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Massachusetts Budget Finale Several Items Left in Limbo

by Patti Sartori

The inability of house and Senate Leadership to negotiate left a number of legislative items dangling from the State House Dome. Even with a marathon 23-hour formal session to close out the process, many items were still not addressed, including the Economic Development package, hospital oversight, a proposed professional soccer stadium in Everett, a proposal to increase the number of all alcohol licenses in the City of Boston, reform clean energy infrastructure, and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's petition to increase the commercial tax rate, just couldn't get across the finish line.

The fully democratic controlled Massachusetts Legislature, was able to finalize and pass bills modernizing parentage definitions, reforming veteran's services, and borrowing funds for housing affordability efforts, but temporarily abandoned addressing other items that Massachusetts lawmakers and Governor Healey had

prioritized at the start of the legislative session, 18 months ago, in January 2023.

With lawmakers now on summer recess and focusing on their re-election efforts, many items are left in limbo. A number of conference committees attempted to work out final agreements on most items, but at the end of the day, only the parentage, housing bond and veteran services were voted on and approved.

One controversial bill that never made it to formal discussion was Mayor Wu's plan to increase the commercial tax rate in Boston. It cleared the house with amendments, but not the senate and its fate is uncertain. House and Senate Leadership have said they may call members back to deal with the Economic Development bill and possibly others, rather than trying to work them out during the informal session or waiting

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Saint Agrippina Di Mineo Society Celebrates 110th Anniversary

Each year since 1914, this group of devoted men join together in Boston's North End to renew their faith in their beloved Madonna, as was the custom in their land of origin, Mineo, Sicily. This past weekend the members of the St. Agrippina Society were out in full force honoring the traditions set forth, 110 years ago, by their parents, grandparents and other family members. The festival began on Thursday, August 1st, with "Little St. Agrippina meeting Big St. Agrippina." It would have made the previous generations proud to witness the magic of the kid's procession leading La Madonna down Hanover Street during her opening night debut. Once again, St. Leonard Church Pastor, Father Michael Della Penna blessed the statue before the opening ceremonies.

The grand procession began on Sunday, where the life size statue of St. Agrippina was paraded through the streets of the North End by 20 devoted members, and was warmly received by many residents, business owners and visitors



(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

along the way. The society members would like to extend their gratitude to their families, friends and supporters who

continue to patronize and support this annual celebration.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

U.S. Now Says Maduro Foe Won the Election

The United States has found no evidence that Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro received the most votes in last month's presidential election and the Biden Administration will recognize opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzales says Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

Point and Counterpoint

According to MSNBC contributor Molly Jong-Fast, "(JD Vance's) natalism...comes from an authoritarian playbook there need be more white children."

However, fact is JD Vance is married to an Indian-American and has three biracial kids all with Indian first names.

Self-Driving Tesla Fatally Hits Biker

A Tesla hit and killed a motorcyclist near Seattle this past April while operating on the company's "Full Self Driving" system. Police investigators made the discovery after downloading information from the event-data recorder on the 2022 Tesla Model S.

The investigation is ongoing and the county prosecutor will determine if any charges are filed in this case. After the crash, the driver told a trooper that he was using Tesla's Autopilot and was looking at his cellphone while driving. The 56-year-old driver was arrested for investigation of vehicular homicide. This was the second death in the U.S. involving Tesla's system.

End Quote

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."

— Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Meet the New Democratic Vice-Presidential Nominee, Tim Walz

(Where does he Really Stand on Key Issues)

by Patti Sartori

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz had just been chosen as the second half of the Democratic Presidential Ticket. Vice-President and Democratic Presidential nominee, Kamala Harris, made the announcement on Tuesday, after she offered the slot to the former high school teacher, football coach, and National Guardsman.

Some political insiders were surprised at Harris' choice of running mate. Walz has fairly low name recognition, isn't a prominent figure on the national stage and hails from a solidly blue state. Last week Harris narrowed down her Vice-Presidential search to what seemed like three candidates, Arizona Senator Mark Kelly, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz. By Monday evening, Kelly was out of the running, leaving only Shapiro and Walz. Given Shapiro is of Jewish faith and a staunch supporter of Israel, Harris went with Walz as the least controversial and safest choice to satisfy her progressive base.



But what do we really know about Tim Walz, and where exactly does he stand on these key political and national issues?

Born in Nebraska in 1960, he moved to his wife's home state of Minnesota in 1996. He began his career as a social studies teacher and football coach. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006, where he served 6 terms and was re-elected five times. In November 2023, he was elected Governor of Minnesota and re-elected in 2022.

Since becoming Governor,

Walz has championed a number of progressive policies, and is viewed as one of the most left-leaning vice-presidential candidates. Prior to winning the Governor's seat in 2018, he favored turning Minnesota into a sanctuary state, meaning he would discourage local police cooperating with federal immigration enforcement, and has backed legislation expanding benefits to illegal immigrants, such as health care assistance and driver's licenses.

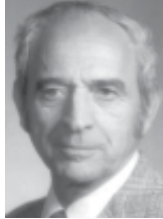
In 2023, Walz signed a bill declaring October 9th as Indigenous People's Day. The proclamation signed replaces what was once Columbus Day.

During the COVID pandemic in 2020, his administration set up a hot line so individuals in Minnesota could report those who were not adhering to the state's lockdown rules. He opposed a school voucher system in his state, which would have allowed a parent to select a private school in Minnesota over a public school.

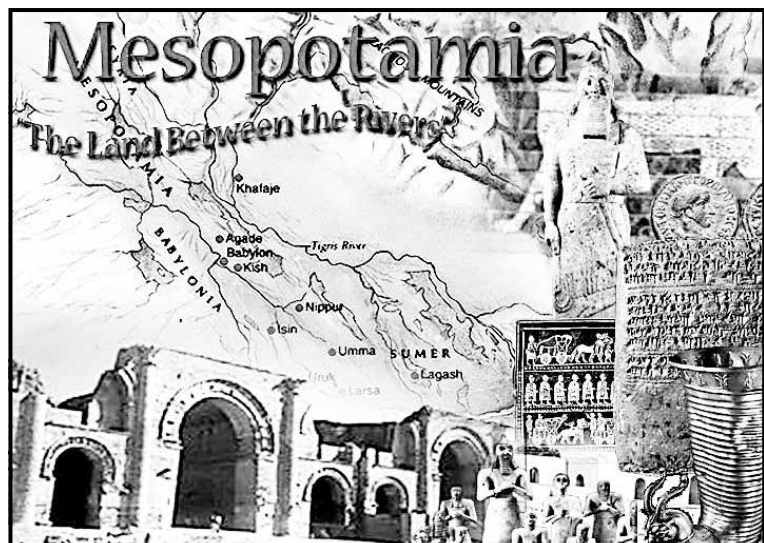
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Stirpe by Prof. Edmund Turiello
Nostra

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



THE MOUNDS OF MESOPOTAMIA



The great cities of ancient Mesopotamia are now known as the mounds of Iraq. These mounds are the most striking feature of their modern landscape. Originally, the cities were started on brick platforms slightly above the level of the plains. No provision was ever made for the disposal of waste, vegetable, or mineral. Every bit of refuse was thrown out onto the street. Over a period of time, the streets built up higher, and of course, each time a house was rebuilt or remodeled, it too was built up higher. This was a long and slow process which went on for hundreds of years. Wars, earthquakes, and conflagrations could level cities. Future cities were built over the older ones. Some mounds might contain the ruins of a Greek city on top, a Babylonian city in the middle, and a Sumerian city on the bottom, reflecting a time span of three thousand years from bottom to top.

It is interesting to compare the waste disposal philosophy of these ancient cities with that of Greater Boston many years ago. When a Greater Bostonian threw a letter into a wastebasket it soon ended up in our man-made dung heap on the Lynn Marsh Road and was generally lost forever. Any literary work on a clay tablet thrown onto a refuse heap three thousand years ago in Mesopotamia is still there and may someday be uncovered. Little clay tablets with their precious information and records started piling up in their dumps in great numbers and continued to pile up until about 300 A.D.

These mounds in Iraq contain an unbroken line of documents

and information, which covers all of their knowledge and wisdom throughout those times. Through these buried clay tablets, we may someday be able to resurrect the ancient civilizations in every detail, follow their religious beliefs, economy, social philosophy, and their daily life. Herein lies the true key that will unlock many of the great mysteries of the past. I am told that this work has already started and that some of the revelations are astounding.

