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Celebrate Italian Heritage with a month of events!

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The ANNUAL KICKOFF this year will be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 6:00 PM
 MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 3rd Floor of the STATE HOUSE in Boston

This years honorees are **Mary Ann Esposito, Emilo Bizzi, and Michael Colomba**
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Coro Dante will be performing the American and Italian National Anthems and other musical selections. A wonderful program has been planned, so please join us with friends and family and show your support of October Italian-American Heritage Month! A proclamation by State Senator Sal DiDomenico will be read. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Working Class Fleeing Democrats

The Teamsters' decision not to endorse a presidential candidate this year for the first time since 1996 has stung the Harris-Walz campaign. According to Michael Baharaeen from unHerd, "It is the latest sign of the Democratic Party's struggle to retain working-class voters." According to union data, the rank and file of teamsters favored Trump over Harris by more than 20; points. Union members and the whole working class are "more culturally conservative than the party's ascendant college base." If Democrats don't "address that gap, it may raise a threat to their electoral viability."

Quote to Note

"It's easy to forget because he's usually invisible but we still have Joe Biden as president for four months. That's a scary prospect considering his obvious cognitive decline. He's spent almost half his presidency goofing off and being shielded from scrutiny but the situation is rapidly getting worse.

The fate of the free world should not be left in the hands of a man who can't remember where he is or what he's meant to be doing at any given moment."
 — Miranda Devine, NY Post columnist

California Bans Plastic Shopping Bags

Paper or plastic is no longer an option in California at the checkout counter under a new law just signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom that bans all plastic shopping bags.

California already had banned thin plastic bags at supermarkets and other stores but shoppers could still purchase thicker plastic bags that purportedly made them reusable and recyclable

The new law approved by the state legislature in August, bans all plastic shopping bags starting in 2026. Consumers who don't bring their own bags will now be asked if they want a paper bag.

End Quote

"Be the rose that grows in concrete." — Angie Thomas

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

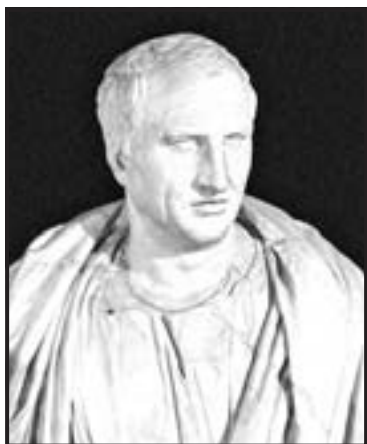


CICERO Part I

This week, we continue with our coverage of the Ciceronian period in the “Golden Age” of ancient Roman literati (men of letters), by offering the first of a three-part series on Cicero himself.

Marcus Tullius Cicero, the greatest of all Roman orators was born at Arpinum (now Arpino in Frosinone Prov.) in 106 B.C. four years before the birth of Julius Caesar and died a year or more after Caesar’s murder. Cicero’s father was determined that his son would receive the best possible education and sent him to the foremost teachers of the day. In his younger years, Marcus displayed such extraordinary talent and promise that his parents often visited the boy in school to observe him in action. In his early schooling, he studied oratory, literature, and philosophy. His secondary education was supervised by a celebrated lawyer and in this manner, he gained a thorough knowledge of the legal and political system of Rome.

During this period in history, a military experience was considered necessary for any young Roman of rank, so Cicero seized this opportunity to serve under Pompeius, the father of the



Marcus Tullius Cicero

great General Pompey. After a tour in the army, he attempted to study more advanced philosophy, but his attention and destiny were directed towards oratory. His powers of eloquence soon elevated him to the highest level of celebrity as a civil magistrate. He even participated in advanced study groups during his visits with some of the great Greek philosophers and rhetoricians. Cicero was thirty years of age when he returned to Rome. His mental powers were so greatly improved that he surpassed all of his competitors in public favor.

Cicero was appointed governor, and was sent to supervise

the Sicilian corn harvest during the time of a severe shortage in Rome. He performed admirably, and returned with greater honors than had ever before been heaped upon any Roman governor. He was a moderately wealthy person, however, good sense and good taste guided his conduct, and in this manner he avoided the resentful attitude of associates. Later, as a consul, he crushed a conspiracy headed by Lucius Catiline and was hailed as the deliverer and father of his country.

It was also during this time in history that the “First Triumvirate” was formed. This Triumvirate was a coalition between Julius Caesar (chief magistrate at that time), Pompey (a great army general), and Crassus (a wealthy real estate dealer). Pompey had a falling out with Caesar and was killed by unknown assassins in Egypt. Crassus was put to death by the Parthians who poured hot gold down his throat, and Caesar lived to conquer Cappadocia of “Veni, vidi, vici” fame. This was also the time of Caesar’s hanky-panky episodes with Cleopatra.

NEXT ISSUE:
Cicero Part II

Latest Polling Shows High Prices as Major Voting Motivator

by Patti Sartori

Is it any surprise the economy remains the top overall issue for voters this election season. A new national poll shows high prices will be the main factor driving voters to the ballot box in November, as grocery prices and housing costs continue to weigh on families. At least six in ten voters say grocery prices (66%) and housing costs (60%) are a major problem for their families. In May of this year, those numbers were at 62% for groceries and 47% for housing costs. Nearly half the voters (48%) say gas prices are a major problem, fairly the same as where it was in May.

It’s these high prices that voters say will motivate them to go out and vote in the upcoming election. four in ten say high prices (39%) will be the main

issue driving them, following immigration (32%), stopping the other side from winning (29%), abortion (27%), violent crime (26%), the candidate’s race (9%) and the candidate’s gender (7%). For Democrats the single most important factor will be abortion (39%) and stopping the other side from winning (37%). For both Republicans and Independents, it’s immigration (50% and 27% respectively), and high prices (49% and 40%).

The economy has remained the top issue for most of the campaign, and it hasn’t changed now. 39% say it’s the economy, with immigration (16%) and abortion (15%) coming in far behind in second and third place. All other issues were in single digits. Democrats’ most

important issues are almost tied between abortion (27%) and the economy (25%), while Republicans and Independents are again united with the economy first (50% and 45% respectively) then immigration (30% and 13%).

When asked who will better handle these issues, former President Trump was favored on two of the top three. He is seen as better to handle the economy by five points, and by ten points on immigration, while more voters trust Vice-President Harris to handle abortion. The candidates rated evenly when it came to handling taxes, while voters gave Harris the lead in helping the middle class.

“The issue profile of this election continues to favor Trump,” said pollster Dawn Shaw, who conducted the poll along with Chris Anderson. “But his edge on economic issues has decreased, probably due to Harris’ messaging on housing costs and taxes, both of which target the middle class and appear to be paying off. “Overall, Harris has a two-point edge (with in the margin of error) in the head-to-head match-up against Trump (50% - 48%). “One reason the race is so tight is that a handful of voters who trust Trump on the economy and immigration still back Harris on abortion and climate,” says Dana Blanton, who runs Fox News Polling Unit.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL Files Emergency Hearing on Inadequate Mail Delivery *The Timing Seems Questionable*

by Patti Sartori

Finally, someone is taking notice of the inadequate United States Postal Service (USPS) mail delivery. It has been an inconsistent nuisance for quite some time and has progressively deteriorated. So Why Now?

Boston City Councilors Sharon Durkin, Henry Santana and Benjamin Weber, introduced an order last Wednesday calling for an emergency hearing to discuss the impacts of inadequate USPS delivery in various Boston neighborhoods. The order states that the services are “causing hardship and inconvenience to residents and businesses, and the USPS failures causing residents to miss out on vital documents, prescriptions and raised the mail-in-voting concerns as the upcoming election draws closer.” And there you have it ... Mail in voting concerns ahead of the upcoming election. The true impetus for the spark of concern masked as inconvenient mail delivery!

Durkin is correct, significant deterioration in postal services is happening throughout many Massachusetts neighborhoods. “It isn’t just an inconvenience, it’s a violation of Federal Law. Residents have reported missing critical communications, such as legal and financial documents and vital medications,” said Durkin. She then went on to add, “Most importantly, considering the time of the year we’re in, an era where vote by mail has become increasingly prevalent with up to half of the electorate choosing to vote by this method, unreliable postal service, threatens the very foundation of our democracy. We cannot allow postal inefficiencies to become a form of voter suppression. We need every vote to count.”

I can’t help but wonder if these councilors would have questioned the lack of consistent and timely mail service if a crucial

presidential election were not lurking just around the corner.

The USPS delivered just 86.9% of two-day mail on time in the Massachusetts district during the third quarter (April/May/June), below the 93% target for on time mail per the Office of the USPS Inspector General. Massachusetts Secretary of State spokesperson Deb O’Malley said “Our office works closely with our postal contact to work through issues that may arise and Secretary William Galvin has personally spoken with our contact at the USPS to address these concerns ahead of the election.

The USPS has hit back at the City Council’s inadequate service claims. Stephan Doherty, USPS spokesperson for New England’s Region fired back, “Mail service is current and within service performance standards. In the fourth quarter of FY2024 to date, 96.87% of all first-class mail in Massachusetts arrived with-in a day of service standard.” He also noted mail in voting concerns raised by the Boston City Councilors that service failures could prevent every vote from being counted in the state and Federal election in November, stating “The USPS is committed to secure, timely delivery of the nation’s election mail. We employ a robust and proven process to ensure proper handling and delivery of all election mail, including ballots. We are working in close communication with election officials, including Massachusetts. In 2024, as USPS has with previous elections, we will deploy long standing processes and procedures, as well as allocating additional resources, including but not limited to expanding processing procedures, extra delivery and collection trips, and

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Saint Marie Victoire Couderc

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Marie-Victoire Couderc was born in 1805 in Le Mas, France, the fourth of twelve children to farmers Claude Michel Corderc and Anne Méry. In her childhood she attended Mass twice a week. She made her First Communion on Pentecost on May 15, 1815.

