

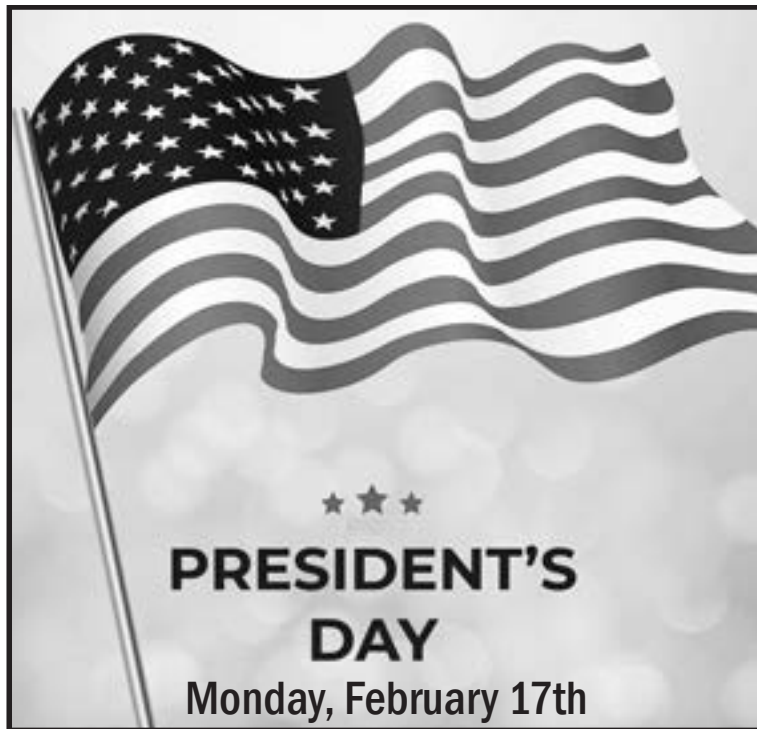
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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Newest Aircraft Collision Over Potomac River Brings Back Memories

The horrible January 29th crash in mid-air over the Potomac River killing some 67 crew and passengers as the aircraft was approaching the runway came just weeks after the 43rd anniversary of an Air Florida flight that went down into the same Potomac River shortly after takeoff from Washington National (now renamed Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport). Bad weather and icing issues were blamed for that 1982 crash, which killed 78 passengers and crew members. This mid-air collision technically should have never happened. How these two aircrafts came to be in each other's airspace remains an ongoing investigation.

The recent crash was reportedly caused by a mid-air collision between the passenger airliner and an Army Black Hawk helicopter. The investigation continues to find out what happened over Reagan National Airport. Reportedly, the copter's pilot told investigators that the passenger plane was only sighted about 30 seconds before impact.

### Trump Cuts Off Biden's Security Clearance

President Donald Trump has announced that he is "immediately revoking" former President Joe Biden's

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## Federal Government Freezes Sanctuary Cities Funding

Mayor Wu Confirms Date to Testify Before Congress

by Patti Sartori

Newly confirmed U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi immediately set to work carrying out President Trump's mandate regarding Sanctuary Cities. Bondi was approved last Tuesday evening, beginning her first day at the Department of Justice (DOJ) by placing a freeze on federal funding to sanctuary cities. Bondi's move comes as Boston Mayor Michelle Wu confirmed she will testify on March 5th before a Congressional Oversight Committee investigating the city's policies.

Boston is a sanctuary city under the Trust Act, a 2014 local law that prohibits city police and other departments from cooperating with ICE and federal agencies on civil immigration detainers. The DOJ intends to enforce actions against cities that interfere with federal immigration efforts. "Actions that impede federal efforts to enforce immigration law threaten public safety and national security. State and local jurisdictions must comply

with applicable immigration-related federal laws," Bondi stated in a memo.

The DOJ will cease distribution of funds until the agency completes a thorough review. The memo also states, the feds will "terminate any agreements that are in violation of law or are the source of waste, abuse or fraud."

Mayor Wu, along with the mayors of Chicago, Denver and New York City will appear before congress on March 5th. Chair of the Congressional Oversight Committee James Comer posted on X, "Sanctuary mayors have prioritized criminal illegal aliens over the American people. They owe Americans an explanation for their policies that jeopardize public safety and violate immigration law by releasing dangerous criminal illegal aliens back onto the streets. These reckless policies in Democrat-run cities and states across our nation have led to too many preventable tragedies. They also endanger ICE agents who are forced to take more difficult enforcement

actions in jurisdictions that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. We will press these mayors for answers and examine measures to enforce compliance with federal immigration law."

Mayor Wu confirmed last week that she would testify but requested a delay from the original February 11th date, to accommodate her post-natal schedule. "I have accepted the committee's invitation to share our work to make Boston the safest major city in America. The Boston Police Department partners every day with community groups and all levels of law enforcement to protect our city and our residents, and I look forward to highlighting their hard work and successes. I thank Congresswoman Pressley and Congressman Lynch, who serve on the committee, and the entire Massachusetts federal delegation, for their partnership in fighting for families in Boston and across the Commonwealth," Mayor Wu offered in a statement.

## Massachusetts House Democrats Prepare to Block Non-Residents from Tax Payer Funded Shelters

House Speaker Ron Mariano may impose more stringent eligibility requirements for tax payer funded shelters. The House budget team seems to be changing course with the release of a \$425 million spending bill funding state-run shelters in their attempt to limit the emergency assistance program at 4,000 families beginning later this year and allowing the state to block anyone who is not a Massachusetts resident from the system.

The shift toward a residency requirement is a huge change in policy for the Democratic House, whose leaders have time and again defeated attempts by their Republican colleagues to impose a limit on the emergency shelter system housing migrants and locals.

Speaker of the House Ron Mariano believes imposing stricter eligibility criteria is vital to the protection of vulnerable children and families in Massachusetts in a fiscally sustainable manner. "The reforms contained in this proposal will ensure that right to shelter is maintained by further capping the length of stay and verifying eligibility, while also enacting

stricter background checks on those who enter the shelter system to better protect the families who need the services the most," stated Representative Aaron Michlewitz, North End Democrat and House Budget Chief.

With the recent announcements and news reports surrounding the horrendous criminal activities occurring in shelters, the State House occupants may be having a change of heart when it comes to the Massachusetts right-to-shelter law. Democrats briefly considered providing the Healey administration the authority to require any family seeking state-run shelter benefits be Massachusetts residents who are also U.S. citizens, lawfully admitted for permanent residence. The bill would require shelter applicants to "establish Massachusetts residency," or could be approved for shelter if they show "an intent to remain" in the state. Overflow shelter sites would still accept "non-eligible families" upon arrival for thirty days under the language included in the bill.

According to Speaker Mariano's office, the residency requirement

and intent to remain guidelines would be in effect until the end of June, as house lawmakers included them in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget Governor Healey signed into law last summer.

House lawmakers are also considering limiting the number of families in the system to 4,000 between December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2026, which would require Governor Healey to decrease from the 6,000 families presently in the system.

To tighten security and safeguards at shelters, House lawmakers will require shelter applicants and family members to disclose all prior convictions, regardless if they are outside Massachusetts. "Any adult or beneficiary who fails to disclose prior criminal convictions consistent with this paragraph shall not be eligible for benefits and existing benefits shall be terminated, the bill reads.

It would be the responsibility of the Healey administration to obtain criminal offender record information from the Department of Criminal Justice


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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



## PLINY THE ELDER

Gaius Pinius, called Pliny the Elder, was born at Novum Comum (now called Como), in northern Italy, and moved to Rome at an early age. When he was twenty-three years of age he entered the military forces and served as a cavalry commander under Emperor Claudius, then as a Provincial Governor under Vespasian, and lastly as Fleet Commander under Titus. His fleet was stationed at Misenum (near Naples) in 79 A.D. when Mt. Vesuvius erupted. His deep interest in such scientific phenomenon caused him to sail across the bay to the doomed city of Stabiae for a closer inspection of the volcano. He evidently had gotten too close and died by suffocation from the strong volcanic fumes.



**Statue of Pliny the Elder on the facade of Cathedral of S. Maria Maggiore in Como in Lombardy, Italy**

During most of his life, Pliny was occupied in his military or civic duties; however, he was able to carry an extensive scientific study which occupied all of his leisure time. He wrote many books on military, grammatical, rhetorical, and biographic subjects. About two hundred manuscripts of this work are still in existence. He also composed two great historical works. The first of these was a history of the Germanic Wars in twenty books. The second history is his masterpiece, and this is the "Historica Naturalis" (Natural History) in thirty-seven books.

The last history was originally dedicated to Titus and published in 77 A.D. but he continually worked to improve it right up to the time of his death.

We are told that he prepared his encyclopedia of natural history from approximately twenty thousand notices or facts, and these were taken from about two thousand published works or writings by more than four hundred authors. His work ran the full gamut of subjects which included astronomy, physics, geography, ethnography, anthropology, zoology, pharmacology of vegetables and animals, mineralogy, and commentaries on the history of art.

Some minor defects in his work are excused or quickly dismissed due to the enormity of his accomplishments and the short amount of time he required to finish it. The facts and information contained in his work are a gold mine and storehouse of inestimable value, and a monument to the industry of this great scholar.

Pliny the Elder was a good soldier, statesman, and outstanding author. He has often been referred to as the Roman representative of encyclopedic learning, and the most knowledgeable man in the Silver Age of Roman literati.

**NEXT ISSUE:** *Seneca*

## Elected Boston School Committee or Appointed Wu and Kraft on Opposite Sides

In 1991 the City of Boston switched from an elected school committee to an appointed one. The change was implemented through a voter-approved referendum in 1991 and in 1992, the first appointed School Committee took office. The Mayor of Boston, at that time was Ray Flynn, and was given the authority to appoint committee members, a system that remains in place today.

The issue has once again found itself on the forefront of the mayoral race, with newly announced candidate for mayor Josh Kraft expressing support for a partially elected and appointed school committee. "To approve our schools, we need a school committee that challenges city leadership and holds Boston Public Schools (BPS) accountable. It is time to have elected members along

with appointed members on the school committee, and as mayor, I'll make that happen," Kraft stated at his election announcement.

In 2021, a non-binding ballot question asking voters in Boston if the city should revert back to an elected school committee passed with approximately 80% of the vote. Mayor Wu, a long-standing opponent to an elected school body, vetoed a bill in 2023 dismantling the seven-member appointed committee and move to a thirteen-member elected body, which had just eked through the Boston City Council.

In November, Councilor Julia Mejia introduced a similar home rule petition, which Mayor Wu has already made clear she intends to block. Wu's office issued a statement on the petition, "BPS needs stability

to continue the progress underway on long-term structural issues under Superintendent Skipper, and the Wu administration does not support moving to an elected body at this time."