Any Bostonian who is interested in trying his hand at amateur archaeology can certainly get a good start at the aforementioned Lynn Marsh Road area. Good fortune might prevail in helping to uncover a pair of tassels and a large bra marked "Property of the Crawford House Bar," an old hot dog steamer from Joe & Nemo's, or some deep fry pans marked "International Clam House." You might get real lucky and unearth some swizzle sticks from Frankie Mack's, drumsticks from Carl's Duck Farm, an ice cream scoop from Thompson's Spa, or rare glass bottles that reveal the drinking habits at Blindstrub's Café. You might even find a box of old voting ballots opposing "you know who," an autographed picture of Vaughn Monroe, a silver slipper from the State Ballroom and a silver-haired gigolo from Revere Beach's Spanish Gables. If you're real lucky, you might find a sweatband from an Adam's hat, or a partially hydrogenated jock strap from Kelly and Hayes' gym. You might even hit the jackpot and find a sign marked "Gasoline 12 cents per gallon."

NEXT WEEK: *Faennus*

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WE PREVAILED!

Save Columbus Day in Massachusetts

Thanks to our collaborative efforts, the misguided attempt to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day has once again failed. Our collective efforts ensured that our voices were heard, and our culture and heritage was not ignored. I am told that literally **hundreds of emails** were sent to Massachusetts legislators respectfully urging the preservation of Christopher Columbus Day. These messages served as a counterbalance to an equally vocal group of uninformed anti-Columbus and frankly anti-Italian advocates.

The bad news is that the Massachusetts legislative session ends at the end of the calendar year 2024 and so technically the bill is still alive. **The good news** is that during this time the objection of only one legislator is necessary to kill the bill. As a result, for all practical purposes the **BILL IS DEAD** for this legislative session.

We urge you to write a message to your State Senator and State Representative informing them that you live in their district, that you are grateful this bill did not pass and reminding them that you vote. We are stronger when we are vocal. It is important that our voices continue to be heard. We also urge you to write letters to Speaker Ronald Mariano (ronald.mariano@mahouse.gov) and Chairman Aaron Michlewitz (Aaron.m.michlewitz@mahouse.gov) for their continued support of our Italian heritage and their leadership in not allowing this misguided legislation to come to a vote. (Sample letter below)

COLUMBUS' HISTORY

In 1892, U.S. President Benjamin Harrison organized the first national Columbus Day parade in New York City to **ease a diplomatic crisis between the U.S. and Italy**, which surfaced a year prior when the largest lynch mob ever to assemble on American soil **murdered 11 innocent Italian immigrants** in the streets of New Orleans.

Given the massive success of President Harrison's NYC parade (attended by more than one million people), Italian Americans built Columbus statues across the U.S. through the 1900s to help fuel their assimilation. It is plain to see that Columbus Day was intended to encourage greater acceptance of immigrants (ironically, the holiday is now under constant attack for the same reason).

A BETTER WAY FORWARD

We have urged our representatives not to support this legislation and to preserve Columbus Day, which is a celebration of Italian American pride and history. We also suggest that the day after Thanksgiving be recognized as Native American Heritage Day and that the entire month of November be celebrated as Native American Heritage Month, as is already declared by proclamation by the U.S. government since 1990. There is also the option of recognizing August 9th as Indigenous Peoples Day, which was designated by the United Nations in 1999.

Thank you.

Italian American Alliance of Massachusetts

President James DiStefano

Chairman Dr. Dominic Amara

Vice President Tom Damigella

National Chairwoman Virginia Gardner

Below is Suggested sample to email or mail you can cut and paste

Subject: Bill H2989/S1976 To replace Columbus Day with IPDay

Dear _____,

I am writing to you regarding the bills pending to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day as a State Holiday.

I believe Italian-Americans should be recognized and respected by not taking Columbus Day away from them as a State Holiday. No other group is expected to have their day merged with another group. It is disrespectful both to Italian Americans as well as the Native American communities. It is not only important to Italian Americans, but has also been a proud part of America history and tradition.

There has been much misinformation circulating in the past few decades regarding the history of Christopher Columbus, and in a misguided effort to be inclusive and sensitive to all cultures, this bill produces the opposite effect - it foments exclusion and resentment, especially among Italian-Americans, who have struggled for decades to be accepted into the American national life.

I urge you to **not support** this Bill and keep Columbus Day as is. I also suggest that the day after Thanksgiving be recognized as Native American Heritage Day and that the entire month of November be Native American Heritage Month as already declared in 1990 by proclamation by the Federal Government. There is also the option of recognizing August 9th which is already designated by the United Nations since 1999 as Indigenous Peoples Day. Both groups deserve to preserve and protect their cultural heritage and it isn't fair to take away one people's holiday and replace it with another, especially when there are other available days appropriate for celebration.

Very Respectfully,

Signature

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

N.E.A.A. Mayor's Cup Team 12 and Under



After the winning game 15-1 vs. Parkway Little League

The North End Athletic Association played in the 2024 Mayor's Cup Tournament in July. The team won the first game 15-1 against Parkway Little League and went onto the Semi Finals where they played a very close game and unfortunately lost to a really good Roslindale team 4-2. The N.E.A.A. was a very good team and played very competitively. They had a lot of fun and practiced hard leading up to the tournament. The team

was coached by Head Coach Rick Martignetti, and two great Assistant Coaches Pat Purcell and Dave Peretti. The North End is proud of these young men for their sportsmanship and hard work.

The roster consisted of Reed Fullerton, John Fahy, Treyson Scarpa, David Carroll, Jay Leung, Declan Daly, Hudson Walker, Gianluca DeMarco, Paolo Tizzano, Cameron Ching, Andrew Courville, River Purcell and Luca Tizzano.



After a tough defeat against Roslindale 4-2

North End Athletic Association Takes them Out to the Ballgame



Robert "Teddy" Tomasone, North End Athletic Association (NEAA) board members with the North End Youth Organization participants and councilors (Nazzaro Center Summer Camp) preparing to board the buses for a day at the ball game

For over 10 years the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) has generously sponsored a day at the ballpark for North End youth and gentlemen. This year's trip to the Woo Sox, the Boston Red Sox Triple-A affiliate in Worcester, took place on Thursday, August 1st. Robert "Ted" Tomasone, President of NEAA and board members donated the luxurious motor coach buses and tickets for the North End Youth

Organization (Nazzaro Center Summer Camp) and counselors.

"It is a pleasure to attend this annual even with another great group of kids from the North End. We will continue to offer this trip and similar events as often as possible," said Tomasone. It was a picture-perfect day for a ballgame and a fun time was had by all. Thank you to Teddy and the entire NEAA organization for another Grand Slam Day!



Gentlemen of the North End enjoying a home run day at the Woo Sox game

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Ferragosto, Summer's Festive Finale

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



There is no use hiding it anymore: autumn is coming. The signs of the changing season pulsate all around me. The evenings fall earlier, a dusky blue mantle of sky covering the Earth, and the air feels crisper as well. The earliest crop of apples has arrived at markets, and I cannot wait to enjoy this succulent fruit in cakes, breads, crisps and as a simple snack. Even Halloween decorations, smiling pumpkins and arched black cats, begin to wink from store shelves amidst all the notebooks and pencils of back-to-school sales. Although autumn is my favorite season, I am determined to hold on to the rest of the summer for as long as I can, until the school bell rings in September. After all, the days are still warm and the sun still bakes the Earth. Indeed, in Italy, summer vacation remains in full swing. The biggest summer holiday in Italy occurs on August 15th, though Italians extend the celebrations for several weeks before or after. For this feast, named Ferragosto, Italians leave the cities en masse to spend time at the beach or mountains. Caught between the heat and idleness of summer and the rhythmic nature of fall, Ferragosto provides Italy with one last joyous blast of the vacation season.

Visiting Italy during August can sometimes resemble walking through the quiet remains of an ancient civilization. Tourists abound, of course, but many Italians have already escaped the scorching heat of cities and towns once August begins, embarking on their Ferragosto vacations until the holiday culminates on August 15th. I remember the slightly eerie sensation of walking through Rome one August while on a trip years ago and noticing the boarded-up restaurants and theaters and shops. Meanwhile, the Italian coastline brims with colorful beach umbrellas and chic sunbathers, the sands chockablock with impromptu volleyball games and radios

blaring the latest hits. Italians even exchange holiday greeting cards emblazoned with pictures of beach picnics and grinning suns. In small Italian villages, such as my father's home outside of Sulmona in Abruzzo, people celebrate Ferragosto with shady al fresco dinners, featuring the seasonal produce of zucchinis, tomatoes, peppers and herbs. This holiday has been important to Italians since ancient times. It harkens back to the year 18 B.C., when the Emperor Augustus established the *Feriae Augustae*—Festivals of Augustus—in honor of his reign. Some historians suspect that Augustus's festivals replaced older holidays like the *Vinalia rustica*, which marked the grape harvest. For all its modern trappings, therefore, Ferragosto remains a seasonal celebration honoring the fresh-air pleasures of summer and the harvest.