In 1822 her parents sent her to a boarding school at Vans and she remained there until 1825. She entered the novitiate after she had met Father Jean-Pierre Etienne Terme in late March 1825 and confided in him her desire to become a religious. She underwent her period of

the novitiate in 1825 with the Sisters of Saint Regis, a teaching order in Lalouesc; she made her perpetual vows on 6 January 1837 with one other. Couderc assumed a religious name when she became a novice.

Couderc and two other sisters were sent to manage a mountain hostel for women pilgrims at the shrine of St. John Francis Regis in Lalouesc. It became a successful retreat house under her guidance. Couderc co-founded the Sisters of the Cenacle with Father Terme in 1826 and became its superior in 1828. Desirous to provide women a place for recollection, solitude, prayer, and meditation, they resolved to open houses where women might follow the exercises of a retreat.

When the motherhouse was established, Couderc became superior general. In 1828 Terme began to hold Ignatian retreats for the sisters. He continued to do so until his death in December 1834. After Terme's death the order split into the Sisters of Saint Regis who retained their teaching ministry, and the Congregation of Our Lady of the Cenacle, which continued its retreat ministry. The Jesuits then led the retreats.

In 1842 she was sent for almost eighteen months alone with one other sister to a small house in Lyon; in 1852 she went to Paris. In November 1856 she was appointed as the superior of the Tournonhouse until it was to be sold off and so she returned to Lyon. On October 20, 1859 a Jesuit gave a retreat on the topic of Christian sacrifice that had a profound impact on her. At the end of August 1860 she was sent to the house at Montpellier but its closure in 1867 saw her return to Lyon once more.

In the beginning of 1885 she fainted and was unconscious for several hours in an occurrence that left her bedridden until her death. Couderc passed away on September 26, 1885.

The feast day of Saint Marie Victoire Couderc is September 26.

Both the goodness of God and of creation, and the call to surrender oneself, are characteristics elements in the spirituality of Saint Mariel Couderc, and have been passed down to the Sisters of the Cenacle, who pray to live out of this vision of goodness and this call to give all to the Good God.

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ED FLYNN HOLDS CAMPAIGN at Florian Hall

by Sal Giarratani

Four-term District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn held a well-attended campaign fundraiser at Florian Hall on Tuesday, September 17th. Lately, rumors have been out there that he might be considering a bid to take on Mayor Michelle Wu in the 2025 mayoral preliminary election but there was no talk of that Tuesday evening. However, the rumors are running rampant.



President of the Firefighters Union, introduces Ed Flynn to the audience



Former Mayor of Boston Ray Flynn with son Ed Flynn

The fundraiser opened with Sam Dillon who serves as president of Boston Firefighters Local 718 introducing Flynn to those gathered in the lounge area of the fundraiser. "I have a lot of work ahead of me," said Flynn, adding, "I'm going to

continue working hard for the residents of my district (and) the residents of the city."

Ed Flynn reminds me so much of his dad. I remember well when Ray Flynn ran for a seat on the old 9-member Boston City Council and topped the ticket. It seems like I've known Ray since we were both much younger guys. I am sure if at some point Eddie was to run for mayor, he would do well but at the moment he is running for re-election to his District 2 seat on today's Boston City Council. He is old school like his dad and understands what it takes to be a voice and vote for his constituents and city.

Columbus Day Was Intended to Encourage Greater Acceptance of Immigrants

by Basil M. Russo

The following op-ed by COPOMIAO/ISDA President Basil M. Russo has been featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Cleveland's The Plain Dealer. Now is the time to urge your local paper to publish this important article. Join the movement by adding your name to the byline — just like this: By Basil M. Russo and [YOUR NAME].

The story of why in 1892 America began to celebrate Columbus Day, which subsequently led to the creation of more than 100 Columbus statues throughout our country, is a tragic example of the mistreatment of immigrants that needs to be told.

WHEN ITALIANS CAME TO AMERICA

— Between 1880 and 1920, some four million Italian immigrants left impoverished towns throughout southern Italy to seek a better life for their families in the U.S. Upon their arrival in America, they were subjected to violence and hostility unlike anything they had experienced in Italy.

Many of these immigrants arrived through the port of New Orleans to provide cheap labor needed in the sugar cane fields. They took the place of emancipated slaves.

One of the worst episodes of racial violence in our country's history occurred in New Orleans in 1891, when the city's police chief, David Hennessy, was shot. As he lay dying in a dark street, when asked who shot him, he allegedly said, "The Dagos."

Some 200 Italian immigrants were taken into custody, and nine of them were tried before a jury. None were found guilty. Despite that finding, they were all returned to jail.

Political and business leaders in the community inflamed the deep-seated anti-Italian immigrant sentiment that existed in New Orleans. A mob in excess of 5,000 people gathered in the town square, stormed the jail, and beat, shot and lynched 11 Italian immigrants.

This was the largest mob to ever participate in a mass lynching in American history. Yet you will not read a single word about it in any of our school's history books.

To fully understand how despised the immigrants were, The New York Times, and many other newspapers throughout the country, actually applauded the lynchings in their editorials. Future president Teddy Roosevelt stated that the lynchings "were a rather good thing."

Tragically, the New Orleans lynchings were not an isolated incident. Over the next 30 years, 40 more Italian immigrants were strung up by angry mobs.

THE BEGINNING OF COLUMBUS DAY — In an effort to encourage more tolerance and acceptance of Italian immigrants, President Benjamin Harrison declared a national celebration of Columbus Day in 1892. From that day to this, Columbus, who was regarded as a national hero



of Italian heritage, was embraced by Italian immigrants as a symbol that they would someday be accepted in America.

But injustice again befell our community in 1920, when immigrants Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested and ultimately executed

for allegedly killing a shoe factory paymaster and guard. Their trial was another example of a corrupted justice system.

The trial was conducted by a bigoted judge who expressed his contempt for Italian immigrants publicly. Protests in support of Sacco and Vanzetti were held throughout the world to no avail.

Anti-Italian hysteria again reached a fever pitch in WWII when 600,000 Italians living in our country were designated as Enemy Aliens and were subjected to curfews, confiscation of property, loss of jobs, relocation from their homes, and in some cases internment camps. The tragic irony of this situation is that while they were being treated as criminals, one million of their sons were fighting and dying to keep our country free.

Many well-intentioned but misinformed Americans vilify Columbus because of allegations not supported by primary source material. Many books have been published in recent years that debunk the lies and misinformation.

These include *Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem*, by Carol Delaney, a book Harvard historian Gordon S. Wood called "a remarkable work of history" and which the Times Literary Supplement named one of its 100 best books of the year; *Debunking Howard Zinn*, by Mary Grabar; and *Christopher Columbus the Hero*, by Rafael (no last name).

PRIDE AND GRATITUDE — Through decade after decade of hardship, hostility, persecution and prejudice, the statues, parades and days created in Columbus' honor were the outlets through which Italians in America expressed their pride in their heritage and their gratitude to their new homeland.

This unique and inseparable bond helped our community overcome the bias and violence we encountered in our long journey to assimilation into America's mainstream culture.

Basil M. Russo is president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations (COPOMIAO) and national president of Italian Sons and Daughters of America (ISDA).

Questions / comments about submitting this article to your local paper? Contact Basil at BasilRusso1@icloud.com.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Searching for the Light in the Darkness

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Around this time a few years ago, my husband helped me bake pumpkin bread for a family dinner. The smell of quintessential autumn spices—cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves—mingled together in the air as we stirred pumpkin puree, as bright as any Halloween decoration, into a sweet mix of flour and brown sugar.



The recipe yielded a delicious bread, perfectly moist and studded with chocolate chips for extra richness. However, the pungent aroma and seasonal taste are not the only parts of this bread that I remember, as I also cherish the visual memory of making it. My husband and I baked after the sun had disappeared under the horizon and the last dusky light of the evening dissipated. As the kitchen lamp filled our surroundings with a cozy, honeyed glow, the sky outside the window was black and velvety. This combination of the fairy-tale darkness outside and the warmth of the kitchen wonderfully captured the essence of fall, a season when the longer night hours beckon us indoors and the slight chill of twilight ushers us into the comfort of home and hearth. As the autumn equinox passes, the balance tips in favor of the night and there are more hours of darkness than light. While some may grumble about this, I find that this darkness helps us quiet down, appreciate the current season, and look forward with hope to the return of the light during the winter solstice. Europeans have long been celebrating a holiday that marks this period of transition — Michaelmas — and it continues to wield inspiration even today.

Michaelmas occurs on September 29th, and it is the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel. In his iconography, St. Michael often appears holding scales, and during his feast day the scales are particularly reminiscent of the balance between light and dark that characterizes the period around the autumn equinox. Indeed, Michaelmas celebrations acquired a seasonal quality throughout Europe, and served as harvest festivals marked by special dishes. Roast goose forms the backbone of the English Michaelmas, where superstition dictates that whoever eats goose on this feast day will enjoy money all year

long. Carrots, an autumnal root vegetable, were instead the food of choice among medieval Scots on Michaelmas, along with oat cakes known as bannocks. Italy also abounds with Michaelmas traditions and lore. There, St. Michael's Day, or *la Festa di San Michele l'Arcangelo*, functions as the gateway to fall, a harbinger of colder weather, darker nights, and the start of the school year. Numerous proverbs, left over from the agricultural past, speak to the importance of St. Michael's Day as a seasonal milestone in Italy. The adage "*San Michele, l'uva é come il miele*" means that grapes are as sweet as honey on St. Michael's Day, since the holiday occurs during the time when Italians harvest the ripened grapes from their vineyards. Another dictum states that "*a San Michele, il calore va in cielo*," which when translated literally says that the heat departs for the sky on Michaelmas—in other words, cooler weather begins now. These customs and proverbs remind me that in Italy saints' days are deeply woven into the tapestry of everyday life, imbuing agriculture and weather with a deeper resonance. They make me think of the small white church dedicated to St. Michael in my father's hometown of Sulmona, a center of community that embodies much of the homey essence of this holiday.