Kraft has not come out in support of a fully elected school committee but did suggest he is a proponent of a partially elected body. Regarding the new home rule petition pending in the City Council, the Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) has also reiterated its opposition to electing school committee members, "The appointed system promotes mayoral accountability, fiscal responsibility, professional expertise, long term strategic focus, and prioritization of students' educational needs rather than the needs of specific neighborhoods or political interests. The home rule petition would reinsert electoral politics directly into the district's governance" the BMRB wrote in a statement.

## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



### "Here Let US Stop"

— George Washington, 1796

Monday, February 17, 2025, is a federal holiday in the United States honoring George Washington's birthday. Government offices, banks, and some businesses will be closed in observance of the holiday which is annually celebrated on the third Monday in February. Because the date typically falls between the actual calendar date birthdays of presidents Washington and Lincoln, it is commonly called "Presidents Day," although the official designation is "**Washington's Birthday**."

*"The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements, let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop."*

— **George Washington's Farewell Address, 1796.**

Poor George, both revered and kicked around by us. He was born February 11th but when he was 20 Britain and her colonies finally caught up with Catholic Europe by switching to the Gregorian Calendar, moving his birthday to the 22nd of the month. Then, starting in 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 moved the official celebration of his birth to the third Monday in February. In popular parlance we slight our first President by neglecting the legal name of the holiday, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY and refer to it as a generic "Presidents' Day."

We likewise neglect Washington's sage warning against entangling foreign alliances. Even in our commercial relations our leaders, not content merely to trade with the rest of the world, have entered into binding agreements restricting our ability to control our own commerce, to encourage domestic manufacturing, or even to protect our citizens from unsafe products.

On November 5, 2024, the American people finally said, "Enough," and elected a President who promised to put the interest of the American people first. President Donald J. Trump has begun fulfilling that promise. Below are some Presidential actions putting America first, with citations of publication in the *Federal Register* and excerpts from the actions.

Executive Order 14199 of February 4, 2025, **Withdrawing the United States From and Ending Funding to Certain United Nations Organizations and Reviewing United States Support to All International Organizations** (90 FR 9275, February 10, 2025).

*"Three UN organizations that deserve renewed scrutiny are the UNHRC; the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)."*

Executive Order 14162 of January 20, 2025, **Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements** (90 FR 8455, January 30, 2025).

*"In recent years, the United States has purported to join international agreements and initiatives that do not reflect our country's values or our contributions to the pursuit of economic and environmental objectives. Moreover, these agreements steer American taxpayer dollars to countries that do not require, or merit, financial assistance in the interests of the American people."*

*"The United States Ambassador to the United Nations shall immediately submit formal written notification of the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The notice shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Depositary of the Agreement, attached as Appendix A. The United States will consider its withdrawal from the Agreement and any attendant obligations to be effective immediately upon this provision of notification."*

Executive Order 14169 of January 20, 2025, **Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid** (90 FR 8619, January 30, 2025).

*"The United States foreign aid industry and bureaucracy are not aligned with American interests and in many cases antithetical to American values. They serve to destabilize world peace by promoting ideas in foreign countries that are directly inverse to harmonious and stable relations internal to and among countries."*

Executive Order 14150 of January 20, 2025, **America First Policy Directive to the Secretary of State** (90 FR 8337, January 29, 2025).

*"From this day forward, the foreign policy of the United States shall champion core American interests and always put America and American citizens first."*

Executive Order 14155 of January 20, 2025, **Withdrawing the United States From the World Health Organization** (90 FR 8361, January 29, 2025).

*"The United States noticed its withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2020 due to the organization's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic that arose out of Wuhan, China, and other global health crises, its failure to adopt urgently needed reforms, and its inability to demonstrate independence from the inappropriate political influence of WHO member states. In addition, the WHO continues to demand unfairly onerous payments from the United States, far out of proportion with other countries' assessed payments. China, with a population of 1.4 billion, has 300 percent of the population of the United States, yet contributes nearly 90 percent less to the WHO."*

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## John J. Rosato, Jr.

January 29, 1957 - February 20, 2017



*So much  
 love given,  
 So much  
 taken away,  
 We miss and  
 love you always!*

*Love Always,  
 Jake, Jáclene & Your Mary*



## MASSGOP

### February Update

This month began with the arrest of an illegal immigrant in a taxpayer-funded shelter, found with firearms and \$1 million in fentanyl. House Republicans responded with a letter demanding accountability, and the MassGOP stands with them in calling for urgent reform. The state's shelter system has wasted billions while fueling a humanitarian crisis — this failure must end.

The MassGOP's latest FOIA request exposed hundreds of cases of sexual assault, physical assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and drug and human trafficking — all funded by Massachusetts taxpayers. These horrific crimes, hidden by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, occurred in migrant shelters statewide.

Governor Healey feigned outrage over the arrest but only ordered shelter inspections after the fact. Our FOIA requests prove her administration knew about these atrocities for years. The MassGOP is holding her accountable for this full-scale, state-funded disaster.

Last month, Republicans in Congress passed the Laken Riley Act, requiring ICE to detain criminal illegal immigrants. Meanwhile, ICE arrested child predators, drug dealers, and gang members in Massachusetts — proving that sanctuary policies endanger residents. Yet, all but one member of Massachusetts' delegation voted against the act, prioritizing politics over public safety. The MassGOP made sure voters didn't miss their betrayal.

## James "Jim" A. Kearney

May 4, 1954 - February 8, 2025

James A. "Jim" Kearney, a cherished husband, brother, uncle, and respected educator, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2025, at his home in Plymouth, MA, at the age of 70. Born on May 4, 1954, in Boston, MA, Jim was the beloved son of the late James A. and Jean Kearney and a guiding light to all who knew him.



President of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, his involvement in the Columbus Day Parade Committee, and his participation in the East Boston Yacht Club. As a Board Member of the East Boston Foundation, Jim worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those around him.

Those who knew Jim describe him as kind, friendly, and selfless. He was a man who always put others before himself and sought to make a positive impact wherever he went. His

life was marked by his dedication to his family, his passion for education, and his commitment to his community. He is survived by his loving wife, Jane Simpson, and his devoted siblings: Dennis Kearney and his wife Bernadette, Deborah Kearney, Michael Kearney and his partner Lisa, and Thomas Kearney and his wife Robin. Jim was also a proud faux pas to Gus, Stuart, and Finley, and a cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews who will fondly remember his kindness and support.

Educated locally, Jim earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts and went on to receive his Master's in Education from Cambridge College. His professional life was a testament to his belief in the power of education. Jim served as Housemaster at East Boston High School, Dean of Students at Mario Umama Academy, and Director of School Discipline at Charlestown High School. His leadership and genuine care for the students' well-being left an indelible mark on many young lives.

Beyond his professional achievements, Jim was an active and enthusiastic member of his community. He served as Past President of the East Boston Athletic Board and Chairman of the Fred L. O'Brien Scholarship Committee. His love for sports and commitment to fair play were evident in his roles as President of the Association of New England High School Football Officials and the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials, Past Commissioner of Football Officials for Boston Public Schools and the Eastern Football League and Coordinator of College Football Officials. Jim's dedication to his hometown was further demonstrated through his service as Past

warm smile and generous spirit will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of crossing paths with him.

Jim's legacy is one of love, service, and dedication. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to a man who was not only a pillar in his community but also a beacon of light in the lives of all who knew him. His memory will live on in the countless lives he touched, both in the hallways of the schools where he worked and in the community he loved so dearly.

As we bid farewell to James A. "Jim" Kearney, we celebrate a life well-lived, a journey filled with purpose, and a heart that knew no bounds in its capacity to care for others. Jim's story is one of unwavering commitment to making the world a better place — one student, one colleague, one community member at a time.

Rest in peace, Jim. Your legacy of kindness, friendship, and selflessness will continue to inspire and guide us. You have left an indelible mark on this world, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Family and friends will honor Jim's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston on Sunday, February 16th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. and again on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m., before leaving in funeral procession to Sacred Heart Church, Brooks Street, East Boston for an 11:00 a.m. funeral mass in celebration of Jim's life.

Memorial donations may be made to the East Boston Athletic Board, 20 Thurston Street, East Boston, MA 02128.

## Dolores M. (Caligiuri) Sablone



Dolores M. (Caligiuri) Sablone, "Matriarch of the family" of Revere and formerly from the North End of Boston where she was born and raised, passed away on February 6, 2025.

Loving daughter of the late Victor and Catherine (Mariano) Caligiuri. Beloved wife of the late Joseph P. Sablone. Adored mother of Joseph Jr., and his friend Anthony, Kathleen Cieri and her husband Frank, and Deborah and Thomas Ludwig; cherished grandmother of Thomas J. Ludwig, Michael Cieri and his wife Kristine, and Erik Cieri and his wife Danielle; great-grandmother of Michael, Christopher, Luke, Ariana and Amelia. Dear sister of Jean Palmariello and her late husband Ronnie, Joan Caligiuri and the late Barbara Dosick and her surviving husband Barry. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Owner of Fulton Realty, North End. She was also a Sales Rep. for Filenes, Boston and hostess for the former European Restaurant, Hanover Street.

The family received visitors on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated. Services concluded with entombment in Holy Cross Mausoleum, Malden.

Donations in Dolores' memory may be made to: Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

For online condolences, please visit [www.watermanboston.com](http://www.watermanboston.com)



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

### The Lore Behind Holiday of Love

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



February is the month when, despite the snow crunching beneath my feet and the bare branches whipping in the wind, signs of spring seem to blossom all around me, delicate as the first snowdrop. Heavy winter jackets, which still provide us with much-needed heat from the cold, nevertheless get pushed aside in stores to make way for pastel-colored dresses and cheery patterned leggings. The lemons and oranges of winter yield to the first tender artichokes and green peas of the season. These heralds of spring get a big boost from a major seasonal holiday that honors all things floral and sprightly — St. Valentine's Day, which occurs this year on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This festival of love and hearts also revels in the sense of renewed life that accompanies spring, evident in its focus on flowers and birds. I love this holiday for the opportunity to snack on decadent chocolates and bake up a batch of red velvet cupcakes. However, in the midst of all the pink and red hoopla, I will constantly keep my mind on spring. St. Valentine's Day will remind me that love, in all of its myriad forms, is necessary and natural in order to make the transition from winter into spring.