August 15th holds another great significance in Italian culture: it is the feast day of the Assumption, or *L'Assunzione*. This religious holiday observes the Virgin Mary's physical and spiritual Ascent into Heaven. Italian villages and towns combine Ferragosto and *L'Assunzione* festivities by holding parades and processions where the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is held aloft. In the medieval city of Siena, the famous Palio, or Renaissance horse race, occurs around this time. Around Europe, in fact, the Feast of the Assumption also serves as an important seasonal marker, heralding the start of the harvest. Armenian farmers bring freshly harvested grapes to church on the Sunday closest to the Assumption so that the priest may bless the fruit. In Poland, where the Virgin Mary of the Assumption is also known as the Blessed Mother of the Herbs, people gather herbs and have them blessed in church and later display those herbs around their homes for protection. I honor the harvest qualities of the

Assumption by baking cheesy biscuits studded with chives—both the wheat and the herbs symbolize the bounty of Mother Earth. The pungent aroma and simple texture of these small breads remind me that August means far more than the end of summer; rather, it is a time to be thankful for the gifts of nature and to appreciate the cyclical changing of the seasons much as our ancestors did.

Therefore, August in Italy teaches us to live in the moment. Though we may be worried about the stress of the upcoming cold-weather months, the holiday of Ferragosto encourages us to seize the last few weeks of summer with fanfare and fun, enjoying the cool waters of the ocean or a picnic under the stars, surrounded by family and friends. Meanwhile, the Feast of the Assumption emphasizes the bountiful harvest that characterizes the late summer and fall, as well as the beauty of the changing seasons. Let us allow the lessons of these two holidays to permeate our lives and let us carry the pleasures of August with us always.

P.S. Happy Birthday to my father Rocco Di Censo, who was born the day after Ferragosto. Daddy, I love you always!

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. SU24P1418EA

Estate of
JULIAN DAVID GORDON
Date of Death: May 12, 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 Justin B. Gordon of Watertown, MA and Gary M. Markoff of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Justin B. Gordon of Watertown, MA and Gary M. Markoff of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 September 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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UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 01, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 08/09/2024

THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

Summer Block Party Fundraiser For Tunnel To Towers Foundation

On Saturday, August 3rd, I found myself over at the Mottola Post VFW 4524 for what turned out to be a great block party celebrating all that we have to be grateful for as Americans and to also help a cause close to the hearts of our veteran community, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. We've seen their TV commercials and we have seen the WORK this organiza-

tion out of Staten Island has done and continues to do.

Too often duty and sacrifice get forgotten. This organization has been there to help both first responders and our military veterans. In their hour of need, we need to be there for them and one way to do it is to help organizations like the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

This past Saturday was a great day to gather together and have fun but also not to forget those who served and those who sacrificed their all and now could use our help. When people fall, we help them up.

Kudos to Mottola Post VFW 4524 helping to raise funds for this noble cause. We cannot forget. We won't forget.



(L-R) Sal Giarratani, Isaac McDaniel, Revere Director of Veterans Services and Michael Leonard from the Abraham Lincoln GAR Post 11 in Charlestown, MA



Matt Cunningham, Anthony Crucioti and Andrew Biggio

2024 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

AUGUST

MADONNA DELLA CAVA Hanover & Battery Sts. Sunday Procession	August 9,10,11 Opens 7 pm on Friday 1 pm
MADONNA del SOCCORSO North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's) Sunday Procession 1 pm - Flight of the Angel 8 pm	August 15, 16, 17, 18
SANTA LUCIA Thursday, Feast & Procession Thacher & Endicott Sts.	August 22 5 pm
ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST Endicott & Thacher, N. Margin Sts. Sunday Procession	August 23, 24, 25 12 pm
SAN GENNARO FEAST Paul Revere Mall (Prado) on Hanover St. Sunday Mass 12 pm (Prado) & Procession to follow	August 30, 31 & Sept. 1

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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To My Beloved North End Family of St. Leonard Thank You

I don't have words to express how moved my family and I were at the amazing celebration of my 25th Anniversary. Everyone came together to make it a spectacular memorable day.

I could not be prouder of my neighborhood and our church and every person in our parish. I am honored to be able to serve here and I am blessed to be able to minister to each of you.

My THANK YOU comes directly from my heart and is full of all my love. I am so grateful to all those who planned, participated, attended, and prayed for me during this special occasion - Thank You! Your presence, support, and gifts will always be treasured in my heart.

It was especially sweet to celebrate this day with so many of my brother priests in the same



sanctuary where, 25 years ago, I consecrated my life to God.

I am especially thankful for the beautiful words that my gifted brother Franciscan, Fr Rick Martignetti, shared during the homily. I hope I can live up to them.

I cannot fail to mention a special thanks to Frank DePasquale who not only volunteered to host ALL of us at his restaurant, Umbria, for the reception, but hired a pilot to fly a plane over the church with a message congratulating me on my 25th!

Everything was outstanding and I couldn't be more humbled, grateful and appreciative of all the love and support.

There is no place like the North End. Let's keep united and faith filled so that we can be stronger and stronger in His Love.

Saint John of Matha

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

John was born in France in 1160. His parents were wealthy and sent him away to school so that he could receive the best education. He used the money his parents sent him to help the poor. He spent his free time performing works of charity and paid visits to the local hospital to tend the sick.

When John graduated, he moved to a hermitage wanting to spend his days in quiet prayer, but his friends visited him so often that he saw this as a sign from God that he was called to serve others as a priest. He entered the seminary and was ordained when he was 32 years old.

While Father Matha was celebrating his first Mass, he had a vision of Christ holding the hands of two men in chains — on one side was a Christian and on the other was a Moor. Father Matha lived during the time of the Crusades when Christians fought religious wars against the Moors. Thousands of Christians had been captured by the Moors and were forced into slavery, and some were tortured if they would not deny their faith. After his vision, John thought of a plan to rescue the Christian slaves by offering a ransom for them!

John went to Rome to ask Pope Innocent III for permission to put his plan into action. The pope was so impressed with John's idea that he approved the founding of a new religious order led by John. The community was called the Order of the Holy Trinity. They became known as the Trinitarians.

The men who joined the order went to Morocco, Tunis, and Spain to ransom Christian slaves and return them to their homes. The Trinitarians collected the money to pay for the ransoms by begging for coins from average people and by asking for larger donations



from wealthy benefactors.

John spent the rest of his life working for the freedom of Christians around the world. Today the members of the Trinitarian order work in more than 20 countries, bringing the word of God to men and women

in prisons. They preach about the freedom Jesus brings to all who believe in him.

John died in 1213 in Rome. He was canonized in 1666. The Feast Day of Saint John of Martha is February 8.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
The Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex, SS. Division
Docket No. MI24P4032PO
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
REMOVAL OF A TRUSTEE
and APPOINTMENT OF
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

To all persons interested in the 43 Hayes Street Realty Trust, a petition has been presented by Richard E. Phillips of Chesapeake, VA to said Court praying that the Court remove the current trustee, Cheryl P. Singleton of Belmont, MA and that Melissa A. Howitt of Franklin, MA be appointed as successor trustee(s) without sureties on his/her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on August 26th, 2024.

Witness, HON. Terri L. Klug-Cafazzo, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 29th day of July 2024.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 08/09/2024

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Docket No. MI24P4119GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
NICHOLAS J. PARK, JR.
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 08/01/2024 by Jeannette Park of Lowell, MA will be held 11/13/2024 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located Courtroom 11 Judge Cafazzo, Lowell Justice Center, 370 Jackson St., 5th Floor.
- 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.

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Joseph J. Bevilacqua Receives UNICO Merrimack Valley Chapter Leadership Award



UNICO Merrimack Valley Board President Domenico Staniscia presents Leadership Award to Joseph J. Bevilacqua

Joseph J. Bevilacqua, retired Haverhill City Councilor, School Committeeman and Economic Development Director received the UNICO Merrimack Valley Chapter Leadership Award from Domenico Staniscia, Board President.

UNICO is the largest Italian American service organization in the United States supporting charitable work, higher education, etc., and other services.

The Award was presented at Haverhill Country Club at UNICO's Annual Meeting. Among those in attendance were the Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti.

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Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce President Joseph J. Bevilacqua, receives congratulations from Consul General of Italy Arnaldo Minuti

(Courtesy Photos)

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“Gli Uomini Forti” di San Agrippina Di Mineo Society



“Le Belle Sorelle” di San Agrippina



Father Michael giving the Blessing



Rolling out a ribbon



Ivana, Elena, Jackie, Mikaela, Nicole, Victoria, and Abby in front



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“The Bonetti Trio,” Michael, Elena, and Ivana Bonetti
(Photos by Gerri Palladino)

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Marquis de Lafayette

Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de La Fayette, better known simply as Lafayette, was born on September 6, 1757 in Chavaniac, France.

He was born to a wealthy noble family. When he was two years old, Lafayette's father was killed in battle against the English and as a result, his mother needed to move to Paris. Lafayette's care fell to his grandmother, whose generosity and altruism influenced his character.