As a seasonal turning point, Michaelmas grants us the opportunity to respect and honor the darkness of autumnal nights. Though I sometimes find the early nighttime of the fall to be spooky, I also appreciate it for the unique insights it affords and its place in the cycle of the year. When shadowy skies summon me indoors, I seize on the chance to develop my hobby of baking, making the most of fall's produce as I stand in my golden, warm kitchen. As my home brims with the flavors of the season, from tart apples to creamy pumpkins to juicy pears, I am thankful

to provide such comfort food to my loved ones. I even have a special Michaelmas recipe — soft and spicy gingersnap cookies, as ginger is connected to the medieval celebrations of this holiday and frequently lined the stalls of harvest fairs that dotted the countryside of olden Europe. The autumnal

darkness also instills in me a love of mystery, a longing for the lure of the unexplained and the indelible feeling of telling spooky stories and eerie legends around a crackling fire. How different would Halloween celebrations be without the sense of shivering anticipation and wonder of the unknown that accompany long, dark nights! Finally, the dim fall evenings give me a renewed appreciation for the light. I relish every bit of autumn sunshine, particularly at day's close, when the sun's last gilded rays shine through the colorful leaves, crafting them into a kaleidoscope of fiery hues. This desire for light breaking through the darkness forms the symbolic backbone of upcoming winter holidays that feature candles or honor the rebirth of the sun, such as Advent, St. Lucy's Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve. Michaelmas, therefore, taps into a primordial desire in the human consciousness as it expresses the simultaneous need for darkness and hope for a shining future.

Autumn provides us with a whole calendar of celebrations as well as lovely images to mark the season. Bright red and orange leaves swirl down from treetops like celestial feathers, carpeting the ground in a mosaic of multihued patterns. The harvest of crops like apples and pumpkins not only remind us of the Earth's abundant bounty, but also inspire people to joyfully express gratitude in the forms of fairs and apple-picking excursions. However, while we are often quick to revel in the pleasures of foliage and pumpkin patches, we often treat dark autumn nights with disdain. A new perspective will let us see the many benefits the short days of fall have to offer. This darkness encourages us to seek the company of family and friends, to spend time developing our interests, and to reflect on the things for which we are the most grateful. It opens our eyes to the mysteries of the world. Moreover, it shows us to appreciate the light, which we often take for granted. The holiday of Michaelmas reflects this balance between light and dark and, through its myriad symbolic connotations in Italy and elsewhere, teaches us that both are necessary components of the year's enduring journey. So let us take these lessons of Michaelmas to heart, and find peace in the darkness as we yearn for the light.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Generational Nicotine Bans

Lexington and Medford seem to be creeping toward considering prohibiting their young adults from buying nicotine products in their communities throughout their lifetimes, and could join other Bay State communities with lifetime bans on townfolk born after a certain date.

At a recent Board of Health Meeting both sides were heard from on this ban issue and the debate got pretty lively too. One side was for the ban because it would keep people healthy and the other side worried about the economic impact on retailers.

I believe a forever ban on nicotine products would clearly infringe on people's freedoms. It also is worrisome since next year we will begin celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution at Lexington actually being an important part of that revolution.

I also believe how would it actually change anything or any nicotine habits? Lexington is

not an island. It is surrounded by other municipalities who have retailers who sell nicotine products. All one would have to do is travel out of town to a retailer in nearby Arlington or Winchester, where they would be free to purchase whatever, they wanted there. Retailers in Lexington would lose plenty of sales and be at a disadvantage just across the street or around the block.

Brookline became the first in the country to add a generational ban to its bylaws in 2020 when it barred the sale of tobacco products to anyone born after January 1, 2000.

Then, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court actually upheld the town's generational ban this past March and several other municipalities are moving toward generational bans.

Generational bans don't work but they do make some people feel good about themselves attempting to save other townfolk from themselves. What a way to celebrate 250 years of freedom by forcing people to leave town to get their nicotine products. It is a lot of wasted energy and un-American too. We fought a war for our freedom and there are some among us who have forgotten what liberty looks like today.

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Notice is hereby given by **Stevens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **October 05, 2024 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

- 2012 TOYOTA SEQUOIA, SILVER
VIN # 5TDDY5G12CS057792
- 2012 VOLKSWAGEN CC, GRAY
VIN # WWWMP7AN9CE550367
- 2008 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, GOLD
VIN # KMHJU46D98U537506
- 2016 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF SPORT, GRAY
VIN # 3VWC17AU3GM513462
- 2007 HONDA CR-V, BLUE
VIN # JHLRE48727C118161
- 2001 HONDA CIVIC, RED
VIN # 1HGEM229X1L074299
- 2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, WHITE
VIN # 5NPDH4AE7DH436249
- 1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE, GREEN
VIN # 1G6KD54Y9XU782993
- 1996 CHEVROLET GMT-400, BLUE
VIN # 1GCGC24R4T213835
- 2011 TOYOTA CAMRY, RED
VIN # 4T4BF3EK5BR098622
- 2000 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN, BLUE
VIN # 2B4GP25R7YR889181
- 2013 KIA OPTIMA, WHITE
VIN # 5XUGR4A67DG190544
- 2000 LAND ROVER, GREEN
VIN # SALPF1541YA427961
- 2013 CHEVROLET SONIC, BLACK
VIN # 1G1JC6SB9D4148913
- 2022 ZHEN ZN50QT/ZN150T MOPED,
GREEN
VIN # L5YACBPZ7N1137426
- 2023 ZHEJIANG RIYA MOPED, BLACK
VIN # LEHTCB153PR602755

Run dates: 09/20, 09/27, 10/04/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
Docket No. SU24D0960DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
BRANDON RESTREPO BETANCUR
vs.
DANIELA CARDONA SARMIENTO

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 **Eliana C. Sepulveda, Esq., Eliana C. Sepulveda, 1 Sprague St., Revere, MA 02151** your answer, if any, on or before **November 22, 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: September 19, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

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Italian and Spanish Classes for Adults

Italian and Spanish Classes will be offered starting (Thursday October 10, 2024) using the Sheltered Foreign Language Approach. The Sheltered Foreign Language approach is a customized program tailored in teaching a foreign language specifically to adults. The program is based on the research conducted by Cummins and Krashen, who indicated that adults' learners need visual materials as well as auditory materials to be able to grasp a second language. The research indicates that visual materials constitute and easier way to grasp language and that when auditory language is introduced concepts become more difficult to grasp. The uniqueness of this approach is that it is specifically geared for adults. Generally, lessons are fun and entertaining, allowing the students to feel free to communicate. Making

adults comfortable is critical to their learning. The program incorporates modules and testing materials developed by Mr. Robert Trifiletti. To assist adult populations, Mr. Trifiletti has developed lessons which are utilized in teaching Italian and Spanish to adults. Teaching foreign languages via the computer and through PowerPoint presentations allows students frequent opportunities to practice the languages at home. The exercises are based on communicative competence, helping the students to speak almost immediately. Mr. Trifiletti also has developed modules and drills using the Sheltered Foreign Language Program. Much of the materials that do exist includes many commercial books and audiovisuals and does not even relate to the adults who are learning a foreign language. Instructional materials hardly exist for adults wanting to learn a foreign language. The instructor is Mr. Robert Trifiletti born in Sicily and has taught in Florence, Italy and Madrid Spain for the Mangol Institute. He has done graduate work at the University of Americas in Mexico City. He graduated from Ohio State University and completed his Master's degree at Kent State University in Ohio. He worked at the White House from 1971 to 1973 for the Nixon Administration and was employed by the U.S. Department of Education for 34 years where he administered Foreign Language Grants, Foreign Contracts to school districts, colleges and universities.

He was also the Director of the U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Visitors Center in DC. At the same time, he also was employed as a second part-time job with Washington Post Newspaper Company for 29 years. Mr. Trifiletti received a 2005 U.S. President's Award for his volunteer work in teaching Italian and Spanish for the U.S. Department of Education Combined Federal Charity Program where funds would go to various charities. People taking the Italian and Spanish class would contribute the \$190.00 to Rosie's Place women-only shelter that provides wide-ranging support to homeless women. The language course is for nine weeks long and will start October 10, 2024 and will be held in the heart of the North End. Classes will 9:30 a.m. for Spanish and 10:30 a.m. for Italian. If you are interested send an email at Rmtrifiletti@aol.com. The \$190.00 donation fee is tax deductible for the class. **One hundred percent** of the proceeds will be donated to Rosie's Place. You will make out the check to the Charity. All materials will be provided for duplication.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at **171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970**, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after **October 05, 2024** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

- 2005 JEEP LIBERTY**
VIN # 1J8GL58K55W690074
- 2009 FORD F150**
VIN # 1FTRW14879B19282
- 2003 FORD ESCAPE**
VIN # 1FMYU931X3KC87044

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information. info@todiscotowing.com

Run dates: 09/13, 09/20, 09/27/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. M124P4757EA
Estate of
WILLIAM L. CONRAD
Also Known As
WILLIAM LEO CONRAD
Date of Death: April 23, 2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 21, 2024.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 23, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24P1987EA
Estate of
DAVID TEH-WEI TSU
Also Known As
DAVID TEH WEI TSU, DAVID TSU, DAVID T.W. TSU
Date of Death: September 03, 2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John Ho of Wellesley, 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 **John Ho of Wellesley, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 24, 2024.

