, Office of the Parking Clerk, and Public Records team,” said Chief of Staff for City Records Grace Jung. “I look forward to working with these essential city services to improve processes and procedures and develop policies that improve the lives of our constituents.”

“Grace brings tremendous leadership and deep experience working in the public sector, and we are thrilled to have her as part of the team,” said Alex Lawrence, Chief of People Operations. “She will help us implement system changes and build capacity for the City to operate more effectively.”

As the Director of Parking and Curbside Management, Mia Capone will lead a department that responds to several public-facing city street’s needs. These include parking tickets, determining parking disputes, collecting parking fines, and the issuing of moving permits and resident parking permits.

“Parking availability and how curbsides are utilized have an enormous impact on how residents, businesses, and visitors experience a city,” said Director of Parking and Curbside Management Mia Capone. “I look forward to engaging closely with stakeholders and staff to modernize parking and permitting processes and policies so we can better meet Boston’s parking needs of today and plan for an accessible and sustainable future.”

“The Office of the Parking Clerk is a critical part of the Streets Cabinet and the Boston Transportation Department,” said Nick Gove, Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department. “Mia will ensure that Boston continues to build a world class curbside experience and provide innovative leadership in improving our services.”

Capone joins the City of Boston from the Government Performance Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School, where she led work to transform the City of Syracuse’s procurement systems to be more data-driven, efficient, and fair, resulting in increased opportunities for local and diverse businesses and improved delivery of contracted services to constituents. Capone has nationwide and international experience working with municipal governments and leading complex project teams to improve government operations and the delivery of services to diverse communities, with a focus on equitable impact and sustainability. Capone is a graduate of Harvard University.

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by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

### Last Great Buffalo Hunt



July 4, 1882 — The “Last Great Buffalo Hunt” began on Indian reservation lands near Hettinger, North Dakota as 2,000 Teton Sioux Indians in full hunting regalia killed about 5,000 buffalo. By this time, most of the estimated 60-75 million buffalo in America had been killed by white hunters who usually took the hides and left the meat to rot. By 1883, the last of the free-ranging buffalo were gone. In 1882 and 1883, the American buffalo made their last stand here in the valley of Hiddenwood and within a 30-mile range of this area. Hiddenwood Cliff, directly opposite Hiddenwood Creek, was an ancient landmark for buffalo hunting tribes who often camped in these buttes and badlands.

The last 50,000 free ranging buffalo had migrated into this area, which was then part of the Great Sioux Reservation from territories farther west. Within 15 months they were gone. Although most of the estimated 60 to 75 million buffalo were likely killed by white hide hunters, these last buffalo were hunted by Native Americans in traditional ways on reservation lands.

The last great buffalo hunt began about June 20, 1882, when 2,000 Teton Lakota men, women, and children traveled 100 miles from Ft. Yates to this valley on foot and horseback, and saw the hills black with thousands of grazing buffalo. On the first day 2,000 buffalo were killed, pursued by mounted hunters with rifles. The hunters painted their faces, bodies, and horses in traditional ways for a successful hunt. Very few hunted with bow-and-arrow. After the first day, the buffalo remained where they had fallen and the hunters returned to camp long after dark, too tired to even celebrate or tell stories. On the second day the entire tribe worked quickly to butcher and care for the meat. Humps and other tender parts were removed for immediate feasting, and women sliced the remaining meat into thin sheets to dry and make into pemmican and jerky. On the third day, the hunters killed an additional 3,000 buffalo. In three days, the tribal hunters killed 5,000 buffalo on this “last great hunt.”



# GREAT FOURTH OF JULY PARADE IN SQUANTUM

by Sal Giarratani



**Chief Marshal is Michael Bellotti**

This year he was all decked out in his great patriotic colors and that outstanding red, white and blue cowboy hat. This year his driver in the parade was another friend of mine, Joe Aducci from Braintree, a Boston firefighter. I used to know several members of the Aducci family from Southie or was it Dorchester? Maybe, Joe is part of that family. Aducci is not a very common Italian surname like my own.



With lots of friends over in Quincy, I always make it over to celebrate the Fourth of July. The Squantum community always puts on a great parade. My daughter, her hubby Matt, and my two grandchildren were there with plenty of friends she grew up with in Quincy. The parade is always followed by a big BBQ, too.

As usual, the parade's Chief Marshal is Michael Bellotti, who currently serves as Norfolk County Treasurer. Previously, he served as Norfolk County Sheriff and before that as a state representative. He's a well-liked guy in Squantum.



## 2024 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

### JULY

**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

### ADDITIONAL ITALIAN FESTIVALS

**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

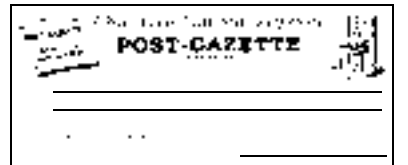
**Cambridge Festival**  
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*Sunday Procession* 1 pm  
*Warren and Cambridge St., Cambridge*