Like most other holidays, St. Valentine's Day remains synonymous with rampant commercialism. As soon as the Christmas festivities end, stores roll out the heart-shaped cards and velvety red boxes of chocolates, the giant doe-eyed stuffed animals and fresh bouquets of roses. Though I always enjoyed the chocolate, this unchecked commercialism frequently annoyed me back in my single days, as it seemed that the idea of romantic love was constantly being shoved down my unattached throat! However, I now realize that the real spirit of

St. Valentine's Day includes not only celebrating romantic love, but indeed love in all of manifestations, including the bond between friends and the affection for family members. I also became fascinated by the joint pagan and Christian roots of St. Valentine's Day, which stretch all the way back to our ancestors in Italy. This holiday bears the name of the mysterious St. Valentine, or *San Valentino* in Italian, about whom many romantic legends arose. One tale claims that St. Valentine secretly performed forbidden marriages for Roman soldiers, while another proclaims that he fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer and restored her vision, then addressed himself as her "Valentine" in a letter written prior to his execution. Meanwhile, some scholars believe that the feast of St. Valentine's Day was inspired by the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia, a festival dedicated to purification and fertility. Though there is no evidence of a direct correlation between St. Valentine's Day and Lupercalia, both holidays symbolically indicate that the spring is a ripe time for love and regeneration.

Indeed, love across all of nature is inescapable on St. Valentine's Day. A medieval superstition, popularized by author Geoffrey Chaucer, stated that birds choose their mates on St. Valentine's Day, a quaint piece of folklore that recalls not only the romantic overtones of the holiday but also its connections to fertility and the rebirth of nature. Other avian-related superstitions stated that the first bird a girl saw on St. Valentine's Day presaged the career of her future spouse — a robin meant a sailor, a goldfinch meant a millionaire, a bat meant a baseball

player, etc. In Italy, people celebrate St. Valentine's Day, or *la Festa di San Valentino*, in much the same way as their American counterparts, replete with romantic dinners, cards and gifts of flowers or chocolate. The truly love-struck Italians may journey to the beautiful city of Verona, where they will gather under the small stone Juliet's balcony and ponder the fate of the star-crossed lovers from William Shakespeare's famous play. Contemporary lovebirds scribble their initials on the walls of a tunnel adjacent to the balcony, creating a living testimony to passions past and present. Meanwhile, the heartsick write their own letters to Juliet, or *Giulietta* as she is known in Italy, asking for romantic advice. These superstitions and folk customs epitomize the intense and capricious power love has over our lives. As such, it is exciting and comforting to have a holiday, balanced on the equally unpredictable precipice between winter and spring, devoted to love in all its shapes.

I plan to celebrate this St. Valentine's Day by eating chocolate in some manner, most likely in the form of the red velvet cupcakes or brownies I make each year for my husband. However, I also will express my thanks for all of those whom I love in my life — my family, my friends, even my cat! After all, nothing can melt the metaphorical winter snows faster than the warmth that radiates from the laughter and company of loved ones. In fact, we should honor the abundant love that we can give to others not only on St. Valentine's Day, but during every day of the year. As spring slowly inches her way into our lives, let us notice — and love — the signs of rebirth plentiful in the nature around us: a crocus bud shyly peeking out from the snow and dirt, the first robin proudly chirping from an icy tree, the pale sunlight of a late evening. For just as we recognize the importance of love on St. Valentine's Day, so should we recognize this love reflected in the natural world around us, bright as the resplendent spring sunshine.

**Happy St. Valentine's Day!**

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# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### This Guy Should be Named Gov. Murphy's Law

As I read a news story about New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, I thought of that old maxim about Murphy's Law, "if it can go wrong, it will go wrong." Well, Murphy apparently fibbed a bit. God forbid any politician would ever admit to lying. They get misunderstood, or maybe they just simply mis-spoke. No big deal, don't politicians do this for a living? Remember that old saying about knowing when someone is lying, their lips are moving? As soon as he finished telling folks that he had an illegal migrant living in his house, his press people had to quickly say that wasn't the case at all.

I guess the governor of New Jersey was a wee bit too premature with his St. Patrick's blarney. No one in their right mind who heard him the first time needed to be reminded of what they heard about his hiding an illegal inside his home and daring ICE to show up for an arrest.

As I just stated, his staff went into gaslight mode to offer clarification on exactly what Murphy

had actually said and meant. If you hang around politicians long enough, you know most of whatever they say that sounds really intelligent or good is usually by accident. In the case of the good governor, he seemingly thought he could get away with saying any outrageous "thingie." When the governor stops being governor, whatever he does, he shouldn't become a stand-up comic because he ain't funny. As Murphy's Law goes, one can usually only rise to the level of their own incompetence.

Remember, if you're a homeless illegal migrant, whatever you do, don't go knocking on his door. ICE might be waiting outside in the bushes.

He's not the first elected official who likes to tell obvious white lies and then blame it on our own hearing loss. Maybe, Murphy simply wanted to sound Bidenesque by feigning toughness like inviting someone out behind his house for a fight or more likely someone else's house.

## Governor Maura Healey Confirms Re-Election Bid

When asked in December whether she plans to run for re-election, Governor Healey responded that she felt "really privileged to be Governor." When questioned again recently about her intention to seek re-election to the corner office, Healey insinuated she wants to continue to serve but stopped short of making a commitment to again run for governor, leaving some to speculate she may have other political ambitions or aspirations. "I'll answer at the right time. Do I want to continue to serve? absolutely. There's a lot we've got to do. There's a lot underway. There's a lot that I want to work on this year and next year and we want to be able to continue to do."

The right time must have been last Friday while she was being interviewed on WGBH's "Boston Public Radio." Healey took the opportunity to make her plan to run again for re-election in 2026 public. "I plan to run for re-election because there's a lot more to do. I love my job. I feel incredibly privileged to be in this position, and I'd love to have the opportunity to continue to work for the great people of this state," she announced. Most political insiders believed the Governors intentions had always been to seek re-election, but she kept it close to her vest, deflecting a number of times when pushed on the issue. No other Democrats have announced interest in challenging the sitting Governor.

Healey has amassed quite a hefty campaign chest which sets her campaign up nicely as she seeks re-election in 2026. This past January, Beacon Research commissioned a \$40,000 survey at her campaigns request. A number of conservatives have announced their consideration in running for Massachusetts Governor including Mike Kinnealy, a former cabinet secretary under former Republican Governor Charlie Baker, Senator Peter Durant, a Republican from Spencer, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and Venture Capitalist Brian Shortleeve have all been mentioned as potential gubernatorial candidates in next year's election.

Healey insists she is focused on the work at hand. We've got a new federal administration that creates some challenges that we've got to work through. But I love my job. I love the opportunity to serve. It's a great privilege to serve as governor each day, and I'm just going to keep showing up and trying to do my best. I want to continue to serve," said Healey.

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# Laken Riley Bill Signed into Law by President Trump

It's no coincidence that the first bill President Trump signed into law was the Laken Riley Act. The new law, named after the beautiful young Georgia nursing student, murdered last February by a criminal illegal immigrant, will expand the U.S. law enforcement agencies ability to arrest and deport criminals like Jose Antonio Ibarra, the illegal migrant convicted in Riley's murder.

Not only is Ibarra an illegal migrant but he is also a repeat offender who had previously been arrested and released for illegal entry, for child endangerment and for shoplifting. Because the bill requires the Department of Homeland Security to arrest and deport illegal immigrants for burglary, theft, larceny and shoplifting, it's quite possible that had the

Laken Riley Act been in effect much sooner, Ibarra would have already been deported, and Riley's family would not have suffered the life shattering anguish thrust upon them.

The bill passed the House and the Senate with bipartisan support, 263-156 in the House with 46 Democrats supporting it while the Senate passed it 64-35 with 12 Democrats voting in favor. It's extremely worthy to note that the entire Massachusetts Democratic delegation in Congress, with one exception, voted against the bill. The only Congressman to vote in favor was Stephen Lynch, D-South Boston. The other eight Democratic members of Congress all voted against the bill, including Richard Neal, James McGovern, Lori Trahan, Jake Auchincloss, Katherine

Clark, Seth Moulton and William Keating. Both U.S. Senators from Massachusetts, Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markie, also voted against the bill.

Their vote in opposition to the bill, in reality was a vote to support illegal immigrant's rights over the rights of U.S. citizens like Laken Riley. It was one of the major reasons why Trump was victorious, and the Democrats were on the losing end of the recent election. Trump is fulfilling his campaign promise to secure the border, deport illegal criminal migrants and protecting America from those who have wreaked havoc in the U.S. during Biden's tenure. The vast majority of the country is thankful that someone is finally putting them first. Massachusetts politicians should sit up and take notice.

# Governor Healey Refiles Municipal Empowerment Act

*Provides Cities and Towns with Option to Raise Taxes*

The Municipal Empowerment Act was originally filed last year by Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey, but failed to pass on Beacon Hill. The Governor has since refiled the act, giving local governments the authority to raise taxes on items such as lodging and meals, as an option for cities and towns to generate additional revenue.

Local leaders could raise lodging taxes on hotels from 6% to 7%, and meals tax from 0.75% to 1%. Boston leaders could increase taxes on lodging from 6.5% to 7.5%. Municipalities could also take advantage of a surcharge of a motor vehicle excise bill for local stabilization funds, to be used by cities and towns for emergency or unforeseen expenses. Also included in the original filing, was a proposal giving municipalities

the freedom to decide their own city or town's liquor license cap. It is not part of the newly re-filed act.

The purpose of allowing towns to increase these taxes, is to assist local officials in paying for services without raising property taxes. "Every Massachusetts resident deserves to live in a community with high quality local services, from safe roadways to access to good jobs and schools. Our administration knows that city and town officials know their communities the best, and that's why we want to empower them with the tools to make the choices they need to provide the best local services that meet the unique needs of their communities," Governor Healey stated in a press release.

Upon its initial submission to the state legislature, the

act was met with mixed reaction, and in fact never made it out of committee last year. Officials from various cities and towns were supportive, as was the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Business owners were more skeptical, fearing the increases would deter residents and tourists from patronizing their establishments.

One high profile supporter is Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "Cities and towns depend on support from the Commonwealth to diversify our revenues, build schools, and cut the red tape on buying goods and services from local businesses. Thank you, Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll, for your ongoing partnership with the City of Boston and all our municipal governments," Wu said in a statement.

# Women's Sports are Only for Women

President Trump signed an executive order prohibiting biological males from participating in women's sports through Title IX, forcing schools to forfeit federal funding if they fail to comply. "From now on women's sports will only be for the women. If you let men take over women's sports teams or invade your locker rooms, you will be investigated for violations of Title IX and risk your federal funding," stated President Trump as he signed the executive order in the East Room of the White House surrounded by dozens of female athletes.