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 20, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

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Notice is hereby given by **Ramsay's Towing 152 Prospect Street, Waltham, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **October 18, 2024 beginning at 10:00 PM** by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Ramsay's Towing.

- DAMULIRA, SADAT**
2013 Honda Accord
VIN # 1HGCR2F39DA216852
 - ANTHONY LAVARGNA**
2009 Ford Edge
VIN # 2FMDK38C49BA60236
- Signed,
Justin Ramsay
Run dates: 09/27, 10/04, 10/11/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at **171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970**, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after **October 19, 2024** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

- 2008 HONDA PILOT**
VIN # 5FNYP18558B053510
- 2015 CHEVROLET SILVERADO**
VIN # 1GCRCE0FZ237226
- 2019 AUDI Q8**
VIN # WA1BVAF14KD011587
- 2007 TOYOTA PRIUS**
VIN # JTDKB20U877564000
- 2012 FORD FUSION**
VIN # 3FADP0L32CR241118
- 2006 LINCOLN LS**
VIN # 1LNF87A96Y610027
- 2021 ZEN ZN50QT**
VIN # L5YACBPZXM1115886
- 2018 NISSAN ROGUE**
VIN # JN8AT2MV0JW302680
- 2020 FORD ESCAPE**
VIN # 1FMCU9H65LUC29877
- 2011 NISSAN SENTRA**
VIN # 3N1AB6AP7BL629244
- 2014 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA**
VIN # 3VWD17AJXEM418372
- 2014 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA**
VIN # 3VW4S7AJ1EM214430

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information. info@todiscotowing.com
Run dates: 09/27, 10/04, 10/11/2024

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

On a rainy September 13, 1814, British warships sent a downpour of shells and rockets onto Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor relentlessly pounding the American fort for 25 hours. The bombardment known as the battle of Baltimore came only weeks after the British forces attacked Washington DC burning the United States capital, treasury and White House. Then known as the president's house it was another chapter in the ongoing war of 1812.



A week earlier, Francis Scott Key, 35-year-old American lawyer, had boarded the flagship of the British fleet on the Chesapeake Bay in hopes of persuading the enemy to release the physician William Beans, a friend who had recently been arrested. Key was successful but because he and his companions had gained knowledge of the impending attack on Baltimore. The British did not let them go. Allowed to return to their vessel, the two remained under heavy security.

On September 14, 1814, after he witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry by the British Royal Navy during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the large U.S. flag, with 15 stars and 15 stripes, known as the Star-Spangled Banner, flying triumphantly above the fort after the battle.

The poem, which became "The Star Spangled Banner" was set to the tune of a popular British song written by John Stafford Smith for the Anacreontic Society, a social club in London. Smith's song, "To Anacreon in Heaven" (or "The Anacreontic Song"), with various lyrics, was already popular in the United States. "The Star-Spangled Banner," soon became a popular patriotic song. With a range of 19 semitones, it is known for being very difficult to sing, in part because the melody sung today is the soprano part. Although the poem has four stanzas, only the first is commonly sung today.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was first recognized for official use by the United States Navy in 1889. On March 3, 1931, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution making the song the official national anthem of the United States, which President Herbert Hoover signed into law.

Before it was named "The Star-Spangled Banner," it was called "The Defense of Fort McHenry." Key eventually changed the name to better represent the flag and the United States.

Remember Your Loved Ones

The Post-Gazette accepts memorials throughout the year.

Please call
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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

FRANKIE VALLI AND THE FOUR SEASONS IN CONCERT IN WORCESTER, SEPTEMBER 29TH

Frankie Valli will be singing in concert at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester on Sunday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. This vocal quartet began back in 1962 and has been “hanging on” like that old hit of theirs back in the ‘60s.

I remember seeing him and the group about 10 years ago at the Wilbur in Boston. Can’t believe he’s still going strong. Not bad for a band named after a bowling alley in Jersey, huh?

ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION

The IAA’s Columbus Day Cultural Celebration is returning this year to the Tall Ship for the 2nd Annual community celebration. They can take away the holiday and name it

something else but it remains Columbus Day to all of us. It all starts on Monday, October 14th and runs from noon to 4:00 p.m.

COLUMBUS DAY BLOCK PARTY

Yup, we haven’t forgotten Columbus over here on the other side of the tunnel. Looking to celebrate the holiday? Check out this block party up at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.

It all begins on Sunday, October 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Bring the kids, bring nana and nono, bring the dog. Meet up with your friends and neighbors. Music, food, and entertainment and it’s all free to the public.

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY DINNER

The next monthly Community Dinner at Sacred Heart Parish (East Boston) will be held on Wednesday, October 9th and all are welcome. Starts at 5:00

p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Join us for a free pasta dinner and friendship.

KAMALA HARRIS FINALLY DOES INTERVIEW BUT ...

Kamala Harris was interviewed on a podcast hosted by Oprah Winfrey and you should have seen all those tough questions asked. JUST KIDDING!

BEATLES TRIBUTE @ THE WEST END MUSEUM SUNDAY NIGHT

On Sunday, September 29th at the West End Museum, the Beatles tribute band Studio Two will recreate the iconic 1964 Beatles concert performance at the old Boston Garden and take the audience down memory lane to the moment in rock history.

For ticket information, go to westendmuseum.org.

FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND COFFEE WITH A COP

Join your local law enforcement for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith and Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases. It will be hosted by the men and women of Area A-7 at Sacred Heart Church, East Boston.

It will begin on Saturday, October 12th at 8:45 a.m. immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church hall. All are welcome!

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a Comedy Night at Prince Pizza up on Route 1 in Saugus. Raffles to support the Society. Price is right. \$30 includes pizza and comedy. Call 617-406-9103 for tickets.



PARAMOUNT SCARES COLLECTION: VOL. 2 (4K Ultra HD) Paramount Home Ent.

Everyone loves a sequel! PARAMOUNT SCARES is back with another limited-edition collection of terrifying films, *Paramount Scares Collection Volume 2*, all available for the first time in 4K Ultra HD. This collectible box set includes four killer films that offer an exciting mix of all that the horror genre has to offer. From a knife-wielding maniac in *FRIDAY THE 13TH PART II*, to the twisted thrills of *ORPHAN: FIRST KILL*, the terrifying zombie hordes of *WORLD WAR Z*, and the psychological terror of *BREAKDOWN*, this must-own collection delivers loads of chills and thrills. Each film in the 8-disc collection has been newly remastered and is presented on both 4K Ultra HD Disc and on Blu-ray in an individual case and special sleeve exclusive to the set, all housed in a premium box with original artwork. *Paramount Scares Volume 2* also includes more than 2.5 hours of bonus content, the unrated version of *WORLD WAR Z*, access to a Digital copy of each film. In addition to this new collector’s edition set, Paramount Home Entertainment and FANGORIA have teamed up to deliver classic thrills and chills to moviegoers across the country. “PARAMOUNT SCARES and FANGORIA present SCREAM GREATS” brings fan-favorite films back to the big screen for special limited engagements. Titles returning to theatres this year include: **FRIDAY THE 13TH PART IV: THE FINAL CHAPTER 40th Anniversary** — September 10th & September 15th - **SLEEPY HOLLOW** — October 13th & October 16th and **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** — November 10th & November 13th. **FRIDAY THE 13TH PART II Synopsis** - Five years after the massacre at Camp Crystal Lake, the nerve-wracking legend of Jason Voorhees and his diabolical mother lives on. Despite ominous warnings from the locals to stay away from “Camp Blood,” a group of counselors at a nearby summer camp decide to explore the area where seven people were brutally slaughtered. All too soon, they encounter horrors of their own and the killing begins again. **BREAKDOWN Synopsis** - Jeff Taylor (Kurt Russell) and his wife Amy (Kathleen Quinlan) are headed toward a new life in California when their car’s engine dies on a remote highway. Amy accepts a ride from a helpful trucker (J.T. Walsh) while Jeff waits with the car. But when Jeff shows up at the agreed rendezvous, he finds his wife isn’t there. The locals aren’t talking; the police aren’t much help. With no one to turn to, Jeff battles his worst fears and begins a desperate, danger-ridden search to find Amy before it’s too late. **WORLD WAR Z Synopsis** - In this fast-paced, pulse-pounding action epic, former United Nations investigator Gerry Lane (Brad Pitt) is in a race against time

to save both his family and the world from a pandemic that is toppling governments and threatening to destroy humanity itself. **ORPHAN: FIRST KILL Synopsis** - Esther’s terrifying saga continues in this thrilling prequel to the original and shocking horror hit *ORPHAN*. After orchestrating a brilliant escape from an Estonian psychiatric facility, Esther travels to America by impersonating the missing daughter of a wealthy family. But an unexpected twist arises that pits her against a mother who will protect her family from the murderous “child” at any cost.