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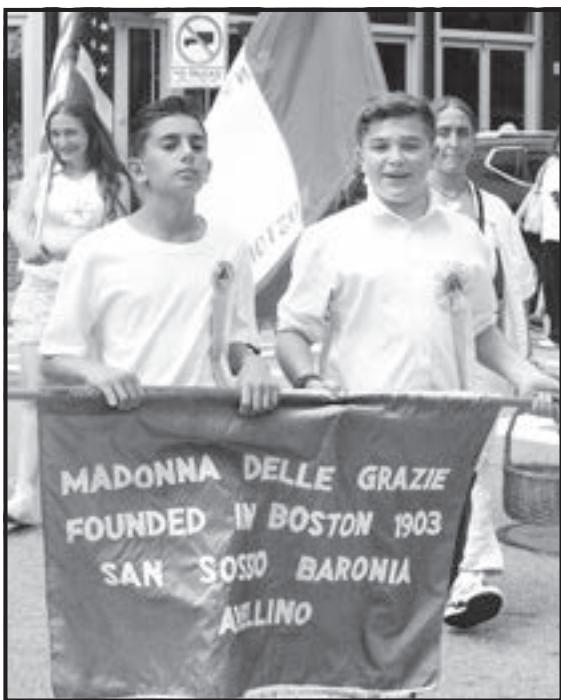
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**North End Marching Band**

*(Photos by Gerri Palladino)*



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*Severin Films*

*Danza Macabra Volume 3: The Spanish Gothic Collection* is the latest in Severin Films acclaimed series of Gothic Horror Blu-ray box sets and the first to focus on Spain's tradition of Gothic Horror, which — particularly during the Franco dictatorship — was characterized by daring concepts, lush visuals, extreme sexuality, and a startling aesthetic all its own. These four classic shockers from the 1970s represent the genre at its most audacious: In **Necrophagous**, the debut feature by writer/director Miguel Madrid, a fractured family in a crumbling castle conceals a grisly graveyard secret. The anthology film **Cake of Blood** — never previously available outside of Spain — presents a quartet of supernatural tales by four young filmmakers. Hammer Films director John Gilling brings his inimitable style to the occult thriller in **Cross of the Devil**. And a terminally ill woman is enticed by eternal life in Leon Klimovsky's vampire masterwork, **Night of the Walking Dead**. Each film in this collection has been scanned from its original negative — with over 8 hours of Special Features — for the first time ever in America.

**TRUE DETECTIVE: NIGHT COUNTRY (Blu-ray + DVD)**

*Warner Bros. Discovery + HBO*

Get on the case and catch up on all the clues from HBO's riveting Emmy Award-winning limited series, as Warner Bros Discovery Home Entertainment releases *True Detective: Night Country* on Blu-ray & DVD. Uncover the truth and unravel the evidence on HBO's hit original TV series. Fans and newcomers alike can binge on all 6 thrilling episodes from Season 4, while they search for answers and then go behind the scenes with bonus content. When the long winter night falls in Ennis, Alaska, the eight men who operate the Tsalal Arctic Research Station vanish without a trace. To solve the case, detectives Liz Danvers (Jodie Foster) and Evangeline Navarro (Kali Reis) will have to confront the darkness they carry in themselves, and dig into the haunted truths that lie buried under the eternal ice. The season also stars John Hawkes, Christopher Eccleston, Fiona Shaw, Finn Bennett, Anna Lambe, Aka Niviãna, Isabella Star Lablanc, and Joel D. Montgrand.

**CROCODILE (Blu-ray)**  
*Synapse Films*

When Mother Nature rebels against humankind for defying her laws, she strikes back with unbelievable fury, creating the largest and most savage crocodile on earth. There is a giant crocodile on the loose! Mutating and getting larger, possibly because of an atomic explosion, the crocodile's thirst for blood also grows as it rampages through a small quiet beach town, devouring anything in its path. Dr. Akom and Dr. Stromm are on a perfect

family vacation, but it takes a tragic turn when three of their loved ones suddenly disappear. When the bodies are found, the two doctors conduct a thorough examination of the remains, and discover a killer crocodile is the culprit. Teaming up with Tanaka, a tough and rugged fisherman, Akom and Strom head out to dangerous open waters to find and destroy the best once and for all. This killer croc classic was originally filmed in 1978 as *Crocodile Fangs*, and released in slightly different versions all-around the world. This is the original U.S. version, meticulously restored from the original camera negative.

**JOURNEY FROM THE FALL (Blu-ray)**  
*Whole Grain Pictures*

April 30, 1975 marked the end of Vietnam's two-decade-old civil war and the start of the exodus of hundreds of thousands of refugees. Despite his alliance to the toppled South Vietnamese government, Long Nguyen (as himself) decides to remain in Vietnam. Imprisoned in a Communist re-education camp, he urges his family to make the escape by boat without him. His wife Mai (Diem Lien), son Lai (Nguyen Thai Nguyen) and mother Ba Noi (Kieu Chinh) then embark on the arduous ocean voyage in the hope of reaching the U.S. and freedom. Inspired by the true stories of Vietnamese refugees who fled their land after the fall of Saigon, and those who were forced to stay behind, *Journey from the Fall* follows one family's struggle for freedom.

**TODD RUNDGREN - LIARS LIVE (Blu-ray)**  
*Cleopatra Ent.*

A stellar 160-minute live concert from Todd Rundgren, performing material from his critically-acclaimed 2004 album *Liars* and other classics — which was Rundgren's 18<sup>th</sup> studio album. This two-hour plus live concert is released for the first time on Blu-ray disc, was shot on June 9, 2005, in Albany, New York. The band, including Utopia veterans Kasim Sulton, Jesse Gress, and Prairie Prince, delivers the 19 outstanding performances, including the classic "Hello It's Me" and a cover of The Beatles' "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." The 2004 release marked a return following a period of experimentation with multimedia technology and late 20<sup>th</sup> century musical genres.