The order mandates the U.S. Department of Education to "take all appropriate action to affirmatively protect all-female athletic opportunities and all-female locker rooms and make clear that women's sports are reserved for women and settle all outstanding lawsuits in a manner consistent with his policy." The Department of Homeland Security will now deny visas "made by men

attempting to fraudulently enter the United States while identifying themselves as women athletes, according to President Trump, who will be in office during the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio has also been directed by President Trump "to make clear to the International Olympic Committee that America rejects transgender lunacy." Title IX, prohibiting sex-based discrimination in any school or other education program that receives federal funding, was passed in 1972. Over the past half century since Title IX became compliant, it has often been cited by colleges and universities to increase their selection of women's sports, with the law receiving credit for the increase in popularity of women's basketball, soccer and softball.

"In recent years, many educational institutions and athletic associations have allowed men to compete in women's sports. This is demeaning, unfair, and dangerous to women and girls,

and denies women and girls the equal opportunity to participate and excel in competitive sports," Trump's executive order states.

"We strongly believe that clear, consistent, and uniform eligibility standards would best serve today's student-athletes instead of a patchwork of conflicting state laws and court decisions. To that end, President Trump's order provides a clear, national standard. The NCAA Board of Governor's is reviewing the executive order and will take necessary steps to align NCAA policy in the coming days, subject to further guidance from the administration," NCAA President Charlie Baker said in a statement in response to President Trump's order.

One of President Trump's campaign promises was to end male participation in women's sports as so many women athletes and parents pushed back against trans women participating in women's sports. "As President, I will ban it. The President bans it and just does not let it happen."

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# Law Enforcement Agencies Cooperating & Coordinating Efforts in Illegal Criminal Migrant Arrests

The Federal Bureau Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Alcohol Tobacco Firearms (ATF), Homeland Security and U.S. Marshalls are working in step and solidarity with their federal law enforcement counterparts throughout the country to fully support and assist the efforts of Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) in their round up and apprehension of the worst criminal illegal migrant offenders wreaking havoc on the U.S. and its cities and town, including drug traffickers, gang members, sex traffickers, and anyone else found to be here illegally and breaking the law. The Boston Immigration Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) has been leading the charge locally and are backing up the efforts.

President Trump vowed to fix the broken immigration system, with step one being the round up, apprehension and deportation of criminal illegal immigrants. "It's a whole of government approach to telling the story of these deportations," said White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt. 11,000 illegal migrants have been arrested in the first 18 days of the Trump administration, already one third of the total 33,000 busts made under the Biden administration in all of 2024. A previously deported Mexican cartel hitman, several members of the Venezuelan prison gang Tren de Aragua, multiple child sex offenders, and thousands of others are part of the first and worst apprehension wave undertaken to bring law and order back to America's neighborhoods.

A recent AP/NORC poll showed 76% of respondents were in favor of deporting illegal immigrant criminals convicted of a violent crime. There was also strong support across political demographics with 79% of Democrats and 89%

of Republicans in support. Strengthening national security with tightening the border, better vetting, keeping out and removing Mexican cartels, and using Guantanamo Bay to house the worst of the worst are some of the steps needed to carry out the mission.

All resources and knowledge are finally being shared by these law enforcement agencies which has proven to be a major turning point in the initiative. "What is shocking to me is that many of these violent criminals, we knew their addresses, we knew their names. We just needed to send somebody to go to their house and get them the hell out of the country," Vice President J.D. Vance said on Fox News last week.

It actually began in Boston and has grown with each day. The focus has been on sanctuary cities, especially New York City, Chicago and Boston. Even Department of Homeland Security Secretary, Kristi Noem, donned a protective vest and hit the streets with officers from multiple federal agencies to hit targets across all five of New York City's boroughs. "I will absolutely be partaking in immigration raids on a regular basis. I will be out there with our agents and with our law enforcement officers, our border patrol. I will be with all of them because I think that when I'm there, they know they have a leader that supports them, but also, I'm learning from them. I'm learning what tools they need, what authorities they need when they arrest someone and turn them over.

To assist with the groundwork in cities across the country, the Pentagon is preparing to deploy 1,000 active-duty troops, including approximately 500 more soldiers to the southwest border and 500 Marines will go to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where some of the detained migrants are being held.



# New GOP National Committeeman BRAD WYATT

*Meet & Greet At East Boston Yacht Club  
with Area Republicans*

by Sal Giarratani

Brad Wyatt, the new Massachusetts GOP National Committeeman spoke January 30th with Republicans from East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, and a number of non-Republican conservatives who were interested in winning elections, especially on the local level.

The meeting was held at the East Boston Yacht Club and the meeting was jam-packed with an enthusiastic audience looking to understand the ins and outs of Politics 101 in a deep blue environment.

Brad Wyatt acknowledged that it is tough being a Republican in a blue state dominated by Democrats and Wyatt assured everyone that he is dedicated to bringing the rank and file together at the local level. He stated his belief to his audience that the key to success starts with each and every one present learning how grassroots politics works.



**(L-R): Paul Ronukaitus, 3rd Suffolk State Committeeman; Brad Wyatt, Massachusetts National Committeeman; and Vera Carducci, 3rd Suffolk State Committeewoman**

As Vera Carducci, state committeewoman for the Senate district summed up the meeting, "It was a time to come together and ask questions and listen to Brad's ideas on motivation and direction."

## THE MEANING OF *Valentine's Day*

HISTORY, TRADITION & CELEBRATION

Valentine's Day, celebrated each year on February 14th, is a day dedicated to love. It's a time when people express their feelings through flowers, gifts, romantic gestures and heart-felt messages. While modern celebrations focus on romance, the origins of Valentine's Day are deeply rooted in religion, history and cultural traditions.

The history of Valentine's Day dates back to ancient Rome, to Saint Valentine, a priest who secretly performed weddings for soldiers despite Emperor Claudius II's ban on marriage. Valentine was eventually executed on February 14th for his defiance, and his martyrdom led to his association with love and devotion. Over time, Christian influences transformed these traditions into what is now Valentine's Day.

To most, Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and is expressed in many forms. The exchange of chocolates, flowers and gifts has become a tradition



that symbolizes affection and appreciation. It is celebrated throughout the world, and customs vary by country and culture. It is most often associated with couples but can also be a time to celebrate love in all forms. Some use it to express appreciation for friends and family.

Valentine's Day should be more than just another

commercialized holiday, it should serve as a reminder to cherish the people who matter most. Whether through grand gestures or simple acts of kindness, the spirit of Valentine's Day lies in expressing love and gratitude. In current times, when things seem so fast paced and people can often feel disconnected from one another, take a moment to appreciate those around you and what truly gives meaning to this day.

Let Valentine's Day serve an opportunity to express positivity and appreciation for all the special people in your life, whether romantic, platonic or familial.

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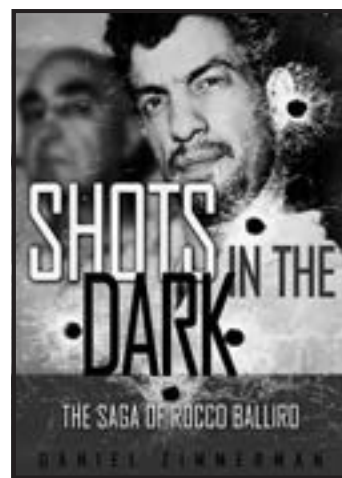
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## ROCCO BALLIRO

BOOK AUTHOR APPEARANCE



If you've enjoyed watching any of the crime stories appearing on television, then you will relish the chance to talk one-on-one with author Dan Zimmerman. On Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m., Zimmerman will be offering an 'Author's Talk,' at the Writer's Collaborative Center, 2 Haven Street, Reading, MA to talk about his much-acclaimed book: *Shots in the Dark: The Saga of Rocco Balliro*.

Zimmerman's well-written book is a real-life story covering low-level Balliro's crime career in Boston during the late 1950s and early '60s. Zimmerman was given permission to meet with Balliro while in prison, and over a two-year period, conducted several interviews. The result was this thrilling book *Shots in the Dark*. Read the emotional story and understand why upon Rocco's death, the Balliro family asked Zimmerman to deliver a eulogy at the service.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

## Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni



Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni was born on March 6, 1475 in Caprese, a small town near Arezzo, Tuscany. His father was the town's judicial administrator and his mother was Francesca di Neri del Miniato di Siena.

Several months after Michelangelo's birth, the family returned to Florence, where he was raised. Michelangelo's mother passed away in 1481 when he was six years old. Michelangelo lived with a nanny and her husband, a stonecutter, in the town of Settignano, where his father owned a marble quarry and a small farm. There the young boy gained his love for marble.

Michelangelo was apprenticed to the painter Domenico Ghirlandaio. He then lived in the household of Lorenzo de' Medici, the leading patron of the arts in Florence.

After the Medici were expelled from Florence, Michelangelo travelled to Bologna and then, in 1496, to Rome. His primary works were sculpture in these early years. His 'Pietà' (1497) made Michelangelo a famous sculptor. In Florence he produced his 'David' (1501-1504).

In 1505, Pope Julius II summoned Michelangelo back to Rome and commissioned him to design Julius' own tomb. Due to quarrels between Julius and Michelangelo, and the many other demands on the artist's time, the project was never completed, although Michelangelo did produce a sculpture of Moses for the tomb.

Michelangelo's next major commission was the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican (1508-1512). It was immediately recognized as a great work of art and from then on Michelangelo was regarded as Italy's greatest living artist.

The new pope, Leo X, then commissioned Michelangelo to rebuild the façade of the church of San Lorenzo in Florence. The commission was eventually abandoned, but it marks the beginning of Michelangelo's as an architect. Michelangelo also designed monuments to Giuliano and Lorenzo de' Medici in the Medici Chapel in San Lorenzo.

In 1534, Michelangelo returned to Rome where he was commissioned to paint 'The Last Judgement' on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel (1537-1541). From 1546 he was increasingly active as an architect, in particular, St Peter's. He passed away in Rome on February 18, 1564.

# Saint Jean de Lelande

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Born in Dieppe, France, around 1620, Jean de Lelande was not always rooted in Catholicism. Early in his life, he showed little interest in religious life much less devoting himself to missionary work. However, life had a unique plan for him; a plan that would lead him across the Atlantic into the wild, untamed territories of New France and ultimately, into Catholic missionary work.

Lelande set Sail for the New World answering the call of the Society of Jesus. He joined the Jesuit missions in North America as a volunteer. He arrived in Quebec in 1646, eager to partake in the spreading of Christianity amongst the indigenous populations. The inherent risks and dangers prevalent in these missions



did not dissuade Lelande. He served valiantly under Father Isaac Jogues in the Mohawk mission.