SUCCESSION: THE COMPLETE SERIES (Blu-ray) Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment has released *Succession: The Complete Series* on Blu-ray. You can binge on all 39 episodes from HBO’s Emmy award-winning original series, along with all the previously released special features. The brilliant high-stakes drama follows the Roy Family and their quest for power, starring Brian Cox, Jeremy Strong, Sarah Snook, Kieran Culkin, Alan Ruck, Matthew Macfadyen, Nicholas Braun, J. Smith-Cameron, Peter Friedman, David Rasche, and Fisher Stevens. Power, politics, money ... it’s all in the family in this provocative, satirical series about a highly dysfunctional dynasty. When the aging patriarch of one of the world’s largest media conglomerates considers retirement, his family members position themselves for a takeover. But tensions rise as corporate battles threaten to turn into a family civil war in this sharp, scathing, binge-worthy series. *Succession* earned an impressive 75 Emmy nominations and 19 wins over its four-season run. The series achieved a remarkable streak, being nominated for Outstanding Drama Series throughout all four seasons and securing the Emmy win three times (2020, 2022, 2023). In its fourth and final season, *Succession* has dominated the Emmy field with 27 nominations and secured six wins, including Outstanding Drama Series, Outstanding Lead Actor, and Outstanding Lead Actress. The season also set a new record for Golden Globe TV award nominations with nine total and winning four, including Best Television Series (Drama) — its third win in that category. Further adding to its accolades, *Succession* was honored at the 2023 Screen Actors Guild Awards for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series. Power, politics, money ... it’s all in the family in this provocative, satirical series about a highly dysfunctional dynasty. When the aging patriarch of one of the world’s largest media conglomerates considers retirement, his family members position themselves for a takeover. But tensions rise as corporate battles threaten to turn into a family civil war in this sharp, scathing, binge-worthy series.



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2024 October Italian Heritage Month Calendar of Events

- Ongoing **PASSPORT TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS** | C.A.S.IT., Inc. has been bringing Italian language and culture instruction to classrooms K-12 since 1985. For more information and grant request instructions, please visit www.casit.org
SPONSOR: C.A.S.IT., INC.
CONTACT: Adelaide Guarracino, aguarracino@casit.org
- Friday, September 27 **25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION - 7:00 PM** | Celebration of October as Italian Heritage Month, dinner and dancing | \$100.00 per person
SPONSOR: Italian Heritage Month Committee **LOCATION:** Teresa's Prime Steakhouse, 20 Elm Street – Rte. 62, North Reading, MA
CONTACT: Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, Kevincaira57@gmail.com
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** **OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH KICK-OFF EVENT** | 6:00 PM | Event will honor Michael Colomba with the Entrepreneur Award, Emilio Bizzi with the Education Award, and Mary Ann Esposito with the Culinary Arts Award plus 5 Scholarship presentations | Buffet | Free
SPONSOR: Italian Heritage Month Committee **LOCATION:** Massachusetts State House Chambers, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA
CONTACT: Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, Kevincaira57@gmail.com
- Saturday, October 5 **CHICKEN BARBEQUE** | 12:00 PM | BBQ with chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, dessert. Proceeds benefit the Lodge's scholarship & charitable endeavors | \$25-Adults / \$10-Children 6-12 / Free-Under 6
SPONSOR: Bandiera e Concordia Lodge # 240 (Marlborough) **LOCATION:** Marlborough Fish & Game Club, 1 Muddy Lane, Marlborough, MA
CONTACT: Betty Evangelous, 508-380-9267
- Saturday, October 5 **ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE BBQ** | 2:00 PM | BBQ to celebrate Italian Culture | \$50-Adults / \$10-Kids
SPONSOR: South Shore Lodge # 1850 (Hingham) **LOCATION:** Sons of Italy, 39 Kilby Street, Hingham, MA
Purchase tickets at: hinghamsonsofitaly.com
- Saturday, October 5 **ITALIAN HERITAGE DINNER DANCE** | Cocktails - 6:30 PM / Dinner - 7:30 PM | Dinner: Maria's Catering / Entertainment: Luciano Russo. Tickets must be purchased in advance by September 23, 2024 | \$75.00 per person
SPONSOR: Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 (Watertown) **LOCATION:** Sons of Italy, 520 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA |
CONTACTS: Florence Guidara / Lilia Viscomi 617-877-7285 / 617-645-2969
- Sunday, October 6 **MASS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH IN THE NORTH END** | 12 Noon | Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of October as Italian-American Heritage Month. Celebrant will be Fr. Michael Della Penna. Refreshments served in the downstairs hall immediately following the Mass. Public is welcomed.
- Thursday, October 10 **ITALIAN LANGUAGE FOR TRAVELERS** | 6:30 PM | Bite size introduction to the Italian Language for Travelers
Cookies, soft drinks, and coffee | Free
SPONSOR: Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 **LOCATION:** Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA
CONTACT: Michele Siracusa, 978-604-6437, mnortonen@gmail.com
- Thursday, October 10 **RENATO POLIAFITO PRESENTS *DOLCI!*** | 6:30 PM | Cookbook author Poliafito presents his latest book *Dolci! American Baking with an Italian Accent*
SPONSOR: I AM Books **LOCATION:** I AM Books, 124 Salem St., Boston MA
CONTACT: Nicola Orichuia, nicola@iambooksboston.com
- Thursday, October 10 **DANTE FILM NIGHT: Screening *The Young Montalbano*** | 7:00 PM | Join us for the next *Montalbano* episode | Refreshments
SPONSOR: Dante Alighieri Society **LOCATION:** Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA
CONTACT: admin@dantemass.org
- Friday, October 11 **14TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE GOLF CLASSIC** | 9:00 AM | 14th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic 4-man teams, proceeds to benefit the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Association | Continental Breakfast and Buffet Luncheon | \$150.00 per player
SPONSOR: Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 **LOCATION:** Hillview Golf Course, 149 North Street, North Reading, MA
CONTACT: Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, Kevincaira57@gmail.com

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For further information about Italian Heritage Month visit www.ItalianHeritageMonth.com
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**Boston City Councilor
 Gabriela Coletta Zapata to Host
 Italian Flag Raising
 AT BOSTON CITY HALL**

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"As a proud fourth-generation Italian American, I'm excited to host the Italian Flag Raising and Italian-American Heritage Month celebration at City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, October 2, at 11:00 a.m. I look forward to joining the festivities to honor our beautiful culture and traditions. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration. Viva l'Italia!" said Coletta Zapata.

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2024 October Italian Heritage Month *Calendar of Events*

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- Saturday, October 12
ITALIAN GALA DINNER | Cocktails - 5:30 PM / Dinner - 6:30 PM | 2nd Annual Italian Gala / Black Tie Optional Program and Dancing following Dinner - Purchase tickets by October 1 | \$135.00 per person
SPONSOR: St. Padre Pio Lodge # 3013 (Springfield) **LOCATION:** Sheraton Hotel, One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA
CONTACT: Salvatore Circosta, 413-455-0260, osdiaspringfield@gmail.com
- Monday, October 14
COLUMBUS DAY BREAKFAST | 9:00 AM | The Event will honor Diane Modica who will speak on the importance of Columbus Day | Live Italian Music by Pasquale @ the Good Italians” will perform | Free
SPONSOR: Italian Heritage Month Committee **LOCATION:** Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 42 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA
CONTACT: Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, Kevincaira57@gmail.com
- Monday, October 14
ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE 3rd ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY — CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY | 12:00 to 4:00 PM | Celebration for Columbus Day — Entertainment Sea Breeze Band, Alan Labella D.J. (Native of East Boston, MA) Puppet Show, Magic Show, and Barbie. Magician strolling through park. Also, food vendors and non-food vendors selling jewelry, crafts, etc. Come and enjoy Columbus Day with the Italian American Alliance | Free Admission
SPONSOR: Italian American Alliance **LOCATION:** Tall Ships Park, 1 East Pier Drive, East Boston, MA
CONTACT: Florence Ferullo Guidara, 617-877-7285
- Tuesdays, October 15, October 22 & October 29
DR. MATTEO CASINI, “L’AFFASCINANTE VIAGGIO DELLA REPUBBLICA DI VENEZIA” | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Three classes on the history of the amazing city of Venice, Italy | \$100 per person
SPONSOR: Cambridge Center for Adult Education **LOCATION:** 42 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA
CONTACT: Francesca Ferraris, francesca.ferraris@ccae.org
- Wednesday, October 16
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING AND DINNER EVENT | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Join us for a multi-course meal with the primary focus being on socializing with fellow guests, along with a general discussion as to JLS, its origin, our mission, and current agenda topics | \$40.00 p/p, not including alcohol
SPONSOR: Justinian Law Society **LOCATION:** Bocelli’s Restaurant; 374 Main Street, Medford, MA
CONTACT: Riccardo Rullo, 617-447-0190
- Thursday, October 17
ITALIAN CLASSICS | 2:30 PM | Two Italian singers will sing Italian Classics | Cookies, soft drinks, and coffee | Free, but tickets are required
SPONSOR: Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 **LOCATION:** Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA
CONTACT: Michele Siracusa, 978-604-6437, mnortonen@gmail.com
- Saturday, October 19
THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WRITERS ASSOC. PRESENTS ANNA MONARDO AND MATTHEW PORTO | 6:00 PM | IAWA returns to I AM Books for its monthly authors series and open mic!
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- Saturday, October 19 & Saturday, October 26
INTRODUZIONE ALLA DIZIONE ITALIANA E PUBLIC SPEAKING | 2:00 PM to 5:45 PM each day | This masterclass is aimed at native Italian speakers and fluent Italian language students who would like to improve their Italian diction and learn some public speaking techniques. Led by Eleonora Francesca Cordovani and Chiara Durazzini. In Italian. Students must attend both days. More info at www.pazzilazzitroupe.com | Early Bird by October 10th: \$130 – Regular Registration: \$140/person
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CONTACT: Eleonora Francesca Cordovani and Chiara Durazzini, pazzilazzitroupe@gmail.com
- Sunday, October 20
FALL WOMAN’S FUN FILLED DAY OF BOCCE | 9:00 AM | Teams will be chosen according to skill level Breakfast and Lunch included - 50/50 Raffle - Best Ball Competition | Refreshments | \$40.00 per person
SPONSOR: Methuen Lodge # 902 **LOCATION:** Sons of Italy, 459 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA
CONTACT: Gina Neve 978-697-5430
- Thursday, October 24
DINNER FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS | Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM | Chicken or Eggplant Parm, Sausage, Peppers & Onions, Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Water followed by a 50/50 raffle and a raffle of a 4-hour limo ride from Salem to Encore Casino or a North End of Boston restaurant of the winner’s choosing. | \$25.00 per person, includes the meal
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LOCATION: Jean A. Levesque Community Life Center, 401 Bridge Street, Salem, MA (ample parking on site)
CONTACT: Elaine Tudal, 978-578-6207, TGISIS@comcast.net
- Thursday, October 24
PRESENTATION ON SOUTHERN SICILY | 6:30 PM | Slide Show Presentation on Southern Sicily | Cookies, soft drinks, and coffee | Free, but tickets are required
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- Thursday, October 24
SENZA GLUTINE! GLUTEN — FREE ITALIAN DISHES FOR EVERYONE! | 6:30 PM | Local cookbook authors Cynthia Delia Coddington and Josephine Provenzano Hoppe present their Italian gluten-free recipes! | Refreshments
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CONTACT: Nicola Orichuia, nicola@iambooksboston.com
- Saturday, October 26
GALA PORCHETTA DINNER DANCE | 7:00 PM | Gala Porchetta Dinner Dance | \$60.00 Per Person
SPONSOR: Appian Club **LOCATION:** Appian Club, 100A Fallon Road, Stoneham, MA
CONTACT: John De Leo, john.deleo@comcast.net
- Monday, October 28
COMMEDIA DELL’ARTE AND RENAISSANCE MUSIC DEMONSTRATION | 7:00 PM | Discover Commedia dell’Arte and its music, the renowned Italian Renaissance theater which is the base of modern comedy! Actress Chiara Durazzini and musician Dan Meyers of the Pazzi Lazzi Troupe present Masks in Motion, a presentation and demonstration of Commedia dell’Arte and Renaissance music. Chiara and Dan will perform a short skit featuring Arlecchino, one of the most famous Commedia stock characters. They will then present a lecture about the history and characteristics of Commedia dell’Arte and its legacy, and a practical demonstration of its characters and music. A Q&A will follow the presentation. This event is for adults and kids ages 6 and older. No registration necessary. | Free
SPONSOR: Newton Free Library **LOCATION:** Newton Free Library, Druker Auditorium, 330 Homer Street, Newton, MA
CONTACT: Chiara Durazzini, pazzilazzitroupe@gmail.com
- Saturday, November 2
THE 3RD ANNUAL ARTHUR NICHOLSON III BOCCE TOURNAMENT | 8:30 AM | The Methuen Scholarship Foundation is a charitable organization raising funds for Methuen High School Senior Scholarships. We are having a Bocce Tournament that includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Dessert teams of 4 | \$40.00 per person
SPONSOR: Methuen Lodge # 902 **LOCATION:** Methuen Sons of Italy, 459 Merrimack St., Methuen, MA
CONTACT: Lisa Simonian, 617-584-4099, lmsimonian@comcast.net
- Tuesday, November 5
APPIAN CLUB ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS | 6:30 PM | Appian Club Memorial Mass for Deceased Members | Refreshments after Mass at the Appian Club, 100A Fallon Road, Stoneham, MA | Donations Payable to St. Raphael Church
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CONTACT: John De Leo - john.deleo@comcast.net
- Thursday, November 7
NANCY BELLANTONI PRESENTS “THE BATTALION ARTIST” | 6:30 PM | The Battalion Artist explores the three years, three months, and three days of Natale Bellantoni’s life on the Pacific front in World War II
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