**GHOULIES II (4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray)**  
*MVD Rewind Collection*

The demonic, toilet-dwelling goblins are back in *Ghoulies III* Stowed away in 'Satan's Den,' the traveling House of Horror operated by carnival workers Larry and Uncle Ned, the Ghoulies merrily devour the sideshow attraction's patrons ... until Larry realizes his horror house is for real and tries to flee the scene! Deliciously outrageous special effects and over-the-top antics ratchet up the horrific fun! This 4K version includes both the 90-minute Theatrical PG-13 cut and the restored 91-minute R-Rated Director's Cut of the film, along with an introduction by screenwriter Dennis Paoli.

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

**RFK JR NEEDS SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION**

We all know why independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr., doesn't have Secret Service protection. It stems from the same reasons that Kennedy wasn't in the first debate and why he most likely won't be in the next debate. The Democrats are afraid that Kennedy will hurt President Biden's chances at being re-elected.

Most polling shows Kennedy is taking registered Democrats not Republicans, and shows former President Trump eating into voters who call themselves independent. Biden Democrats are afraid, very afraid that with all of Biden's issues, it could be a Trump landslide.

However, all that aside, Kennedy with his family history and the recent assassination attempt on Trump's life in Butler, PA, Kennedy must receive Secret Service protection now.

**ME AND MY NIECE OLIVIA**

Actually, she's my great-niece, Her mom Tanya is my niece. My niece married a guy from Minnesota and now Minnesota is where they live. This summer my niece wants

**BOSTON HARBOR FOR ALL SPONSORS CRUISE**



Over 380 folks took this cruise and had a great time out on the harbor courtesy of Boston Harbor for All. Among the many on board were Deb Cave, Karen Maddalena, and Dennis Sullivan from the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway in East Boston



to get me over there for summer vacation. I've never been to that state. Hopefully, I can relax away from Boston, something I haven't done since before the pandemic.

Here is Uncle Sal with niece Olivia Sprinkle just before she left for summer camp in upper state New York with her two cousins Drew and Chase

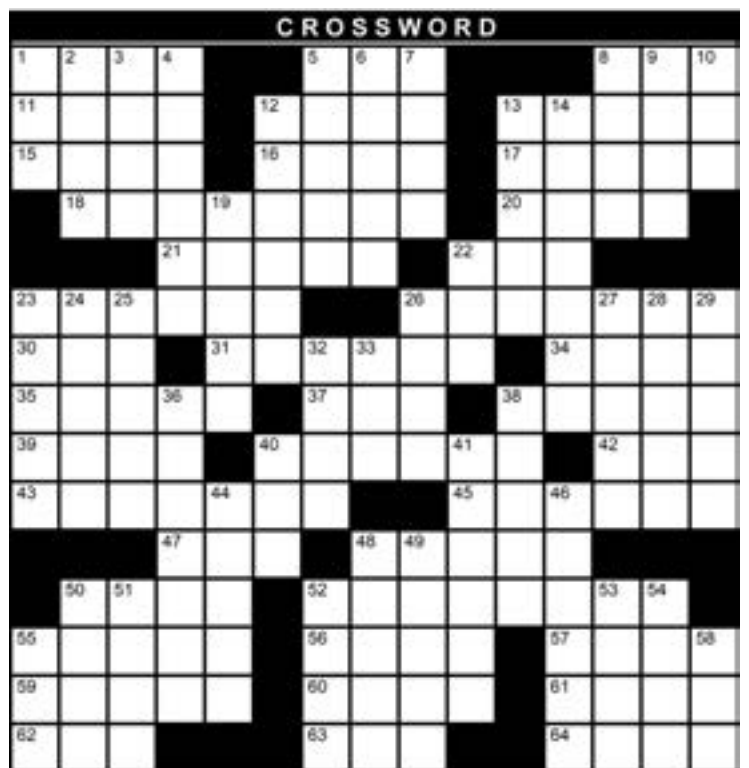
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**ACROSS**

- Croat or Moravian, e.g.
- Paid player
- Not Miss or Ms.
- First-rate
- Mattress with memory?
- Be of use
- "It's time!" signal
- \_\_\_\_-de-camp
- Like an unhealthy dog
- \*First one to circumnavigate globe, almost
- March Madness org.
- Bring upon
- Orange Lavaburst drink
- \*Rita \_\_\_\_\_, first Latina to win Academy Award
- Winter rides, in Russia
- Brewery order
- Unties or unbuttons
- Nearly
- One born to Japanese immigrants
- Good times
- Rheumy
- Tel \_\_\_\_\_, Israel
- Bequeath
- Once known as
- West African country
- \*Chuck \_\_\_\_\_, first to break speed of sound
- Genetic info carrier, acr.
- City near Düsseldorf
- Short for Dorothea
- \*First artificial satellite (2 words)
- Clay and silt deposit
- Marine eagle
- Mercantile establishment
- Singer Piaf
- Concert series
- Indian nursemaid
- Craggy peak
- Little troublemaker
- Solitary

**DOWN**

- Give in to gravity
- Weaver's apparatus
- The "I" in "The King and I"
- Carrots or peas, slangily
- French soldier in WWI
- Speed gun
- \*First horror film about Damien Thorn, with The
- Supernatural life force
- Capital of Latvia
- Canny
- Han Solo's "Millennium \_\_\_\_\_"
- Prenatal test, for short
- \*The first one helped combat smallpox
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- 120 mins.
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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



by  
**Marianna  
Bisignano**

Something I am experiencing as of late, new acquaintances wanting to know my opinion on politics and religion. In either case, a conversation centered on either topic puts me in a no win/no win situation. If I were to defend any side, regardless of what it is, I put myself at a disadvantage, so I make light of things with unorthodox answers that usually cause these potentially adversarial opponents to change the subject.