Fueled by lingering French resentment of the British after the Seven Years War and inspired by the noble cause of the American pursuit of liberty, 19-year-old Lafayette decided to join the American cause.

After 54 days at sea on his recently purchased ship *La Victoire*, he volunteered his services to the Continental Army. Though Congress was hesitant, his earnestness, and his assurance that he would serve at his own expense, won him the rank of major. This occasioned the beginning of a long friendship with George Washington who came to regard him as a son. The two men formed a life-long friendship, united by a common belief in individual liberty and a democratic society. Lafayette found in Washington a father figure.

Lafayette was injured in the Battle of Brandywine, but his tactical cunning and fearlessness in battle helped to save the Revolution on many occasions. In 1779, Lafayette returned to France and helped to win formal French support for the American cause. Lafayette came to Williamsburg during preparations for the Virginia Campaign of 1781. At Yorktown, Lafayette helped to corner Britain's Lord Cornwallis, whose surrender after several days of siege was a fatal blow that ensured the American victory.

After the American Revolution, Lafayette returned to France where his popularity soared as he navigated the tenuous line between the angry subjects and the monarchy. Lafayette authored the celebrated Declaration of the Rights of the Man and of the Citizen. He advocated religious freedom and the abolition of slavery, in keeping with the philosophy of natural rights. After the storming of the Bastille, he was appointed commander-in-chief of France's National Guard and tried to steer a middle course through the years of revolution. In August 1792, radical factions ordered his arrest, and he fled to the Austrian Netherlands. He was captured by Austrian troops and spent more than five years in prison.

Lafayette returned to France after Napoléon Bonaparte secured his release in 1797, though he refused to participate in Napoleon's government. After the Bourbon Restoration of 1814, he became a liberal member of the Chamber of Deputies, a position which he held for most of the remainder of his life. In 1824, President James Monroe invited him to the United States as the nation's guest, where he visited all 24 states in the union and met a rapturous reception. During France's July Revolution of 1830, he declined an offer to become the French dictator. Instead, he supported Louis-Philippe as king, but turned against him when the monarch became autocratic. He died on May 20, 1834 and is buried in Picpus Cemetery in Paris, under soil from Bunker Hill.

Lafayette and his wife Adrienne de Noailles had four children, including a son named Georges Washington.



Hillbilly Elegy,

A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis

BY J. D. VANCE

Book review by John Joseph Fahey

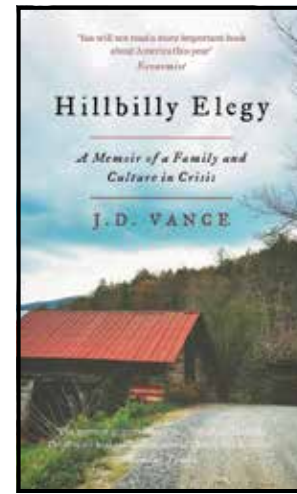
Certainly he enjoys more name recognizable since being tapped for the Republican ticket for the upcoming presidential election, J. D. Vance, currently United States Senator representing Ohio, has the distinction and good fortune of having had a best-selling autobiography available since it was penned eight years ago. Not only is J. D.'s story in book form, but it also became a 2020 film, enjoying a limited theatrical release as well as streaming on Netflix. The film has the same title as the book and was directed by Ron Howard.

Hillbilly Elegy, with subtitle *A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* is a work that deserves consideration, and not just because it contains historical background of one of the nation's 100 senators, but because it is an ample, albeit not wide-ranging overview of a particular sub culture in America, namely the hillbilly of Appalachia.

Vance traces his upbringing against the backdrop of a culture that has witnessed its share of impoverishment as well as writing about an environment that, often due to adverse social pathologies, inhibit upward mobility — thereby compromising one's attainment of the coveted *American Dream*.

Although this work allows the reader to learn about early circumstances Vance and his family experienced, it also permits the reader the opportunity to glean why those adverse conditions of Vance's formative years helped him develop into the successful individual he eventually became. Vance credits the strong influence of his grandparents "Mamaw" Vance and "Papaw" Vance as well as his sister Lindsey Vance.

Although Vance's story is mainly about his advancement against the backdrop of a social culture in decline, the United States Marine Corps and higher education, with a heavy dose of tenacity and belief in achieving the *American Dream* played an instrumental role in Vance's amelioration of self. Without the conviction of wanting to strive for improvement, many of those in Appalachia Kentucky seem almost destined to remain in positions of social and economic distress.



Vance frankly writes of factors which contribute to this depravation; he is not reticent in citing that substance abuse is often times the culprit — consequentially giving additional reason why many from Appalachia find upward mobility unrealistic. Hence, the author's subtitle. Indeed, Vance clearly indicates that his work is, yes, autobiographical but also it is a commentary, although not necessarily a deliberate academic and empirical one, about conditions within this geographic socio and economic setting.

Vance's observations, and certainly his background respective to his own family deficiencies and challenges gives credence to this, as he states: "Our Elegy is a sociological one, yes, but it is also about psychology and community and culture and faith."

An elegy is a lamentation if you will; a sorrowful ode; reflective in this case about a culture in crisis, the culture of the hillbilly In Appalachia. A culture that Vance is familiar and one in which he helps bring awareness to.

Vance writes in a straight-forward style; the narrative is direct and not sugar coated. Although the sociological conditions of which he writes can be severe, Vance also gives the reader an insight of approaches taken to achieve what is so commonly referred to as the American Dream — that is the benefits one can realize by gainful employment, taking part in educational opportunities and trying to overcome adversarial conditions that impeded success. This is the message of *Hillbilly Elegy*. This is the theme within the book's fifteen chapters.

Perhaps given political aspirations, the author put forth this often-cited mantra of the party of which he belongs (although one must realize that was written while Vance worked as a venture capitalist and was elected to the Senate in 2022 and took his seat in 2023.) However, for those interested in politics, or maybe just a casual reader, *Hillbilly Elegy* ... makes for an interesting and informative read.

Hillbilly Elegy, A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis is published by HarperCollins (2016), An Imprint of HarperCollins Publishers and is 261 pages.

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The time has come, the walrus said, TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

YOU SHOULD NEVER TRY AND CUT YOUR OWN HAIR

Doing so never usually ends well for you. You end up looking as if a blind barber worked on your hairdo. To tell you the truth, when you start clipping your own hair in the bathroom mirror, it means you need a haircut. I made it over to Rosa's shop the following morning and she did a great job.

If you're looking for a good place to keep your hair right, you should go to Salon International because Rosa is the best. Where else can you get a haircut, stimulating conversations, coffee and donuts? The place is like a social club and a source of information inside the neighborhood.

Oh, and my hair looks great!
**HEY, ECE ENJOY YOUR
LIFE, I'LL MISS YOU**



From time to time, we often meet up with someone in our lives and end up feeling like ships passing in the night. Ece Kucuk was a brand new 20-something teacher who arrived at Quincy High School last September. We talked a lot about everything. We also liked drinking lots of coffee and eating lots of pastries. She told me about her studying at Harvard University from which

she graduated in late May. Good friendships are hard to find but like most sometimes it turns out to be one of those ships passing in the night moments. I feel lucky to have been her friend and hope the best for her in her marriage and life. Everyone should get to know somebody like Ece. Gonna miss her.

Ece isn't coming back to Quincy High School next month. She is engaged to be married and the next chapter of her life will bring her to Australia for a new beginning in her life. I will miss her and her smile and her zest for life.

HOLD ON TO THE MUSIC

On August 10, Dennis Taylor will be singing at Charlestown's Training Field at 4:00 p.m. Don't miss this concert ... Also, East Coast Soul will be performing at City Square Park, also in Charlestown at 5:30 p.m. on August 14 ... Finally, The North End's Roma Band will be marching over to the East Boston Greenway East Boston Branch Library on September 14 at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, too.

DONNA SUMMER DIVAS KILLING IT ON THE DISCO DANCE FLOOR



Back in June, I was over as usual at Boston City Hall for the annual Donna Summer, Summer Disco Dance Party. I was out on the dance brick floor (City Hall Plaza) dancing

the evening away, remembering Donna Summer, Staying Alive and the Bee Gees too. I still can dance but no more polyester 3-piece suits or Cuban heeled shoes. I partnered up with some other great dancers like Cynthia, Jacqueline and Angel, aka, the Donna Summer Divas

GROVE STREET SUMMER GATHER IS BACK

The Grove Street Neighborhood Association just held its 2024 Summer Fiesta once again and it was once again well attended. It was held over by the Gumball Factory site. I remember years back when this neighborhood held those summer celebrations right on Grove Street back when Gina Scalcione was still alive. Her spirit still lives on Gove Street.

CAT LADIES AGAINST TRUMP?