My love affair with baseball began when I was still in short pants. Dad loved baseball and would take me with him to the City Yard in East Boston where he sometimes coached an American Legion team. When I was old enough, I accompanied him to Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox providing he didn't have to play with his band on that night. But there were two teams in Boston back in the day, the Red Sox and the Boston Braves. The Braves, were a second-rate National League team, but when the Brooklyn Dodgers were in town, Braves Field would be sold out and the management would have a Dixieland band playing ... with Dad in the band on his Sousaphone, Uncle Nick and Uncle Paul playing their clarinets, and me sitting next to the band wearing my short pants. I wasn't a Braves fan and could have cared less when they left Boston for Milwaukee in 1953 and Braves Field was sold to Boston University.

My allegiance was always to the Red Sox and starting when I was about six years old knew who the players were and what their stats were. Babbononno was furious with me at times. He was teaching me how to read music via the Solfeggio method, the concept or rhythmic articulation studied in all schools of music today. He would say, "Jenny, baesa-bawla izza waesta time-a. Izza bedda you learna da musica eh den a instrumenda so you can play widda banda like you fathah." I would answer him with, "Si, Babbononno, but secretly followed my Red Sox.

When I was about 10 years old, Dad left teaching machine shop at East Boston High School and went into administration, becoming a pioneer in the Department of Audio/Visual Education. Part of their (his) responsibilities was to film public events for the mayor's office, the city council and the school committee. As a result, Dad became friendly with most of the officials at city hall and school committee headquarters. A school committee member, an old Yankee lady, sort of had a crush on my father, but knew he was married and had a family. She never made a pass at him, but gave Dad her season's pass to Fenway to use anytime he wanted. Dad was playing music six nights a week in those days and hardly ever had the time to take me to Fenway.

When the Yankees were in town, Dad would find someone in the neighborhood who was going to the game, have them

take me along, accompany me to the reserved seat and then pick me up at the end of the game. When I got to the seat, I would be surrounded by men in suits and ties. What I didn't know was they were the mayor, members of his staff, the police commissioner, and maybe the head of the Boston Fire Department. James Michael Curley was the mayor at the time, Thomas Sullivan was the police commissioner and Russell Codman headed the fire department. For Yankee games, they were always in attendance. They knew Dad from his filming activities and when they saw me in their presence, were told that I was Johnny DeCristoforo's son.

I was around ten years old, didn't know who these people were and only wanted to hear the Red Sox lineup which began with DiMaggio, Pesky, Williams ... On a given night, The men surrounding me would buy me hotdogs, peanuts, a Coke and whatever else I wanted. I was in heaven and didn't know it.

As time went on, I teamed up with a bunch of East Bostonians in my neighborhood and played pickup baseball in back of East Boston High School, or at the City Yard. I wonder how many of them are still alive: Al "Junior" D'Amico, Donald Maher, Jim Bradley, Richard Diaz, Walter Day, John Wynn, Robert Dantona, Donald Diaz, Bobby Romano, Joe Marotta, Fred Cataldo, and Frankie Tino. We began playing in the early spring and didn't stop until the first snow storm of the season hit us.

A few years later, I played for the CYO League and the American Legion. When I got to high school, I tried out for the English High baseball team and made it. My only problem was that I had little time to practice. The practices interfered with my usher's schedule at the Seville Theater and my music schedule with Babbononno. So, I didn't play baseball for English. A few times, when they were shorthanded, English's coach, Bill Stuart, let me play out of desperation. When I got to Boston State College, I had the same problem and Coach Sullivan only used me when he was desperate.

A few years after graduating college, Coach Sullivan secured a tryout for me with the Cincinnati Reds. I was good, really good, but there were three guys in front of me who were great: Pete Rose, Joe Morgan and Dave Concepcion (2 out of 3 are Hall of Famers). At that point in time, I realized that I

should stick to playing bass and not baseball, so music won out. I had no regrets and never looked back. Babbononno loved that I was back in the fold, now being the 3rd generation in the family to play music.

From then on, I've taught school in Boston by day, and have played music at night. So, for the last 60 years or so, I've been involved in education and some phase of show business. At this age, 85, the only thing I'm actively involved in is this column. But, just a few years ago, I had the best of all worlds where my love for the Red Sox is concerned. As a Little League coach, I happened to have the youngest son of the late Dr. Mike Foley on my team. Dr. Foley was the head of gastroenterology at St. Elizabeth's in Brighton, but he also ran the first aid station at Fenway Park. Due to his son being on my team, Mike and I became fast friends. When the Yankees were in town, he would offer me one of his reserved seats next to the Red Sox dugout. Dean and Margie Saluti had a home on the corner of Bay State Road and Raleigh Streets, just off Kenmore Square, and I had a sticker to park in one of their spaces behind their home. This meant that I could easily park, walk to Fenway and be seated just to the right of the team.

At one point in time, Dr. Mike told me that a friend of his would be sitting next to me. The man turned out to be Stephen King, one of the greatest fiction writers of our time. When he could get away, the good doctor would join us and we would watch the Sox play the Yankees secretly hoping the Sox would beat the h___ out of them.

All that is now part of the past. When the Sox were sold a few years ago, the new management brought in Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital to run the first aid station. Not long after, Dr. Foley succumbed to a massive heart attack, and Dean and Margie left the Back Bay for the suburbs. I guess, at my age, the best way to watch the Red Sox play the Yankees or any other team for that matter, is on my living room TV. Oops, it's time for a Sox game on NESN TV so I've gotta go.

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by
**Marianna
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Ricotta cookies, while inspired by the rich traditions of Italian gastronomy, likely found their true form among Italian immigrants here in the United States. These families, with a deep love for familiar flavors, used ingredients like ricotta to adapt and create new recipes using what they had on hand. It's easy to imagine how this led to the origination of the soft, tender ricotta cookies we enjoy today, especially around the holidays, when tradition and nostalgia take center stage.

My nonna, always resourceful and creative, made her own ricotta from scratch. With it, she prepared a range of fabulous dishes and desserts, from pillowy gnocchi and savory stuffed shells to the indulgent Cassata and her legendary Cassateddi. Among her many creations were ricotta cookies — a beloved staple in our family. The recipe I'm sharing today remains one of my favorites to bake and, without fail, everyone's favorite to devour!