As an example, when anyone who is probing asks me about President Trump and I know where they are coming from, I answer, "Oh, I'm not a Trump supporter. He's way too liberal for me." This usually shuts them up. When I've been asked about religion, I tell them I'm a Six Day Buddhist. Many know what a Buddhist is and some know what a Seven Day Adventist is but not my Six Day Buddhist religion. They will then ask me about the religion and my come back shuts them up, "We pray to Our Lady of the Heartbreak of Psoriasis, and we believe that when you die, your soul goes to a used car garage in Chelsea or Brooklyn, depending on whether you live, Boston or New York." Again, this shuts them up and I go on my merry way.

The ones I am afraid of are the revisionists, the people who are trying to change history by erasing what they feel was wrong with it. As a perfect example of the attempt to change history is the destruction of the Christopher Columbus statue in the North End. Most of those activists who robbed us of our Italian admiral did this not knowing who Columbus really was and what he did and didn't do. They are reacting to a revisionist pandemic that is as bad for our future as the Corona Virus was for our health a few years ago.

The fears of one another are not new. I remember want ads from the Boston news-papers of old that indicated, "No Irish need apply." I remember the stories I heard from Babbononno and Grandpa Christoforo about how they were treated when they were new to America. I remember stories I heard from Dad about growing up in Boston in the first few decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and I remember the tail-end of what I call discrimination slanted toward Italians from when I was a kid. Our generations didn't try to change history, we learned from it. If it was bad, (slavery and the treatment of the Native Americans) we changed the future. If it was

good, (the Constitution/the Bill of Rights) we kept it and lived up to the standards included within.

When I taught World History on a college level, I researched the three major western religions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. The practices differed dramatically, but the essence of each was the same, a belief in God, a set of laws to live by and a concept of good and evil which affects us on Earth and beyond. When I looked at the Asian religions, Hindu and Buddhist, Shinto, etc., they were very different, but some of the same tenants I found in our western beliefs were the same, a belief in god(s), a set of laws to live by and a concept of good and evil which affects us on Earth and beyond.

One of my more reflective students once asked why we humans don't look for what makes us similar rather than what makes us different from one another. I wish I had had an answer for him. When I was young and Sal Meli and I traveled around the world, I would look for similarities between us and the people of the country we were in, and once they were established, we made friends. This includes people in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America (I've never visited Australia).

Even then, the image of the "Ugly American" was out there. It was shown to us in Puerto Rico in the mid-sixties. I was playing with a band in San Juan, P.R., and Sal had come to the island for a few weeks. After work one night, we decided to head into the hotel's casino and try our luck. We hit it big on a crap table, and the next morning headed to a local bank where I had an account, and deposit our winnings.

We headed for Old San Juan where the bank was located and were stopped by two tourists, a man and a woman who were trying to ask us something in Spanish using a Berlitz phrase book. We didn't understand and I was about to switch to English when the man said to his female companion, "Just like these Spics, they don't even know their own lingo." Sal continued speaking Spanish as the man flipped through his book looking for translations. Finally, he understood and thanked us by taking a quarter and placing it in the palm of my right hand while saying to his companion, "So they won't starve to death." I looked at the quarter, showed it to Sal and in Spanish said, "Oh, look a quarter." I then dropped it in the man's shirt

pocket and said in perfect Boston English, "Sir, you may need this more than we do." At that point, Sal removed a wad of hundreds from a carrying case and began to count the bills. The couple was fit to be tied and walked away as both Sal and I laughed. I later got mad saying to Sal, "What if we were local farmers coming to the big city for the first time and were exposed to this type of tourist? I then understood where the term "Ugly American" came from.

If Babbononno and Dad were still alive, I would ask them where we go from here. Do we let the revisionists change our history to coincide with their distorted concepts of the past, or do we learn from the realities of the past and hope not to make the same mistakes again??? I wonder how they would respond to the way things are evolving in today's America.

My suggestion for our future is to forget our differences and team up to put together a more perfect union. Our Constitution isn't perfect, but we can amend what doesn't work. It is not perfect, but it is better than any other political document that now exists on this planet. It allows for democracy. It allows us to be all we can be without restrictions put in front of us. Why is it that most countries have to put up borders to keep their people in and we have to put up borders to keep their people out (illegals). We must be doing something right if everyone wants to come here.

There is no country as diverse as the United States. I remember a conversation with Nanna about when she first arrived in New York. She had never seen a human that wasn't Italian where she came from, and saw a parade of people she called the League of Nations once she stepped foot on American soil. Before she left Ellis Island, she entered the gift shop and bought a model of the Statue of Liberty and kept it in plain sight for the rest of her life. It represented America to her, and freedom for all. I wonder if it still does?