Tragically, on October 19, 1646, both Jogues and Lelande were captured by the native Mohawks, becoming martyred heroes of the Catholic faith. Facing Persecution with Faith despite severe persecution, Jean de Lelande did not shy away. His bravery and dedication towards evangelizing the Natives only increased. This selflessness represents the epitome of Christ-like service. He was beatified on June 21, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. Later, he was canonized October 21, 1930, alongside seven other Jesuit martyrs known as "the North American Martyrs." Collectively, their feast day is celebrated on October 19th.

## Friends of Italian Americans Successful in the NH Legislature

On Thursday, January 30th, the Committee on Municipal and County Government of the New Hampshire House of Representatives killed a bill that would have eliminated the law that *Friends of Italian Americans* worked to have passed. Last year, *Friends of Italian Americans* were successful in advocating for House Bill 1014, which required that municipalities and schools use the holiday names as listed in State law for any holidays they proclaim that fall on the dates in State law. For example, if a Town or School has a holiday on the second Monday in October, they must call it Columbus Day.



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soccer fame is the stirring story that unfolds in *Nadia*, a feature-length documentary. Celebrate Nadia's improbable story and the passion for soccer that gave her a new post-Kabul life, as she rose through the ranks to become a feared striker on the national team of her adoptive country, Denmark, and for Paris-Saint-Germain, one of the top women's teams in the world. But having achieved soccer stardom, Nadia wants to return to her home country to find out more about her father's fate. But as the country is devastated by terrorism, with the Taliban and ISIS sowing chaos daily, she's forced to cancel and grieve another loss. However, Nadia is unsinkable and has big plans for the future: graduate as a reconstructive surgeon and help to save people's lives.

**DINNER WITH LEATHERFACE**  
(Blu-ray)

**Anchor Bay Ent.**

Documentary about Gunnar Hansen, the actor who portrayed Leatherface in 'The Texas Chainsaw Massacre' (1974). Friends, colleagues, filmmakers, and fellow actors share personal stories and discuss the dichotomy between the maniacal chainsaw-wielding character he played on-screen and the very intelligent, creative, soft-spoken man he actually was in real life.

**DADDY (Blu-ray)**  
**Anchor Bay Ent.**

Four men attend a government retreat to prove that they have what it takes to become fathers. In a dystopian society where the state has the power to determine who can and cannot father children, four men attend a government sanctioned retreat in the remote mountains of California. When they show up at the site, only to find no guide or instructions waiting for them, they are left to their own devices and must prove to themselves — and each other — that they have what it takes to become fathers.

**FURIOUS (VISUAL VENGEANCE COLLECTOR'S EDITION)**  
(Blu-ray)

**Libra Verde Media**

The cult martial arts classic available for the first time ever on Blu-ray with hours of bonus features. Simon, a fierce Kung Fu master, ventures into the city's gritty underbelly for answers to his sister's death. There, a cunning spiritual master deceives him, plotting to snatch his piece of an ancient amulet he shared with her. Unraveling the scheme, Simon plunges fists and feet first into a bone-crushing battle for the fate of the world against an alien army of karate wizards, dragons, a new wave clone band, talking pigs and mystical chickens! One of the most bizarre domestic martial arts movies ever made, *Furious* throws the 1980s home video chopsocky craze in a blender with elements of the supernatural, horror and superhero genres, by way of an improvised MTV video. Featuring Hollywood martial arts legends Simon and Phillip Rhee in their first ever starring roles and who also handled all the non-stop action choreography on display in the film.

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

**KUDOS TO ADRIAN MADARO**



During the last legislative session, Rep. Madaro along with his colleagues on Beacon Hill helped assemble legislation in response to the ongoing opioid crisis. This bill was signed into law this past December, which will better support folks seeking treatment and recovery across the state. This law will hopefully ensure that substance abuse disorder will remain accessible and affordable.

**I LOVE TRUMP BUT SOMETIMES HE CAN MAKE MY HEAD HURT**

There are times when President Trump makes some of those outbursts that have often made my head hurt and he did it again recently when he quickly blamed DEI policies for that horrendous mid-air crash between a passenger plane and an Army Black Hawk helicopter. He doesn't have to instantly name DEI as the culprit. How about waiting for the facts in the crash to be sorted out. It looks more and more like DEI didn't play a role in this crash. There were multiple issues to be looked at without jumping to conclusions.

Then to make matters worse both Vice President JD Vance and Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy joined Trump in blaming diversity policies at the FAA for the mid-air collision. Before delivering a fact, you should be able to offer evidence for what you are saying. I am tending to agree with Michael McCormick, a former vice president of the FAA Air Traffic Organization who oversaw hiring of air traffic controllers during his tenure. McCormick stated that Trump, Vance and Duffy were making "baseless claims."

If FAA diversity policies were to blame for what happened in the skies over Reagan National Airport, with Trump in the White House, there will be no cover ups or gaslighting.

Remember that old saying. Don't start talking until you know what you're talking about. Trump is refreshing but sometimes he keeps sending most of us to the medicine cabinet for some pain relief medicine.

**Y'ALL KNOW BY NOW I LOVE MY COUNTRY MUSIC**

I love driving around in my car either going to work or to a restaurant or whatever with country music cranked up inside. I am always dialed into Willie's Roadhouse on Sirius Radio, 61 on the dial. Willie Nelson is one of my favorite singers and the other day I started singing out loud with him in my grey Nissan to "Yesterday's Wine."

Some songs are just made for old cowboys, aren't they? Here's a good question for you. Willie didn't sing it but these lyrics are definitely to his style. What are the four things old cowboys maybe like you or I always need having? Give Up? Faster horses, younger women, older whiskey and more money and, of course if it's possible, never go bald.

**MONUMEN TAILS IS HERE TO HELP**

As a longtime pet owner over the years, I have had both cats and dogs and I know how complicated things can get. What if you wanted to go on vacation, working or might be working late? What to do with your dog? I always like highlighting local business entrepreneurs and introducing their services to the communities they serve.

In Charlestown last week at the post office I found some business cards for doggie care, like dog walking, dog sitting, etc. The business is called Monumen Tails. For more info, go to [monumentails.com](http://monumentails.com) or call 857-437-7380. All walks are TimeToPet verified!!

**\$155K PAY BOOST FOR BEING POC FEMALE**

According to the NY Board of Regents, NY's state schools chief Betty Rosa deserved a \$155,000 pay raise because she says women of color "have historically been subjected to lower compensation rates compared with their peers."

The Board made this decision even though Rosa, the State Education Department commissioner and Board Chair, made thousands more than the person she replaced.

The board went into defense mode after it was revealed that Rosa, the first Latina to hold this position, quietly boosted her pay to \$489,000 on top of her \$120,000 pension as a retired principal and superintendent.

Politics sucks doesn't it? I give kudos to Katy Delgado, a spokesperson for the 22-member NY Senate GOP conference, for lashing out at all this crazy stuff and in a statement said, "New Yorkers with common sense, regardless of their political affiliation, know irresponsible spending when they see it. Using the issue of race to distract from the failures of the State Department of Education." She called this action and the response after getting backlash as "the very definition of gaslighting."

No matter how many times you put the dagger into the heart of Dracula disguised as DEI, the damn thing just won't die.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**

Former Vice President Dan Quayle just turned 78 years old. He was elected in 1988 as Vice President under George HW Bush. He served one term with Bush, before Bill Clinton in 1992, when Bush broke his promise that he would not raise taxes. So, the voters pushed him out of office. Quayle, by the way, will always be remembered for incorrectly spelling the word "potato" with that extra "e" at the end of the word. Sometimes "small potatoes" can be "large potatoes."

**HOLLYWOOD LOOKING TO MAKE A KILLING?**

*September 5*, which will revisit the 1972 Summer Olympics Games hostage crisis, is a powerful topic and movie. Stephen Spielberg has already done *Munich*. Hollywood apparently thinks the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas makes this upcoming movie timely. We know the next such movie might even be called "October 7" right?

Nothing like using shootings, killings, maiming's and hostage taking to make a few bucks at the box office, eh?

**JOSH KRAFT IS RUNNING FOR MAYOR BUT ...**

I liked hearing from a new political candidate who has a voice and isn't afraid to use it. I also think every mayor needs to be challenged. However, I was not terribly impressed by his words. I did like that he supports making the Boston School Committee partially elected. I would have preferred he was supportive of just having an elected board where the people, the parents, the stakeholders of public education in this city had a real voice in the inner workings and policies that our city children must endure. Partial boards are better than fully appointed boards but I want the direct election of the entire school board put before the voters of this city at election time.

I did get a good laugh out of Mayor Michelle Wu calling Kraft a carpetbagger. I think a Chicago suburb is a lot further away than Chestnut Hill. When it comes to carpeting and bagging, it takes one to know one.

The one thing I didn't like is that, according to media reports, Kraft is apparently okay with the Boston Trust Act which means he is a sanctuary city kind of politician. I am not a sanctuary city kind of voter. What do you say?

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
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Docket No. SU23P0657PO

TRUST CITATION

In the matter of:  
D. JANET H. HOPTON  
REVOCABLE TRUST

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by Lawrence B. Cohen of Boston, MA requesting Approval of the Third Annual Trust Account.

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 March 12, 2025.

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

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

Date: February 12, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Run date: 02/14/2025

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# Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Many times in the past, I've talked about the Seville Theater in East Boston. At one time, every Boston neighborhood and every city or town had a movie theater. As I look back to just East Boston, we had the Seville, the Central, the Gem and the Orient Heights, and I believe there were others that disappeared in the 1940s. The Gem was the first to go during my day. It burned down in the '50s. The Gem showed films that were a few years old, and to entice the people to go there, they offered free dishes or china to their customers. You could actually attend the Gem a couple of days per week and put a complete set of table wear together: dinner plates, cups and saucers, salad bowls, etc. On weekends, they would advertise 7 pictures for 9 cents. The weekend lineup was mostly for the kids. They would have a news reel, a travelogue, a couple of cartoons a couple of short subjects, a serial that would be continued for 13 weeks and a cowboy film that was so old, Gabby Hayes got the girl. (If you remember Gabby Hayes, you're old, too!)

The Orient Heights was located on Bennington Street in Orient Heights Square just before the right that took you to head to Winthrop. They would close in the '60s. The Central was one of the oldest of East Boston movie theaters. When I was a kid, John Manfredonia, his sister Adelaide and I would be given 25 cents for the Central on a Saturday afternoon. Their mom, Grace Manfredonia, and my Mom would give us last minute instructions as to the do's and don'ts of going to the movies on our own. If Nanna and Babbonnonno were within earshot, they would add in words of warning and then step aside to allow us to leave the umbilical cord behind.