LEMON RICOTTA COOKIES

Biscotti Di Ricotta Al Limone



4 ounces (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
8 ounces whole milk ricotta, drained (I use homemade)
Zest of 1 large organic lemon

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt

Instructions:

Preheat your oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the egg and beat until the mixture is smooth and well combined.

Mix in the ricotta, lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla extract until fully incorporated.

In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture, stirring just until combined—avoid overmixing.

Using a tablespoon, drop rounded scoops of dough onto the prepared baking sheet, spacing them about 2 inches apart.

Bake for approximately 14 minutes, or until the cookies are set and lightly golden underneath.

Transfer to a wire rack and allow the cookies to cool for 5 minutes.

For the Icing:

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (adjust for desired consistency)
- 2 tablespoons whole milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

To prepare the icing:

In a small bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, lemon juice, milk, and vanilla extract until smooth. Adjust the lemon juice to reach your preferred consistency.

Once the cookies have cooled, drizzle or spread the icing over them and allow it to set before serving.

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The Birth of A Nation

Part 2 of 3



THE BIRTH OF A NATION: 1915 193mins. Director: D.W. Griffith Cast: Lillian Gish (Elsie Stoneman), Mae Marsh (Flora Cameron), Henry B. Walthall (Col. Ben Cameron), Miriam Cooper (Margaret Cameron), Mary Alden (Lydia Brown)

Those approaching *The Birth of a Nation* for the first time will be surprised how little the film's reputation prepares not only for the degree of its racism but the unapologetic manner with which it approaches it. Just as *The Birth of a Nation* is a far more beautiful film than technical, talks about technique lead on, its attitude on race, the aftermath of the war, and the ideology that drove the North are far worse than anything imaginable without seeing the film. The film is an assault on the very idea of Blacks as equals, the evils of slavery and the brutality of the Klan.

To be sure, Griffith's early work could not be interpreted as anything other than sympathetic to the Lost Cause. Union officers were often shown doing little more besides raiding towns, attacking the families of the boys in gray and looting their homes. Still, there was little to prepare for such a volatile attack on what the Union stood for.

There were hints, too, about his attitude on slavery earlier on. His treatment of an elderly slave in his 1911 *His Trust* and its sequel *His Trust Fulfilled* is almost benign by comparison. Nonetheless, the two short films are more revealing than Griffith himself probably realized. In those films, George, an elderly enslaved man played by Wilfred Lucas in blackface, is depicted in virtue precisely because he doesn't contest his life as a slave but promises to look after his master's wife and daughter when he rides off to battle. When Colonel Frazier is killed, George protects his family from marauding Yankees and gives up his humble shack for them after the enemy burns their home to the ground. This is the model Black as defined by Griffith. His value is defined by his devotion to his White masters. Similarly, the only Blacks treated kindly in *Birth of a Nation* are the Cameron families slaves who grieve hardest of all for their master and devise his rescue when he is arrested by Yankees.

This is not to say that Dixon's novel left much room for interpretation even had Griffith been so inclined. But it was the novel's very lack of subtlety, after all, that won Griffith's Southern heart in the first place. On an abstract, *The Birth of a Nation* is a visual transcript of its source's message: Reconstruction was doomed to fail thanks to conniving radicals who could not see that Blacks could never be integrated into society. Civilization collapsed when former slaves were given the right to vote. From these ashes the Ku Klux Klan arose just in time to restore order. This was the story, long uncontested for Griffith, that he had always wanted to tell.

Dave Lehr, author of *The Birth of a Nation: How a Legendary Filmmaker and a Crusading Editor Reignited America's Civil War*, observed, "Griffith thought he was, in a way, reporting history about the Civil War and Reconstruction, and it was widely accepted at the time, which has been completely debunked since, that Reconstruction was a disaster ... and that former slaves were some kind of lower form of life. That was the embedded, bigoted, racist state of mind of the time."

Curiously, and perhaps due to the extended runtime, in *Birth of a Nation* Griffith did elaborate his stance on Northerners and offered them a more sympathetic eye. Austin Stoneman is a fusty old troublemaker but his sons maintain a friendship with the Cameron family of South Carolina. Ben, the oldest Cameron boy, will take charge at the call of war and later become a founder of the Ku Klux Klan. There is no question that Griffith thinks Stoneman's policies are to blame but still laments that it had to come to war for both families.

Like Dixon, Griffith was also charitable (if misguidedly so) to Lincoln, reminding audiences of the president's forgiveness of the South and commitment to rebuilding it. Had it not been for the fateful night of April 14, 1865 (recreated in the film with commendable detail), Lincoln may have reconciled the nation faster than would prove to be the case. This is not an unreasonable hypothesis as the unwillingness to lend the South a hand was the leading cause of Andrew Johnson's disastrous presidency.

Griffith conceding to understand Northern sentiment, however, comes from a sinister place. As the second half of the movie makes clear, despite what happened in the war, Whites from across the country must unite against the newly freed slaves and their political friends. It is not hard to surmise this much even before the climax which finds the Camerons, in escaping a Black mob, taking refuge in the remote cabin of two former Union soldiers.

"The former enemies of North and South are united again in defense of their Aryan birthright," a title card reads.

The Birth of a Nation sealed Griffith's reputation in more ways than he wishes and yet, looking at his body of work, he remains an enigmatic figure. Compassion for the downtrodden (the elderly and even, misplaced as it was, toward Blacks) abounds in his early work. In 1909 he directed *The Red Man's View* a look into the tragic plight of Native Americans in which the Whites were the brutes. *Intolerance*, his next feature after *Birth of a Nation*,

often miscited as an attempt at apology is in fact more a product of Griffith's complicated and sometimes contradictory ideologies.

Be that as it may, there could not have been a coming back from his depiction of Blacks in *Birth of a Nation*. Take Silas Lynch (George Siegmann), the abolitionist who follows Stoneman from the North with political ambitions for the South, who is marked as a villain from the start simply for who he is, an offspring of miscegenation. His transformation into a demon is completed by his lust for Elsie (Gish) and his dreams of building a "Black empire" in Piedmont. Silas embodies the ugly core sentiment of *Birth of a Nation*; you can give a black man a suit and an education but you can never take out the savage in him.

"He portrayed the emancipated slaves as heathens, as unworthy of being free, as uncivilized, as primarily concerned with passing laws so they could marry white women and prey on them," Lehr said.

The Black extras (a lot of them played by Black actors) fare no better in Griffith's hands. They are allowed no motivation besides looting, savagery, and wasting the pulpit. If Silas Lynch is Griffith and Dixon's political chagrin, Gus (Walter Long), the freed slave with an eye for the youngest Cameron daughter (Mae Marsh), is their nightmare. Gus encounters the girl during one of her walks in the forest and the frightened girl flees. Love-struck, Gus pursues her atop a cliff from which she jumps in terror. This was one of the power climaxes of the film, but its impact is lessened by the implication. We are supposed to be commending her suicide as the honorable alternative to letting a Black man put his hands on her.

As vindication for his sister's death Ben is inspired to create the Klan. The gang's first target is Gus. Two subsequent scenes expose Griffith's anger and are the most difficult to watch. Gus is lynched and his body dumped on the doorstep of Silas Lynch as a warning. For that gruesome shot the violence and horror loses any abstraction it may have had and the film becomes an inadvertent reminder not only of the violence of the Klan but the celebratory nature with which it was sometimes received. In its own way, the epilogue set after the Klan has ridden the town of the scalwags and Black militants is just as revolting. A title card reads, "The next election". Hopeful Black voters make their way to the polls only to find them barricaded by an army of Klansmen on horseback. This is Griffith (and Dixon's) idea of order and justice restored

End of Part II

• Latest Polling (Continued from Page 2)

Trump's advantage on the economy is supported by the favorable picture of his time in office. By seventeen points, more voters see his administration's policies as more helpful than harmful, where-as by twenty-four points they see the Biden Administration's policies as more hurtful. Half of the Democrat's (50%) say Biden's policies are helping them, while most Republicans (87%) and over one half of Independents (52%) say they are hurting. More than half of Democrats feel Trump's policies were hurtful (55%) vs. most Republican's saying they have been helpful (86%). Independents are even more jumbled in their memory of Trump policies, saying 39% were helped, 32% hurt, and 29% citing no difference.

"The perception that Trump's policies helped more than

Biden's creates some heavy baggage for Harris in this campaign and shows why turning the page is a central theme she has tried to stress," says Anderson. Approximately four in ten voters overall, (39%) think imposing tariffs on products hurt the economy, while 36% say it helps. Two in ten believe it doesn't make a difference. During the course of Biden's Presidency, a high of 84% held a negative view of the economy, while currently seven in ten have a negative view of it (70%), compared to three in ten who hold a positive view (30%). That negative view includes most Republicans (90%), Independents (77%) and almost half of Democrats (48%). Biden's job approval stands at 42% with 58% disapproval, almost the same as it was in July.

• Mail Delivery (Continued from Page 2)

overtime to ensure that election mail reaches its intended destination in a timely manner."

I personally have experienced and discussed with my neighbors, family members and co-workers the inconsistent mail delivery on both ends, when I send a card for example and on the receiving end. In fact, the Post-Gazette newspaper often receives communication from readers regarding the tardiness of their weekly subscriptions. Normally, each edition is mailed out on Thursday of each week and subscribers should receive it on Friday or Saturday at the latest, depending on their geographic location. For quite a while now it typically doesn't reach a subscriber's mailbox until Tuesday, or even later.

It goes without question that

this issue needs to be addressed and rectified. It is long overdue. However, it just seems more than a coincidence and somewhat suspect that this issue has now reached a fever pitch, leading to an emergency filing at the Boston City Council, when we have what most consider a crucial election a mere five weeks away.