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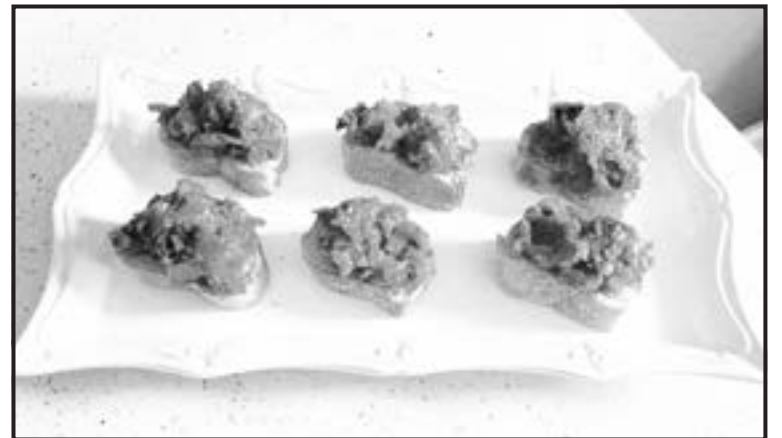
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In Italy, debates over the origins of certain dishes are common, but not with Caponata. This delectable "eggplant relish" is firmly rooted in Sicily, often hailed as Sicily's version of ratatouille. While they may be similar, Caponata is considered far tastier. Initially served in Sicily as a fish accompaniment, today it is enjoyed with octopus, poultry, and even as a delicious topping on Bruschetta.

Every family has their own unique way of making Caponata, with some families even having multiple recipes. My Nonna typically made hers without a set recipe, adjusting the ingredients based on the preferences of those she was serving. If someone didn't like raisins or pine nuts, she would simply leave them out. The recipe I'm sharing is easy to make and consistently turns out perfect. It's especially delicious as a topping on bruschetta. *Enjoy!*

## CAPONATA Sicilian Eggplant Relish



1 large or 2 medium long eggplant (the fatter, the more seeds)  
½ to ¾ cups olive oil  
1 ½ cups chopped celery  
2 ¼ cups chopped onions  
6 ounce can tomato paste  
¼ cup red wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons capers, rinsed and drained  
12 green olives, sliced salt and freshly coarse ground black pepper to taste  
Optional: 3 tablespoons raisins and a handful of pine nuts (I make it with raisins)

### 1. Prepare the Eggplant:

- Wash, dry, and cut the eggplant into 1-inch cubes.
- In a sauté pan, add about ½ cup of olive oil and the eggplant.
- Cook over medium heat until softened. Remove the eggplant and set it aside.

### 2. Cook the Vegetables:

- In the same pan, add the onions and celery.
- Sauté over medium heat, adding more oil if needed, until the onions are translucent, and the celery softens.

### 3. Combine Ingredients:

- Add the eggplant back into the pan along with the tomato paste and ¾ can of water.
- Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for about 15 minutes.

### 4. Simmer the Mixture:

- Reduce the heat to low and add the vinegar, sugar, capers, olives, and (if preferred) raisins and pine nuts.
- Mix well and cook covered for about 20 minutes.

Cool well and enjoy. Refrigerate leftovers.

**\*\*Note:** In Sicily, many even add a teaspoon or two of pure cocoa powder to this mixture!

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## Massachusetts Removes Major Hurdle for Everett Stadium Soccer Plan

The Massachusetts Senate unanimously approved an amendment in an Economic Development Bill that includes land for a new soccer stadium in Everett, specifically for the Major League Soccer (MLS) franchise, the New England Revolution (Revs). A similar bill was approved in June by the House of Representatives, with the full proposed bill heading to Governor Healey's desk for her signature.

The bill, sponsored by Middlesex/Suffolk State Senator Sal DiDomenico, removed the land as a "Designated Port Area", and would re-classify a 43-acre parcel of land owned by Wynn Resorts and Casino along the Mystic River "for the purpose of converting the parcel into a professional soccer stadium and a waterfront

park." There are still many issues to overcome, including environmental and transportation reviews from the state as well as local zoning approvals.

The quest to find a permanent home for the Revs, owned by Robert Kraft and the Kraft Group, has been ongoing since 2006. The Revs began playing in 1996 with their first eight seasons at Foxboro Stadium, before moving to the newer Gillette Stadium. Gillette holds close to 65,000 fans for Patriot games, but the Revs play in front of a reduced 20,000 fan capacity. Finding a permanent site in the Metro Boston Area has been a goal of the Revs since 2010. The team will have five years to develop the venue before the land reverts back to its "Designated Port Area" Status.

## Eleven parking Spaces Lost in Day Square, East Boston

By Patti Sartori



What may seem an inconsequential or minor change to the City of Boston Transportation Department is in reality a major impact to an already congested Day Square Business District.

In order to accommodate an activation and engagement area, with programming offered by Veronica Robles, tent structures were placed in the middle of Day Square, resulting in the loss of 11 parking spaces, including 1 handicapped space.

This is just the first step by the City of Boston Transportation Department, the newly created Boston Planning Department and the MBTA to re-design the "Day Square Plaza Station" as these agencies have labeled it.

At an emergency meeting, attended by a large group of Day Square Business owners and one City of Boston Transportation Department representative, just before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July long holiday weekend, the business owners requested a delay in the installation of these tent structure, but as par for the course, the city moved ahead, without any communication or notification to the businesses or patrons.

What many business owners are asking is who will be responsible for the maintenance and security of these structures? What days and hours will the programming be offered? There are many gaps in information that need to be filled in. As one business representative commented, "once again it seems like the city put the cart before the horse, and rushed to remove parking spaces even before programming details were finalized and put into place."

The business owners have made a number of requests for a follow up meeting, and are growing impatient with the stall tactics of the departments and agencies. Hopefully, our state and local elected officials will step up and offer some much-needed assistance to this group.