The Central was located on the first block of Bennington Street just outside of Central Square. This theater was part of the same chain as the Seville, American Theater Corporation. The Seville showed pictures that just left the downtown theaters. The Central showed pictures just a little older or classics from the past. They also specialized in Italian films, and as a child, I was taken by Nanna and Babbonnonno when an Italian film was being featured. The first one I remember was the Bicycle Thief, just after WWII. On Saturdays the Central had a special matinee format. They would show a Tarzan feature and ten cartoons. Free out of date comic books were given out at the front door as you handed your ticket to the doorman. By the way, tickets on Saturday afternoons were 12 cents. Harry Ashton, the doorman passed out the comic books and was often swamped and had to be assisted by the manager, Frank Ferreira.

As I mentioned, the Manfredonia kids and I were given a quarter each. This meant, after paying the twelve

cent entrance fee, we had 13 cents left over. Candy bars were 5 and 10 cents. A box of popcorn was 10 cents. We would spend 10 cents on our choices and have 3 cents for later. Manager Frank Ferreira would check the clock at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> cartoon, and if necessary add 1 or 2 more to bring the time as close to 4:00 p.m., as he could.

If it was spring, summer or fall, there was a slush stand just across the street from the Central. The Bellavia family operated it in the doorway of their house and for the remaining 3 cents, you could buy their cheapest slush. The only flavor they had in those days was lemon, but it was so good. During the winter when the slush stand was closed, we would walk home by continuing on Bennington Street to the corner of Marion Street where there was a penny candy store. And for that remaining 3 cents, I could buy a hand full of Boston baked beans (they were candy), or chocolate babies, maybe little wax bottles filled with sweet colored liquid or a strip of dots, flavored circles of candy pasted of a strip of paper. Spending my three cents wisely often allowed me to fill my pockets with candy as we made the trek home.

The Seville was where we thought the rich kids went on a Saturday. They might have had a kids matinee, but the cost was 16 cents and that was out of our budget unless they were showing something special like a Roy Rogers western or a John Wayne war film. If we decided on the Seville, we would check our savings and if we had a penny, the 9 cents left from the quarter would now total 10 and we could buy two candy bars.

The Seville was built on a cultural motif, Seville, Spain. There were other theaters built at the same time by the same New England Theater Corp. Two that I remember were the Egyptian in Brighton and the Oriental in Mattapan. The Egyptian had the motif of ancient Egypt during the reign of the pharaohs, and the Oriental was designed to look like the interior of the Forbidden City in China.

By the time 1952 rolled around, three of the older boys on my street worked as ushers at the Seville, Joe Marotta, Fred Cataldo and Bobby Romano. As a result, by the summer of '52, I began hanging out at the theater, helping with chores. By August, I was offered a job as an usher and would stay there working part time for 10 years.

By the 9th year, there was a shakeup within the entire corporation and Mr. Ray, the manager, left and Frank Ferreira, who had been the manager of the Central before it burned down, took his place. I put in one last year and then left, myself.

At the tender age of 16, Mr. Ray called me into the office along with Theresa Guelli, one of the candy girls. It seems that money and stock was

disappearing from the candy concession, and Mr. Ray found out that most of the ushers and candy girls were involved. (This doesn't include the three ushers I mentioned earlier. By this point in time they had left.) Mr. Ray had Theresa and me standing in front of him as he told us about the theft that he discovered. Theresa and I looked at each other not knowing what to say, but then Mr. Ray added, "I discovered that you two had nothing to do with this. I fired everyone and (pointing to me) you are now head usher, and you (pointing to Theresa) are now head candy girl. Now, go out and find me two new crews to work for you." At 15, Theresa was the head candy girl, and at 16, I was now a boss ... the head usher.

I put together a few people from East Boston that I could trust. Henry Giggi, who attended English High with me became my assistant head usher. Carl Sinatra joined with us as did Eddie DeCino and a few others from our neighborhoods. Babbonnonno was so proud that at the age of 16, to him I was a boss. Mr. Ray would become like a 2<sup>nd</sup> father and I would learn many of the social graces from him that have allowed me to survive in life.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## 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. MI22P3934PM  
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  
**KARLEY MORANIE VALLON**  
of Woburn, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Kareen Francois of Woburn, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Karley Moranie Vallon** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Kareen Francois of Woburn, 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 **February 24, 2025**. 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: January 27, 2025  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/14/2025



by  
**Marianna Bisignano**

Italy is known to many as the land full of love. So, it comes as no surprise that Valentine's Day or *La Festa Degli Innamorati* "the party of the lovers" as well as Saint Valentine or *San Valentino* himself, originated in this country. Unlike America, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Italy exclusively between lovers. The tradition of giving cards and presents to each other is an American import. Italians celebrate with romantic dinners, momentous gifts, and of course chocolate!

So what better time than Valentine's Day would it be to savor one of Italy's most beloved chocolate-hazelnut spreads — Nutella! This luscious treat traces its origins back to a pasticceria in Piedmont, Italy, in the post-World War II era, when cocoa was scarce, and a resourceful pastry chef blended it sparingly with hazelnuts to create something extraordinary. Today, Nutella remains a cherished staple in Italian kitchens, perfect for spreading on warm bread at breakfast or enhancing desserts like croissants, cakes, and pastries. This homemade version of Italian Hazelnut Spread boasts a richer chocolate flavor, a nuttier depth, and has an ingredient list containing less sugar and no preservatives. Making it just pure indulgence. **Buon San Valentino!**

## ITALIAN HAZELNUT SPREAD *Crema Spalmabile di Nocciole Italiane*



- 1 cup hazelnuts
- 1 cup milk chocolate, melted and cooled
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable or seed oil
- 1 packet vanillin

Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Spread the hazelnuts evenly on a baking sheet and roast for 10 to 12 minutes, or until they become fragrant and lightly golden.

Remove the skins: While still warm, transfer the hazelnuts to a clean kitchen towel and rub them vigorously to remove as much of the skins as possible. A few remaining bits are fine.

Blend into a paste: Place the hazelnuts in a food processor and blend for 5 to 6 minutes, scraping down the sides occasionally, until the mixture turns into a smooth, creamy nut butter.

Incorporate the remaining ingredients: Add the melted chocolate, powdered sugar, cocoa powder, salt, vegetable oil, and vanillin.

Blend until silky: Process for another 2 to 3 minutes, pausing to scrape down the sides, until the mixture is velvety smooth and well combined.

Store properly: Transfer to an airtight jar (I used a 13-ounce (370 g) preserves jar) and store at room temperature for approximately one week. For longer storage, refrigerate and remember to warm slightly before use.

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

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Docket No. MI24C1471CA  
In the Matter of  
**LORENZO ANTONIO CHIODI**  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Lorenzo Antonio Chiodi** of Woburn, MA, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Zoë Rosa Chiodi**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 26, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court  
Date: January 29, 2025  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 02/14/2025

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Docket No. MI25C0094CA  
In the Matter of  
**CARRIE ANN BROCKWAY WAGER**  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Carrie Ann Brockway Wager** of Cambridge, MA, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Carrie Ann Brockway**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 24, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court  
Date: January 27, 2025  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 02/14/2025



# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## Intolerance (Part II)

**INTOLERANCE:** 1916 177mins. Director: D.W. Griffith

Cast: Lillian Gish (*Eternal Mother*), Robert Harron (*The Boy*),  
Bessie Love (*The Bride of Caana*), Mae Marsh (*The Dear One*),  
Howard Gaye (*Jesus Christ*)

It is a pity that Griffith didn't dig deeper into the violence against the Huguenots. Of the four stories, it is the most overt plea for tolerance. The conniving Queen-Mother manipulates her son, Charles IX (Frank Bennett) to authorize an extermination against the Huguenot of Paris to prevent an uprising, reminding him of previous acts of violence as a scare tactic. Little insight is given into the religious strife inflicting the Paris of Charles IX nor the motivations behind them. The film skirts historic complexities to crystallize its message. In line with Griffith's love for sentimentality, a subplot involving the attempted assassination of Admiral Coligny (Joseph Henabery), which would prove the catalyst for the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre, was cut and the focus shifted to a love triangle between Brown Eyes (Margery Wilson), a shy Protestant girl and her Catholic lover Prosper Latour (Eugene Pallette) and the mercenary soldier (Allan Sears) who falls for her. The plot suffers little, however. When the slaughter begins, the horror and carnage in the streets, with its brutal realism, makes for the film's most powerful moment.

Without a doubt, the most amazing segment of *Intolerance* is the fall of Babylon following the war between Prince Belshazzar (Alfred Paget) and Cyrus the Great (George Siegmann), circa 539 B.C., which was allotted roughly half the footage and for good reason. The set for this segment alone cost \$250,000, a sum unthinkable in 1916. It is Griffith's answer to his rival Giovanni Pastrone, whose *Cabiria* predated *Birth of a Nation* by a year. In itself, the set, built by Frank Wortman, became part of Hollywood folklore with the city walls towering a hundred feet high, three-eighths-of-a-mile long, marble elephants lining the archways and wide enough to fit the film's over three thousand extras. On its own, this piece was a production *tour de force*.

Franklin concurred, "In terms of purely popular entertainment, its Babylonian sequence came off best. The sheer massiveness of the sets have never been equaled. Griffith almost built a full-scale replica of old Babylon!"

Craft, however, was not where Griffith had his soul. Spiritually, he returns to the themes of his featurette *Judith of Bethulia* with a tale of impossible love at a time of war. The bacchanals of Babylon, the opulent sets and the thrilling attack by the Persian army as they make their way up the wall protecting the city are what impressed then and impress today, but this isn't where Griffith wants to stay. He zeroes in on the story of Mountain Girl (Constance Talmadge), a tomboy who becomes infatuated with the sympathetic Prine Belshazzar

(Alfred Paget) after he rescues her from a cruel fate at a bride auction and ultimately dies in battle, sacrificing herself for the noble man she secretly loved.

A human face to epic cinematic carnage is never a waste but it is unlikely that this tale of unrequited love will be what audiences remember of the Babylonian scenes. The sheer spectacle that could rival the work of DeMille, the cross-cutting between the approaching chariots of Cyrus and his army and the blissful feast at the palace of the unsuspecting Belshazzar and the attention to detail made film history.

Almost a decade after the release of *Intolerance*, *Photoplay* offered this retrospective, "While the major movements in the main current of screen evolution in this period were in the drama of business and commercial aspects of the machinery of picture selling, D.W. Griffith made the year of 1916 memorable in film art with *Intolerance*."

*Intolerance* is worthy of a monograph, but it can only be discussed as an incident of the time here. Only eight years have passed since it came to the screen. Most screen efforts can be reasonably evaluated within the month of their presentation, but it is probable we shall not know the complete meaning of *Intolerance* for many more years to come. It may take half a century to decide whether *Intolerance* was merely one of the curious experimental divergences from type to be found among the fossils of every evolution, or if it is to be classified as a contribution to the direct line of progress toward forms of screen expression now not to be anticipated.