The issues with the USPS have been boiling over for quite some time and should have been a topic for discussion long before this, yet suddenly it has become worrisome to local politicians. Hasn't it been a problem for the past three plus years, or did I miss something. Oh yeah, it wasn't election time where "the soul of America, democracy is on the ballot," said Biden. Nor was it politically convenient!

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SUSAN ISABEL MARSHALL
Also Known As
SUSAN MARSHALL, SUSAN I. MARSHALL
Date of Death: July 17, 2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Alfred R. Marshall of Wakefield, 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 **Alfred R. Marshall of Wakefield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 18, 2024.

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 20, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

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Docket No. MI24P5022EA
Estate of
PAULINE CORNELIA MALLON
Also Known As
PAULINE MALLON, PAULINE C. MALLON
Date of Death: May 05, 1995
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 **Susan Tallent of Dennis, 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 **Susan Tallent of Dennis, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 22, 2024.

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 24, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI24P4819EA
Estate of
BARBARA ANNE PERRY
Also Known As
BARBARA PERRY
Date of Death: August 25, 2012
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 **Rita Tumblin of Castine, ME** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Rita Tumblin of Castine, ME** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 11, 2024.

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 13, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024



“Red Sox Surpass 2023 Win Total”

The above headline was found in the *Boston Herald* this past Tuesday morning which only reminded folks just how bad the Red Sox were during the 2023 season when they won only 78 games.

I do like reading Gabrielle Starr's *Boston Herald* pieces about our hometown team. Of recent, the Sox have a mini-win streak going. First, they swept the Twins in a doubleheader and then this past Monday, Tanner Houck threw five shut-out innings in his 30th start of the season. For the season, he went 9-10 with a 3.12 ERA. Not exactly Cy Young material but considering this year's Red Sox team, he did pretty well.

There's a good chance the team won't fall into fourth place in the division. The team should be thankful that the Rays and Jays are in the AL East. As of Tuesday, they even have a chance to finish as a winning team too.

Measuring a Pitcher's Durability

There was a great baseball commentary in this past Sunday's *NY Times* by Tyler Kepner. If you can find it, it will show you a new stat measuring a pitcher's performance on the mound. Check it out.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Ken Aspromonte who just turned

93 years old. He graduated from Lafayette High School in Brooklyn, the same school that produced Sandy Koufax. Aspromonte signed with the Red Sox in 1950 but didn't make his debut until 1957. He hit .245 over 30 games with the Sox before being traded to the Senators during the 1958 season and he played parts of seven seasons in the majors for six teams. He then played three seasons in Japan before managing the Indians from 1972-74.

His older brother Bob Aspromonte played in the majors from 1960-1971 along with one game in 1956.

Ohtani Played the Greatest Regular Season Game Ever

Thursday of last week, Shohei Ohtani played the greatest regular season game ever. He went six-for-six with three homers, two doubles and a franchise-record 10 RBI plus four runs and two stolen bases against the Marlins.

Ohtani this season became the first player in history to steal 50 bases and hit 50 home runs. He also became the first player to hit three homers and steal two bases in the same game, and the first player with five extra base hits and 10 RBI in the same game.

This guy is just an amazing all-around baseball player and quite Babe Ruthesque if you ask me.

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Estate of
ROBERT SKOLE
Date of Death: January 17, 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 **Monika Skole Fuchs 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 **Monika Skole Fuchs of Boston, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 24, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

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Docket No. MI24P4435EA
Estate of
DOMENICO VENTRESCA
Date of Death: July 14, 2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 16, 2024.

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

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Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI24P5051EA
Estate of
PATRICK ROBERT BRADY
Date of Death: June 16, 2009
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **William J. Brady of Sanford, ME** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **William J. Brady of Sanford, ME** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 21, 2024.

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 23, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI24P4970PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO
G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of
JANICE H. HAMMOND
of Belmont, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Clifford J. Tabin of Belmont, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Janice H. Hammond** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Clifford J. Tabin of Belmont, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **October 16, 2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI24P4969GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of
JANICE H. HAMMOND
of Belmont, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Clifford J. Tabin of Belmont, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Janice H. Hammond** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Clifford J. Tabin of Belmont, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **October 16, 2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/27/2024

Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Some Memorable Fights that Took Place in September



In a rematch of their 15 Round Decision Fight that took place the previous June, a badly cut Rocky Marciano knocks out Ezzard Charles in the 8th Round. the fight took place at Yankee Stadium on September 17, 1954



In the final fight of his career on September 21, 1955 at Yankee Stadium, Rocky Marciano KO's Archie Moore in the 9th Round



September 18, 1946 — At Yankee Stadium, in the 23rd defense of his title, Joe Louis KO's Tami Mauriello the 1st Round



On September 21, 1966 — In Madison Square Garden Joe Frazier in his 11th fight survives being knocked down twice to win a ten round split decision over Oscar Bonavena

September 20, 1939 — Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis scores an 11th Round KO of Bob Pastor at Briggs Stadium in Detroit



September 21, 1948 — Marcel Cerdan wins the Middleweight Title stopping Tony Zale in the 11th Round in Jersey City



On September 23, 1926 — Before a crowd of 120,000, Gene Tunney wins the Heavyweight Title from Jack Dempsey in Philadelphia

HOOPS and HOCKEY IN THE HUB

by Richard Preiss



There we were on September 24, literally three months from Christmas Eve, and just like that most festive time, it felt good to celebrate it once again.

For us, it was our first Bruins game of the 2024-2025 campaign, a preseason affair that saw the Bruins triumph over the Washington Capitals by a 4-2 count. We also had the chance once again to say hello to Heidi Holland, a longtime member of the Bruins staff, who issued us our very first Bruins press pass back in the early 1990s.

Our first Bruins game this season was just two days removed from the opener that saw the B's drop a 3-2 decision to the New York Rangers at the Garden — a game that literally was played the day after the first day of fall. That is the NHL's way of telling us that summer is indeed over and that from now to the deciding game of the Stanley Cup Final in June it will be hockey just about every night if dedicated fans choose to follow the action of all of the 32 teams across the league.

The contest we took in, of course, did not have the excitement of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Rather, it was played in a less than full Garden where the upper echelons appeared full but a number of the higher priced season ticket areas seemed to have a number of empty seats.

What those folks missed was an entertaining affair — because preseason games usually are. By NHL decree, a minimum of eight players that will be on the regular season roster must suit up for a preseason game.

That leaves plenty of room for coaches to use the remaining spots to see how drafts picks, undrafted free agents and players who had spent the last season in Providence fare when facing NHL opposition in a big-time arena.

As such then, many of the players are not well known to the B's fan base. But those players realize they have been given the chance of a lifetime — to "exhibit" their skills before an NHL coaching staff, hoping to make a strong enough impression that they will earn a spot on the regular roster.

For those that do not, a number will be sent to Providence, the B's NHL affiliate to start the season there. Former B's coach Bruce Cassidy always offered consoling words to those who did not make the opening night roster. As a veteran coach who had led the Providence team before coming up to Boston himself, he knew that a number of the players who did not start the season in Boston would indeed play for the Big B's during the year. A final cut just after the conclusion of the NHL preseason was not a forever cut, just one that needed to be made so that the team could open the season with the league-mandated limit of a 23-man roster.

Hockey, as we all know, is a sport where injuries are frequent. Someone might be out for a week or two or just for a couple of games. That is when the phone rings in Providence. So, some of those cut as the preseason schedule concludes could literally be playing in Boston before the calendar flips to November.

There is one more home preseason game to go — on October 1st against Philadelphia at the Garden. Then two more on the road after that. The end of the preseason. The B's open the regular season on October 8th at Florida, a team that has been the nemesis of the Bruins of late, kicking off the start of the long 82-game regular season schedule.

It was Florida, of course, that completely derailed the Bruins record setting 2022-2023 regular season, eliminating the B's in the first round of the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs, a series that went the full seven games and was decided in overtime of that seventh game. That came after the B's had taken a 3-1 lead in the series against the Panthers, a team that was seeded eighth in the Eastern Conference.

Then last spring, the Bruins were eliminated in the playoffs once again by Florida in the second round in six games, with the Panthers posting three of their four victories at the Garden. So much for the home-ice advantage.

The setback came on May 17th but the Garden did not go dark. There was activity for another month as the Celtics went all the way to capture the NBA title, defeating Dallas on June 17th, literally a month later.

So at least one scenario will not take place when the B's begin the upcoming regular season by facing the Panthers in Florida. The B's, of course, could win, making for a nice way to start the season. But even if they lose, the setback would not be a home ice loss at the Garden.

The home opener at the Garden will come two nights later on Thursday, October 10 when the B's take the ice against their arch rival — the Montreal Canadiens.

A couple of afternoon games will follow that with the Bruins taking on the L.A. Kings on Saturday, October 12th at 1:00 p.m. That will be followed by a second game against the Panthers on Monday, October 14th (Columbus Day) at the Garden at 1:00 p.m.

Coach Jim Montgomery returns for his third season behind the bench with general manager Don Sweeney indicating that talks involving a contract extension are taking place.

The Bruins, of course, are a playoff team and should make the postseason once again this coming spring. Where they will finish in the regular season is anyone's guess. But recent experience indicates that it does not matter.

All that really matters is that they make the playoffs. In 2019, eighth seeded Columbus beat top seeded Tampa Bay in the first round. Four years later (in 2023) Florida would do the same thing to the Bruins.

And the so-called home-ice advantage is over emphasized. As mentioned above Florida won all three of its road games against the Bruins at the Garden this past spring while eliminating the B's in the second round.

As we have said before there is only one thing that is predictable about the Stanley Cup Playoffs — they are unpredictable.