The Democrats are wasting little time in going after J.D. Vance, Trump's choice for Vice President over a remark Vance made three years back on the Tucker Carlson Show sarcastically calling his then-opposition a bunch of "childless cat ladies." Here we are in 2024, that joke of his has taken on new life by the Democrats calling him sexist. Vance again sarcastically has apologized to any cats who were offended by his joke. Stop with the sarcasm, apologize for that cat lady stuff and move the campaign forward. Stop playing defense, it isn't a winning issue for him.

GET OFF THE DEFENSE

President Trump for his part must get off the defense too. Cut the hubris and over-self-confidence before you snatch defeat from the hands of victory. It is a whole new ballgame. Now is the time to move forward. Go after Harris on her policies. Tie her to all the bad news Biden created for the American people. Put the Democrats back on the defense. Election Day is getting closer and closer.

• Mass. Budget Finale

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until January 2025 for the new formal session to begin.

The economic development bill left on the table contains hundreds of millions for life sciences and climate technology initiatives and needs to be forwarded to Governor Healey for her signature. The borrowing bill would allocate substantial benefits to communities such as Watertown, Wellesley, Newton and Needham, towns that host many companies involved in those industries and the need to ensure that these companies remain is vital.

If any of these proposed items are to become reality, it will take a coordinated effort between leadership of both branches. Jonathon Cohn, Policy Director of Progressive Mass, said there is a "real downside to having a permanent super majority in both branches, that never feels the urgency on any issues." Waiting until the last minute to address these complex items, and not prioritizing, only results in frustration from the voters, business community, as well as lawmakers and elected officials. Hopefully a consensus can be reached and some of these items will soon be passed.

Expand Your Garden Beds Without Chemicals

by Melinda Myers



When creating large garden beds, rent a power edger to make the job easier.

(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

There never seems to be enough room for all the plants you want to grow. If space allows, create new garden beds to expand your planting space and increase the beauty of your landscape.

Start by evaluating your current landscape design and plantings. Perhaps, expanding an existing garden bed or connecting two smaller beds is a better option than creating a whole new garden. No matter the option selected, start by laying out the planned expansion or new bed. **Always start by calling 811 or filing online at <https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State>** at least three business days before you begin digging with any equipment or tool, including hand tools, that disturb the soil. This is a free service that helps protect people from injury and repair costs that may occur if they strike or damage a buried utility line.

To help us all remember, August 11th has been declared 811 Day. If this is old news, please share this important information with others. We want everyone to create beautiful gardens safely.

Begin your project by using a rope or hose to outline the area. Avoid tight corners or creating narrow grass borders that will be difficult to mow or require hand trimming. Adjust your garden layout to avoid underground utilities whenever possible. If not, only use hand tools when digging within 18" of any underground utility.

Once satisfied with the layout, take a soil test to find out how much and what type of fertilizer you will need for the plants you are growing. Testing now means you'll have the information before it's time to fertilize in spring.

Next, edge the bed. Use a shovel to dig a V-shaped trench around the garden's border. Or rent or borrow a power edger to make larger jobs easier.

Once the edging is complete, remove healthy grass with a sod cutter and use it to fill bare spots in the lawn. Otherwise, create a planting berm or add it to the compost pile. Place the green side down and wait for it to decompose.

Another method is to edge the garden, cut the grass as short as possible, and then cover the area with cardboard or several layers of newspaper. Top this with several inches of organic mulch and wait for the grass and cardboard to decompose and plant in the spring. Or for immediate planting, push back the mulch and cut through the cardboard or newspaper.

Covering the new planting area with black plastic for at least four to six weeks and clear plastic for four to six of the hottest and sunniest weeks are also effective methods. Both should kill the existing grass and weeds.

If you killed or removed the grass, now is the time to improve the soil if needed. Add two to four inches of organic matter like aged manure or compost to the top 8 to 12 inches of soil. These materials improve the drainage in heavy clay soil and increase the water-holding ability in fast-draining sandy or rocky soils.

After you mix in the organic matter and rake the garden level and smooth, your garden is ready to plant. Or cover the soil with shredded leaves or other organic mulch to suppress weeds and prevent soil erosion for planting next spring.

Whether you plant now or wait for next spring, always select the right plants for the growing conditions. And always call 811 before you dig.

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.

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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Back in the day, Mom and I (sometimes, Nanna and Babbonnonno) would accompany Dad as he played county fairs throughout the northeast during the summer months. As I got into my teen years, our preference was to head to our summer cottage in Winthrop, Maine located on Lake Maranacook.

On the lake side of the road, most of the cottages were owned by summer folks from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. The homes on the opposite side of the road were occupied by local "Down Mainers," as they called themselves.

By this point in time, Dad had a 1954 Chevy Bel Air four door and we would fill it with everything that could be transported from East Boston to Winthrop, Maine. Nanna and Mom would bring canned and jarred Italian products not available where we were going.

Babbonnonno would make sure he had enough of Zi'Antonio's best home-make red wine to last for the month of August along with a month's supply of De Nobile cigars. I was a young teen and had a portable record player that handled only 45 rpm records, and it was accompanied by at least 100 hit tunes of the day sung and played by: The Platters, Clyde McFadden and the Drifters, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, The Coasters, The Del Vikings, The Moonglows, The Penguins, The Cadillacs, Elvis Presley, Bill Haley and the Comets, etc.

The cottage was located on Memorial Drive, which sounds like a major thoroughfare, but was just a 2-lane road with soft shoulders on each side. If we visited friends who lived near us, there were 3 ways to get to them, by car, by walking to their homes or by boat. We had 2 row boats, one with oars and the other with a Mercury out board engine that came with the cottage when Dad bought it.

This location, Winthrop, Maine, was the result of Dad and a man named Mike Barca

both being in the same department in the Boston Public Schools. They were 2 of the pioneers in the Department of Audio/Visual Education which came into existence in 1948. Mike and Dad were the only 2 Italians in the department and became close friends. Mike had married a woman from Maine and they had built a lake-side cottage in Winthrop during WWII. During the late 40s, we were invited to visit them on several occasions and we loved the location so much, Dad bought a lake-side cottage around 1950.

There was a summer resident who was a columnist for the Lewiston Sun who, along with his wife and children, summered on the lake. His sons and daughter were around my age which means I had kids to "hang out" with. Mom and Mike Barca's wife, Nara, became close as did her parents, Ma and Eddie, with Nanna and Babbonnonno.

No one had TVs back then, so everyone visited each other with no interruptions. We younger folks would head to a restaurant then located in the center of Winthrop. It was called McNamera's, and at night, was a hangout for the teen crowd. There were many cottages on our side of the lake and several camps on the other side, so the evening crowd at McNamera's was reflective of this from the 4th of July through Labor Day.

After dinner, Mom, Dad, Nanna and Babbonnonno were often entertaining Mike and Nara's family or several of the other vacationers and locals. They all extended the same invitations and the older folks were therefore busy most nights of the week. We teens would walk the mile or so to downtown Winthrop and find a comfortable booth in McNamera's, order cokes and feed our change into their juke box.

On weekends, someone was always sponsoring a cookout. When it was Dad's turn, he and Mike Barca would run a lobster feed. Mike knew the owners of a lobster boat and they would drive to the coast on a Saturday morning and pick up a couple of dozen 1 1/2 to 2-pound lobsters for a dollar each. To this they would add dozens of quahogs, steamers, razor clams and corn on the cob, all to be steamed in a chest-high steamer cabinet that cooked everything on beds of seaweed. When the time came, other guests would bring cases of beer and home-made white lightning...apple jack that grew hair on your eye balls it was so potent.

As you may know, I never had any siblings, no brothers nor sisters. As a result, Dad said OK when I wanted to invite a friend to stay with us for a week or so. There was a close friend, Carl Sinatra, who worked with me at the Seville Theater and he was often my guest. Carl was atypical of his Italian last name. He was over six feet and had bright red hair. (His mother wasn't Italian) Most of the "Down Mainers" that lived on

the lake had never seen Italians before and couldn't believe the difference between the two of us, Carl, over 6 feet with red hair and a few freckles, me with black curly hair and dark skin, and definitely under 6 feet.

This summer life style lasted throughout my teen years. Once I began my college career, things changed. Many of the locals that were my age left the location after high school. They headed to Maine cities or Boston where they could find work. Some of the boys joined the military and a few headed off to college. In other words, my gang was breaking up. To add to this, Nara's parents, Ma and Eddie, passed away, Nanna passed away and Babbonnonno didn't want to go anywhere after she was no longer with us.

I remember a summer weekend in 1982. My wife, Loretta, and year-old son, John, were traveling north to visit with my folks who were staying with Mike and Nara. Dad, around the mid-1960s had sold our cottage, but he and Mom often visited Mike and Nara. I could no longer identify with my surroundings. Most of the summer people I knew as a young teen had either passed away or stopped vacationing at the lake. All of the people my age were gone and my old hang-out, McNamera's, had moved from the center of Winthrop to the main highway that led to Maine's capital, Augusta.