In any event *Intolerance* was extraordinary, and remains yet the most entirely remarkable expression of the screen art.

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Half a century later the evaluation referred to did come from an uncharacteristically ecstatic Pauline Kael. "No simple framework could contain the richness of what Griffith tried to do in this movie," she wrote in 1968. "He tried to force his stories together, and pushed them into ridiculous patterns to illustrate his theme. But his excitement — his madness — binds together what his arbitrarily imposed theme does not. *Intolerance* is like an enormous, extravagantly printed collection of fairy tales. The book is too thick to handle, too richly imaginative to take in, yet a child who loves stories will know that this is the treasure of treasures. The movie is the greatest extravaganza and the greatest folly in movie history, an epic celebration of the potentialities of the new medium — lyrical, passionate, and grandiose. No one will ever again be able to make last-minute rescues so suspenseful, so beautiful, or so absurd. In movies, a masterpiece is of course a folly. *Intolerance* is charged with visionary excitement about the power of movies to combine music, dance, narrative, drama, painting, and photography — to do alone what all the other arts together had done. And to do what they had failed to. Griffith's dream was not only to reach the vast audience but to express it, to make of the young movie art a true democratic art."

*This is an edited version of a longer essay on "Intolerance". Readers wishing to read the review in full are encouraged to check out Dan's blog: [filmintext.blogspot.com](http://filmintext.blogspot.com)*

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Middlesex Division

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Docket No. MI25P0357EA

Estate of

SALLY ANN O'DRISCOLL

Also Known As:

SALLY A. O'DRISCOLL,  
SALLY O'DRISCOLL

Date of Death: June 10, 2024

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Erin O'Driscoll of Midland, MI**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Erin O'Driscoll of Midland, MI** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 02/14/2025

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Docket No. MI25P0460EA

Estate of

DONNA MARIE SHIELDS

Also Known As:

DONNA SHIELDS

Date of Death: November 14, 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 **William R. Shields of Naperville, IL**, 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 R. Shields of Naperville, IL** 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 March 10, 2025.

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: February 10, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 02/14/2025

## 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. MI25P0248GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of

JOSHUA KWEEDOR

of Groton, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Nichole J. Duffany of Dracut, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Joshua Kweedor** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Nichole J. Duffany of Dracut, 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 February 20, 2025. 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: January 23, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 02/14/2025

## • Tax Payer Funded Shelters (Continued from Page 1)

Information Services for each individual shelter applicant prior to their placement and also temporarily provides the state with the ability to verify shelter applicants' eligibility requirements, including identity, immigration and pregnancy status before they are handed thirty-day housing and services.

Currently, state law allows applicants the presumptive eligibility that comes with a \$15,000 cost to the state for services provided during that first month as officials determine if the family belongs in the emergency assistance program. House Democrats have also recommended shortening the maximum length of stay in the emergency assistance program from nine months to six months and providing the Healey administration the authority to kick families out if their income reaches 200% of the federal poverty level for three consecutive months.

The House must debate the bill before voting on it, and it would still need Senate approval before it would go before Governor Healey for her signature. The Healey administration said it has already run out of money to pay shelter providers and fulfill contracts.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **February 14, 2025 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:

#### 2018 NISSAN SENTRA, BLUE

VIN # 3N1AB7AP9JY228253

#### 2011 MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS, WHITE

VIN # WDDHF8HB8BA472195

#### 2006 LINCOLN MARK LT, SILVER

VIN # 5LTPW18546FJ13455

#### 2014 FORD ESCAPE, RED

VIN # 1FMCU9GX6EUC80494

#### 2020 FORD EXPLORER, BLUE

VIN # 1FMSK7DH3LGB22161

#### 2013 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY, BLUE

VIN # 2C4RC1BG7DR694714

#### 2013 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, WHITE

VIN # 1GCRCPX1DZ147457

#### 2019 HONDA FIT, SILVER

VIN # 3HGCK5H42KM729521

#### 2012 HONDA CIVIC, GRAY

VIN # 19XFB2F58CE318687

#### 2018 NISSAN ROGUE, GRAY

VIN # JN1B1CRXJW287158

#### 1998 GMC SIERRA, GRAY

VIN # 2GTEK19R0W1555647

#### 1999 NISSAN FRONTIER, GRAY

VIN # 1N6ED26Y4XC328370

#### 2004 FORD ESCAPE, BLACK

VIN # 1FMYU92124KA20872

#### 2004 HONDA ACCORD, SILVER

VIN # 1HGCM563X4A178953

#### 2015 KIA OPTIMA, WHITE

VIN # 5XXGN4A75FG420220

#### 2014 CHEVROLET EQUINOX, WHITE

VIN # 2GNFLHE38E6203954

#### 2021 YONGFU MOPED, BLACK

VIN # LL0TCAPH8MG004659

#### 2022 YONGFU MOPED, RED

VIN # LL0TCAPJXNG002092

#### 2024 ZHILONG CLICK MOPED, RED

VIN # HZ2TBCNF6R1006240

#### 2016 YAMAHA ZUMA, BLACK

VIN # RKRSA51A6GA004464

#### 1982 YAMAHA YICS, BLACK

VIN # 5K5-012423

#### 2021 TAOTAO HURAGAN, RED

VIN # L9NTCDPW3M1310221

#### 2008 TAIWAN HELIO MOPED, SILVER

VIN # RK2MU22248N000056

#### 2001 GARELLI E-BIKE, BLACK

VIN # SA04150

#### 2024 ZHILONG CLICK MOPED, BLACK

VIN # HZ2TBCNF6R1006982

#### 2019 YAMAHA ZUMA, MAROON

VIN # RKRSA43A5K127009

Run dates: 01/31, 02/07, 02/14/2025



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

Docket No. MI04P3304EP1

Estate of  
**MINA M. INGALLS**  
Also Known As:  
**MINA INGALLS**

Date of Death: January 24, 2004

**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 Amanda Smith of Danvers, 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 Amanda Smith of Danvers, 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 March 05, 2025.

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: February 05, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 02/14/2025

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
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Docket No. MI25P0308EA

Estate of  
**MARGARET WEIGEL**

Date of Death: September 07, 2016

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

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

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 26, 2025.

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)**

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 06, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 02/14/2025

**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 **March 03, 2025** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

**2004 TAOTAO BK**

VIN #L9NTCBAEXL1009332

**2007 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE**

VIN #1J8HR58237C634657

**2009 GMC ACADIA**

VIN #1GKEV23D09J198768

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only.

Please email for specific information  
[info@todiscotowing.com](mailto:info@todiscotowing.com)

Run dates: 02/07, 02/14, 02/21/2025

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

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 **February 15, 2025 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.

**DONALD ATUHAIRWE**

2003 Saturn L200

VIN # 1G8JU54F53Y547592

**PETER TZANNOS**

2021 Dodge Charger

VIN # 2C3CDXMGXMH545324

**TANIA GONZALEZ**

2004 Lexus ES330

VIN # JTHBA30G045002620

**DE JESUS, JULIO CESAR**

2013 BMW X3

VIN # SUXWX9C5XD0A25853

Signed,  
Justin Ramsay

Run dates: 01/31, 02/07, 02/14/2025

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Docket No. MI25C0182CA

In the Matter of  
**ASTGHIK DION**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Astghik Dion of Somerville, MA, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Astghik Shekoyan.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 04, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court  
Date: February 04, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 02/14/2025

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI25C0138CA

In the Matter of  
**PENELOPE JANE DeSELMS**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Penelope Jane DeSelms of West Newton, MA, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Koda Everitt DeSelms.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 05, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court  
Date: February 05, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 02/14/2025



**EXTRA Innings**

by Sal Giarratani



**Back in Time to Quincy, January 1971**

Former Cleveland Indians owner Bill Veeck was the guest speaker at a South Shore Twins "Fathers' Club" where he voiced his support to get LeRoy Satchel Paige into baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Veeck brought Paige into the Major Leagues in 1948 and praised him as a "super pitcher — a winning pitcher in organized baseball for nearly 50 years." Here's a note of interest about Paige; he won the Rookie of the Year Award that year at the incredible age of 42. I remember him in 1965 pitching two innings of relief against the Red Sox as a 59-year-old member of the Kansas City Athletics.

By the way, a month later on February 9, he was elected to the HOF and then inducted into Cooperstown on August 9th.

**Houston Astros Retire Billy Wagner's No. 13**

The Houston Astros all-time saves leader Billy Wagner will have his jersey retired, an

honor that coincides with his induction into the Hall of Fame. Wagner's No.13 will be the 10th number retired by the Astros during a ceremony this coming season on August 15th.

**Herald Baseball Reporter Knows Her Baseball**

Gabrielle Starr has been a top-notch baseball reporter since joining the *Boston Herald* sports department, I believe less than two years ago now. One of her recent columns brought up a number of good Red Sox moments. She mentioned all those "What Ifs" like trading Mookie Betts to the Dodgers, or trading Babe Ruth to the Yankees? How about Tom Yawkey passing up on a look at a young Willie Mays? What if there weren't two wars during Ted Williams's playing days?

Also remember what happened to Jim Lonborg following the Impossible Dream run the Red Sox put on in 1967. Following the end of the season, Lonborg, the Cy Young winner

that year, went skiing and basically ended his career. In 1968, he went 10-10 and disappeared into obscurity. Bring up his name on a laptop and you'll see two things, skiing and dentistry. Following Lonborg's injury, teams started adding hazardous activity clauses to player contracts.

Starr also brought up David Halberstam's *Summer of '49* baseball book. I have reread that book endlessly because it was a period in baseball that was truly great. It's easy to read. I don't remember the action summer of 1949 being only one year old at the time.

Finally, I have been told the closest the Red Sox made it to the World Series before the Kardiak Kids in 1967 was the year I was born (1948) when they lost a one game playoff against the Indians who then went on to beat the Boston Braves for the World Series. My birth year came THAT close to being a Red Sox-Braves Streetcar Series.

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Docket No. MI25C0123CA

In the Matter of  
**SARA JANE MULLINS**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sara Jane Mullins of Wakefield, MA, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Sarajane Morse Mullins.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 25, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court  
Date: January 28, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 02/14/2025

**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 **February 24, 2025** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

**2002 TOYOTA CAMRY**

VIN #JTDDBF30K520035727

**2006 FORD EXPLORER**

VIN #1FMEU74E36UA49862

**2002 TOYOTA CAMRY**

VIN #4T1BF32K82U526939

**2011 FORD EDGE**

VIN #2FMDK3JC6BBB45949

**2008 INFINITI FX35**

VIN #JNRAS08W48X207310

**2012 ACURA RDX**

VIN #5J8TB2H20CA001951

**2001 ACURA CL**

VIN #19UYA42661A005323

**2012 FORD ESCAPE**

VIN #1FMCU9D79CKB12779

**2009 TOYOTA COROLLA MATRIX**

VIN #2T1LE40E99C004035

**2013 FORD ESCAPE**

VIN #1FMCU9H95DUA30050

**2004 BUICK REGAL**

VIN #2G4WB52K241348906

**2011 NISSAN ALTIMA**

VIN #1N4AL2AP3BN513175

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only.