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## Prune Raspberries for an Abundant Harvest

by Melinda Myers



Proper pruning of raspberries can maximize the summer and fall harvest. (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

A bit of summer pruning goes a long way to keeping your raspberries healthy and productive. So, get out the mosquito netting, long sleeves, and pruners and get busy.

The summer harvest is produced on 2-year-old canes called floricanes. Remove those that bore fruit to ground level once your harvest is complete. These canes will not produce more fruit and their presence can increase the risk of insect and disease problems. This is also a good time to remove damaged, insect-infested, or discolored canes.

Summer is also a good time to thin the remaining canes on summer-only bearing raspberries. Remove weak or damaged canes, leaving three or four of the sturdiest canes per foot of row or six or eight stems per hill when growing in the hill system. Thinning increases airflow and light penetration, resulting in

healthier plants and a better harvest next season. Wait until next spring to reduce the height of the remaining canes. At that time, you can determine winter dieback, and damage, and *prune accordingly*.

Everbearing raspberries are often called fall raspberries and form fruit on first-year canes called primocanes. You can manage these types of raspberries for a single fall harvest only. Wait until the plants are dormant then cut the whole planting back to ground level. There will be a larger and earlier harvest when pruning everbearing raspberries this way. Although this pruning technique eliminates the summer crop, it is much easier, less time-consuming, and eliminates animal and winter damage in just one cut.

The other option is to prune everbearing raspberries for a fall and summer harvest. The new

growth produces the fall crop. These canes are left to produce berries the following summer. Prune these two-year-old canes after the summer harvest as you would on a summer-only bearing raspberry.

Maximize your summer and fall harvest by planting a summer and a fall-bearing raspberry patch. You'll enjoy summer raspberries from one planting plus a larger, earlier harvest from the fall-bearing raspberries when pruning all those canes to ground level each year during the dormant season.

Don't let a lack of space keep you from growing delicious raspberries high in fiber and vitamin C. Plant, train, and use raspberries as a hedge in your landscape. Or grow the new compact and thornless Raspberry Shortcake in a container or any sunny small space in your garden. You may not be freezing a large harvest from a single pot of raspberries, but you will enjoy fresh-from-the-garden raspberries even in your small space.

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](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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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. M124P2953PM  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405  
In the matter of ROBERT GENNETTI Of Malden, MA  
RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Maria Gennetti of Malden, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Robert Gennetti is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Maria Gennetti of Malden, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of August 13, 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 16, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/19/2024

### 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. M124P2871EA  
Estate of ELIZABETH ZACCARDI Also Known As BETTY ZACCARDI  
Date of Death: April 03, 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 Nicolas S. Zaccardi of Watertown, MA and John J. Zaccardi of Framingham, 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 Nicolas S. Zaccardi of Watertown, MA and John J. Zaccardi of Framingham, 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.  
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 02, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/19/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. M123P6287EA  
Estate of BARBARA ANN LABITT Also Known As BARBARA LABITT  
Date of Death: July 30, 2023  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A-Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Bruce D. Labitt of Nashua, 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 Bruce D. Labitt of Nashua, NH 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 August 12, 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 15, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/19/2024



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**Council Panel Takes Up Congestion Pricing**

A Boston City Council subcommittee held a recent hearing on congestion pricing a few weeks after NYC dropped that whole idea. Apparently, it didn't prevent city councilors in Boston from exploring the idea. A few councilors seemed to like the idea of a fee for drivers entering the downtown core.

However, District 3 Councilor John Fitzgerald cited a need for hesitancy and said he found it a hard sell, the downtown area was "taking a beating lately" with declining office building values and the potential for higher commercial taxes.

As Fitzgerald stated, "I do worry about this diverting people, when we need people to come into the city, that this

helps them decide that I'm not going to come in because I don't want to pay a tax." Other critics of this downtown fee idea spoke of the unreliability of the MBTA or that implementing a congestion fee precludes folks ditching their motor vehicles.

Those favoring this new toll-like idea did so while citing equity concerns. No congestion pricing yet but the idea still seems far from dead.

**End Quote**

"It's time to put Trump in a bullseye."

posting on X from December 2023 from the Biden-Harris HQ account

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Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle(s) on or after **August 5, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. The following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as in condition, no keys.

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- 2022 HONDA CRV**  
VIN # 2HKRW2H54NH624217
- 2010 HONDA FIT**  
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- 2007 TOYOTA YARIS**  
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Signed  
**D & G Towing**  
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Docket No. MI24P2890GD

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

In the interests of  
**JULIAN CHRISTOPHER McGRATH**  
of Everett, MA  
Minor

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/28/2024** by **Lisa M. Reed** of Everett, MA will be held **08/07/2024 08:30 AM** Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located **10-U Commerce Way, Woburn MA 01801 Courtroom 4.**
- 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.
- 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.
- Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: May 28, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/19/2024

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The Trial Court  
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Docket No. MI24P3358EA

Estate of  
**MARTIN L. WEISKOFF**

Date of Death: May 03, 2024

**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

**Noah Weiskoff of Beverly, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 07/19/2024

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Docket No. MI24P2891GD

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

In the interests of  
**JACKSON JAMES McGRATH**  
of Everett, MA  
Minor

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

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Probate and Family Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI24D0435DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY**  
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**YOLA UGWUEGBU**

vs.