For old-time sake, I brought Loretta to McNamera's. It had had the atmosphere of Arnold's in the TV sitcom, Happy Days when I was in my teens, but it too, wasn't the same. This was a generation later and nothing stands still in life. I guess I was just lucky I had the opportunities in my teen years to actually be a teen age kid.

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Docket No. MI24P3925EA

Estate of
ELIZABETH A. PROIA
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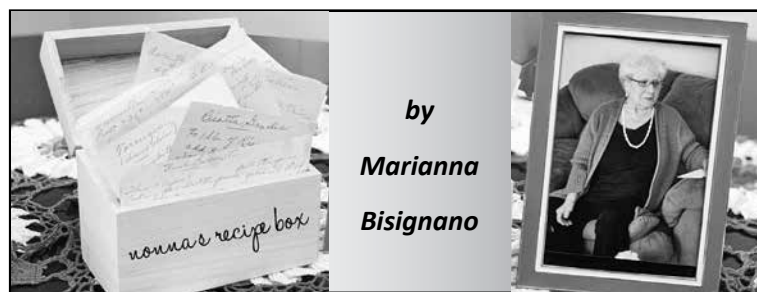
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas Ryan of Romansville, PA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Thomas Ryan of Romansville, PA 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: 08/09/2024



by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

While Blueberry Muffins are quintessentially American, home bakers in Italy have embraced them, affectionately calling them "American Muffins." In fact, to achieve the iconic "mushroom shape" typical of these American treats, many recommend using ingredients at room temperature. The inclusion of "Sbriciolata" in these Blueberry Muffins infuses a touch of Italy into a beloved American classic.

These muffins, an old favorite recipe, are perfect for breakfast or as an afternoon treat paired with coffee. Children adore them too, often savoring the crumbly "sbriciolata" topping the most!

Sbriciolata Blueberry Muffins Muffin Sbriciolata Ai Mirtilli



For the Muffins:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 organic lemon, zested
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

For the Topping:

- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup cold butter, cut into small pieces

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Grease or line a muffin pan with liners.

Combine dry ingredients: In a medium bowl, sift together 1 1/2 cups flour, 3/4 cup sugar, lemon zest, salt, and baking powder.

Mix wet ingredients: Place vegetable oil into a 1-cup measuring cup; add the egg, vanilla, and enough milk to fill to the 1-cup line. Mix together and add to the flour mixture, combining well.

Fold in blueberries: Gently fold in the blueberries and fill each muffin cup to the top. Set aside.

Prepare the topping: In a small bowl, sift the flour, sugar, and cinnamon together. Using a pastry blender or fork, cut in the butter until the mixture becomes crumbly.

Top the muffins: Sprinkle the 'sbriciolata' evenly over the muffins before baking.

Bake: Place in the preheated oven and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Enjoy these delicious Blueberry Muffins with a delightful Italian twist!

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

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. MI24C0745CA

In the Matter of
CARIS MARIAH MOSES

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Caris Mariah Moses of Cambridge, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Caris Moses Ariale**.

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Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 26, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, **HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO**,
First Justice of this Court
Date: July 30, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 08/09/2024

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Justin Ramsay

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Docket No. 22W0627

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

JUAN ANTONETTY, Plaintiff(s)

v.

AMANDA M. TEDDER, Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s)

Amanda M. Tedder

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), **Juan Antonetty** seeking a Complaint for **Modification**.

You are required to serve upon **Juan Antonetty** or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is **PO Box 68, Ayer, MA 01432**, your answer on or before **9th day of September 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at **370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.

Witness,

HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esquire,
First Justice of said Court at Lowell,
this day of July 29th, 2024.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 08/09/2024

THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



Parque Del Café and a Brush with Danger

Quindio's Parque del Café gives visitors what they want from a visit to a coffee plantation but, unfortunately, it doesn't stop at that and turned what could work on its own as an educational experience amongst the rows of foliage into what can not unreasonably be called an amusement park with a farm in the background.



Bird at Parque del Cafe

A good starting point and one keeping with the nature of what a visit to the coffee plantation should be is the Coffee Museum.

This quick but well organized and informative self-guided museum strikes the balance between the educational and engaging with many interactive exhibits such as one in which visitors act as coffee farmers filtering bad beans from the basket. Even better is the ensuing walk down Coffee Process Path where guides stationed throughout the walk explain (often with hands-on opportunities) the trajectory of the coffee bean into a morning stimulation.

There are other peripheral sights throughout the park, including botany displays, the Harvest Monumnet, murals charting the history of coffee farming in Colombia and (though I missed them) dances in celebration of one of Colombia's largest international exports.

There was but one carnivalesque attraction that does contribute to



Typical coffee truck

the purest experience of the park, the so-called ropeways, two cableways that take visitors over the park offering a bird's eye view of the plantation, the surrounding bamboo forest, and the main plaza, offering a birds-eye-view to the size of the place.

From here Parque del Café is little more than a Six Flags, with generic bumper boats and cars, a rollercoaster and a river rapids ride. Why the managers of the park felt the need to add bring this garish chatter to something as peaceful as a farm walkthrough is a question with answers obvious to anyone with even a rudimentary understanding of business and it perhaps could have been overlooked had it been relegated to its own area. But the effect seeps into the more meditative areas marring the experience of Parque del Café as a whole.

That night for a change of pace our driver took us to a Chinese restaurant he recommended in Salento. It was a modern upscale place definitely catered to tourists. The place was packed with jet-setter Americans and was reminiscent of an Asian fusion bar in the Seaport District. About ten minutes into our arrival the power went out in the restaurant. The staff brought candles to the tables along with the menus. The guests didn't seem to care and the staff carried on as usual. I too was not concerned; however, I did feel slightly uncomfortable when I had to reach the bathroom which was located in a booth outside of the restaurant beyond a dark little garden passage. I tried not to let my thoughts of who or what could be hiding bother me, however, and once back in the restaurant I decided I was in no rush to leave. Like everyone else I had gotten accustomed to the darkness.

Suddenly, my driver entered and told me that as soon as I was done to meet him outside. He did not seem particularly alarmed but I could tell he was anxious to leave so I asked for the check and left. The driver met us outside and told us to follow him to where he had parked the car, walking at a brisk pace. Once in the safety of the car he told me that it was never a good sign when the lights went out in these towns or smaller cities and the in the last few days it had been happening in the area with some frequency. It could, he said, be due to nothing more than fault power lines but this was also a common tactic of local guerillas to cut off a town's power supply and then taken over. His suspicions rose while he was waiting for us in a local hot dog tavern. The moment the lights went out the owner of that establishment became nervous, apologized to him and told him he had to close shop immediately. My driver then returned to his car and while waiting for me to call him there he was approached by a man and a woman who began asking him, as he describe it, odd questions that made him uneasy. Soon after that couple walked away, he came right in the restaurant and called me. Sure enough, as we were driving back to Hotel Reserva Monarca soldiers began showing up in street corners, may passing us by in their motorcycles.

"They are on alert," my driver told me. And the last look I got at the soldiers confirmed to me that they were standing in wait for something. The ride back to the hotel through the pitch-black countryside was the most foreboding and seemingly the longest ride I ever took. The hotel was a welcome sight and the following night its floating tiki bar overcompensated for a lively dinner cut short, ending things on a high note.

• Vice-Presidential Nominee Tim Walz (Continued from Page 1)

As Governor he signed an executive order protecting "gender-affirming care" in Minnesota, including puberty blockers, surgeries and hormone therapy, and urged state agencies not to approve health insurance plans that didn't cover gender affirming operations.

In 2022, he announced Minnesota's "Climate Action Framework", pushing the number of electric service vehicles on the road from 1% to 20% by 2030 and cutting the state's greenhouse emissions by 50% over eight years, along with a plan that pushed for "100% Carbon-Free Electricity" by 2040.

While in Congress, Walz received an all "A" rating from the NRA. He is an avid hunter

and brags about his shooting skills. After the Las Vegas concert massacre, he flipped his stance and signed a gun control package featuring universal background checks and a red-flag policy allowing law enforcement to take firearms away from individuals perceived at risk of harming themselves or others.

After the riots broke out in Minnesota, following the death of George Floyd in 2020, Walz was accused of being too soft and slow in his delay of calling the National Guard to help restore order in the Twin City streets. He was accused of being "fearful of alienating his 'progressive' base as he watched the chaos unfold."

Walz is fluent in Mandarin and has visited China approximately 30 times, including on his honeymoon. He spent a year teaching in China after graduating college. "No matter how long I live, I will never be treated that well again," he said of his experience in China.