**ANDERSON MAC UGWUEGBU**

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Yola Ugwuegbu, 32 Cherry Street, Apt. 1, Medford, MA 02155** your answer, if any, on or before **August 19, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: July 08, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Docket No. MI23P3458EA

Estate of

**BARBARA A. FERRANTI**

Date of Death: May 08, 2023

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Wayne A. Ferranti of Medford, 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 **Wayne A. Ferranti of Medford, 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 August 13, 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 16, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/19/2024

**EXTRA Innings**

by Sal Giarratani



**Yankees Have a New Rookie from Cohasset**

Recently when the Red Sox played the Yankees, we beat them pretty good except for one game when a rookie player on the Yankees from Cohasset, MA, named Ben Rice became the first rookie on the Yankees ever to hit three homers in one game. The Yanks won that game 14-4 even though we got to Cole and he couldn't finish the fifth inning. Rice had a great game



**Yankees Rookie Ben Rice from Cohasset, MA**

going three for five, scoring three runs, hitting three homers and knocking in 7 runs.

Rice was brought up after first baseman Anthony Rizzo went out with an injury. Keep your eye on this 25-year-old kid from the South Shore.

**Let's Talk About the Preponderance of Pitching Injuries this Season**

Is it just me or are there lots of pitching injuries happening this year to major league pitchers? I think there are but what is causing the uptick in numbers. I have two ideas about what is going on. I see all the new rules spending up the game having a negative impact on pitchers trying to navigate. Throws to first and pitch clocks are throwing the timing for pitchers off. The new rules could be messing up arms and affecting shoulder injuries. Just a thought. The other reason could be pitching speeds. Everyone on the mound is trying to up the speed of their pitches into the batter's box. More and more pitchers are trying to reach 100 mph more often than ever. They think fastballs need to go faster and faster.

I am old school. I remember seeing the greatest pitchers when I was growing up in the late 50s and into the 70s. They loved fastballs too. Look at Dick Radatz on the Sox. He only had his fastball. He was a one trick pony. He was great for three seasons and then his shoulder and arm turned into jelly and he was out of baseball in short order. Another guy was Sandy Koufax, he loved his fastball too but a catcher on the team Norm Sherry gave him food for thought and Koufax added a few more pitches to his game. Too bad Sherry didn't get to him sooner. He was forced to retire at the top of his game at age 33. He was an instant Hall of Famer but he only had 154 lifetime wins. Had he pitched longer, he could have gotten to maybe 300 wins or close to that number.

There are lots of pitchers past and present who loved their fastballs but for many it was a two-edged sword bringing early retirement to some or lots of last- ing pain. Was it worth it or not?

Any thoughts on the increase in arm/shoulder injuries to pitchers today? How much of it can be traced to the reliance on being fastball pitchers and relying on that one pitch to make a baseball statement of sorts? Let me know what you think. Send it to me at [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com).

**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 27, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

**2013 HONDA CIVIC**

VIN # 2HGFB2F54DH586188

**2007 HONDA ACCORD**

VIN # 1HGCM66547A104990

**2020 KIA SPORTAGE**

VIN # KNDPMCAC1L7798775

**2008 MAZDA MAZDA6**

VIN # 1YVHP80C085M34838

**2020 TAOTAO RACER**

VIN # L9NCPBPJ8L1010033

**2006 FORD EXPLORER**

VIN # 1FMEU73E56UA56538

**2008 JEEP COMPASS**

VIN # 1J8FF47W88D504710

**2004 TOYOTA COROLLA**

VIN # 2T1BR32E54C179317

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

Signed

**Todisco Services, Inc.**

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

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Docket No. MI24P3524GD

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

In the interests of  
**VERALYZ F. MALDONADO**  
of Lowell, MA  
Minor

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **06/27/2024** by **Maritza Masa** of Lowell, MA will be held **07/31/2024 9:00 AM** Motion Located **Lowell Justice Center Courtroom 11 - 370 Jackson St., Lowell, MA 01852.**
- 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.
- 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.
- Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: July 01, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/19/2024



# Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## Happy Birthday EZZARD CHARLES

July 7, 2021 marked the 103rd anniversary of the birth of Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles. For many years Charles was considered the most underrated heavyweight champion. Over time that has changed and Charles is now recognized as one of the all-time greats.

His record of 95 wins with 25 losses and 1 draw contains a who's who of great fighters. He twice beat the great Charley Burley, not an easy feat but one he did decisively. He was also the only man to go the distance with Rocky Marciano in a title fight, giving the Brockton Block Buster a very difficult time of it.

Fifty-two of Charles's 95 victories came via kayo. He was the epitome of the boxer/puncher. A superb counter puncher with lethal power. He was as gentle out of the ring as he was vicious inside the ropes.

Charles won recognition as heavyweight champion when he won a fifteen-round decision over Jersey Joe Walcott in 1949. The title had been left vacant with the retirement of Joe Louis.

Charles would go on to win a decision over Louis who came out of retirement. He would also win a rematch with Walcott. In the third meeting between



The Champ

Walcott and Charles, Jersey Joe scored a spectacular knockout to win the title. The two fought one more time in 1952 with Walcott winning a close decision.

Following the loss to Walcott, Charles lost a decision to Rex Layne. His career appeared to be on the slide, but he then ran off nine straight wins before dropping a decision to Nino Valdes in 1953. In his next fight he lost a decision to Harold Johnson. Again, it looked like the end of the road for the former champ.

Kayo wins over Coley Wallace and Bob Satterfield were enough to earn him a shot at Champion Rocky Marciano in 1954. In the

first fight Charles lost a hard-fought decision. In the second fight, on September 17, 1954, he nearly stopped Rocky who suffered a severe cut on his nose. Rocky pulled the fight out with a knockout in the eighth-round.

Charles's dreams of regaining the title came to an end that night. He continued to fight on but was by now a shell of his former self. He lost 13 of his last 24 bouts. Those thirteen defeats make up the majority of his career losses.

It was not until the very end of his career that Ezzard entered the ring weighing 200 or more pounds. He began fighting as a middleweight and weighed in the 185-pound range for his prime years as a heavyweight.

Ezzard started out as a middleweight, and while he may have moved up to the heavyweight division and gained the title, he never stopped fighting as if he still weighed 160 pounds.

Ezzard Charles died on May 28, 1975 at the age of 53 after a long battle with ALS.

I always thought Charles looked more like a jazz pianist than a boxer. He was indeed a musician in the ring with boxing gloves being his instrument.



Sugar Ray Robinson and Ezzard. Two of the smoothest Boxers of all-time.



Joe Louis and Charles. Former rivals, later friends.



Ezzard Charles hitting the Speed Bag



Charles decks Archie Moore for a nine count in the 7th round of their fight in 1947. Ezzard won a Decision over 10 rounds.



Ezzard counting his winnings at the racetrack.



Charles flattens Bob Satterfield in the Second Round in 1954.



Charles Vs. Marciano 1st Fight. Charles the only man to go fifteen rounds with Rocky. He lost a hard-fought Decision.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



There was an absolutely a stop-you-in-your-tracks column recently in USA Today that should be read by anyone concerned about the welfare of sports in this country. Written by Bob Nightendale, it presented in some detail the effect that gambling is having on our nation's great game.

Incidents such as:

Players being verbally threatened by fans seated down low at games for not coming through on the certain prop bets.

In some instances, players being followed back to their residences by irate gamblers. The article noted that this could even extend to members of the front office, with one unnamed GM admitting that he had requested police protection for his residence.

Threatening not only players but the family members of players with physical violence.

Most agree that the problem originates with bettors who bet a bit over their own financial heads but instead of calling it a day, bet again and lose again, meaning they are now in an even deeper financial hole.

Plus, as one player noted, it is so easy to gamble now, noting that anyone can do it with a phone. No longer is it necessary to visit a special venue dedicated for that activity such as a racetrack or even a casino. You can do it from your phone.

Plus results—with plenty of stats—are available in real time—as fans sit in the stands with their phones throughout the game. They no longer have to wait to see if they won or lost their bet.

Yes, right now, in the summer of 2024, this is the seamy side of Major League Baseball which once experienced the Black Sox scandal of 1919. But while that involved certain players on the team trying to get back at the team's owner, this is much more pervasive, having the potential capacity to affect every team, every player, every umpire and every front office in some way.

By and large no one seems to question the integrity of the players—who are already paid millions to play the game. Rather it is the behavior of the gamblers themselves and their threatening behavior that is being thrust into the spotlight.

Not only this summer (but for apparently a number of past summers, according to numerous players) this has been a reality within the MLB community.

But summers don't last forever, Hints of fall ever so gently touch the horizon despite the recent heat wave.

Especially with Division One college sports, what will happen when players fall short of their normal stats in certain basketball and football games? Most Division One players don't make that much from Name and Image and Likeness programs. We think they may

well be more vulnerable to the temptation to interact with gamblers than the highly paid pro athletes. And we also think that college basketball is particularly vulnerable in this regard.

Also, since most colleges have quite a bit of congregate housing (dormitories), the problem may already literally be inside. Non-athletic students who like to gamble may be living on the same floor as members of varsity athletic teams. And those non-athletes may have their contacts with, how shall we say this, certain members of the outside world.

Sadly, the various pro sports leagues, college conferences and even the NCAA have brought this sorry scene not only to our doorsteps but right inside our homes. Gambling on sports has been "normalized" in a way that would have seemed impossible a few short years ago. Frankly, we do not know where all this is headed but the direction sure seems far from positive.

For the colleges, the academic year (and hence the start of athletic activity) begins in a few short weeks.

It is a time to look on the bright side with the start of the colorful games, pomp and ceremony plus glory for the successful about a month away. But something else may be riding in the wind, a festering poison that could have the capacity to change things in the worst way. It will be up to the leaders of college athletic programs to be on their highest alert throughout the coming year.

### CELTICS HALL OF FAME

**EXHIBIT**—If you've got the time and need just a one-day break to get you through a workweek, we suggest you take a vacation day and drive out to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield where a new exhibit featuring the Boston Celtics has been unveiled.

Entitled "The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked," the exhibit traces the history of the Celtics—a team that now has won 18 NBA Championships. Although it may seem that the exhibit is simply a way for the Hall to capitalize on the euphoria surrounding the recent Banner 18 win, nothing could be further from the truth.

Planning for the exhibit began about two years ago when the Hall began working with the Celtics to plan the exhibit which features 71 artifacts presently on display with additional items expected to be added in the future.

The exhibit features game-worn uniforms from current and former stars like Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, Larry Bird, Bill Russell, Jaylen Brown, Jayson Tatum and Al Horford.

Also on display is the original Larry O'Brien Finals Trophy (the former NBA Commissioner was a native of Springfield) as well one of legendary coach Red Auerbach's legendary cigars.