Walz is a staunch supporter of reproductive rights and after Roe v. Wade was overturned, he signed legislation that codified abortion rights into state law. In

May of 2023 he signed a bill that made recreational marijuana use for adults legal and placed a 10% tax on it.

Last year he signed legislation making Minnesota the 4th state to offer free school lunches and breakfasts to children in participating schools, costing the taxpayers \$400 million over the first two years. He also signed legislation making public undergraduate colleges or universities, in the state, free for Minnesota students whose families make under \$80,000 per year, through the "North Star Promise Program."

Walz joined Vice-President Kamala Harris in Philadelphia on Tuesday evening, during which she referenced the duo as the "two middle-class kids with the same values, one a daughter of California, the other a son of Nebraska. Only in America is it possible to bring the two together to make it all the way to the White House."

Next up for the Democratic ticket will be the upcoming National Democratic Convention, to be held in Chicago, August 19th through the 22nd.

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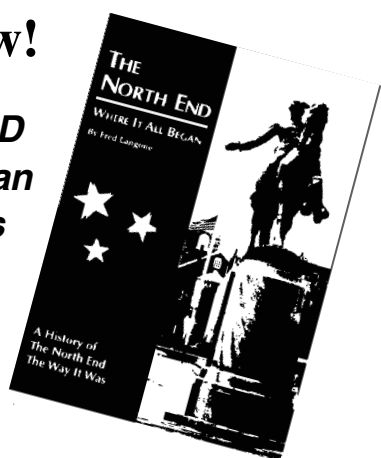
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In the Matter of
JAMIE SOPHIA BERMAN
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jamie Sophia Berman of Waban, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jamie Sophia Kendrick.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
 Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 15, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court
 Date: July 18, 2024
 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
 Run Date: 08/09/2024

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Docket No. MI24C0592CA
In the Matter of
MAYA MOORE
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Maya Moore of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Emilio Moore.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
 Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 21, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court
 Date: July 24, 2024
 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
 Run Date: 08/09/2024

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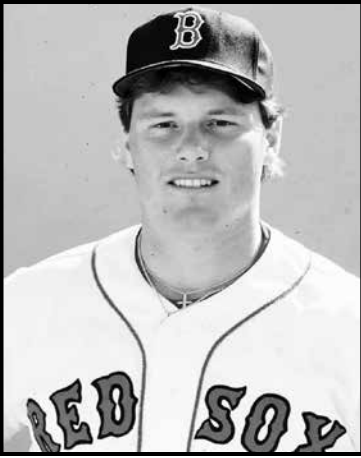
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 To the Defendant:
 The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.
 The Complaint is on file at the Court.
 An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
 You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Syrus Ayure, 195 Summer St., Apt. 310, Newton Center, MA 02459** your answer, if any, on or before **October 24, 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
 Date: August 1, 2024
 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
 Run date: 08/09/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated July 11, 2023 given by PRT Investments LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust u/d/t dated May 2, 2022 (recorded in Book 80082, Page 52), said mortgage recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 81760, Page 557, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **1:00 p.m. on 29th day of August, 2024** on the premises at 17-17A Mount Vernon Street, Arlington, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.
 To wit:
 Property Address: **17-17A Mount Vernon Street, Arlington, Massachusetts**
 A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Arlington, being now numbered 17-17A Mt. Vernon Street and being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Plan of Property in Arlington, Mass." Dated December 30, 1920 by George L. Philpott, Surveyor, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Plan Book 295, Plan 35, being bounded and described as follows:
 SOUTHEASTERLY by said Mt. Vernon Street, fifty (50) feet;
 SOUTHWESTERLY by Lots A and C on said plan, one hundred nine and 70/100 (109.70) feet more or less;
 NORTHWESTERLY by land of owners unknown, forty-six (46) feet;
 NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Joseph H. Cumba, one hundred ten (110.00) feet, more or less,
 Containing 5,257 square feet of land
 For title see deed recorded herewith [Book 81760, Page 553].
 Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.
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 Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust u/d/t dated May 2, 2022
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 By his Attorneys,
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EXTRA Innings
by Sal Giarratani

Happy Birthday to Roger Clemens



Roger Clemens just turned 62 years old. I remember when he first showed up in a Red Sox uniform. He was a young lanky pitcher from Koby, Texas and everyone said he was going to be great. They were right. The first game I watched him pitch was back in 1982. You could see his greatness. When you were a Red Sox fan, this is who we were waiting for all those years when the Red Sox plain stunk.
 He was the 19th overall pick by the Sox in 1983. Did you know that 15 of the players selected before him didn't even make it into the majors? The Rocket man went 199-111 with a 3.06 ERA with the Sox from 1984-96 and he won three CY young Awards here in Boston. He went on to win another 1662 games with the Blue Jays, Yankees and Astros, winning another four Cy Youngs too.
 Most likely, he was one of the best pitchers ever to pitch in

major league baseball but his ties to enhancement drugs have kept him out of the Hall of Fame and may forever keep the doors shut to him. Too bad. He does belong inside but those questions linger on and always will. There was never any proof he was juiced up but many like me still wonder as the older he got, the better he got and got caught up in the scandal for that fact. Sadly, had he retired with

the Red Sox, he would have been a shoo-in the first year he would have been eligible. With an additional 162 wins, he may need to buy a ticket like everyone else to enter the Cooperstown baseball shrine.

Ask Me if I Care About How Good Sale Looks This Season

I don't care how good he is doing, going 13-3 to date with a team not called the Red Sox. I am still glad we dumped him. Even if he were to win the Cy Young, same difference to me. Chris Sale? I wish him good luck. I am still happy he's gone from here cause he stunk up the place.

Aaron Judge Headed Toward 55-60 HR Season

As of August 4, Judge has hit 41 home runs to lead the majors. Of course, other teams facing him are walking him all over the place just to get to the next batter. It goes with the territory. Think back for a second to 1961 and Mantle and Maris. One guy hit 61 and the other 54. What team would be walking one just to face the other? People forget, the Yankees in 1961 hit a team total of 240 homers. The team had a slew of double-digit home run hitters that season.

White Sox Look Worse Than '62 Mets

On Sunday, August 4, the Chicago White Sox lost their 20th game in a row. Right now, they still have a chance to end up worse than the 1962 Mets who ended up with 140 losses. Can they do it? It would appear if any team can do it, this is that team. Keep your eye on the standings.

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Docket No. MI24P4116GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
HAILEY A. PARK
of Lowell, MA
 Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **08/01/2024** by **Jeannette Park** of Lowell, MA will be held **11/13/2024 09:00 AM** **Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Courtroom 11 Judge Cafazzo, Lowell Justice Center, 370 Jackson St., 5th Floor.**
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filing out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
 Date: August 01, 2024
 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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 To wit:
 Property Address: **9 Nyack Street, Watertown, Massachusetts**
 A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Watertown in said County of Middlesex, being shown as Lot B on a "Plan Showing Sub-Division of land, Watertown, Mass." By James H. Sullivan, Reg. Ld., Surv., dated December 28, 1950, duly recorded with the Middlesex South District Deeds plan no. 2320 of 1950 end of Book 7689, bounded and described as follows:
 Southeasterly: by Nyack Street, forty-five (45) feet;
 Southwesterly: by Lot A, as shown on said plan, Ninety-nine and 06/100 (99.06) feet;
 Northwesterly: by Lots 394 and 395, as shown on said plan, Forty-five (45) feet; and
 Northeasterly: by Lots, 1, 2 and 3, as shown on said plan, Ninety-eight and 75/100 (98.75) feet.
 Containing according to said plan, 4,463 square feet of land.
 For owner's title see deed recorded herewith [Book 81760, Page 336].
 Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.
 Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.
 Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
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Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Loughran Vs. Walker Staying off the Ropes



"The Philadelphia Phantom" Tommy Loughran

Recently, I watched footage of the 1929 fight between Mickey Walker and Tommy Loughran. This was a ten-round fight for Loughran's light heavyweight title. It was a classic match-up of a slugger vs a boxer and it is a delight to watch.

Film of the entire fight is not available, but the 8 minutes that do exist give a pretty good sense of how the fight went, along with showcasing the amazing skills of both fighters.

Tommy was on a winning streak that ran to 35 straight fights over the previous 4 years. He came into the bout with 110 fights under his belt and remarkably had only been stopped once and that was back in 1920. The stoppage occurred in his 11th fight when he couldn't continue because of a broken rib.

Mickey had held the world welterweight and middleweight titles and now had his eye on bigger game with thoughts of going all the way to the heavyweight title. Walker had 106 bouts coming into the fight. Mickey had only been stopped three times during that period. The first two stoppages came at the beginning of his career in 1919. The third was because of a bad cut that was caused by a head butt in his fight with Joe Dundee in 1926. Coming into the fight Mickey was riding a 16-fight winning streak and hadn't lost in nearly four years.

Loughran wasn't known for his power punching. In fact, in a career that comprised 126 fights with only 25 losses, he scored just 14 knockouts. This lack of power didn't stop him from defeating many all-time greats and gaining a reputation as near or at the top of the best light heavyweights to ever enter the ring.

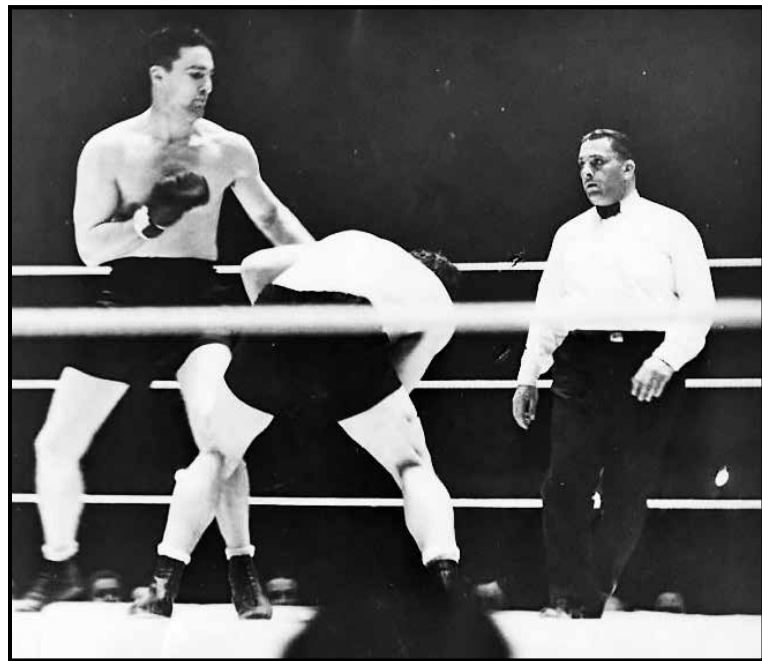
In the case of Mickey Walker, he had a reputation for being a tremendous puncher. In his career of 118 fights, 59 of his defeated opponents did not make it to the final bell. But make no mistake, Walker also possessed terrific speed along

with his hard punching. He would also go on to be rated as an all-time great.

On March 28, 1929, these two legendary fighters stepped into the ring at Chicago Stadium, and they did not disappoint. Even though the fight did not end in a knockout, it was a terrific display of the art of boxing. In many ways it resembled a great dance piece, but with lethal blows being thrown by the protagonists.

Walker put the pressure on throughout the match but was not wild or reckless. Both men fainted for openings and looked to take advantage when one took the bait. Though Walker's speed was considerable, he just couldn't match Tommy's fleetness of foot. It's no wonder Loughran was called the Philadelphia Phantom.

Loughran's jab was almost perfect, finding the target time and again. Mickey tried hard to counter that left but just couldn't connect solidly as Tommy was in constant motion.



Tommy Loughran jabbing Mickey Walker

This is not to say Walker didn't land some good shots, and he was always a threat with his power.

In some ways this fight resembled the Dempsey/Tunney fights with Loughran in the role of Tunney and Walker being shaper than the Dempsey who had laid off for three years before facing Gene.

At the end of ten rounds Loughran received the decision. Two judges and just about everyone at ringside had the champion comfortably ahead. For some reason the referee saw it differently and scored the fight for Walker.

One thing to notice about this fight is something that was common in fights from that era; the men spent very little time near or on the ropes. Walker wasn't looking to "trap" Loughran on the strands. Fighters didn't fight off the ropes then or try to keep their opponents there. They tended to stay in motion. They also were looking to counter when their opponents threw a punch, not just pound them on the arms while they were standing still up against the ropes.



"The Toy Bulldog" Mickey Walker

It's incredible to see the amount of footwork used in these Golden Era bouts. Fighters, both sluggers and boxers, were always moving.

Even when they would fall into clinch, which didn't happen a lot, they were quick to break, often before the referee intervened.

Watching Loughran vs. Walker you see how these men use the entire ring. They could throw punches while moving. Neither had to set himself before throwing a punch as they were always balanced and could deliver a shot from any position. They would slip and counter while moving on their feet. This was true artistry.

Though only eight minutes long, the footage of this fight is quite interesting to watch. It is a window into another time when boxers really understood the art form.

On a side note, Tommy Loughran was brought in to spar with Jack Dempsey before the first Tunney fight. By all accounts he gave Jack quite the time of it. Loughran was probably a bit faster than Tunney but didn't have the power Gene possessed. It would have been interesting to see how Tommy would have fared against Jack in 1926. Another "what if" to think about.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



The ball was in the air now on its somewhat lengthy journey toward the basket. It was, at that moment, the most viewed flight of a basketball for the 2009-2010 men's college basketball season, given that it was being witnessed live by a sellout crowd plus millions more on national television.

It carried the hopes and prayers of all, though for different reasons, as it was launched toward its date with destiny and the outcome that would stand for all time in college basketball history.

After all, there could only be one winner of the 2010 NCAA Men's Final Four Championship game.

As a shot, it was longer than the vast majority taken in any game, a half-court desperation attempt by a player that would go on to play for the Boston Celtics a few years later. Yes, Gordon Hayward, the one who launched one of the most famous last second non-winning shots in collegiate basketball history, would go on to a career in the NBA. That career came to a close in early August when Hayward announced he was retiring after 14 seasons in the league.

But now, as the ball closed in on its objective everyone held their breath. Upon arrival, the ball hit the lower part of the backboard and then the rim, before bouncing away. The ball itself would perhaps be forgotten — after all, it was truly not a winning shot — and thus not a keepsake. But it did, in a large measure, determine who had won. Today, you can view the shot from multiple angles simply by going to the internet.

Few people know it — you would only find out by reading lengthy material on the internet — but Hayward was faced with almost the same exact situation in high school — with a successful outcome. Back in 2008, Hayward made a last second shot at the buzzer to give his high school team (Brownsburg) a one-point victory in the Indiana Class 4A state championship game. So, in some ways, the well-known (and often replayed) shot that came in college had happened before — with a different outcome, of course.

The shot that was oh-so-close-but-not-quite-there preserved a victory for one of the best-known college basketball coaches in America — Coach Mike Krzyzewski and his Duke Blue Devils. But it also enhanced the national standing of the opponents that had come to the championship doorstep (but did not cross it) — the Butler Bulldogs from Indianapolis and their up-and-coming head coach — Brad Stephens.

The shot symbolized Butler's rise from its status as a middle of the pack team to one that captured the admiration of America. One of the more interested persons watching from somewhere at the moment that shot was taken was Danny Ainge, the president of basketball operations for the Boston Celtics.

Ainge had had his eye on the career of the young coach and made a point of remembering with clarity what had just

occurred. Just over three years later — on July 5, 2013, Brad Stephens would be introduced to the national media as the next coach of the Boston Celtics, one of the most storied franchises in the history of sports in America.

The Celtics would not win an NBA championship with Stephens as their coach nor with Ainge as the executive leader. Ainge would leave the organization several years later and Stephens would be elevated to the President of Basketball Operations position.

He was one of the select few clutching the Larry O'Brien Trophy moments after the C's defeated Dallas at the Garden this past June to claim Banner 18. Denied the NCAA championship trophy twice (Butler also lost the 2011 championship game), Stephens finally had a championship team.

Hayward, of course, was not a member of last season's team. Years earlier, he had declared himself eligible for the 2010 NBA Draft, thus foregoing his final two years of college eligibility. He was drafted ninth overall by Utah.

Over the course of the 2010-2011 season, he gradually worked his way into the starting lineup but basically was a dependable sixth man for the next two years. He then established himself over the following three years as a high-quality performer.

The improved play caught the attention of Ainge and Stephens. On July 4, 2017 Hayward, who was a free agent, became a member of the Boston Celtics. There was quite a bit written, of course, about the former collegiate star rejoining his former college coach in the NBA.

But the happy story never really came to fruition here. Beset by injuries, Hayward was off the court for significant periods of time. Signed in 2017, he sustained a leg injury on opening night and effectively did not make his debut as a Celtic until a year later. He missed portions of every season that he was in a Celtics uniform.

In 2020, he was traded to the Charlotte Hornets where more of the same followed. Gordon Hayward was a very good player — perhaps a star player — when he could play. But similar to when he was with the Celtics, he was beset with a number of injuries while with Charlotte. He played what turned out to be his final months in the league this year with Oklahoma City, thus ending his 14-year career in the NBA.

He concluded his career having averaged 15.2 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

In a statement announcing his retirement on August 1, Hayward, who is 34, noted: "I am officially retiring from the game of basketball. It has been an incredible ride. I am so grateful to everyone who helped me achieve more than I ever imagined. I look forward to new adventures and challenges, taking with me the lessons I have learned on the court that will guide me across my next chapters, both in business and in life."