Please email for specific information  
[info@todiscotowing.com](mailto:info@todiscotowing.com)

Run dates: 01/31, 02/07, 02/14/2025

**• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)**

security clearance and access to daily intelligence briefings, stating to media sources that he doesn't "trust" his predecessor with such sensitive information.

Trump has said that the former president set the precedent when he barred him from receiving access to the same briefings four years ago, citing Trump's "erratic behavior."

**Background Checks Won't Lead to Shelter Evictions**

Governor Maura Healey's new policy requiring additional background checks on all adults in the state's family shelter system has a catch, it would not evict anyone who has a criminal record.

The policy which went into effect in late January, calls for the family of someone convicted of a felony to be moved into more permanent housing — the same goal for all families in shelters — using state programs such as HomeBASE, which

provides \$30,000 in rent aid over two years.

If the family can't find outside housing, officials would ask the person with a criminal record to leave the shelter while their relatives remain, "if feasible," according to the policy. Alternatively, the state would consider moving the entire family to "a setting posing a lower level of risk to other families," within the shelter system, such as one with more staffing.

At no time does the policy state to immediately expel someone with a past criminal offense, even serious ones like murder, rape, child porn, or sex trafficking from the family shelter system.

**End Quote**

"Anyone who holds onto issues from their past, only lives in their past. Someone who isn't afraid to change into new directions or choices believes in a future with new possibilities."

— Anonymous

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 11:00 AM**  
**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
**• WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS •**  
**±12,500 S/F**  
**4 STORY**  
**OFFICE BUILDING**  
**"CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ALL AMENITIES"**  
**38 & 40 EDGE HILL ROAD WALTHAM, MA**  
TO BE SOLD IN ITS ENTIRETY ON THE PREMISES  
**LAND:** Parcel #1: Map R57, Block 6, Lot 8 • Parcel #2: Map R57, Block 4, Lot 3 • ±¾ Total Acres of Land or ±35,501 S/F • (2) Paved Parking Areas for a Total of ±45 Vehicles • ±100' Frontage on Edge Hill Rd • One Curb Cut • ±140' Frontage on Main St • Public Water & Sewer • Zoned: Commercial & Residential A3 • **IMPROVEMENTS:** 4-Story Office Building • ±12,500 S/F of Gross Building Area • (12) Gas-Fired Individual HVAC Units • 100% Wet Sprinkler System • Basement • Brick Exterior • Elevator (±2,500 lb. Cap.) • **• Each Floor Consists of:** • (3) Office Units • (3) Separate Electric & Gas Meters • (2) Restrooms • Hallways • Stairwells • Private & Open Office Areas • Ceramic, Hardwood & Vinyl Flooring • Exposed Interior Brick Walls • **★ Currently Owner Occupied with a Licensed Manufacturing Operation ★**  
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# Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## James J. Braddock Vs. Tommy Farr

Was Braddock's Last Fight about Protecting His Investment?



James J. Braddock and Tommy Farr square off

A few years ago I wrote about the career of Tommy Farr and speculated on the reasons he was never given a rematch with Joe Louis. Farr had been the first man to challenge the Brown Bomber, and he gave the champion a go of it, extending Joe the full fifteen rounds. While Tommy wasn't robbed, the fight was closer than most expected. The fact that Farr was still standing at the final bell earned him the respect of the fans and a second fight would certainly have drawn a crowd.

Of course, in that era fighters weren't automatically given a second shot at the title. They had to beat another contender to earn their chance. Even Jack Dempsey had to defeat Jack Sharkey before being allowed to fight Gene Tunney a second time.

At first glance it appears the choice of James J. Braddock for a matchup with Farr makes sense. In Braddock's last fight he had lost the title to Louis. In Jimmy's case he was kayoed, so it was pretty decisive and the public was not clamoring for a rematch. But the match was still logical. It could also be assumed by the Farr team that Tommy would beat Braddock and then move on to a fight with Louis.

Things didn't turn out as planned, or did they?

As I pointed out in my earlier article, the Louis fight was Tommy's first appearance in the States. He was a bit naive about how the boxing game worked in this country at that time. He also didn't know that in order for Louis to get the shot at Braddock, he had to guarantee Jimmy 10% of future earnings should he win the title. It was in Jimmy's interest to have Joe remain champion for as long as possible. Off of Farr's performance against Louis, Joe Gould, Braddock's manager, could have seen Farr as a threat to that income. While a Farr return fight with the champ would have drawn a decent gate, the huge money was in Joe's rematch with Max Schmeling who had kayoed him before he won the title. That fight was being negotiated.

You can see there were some extenuating factors involved in the Farr/Braddock fight. It's quite possible Jimmy's

management wasn't confident he could beat Farr. However, if Jimmy lost, or even threw the fight, Farr would most likely get his Louis rematch. They could refuse the match and Farr could go on to beat another contender and earn his title shot.

So what other alternatives were there? Joe Gould, Braddock's manager always had something up his sleeve. Contrary to the nice guy image of Gould portrayed by Paul Giamatti in the movie *Cinderella Man*, Gould was a shady character. He knew how to navigate the dark side of boxing.

Recently, I watched the existing footage of the Braddock/Farr fight. All ten rounds are available but in a truncated form. You can see about one to two minutes of each round. While not an exciting fight, it is interesting to watch against the backdrop of all that was at stake then.



Braddock parries a left from Farr

The fight took place on January 21, 1938 at Madison Square Garden before a little over 17,000 fans. This was about six months after Braddock lost the title to Louis, and five months since Farr fought the champ. This would be Braddock's final appearance in a boxing ring.

At the opening bell both men came out using decent left jabs. Farr was faster on his feet and moved in and out. Jimmy was content to stay at long range and would grab and hold whenever the two got to close quarters. The fact that Braddock was content to stay at distance also meant that his right hands were falling short of their mark. Why didn't he step in more when throwing those rights? Why was Jimmy reluctant to mix it up inside? Farr wasn't known as a tremendous puncher.

To me it looked like Braddock didn't want to take any chances

on getting kayoed. He was a man intent on going the distance. By grappling with Farr on the inside he turned this into a fairly boring fight, one that makes both fighters look bad.

At the final bell, Braddock's hand was raised in victory, though the crowd did not approve. Tommy, who never complained when he came up short against Louis, was incensed over the verdict. He said

"I was bloody-well robbed. I'll get him again and a decision won't be necessary."

Farr never did get a rematch with Braddock. Jimmy retired after the fight content to collect on the revenue from Joe Louis's fights. Incredibly, Joe Gould took over as Tommy's manager. As I said, Farr was very naive about the boxing business on this side of the pond. His career was all downhill in the hands of the ruthless Joe Gould.

I believe the decision in the Farr/Braddock fight was pre-ordained. It was the perfect outcome for Braddock. He and Gould threw a wrench into any chance of a Louis/Farr rematch, thus protecting their investment. Gould had the where withal to influence the judges.

It has to be remembered that this all took place during the Depression. Boxing was a rough business. Fighters were in the profession to make money. Winning fights and titles was secondary. Lots of deals were made during that period. Braddock had a family to feed and they came first.

It is interesting to note that while being managed by Joe Gould, Tommy Farr lost every fight he had. In fact, Farr never won a fight in the United States. He lost to Louis, and then was beaten by Max Baer a fighter he had handled easily a year earlier. He then went on to lose decisions to Lou Nova and Red Burman before returning home to Wales.

Back with his original management, he now returned to his winning ways. He fought rematch with Red Burman getting the nod over twelve rounds. He then went on to beat Larry Gains, Manuel Kid Abrew, and Zachary Nicholas. At this point with WWII raging in England, Tommy retired. He did make a comeback in 1950 but that didn't go anywhere.

I don't fault Jimmy Braddock for any of this. He was one of the few to come out of boxing with money and his brains intact. Joe Gould on the other hand was a real sleaze.

While Tommy Farr was a stand-up guy, his decision to leave his Welsh manager Joby Churchill and go with Joe Gould was a catastrophic mistake. For all I know, Churchill may have encouraged him to do this believing Gould would be able to open doors for him. Instead, he got the door slammed on his career.

## Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown Headed to NBA All-Star Game



Jayson Tatum has again been chosen as an East starter to the upcoming All-Star game in San Francisco on February 16. Jaylen Brown will serve as one of the seven All-Star



reserves from the Eastern Conference. All-Star starters are voted on by fans, players and media members, while reserves are chosen by NBA coaches.

Rounding out the Eastern Conference All-Starters are Giannis Antetokounmpo, Karl-Anthony Towns, Jalen Brunson and Donovan Mitchell with Cade Cunningham, Darius Garland, Tyler Herro, Damian Lillard, Even Mobley and Pascal Siakam as reserves. The West will be represented by starters LeBron James, Stephen Curry, Nikola Jokic, Kevin Durant and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander with Anthony Edwards, Anthony Davis, James Harden, Jaren Jackson Jr., Alperen Sengun, Jalen Williams and Victor Wembanyama as reserves.

The group of twenty-four players will be divided into three teams to compete in an All-Star mini-tournament with two semifinals followed by a championship. The fourth participating team will be the winner from the 2025 Rising Stars game, which features rookies, sophomores and G League Players. Third-year Celtics guard JD Davison was among the G Leaguers selected to participate in that young player showcase on February 14th.

Good Luck to the East Team and especially the Celtics All-Stars.

## Red Sox "Truck Day" is a Sign of Spring

Any Diehard Boston Sports Fan knows when the Red Sox "Truck Day" arrives, Spring is not far behind. Last Monday, February 3rd, outside Fenway Park, the team's equipment truck was loaded with everything the Sox will need for Spring training. Once again, there was a contingent of well-wishers on hand to celebrate the unofficial start of the season. The truck and its crew made a pit stop at Polar Park in Worcester where additional fans and mascots will held a similar send-off, before the truck made its way to Jet Blue Park in Fort Myers, Florida.

The annual "Truck Day" celebration has been a tradition since 2003, and for the past 28 years, the driver of the precious cargo is Milford, Massachusetts native, Al Hartz. Loaded into the back of this 53-foot truck were over 20,000 baseballs, 1,100 bats, 200 batting gloves, 200 helmets, 160 white game jerseys, 300 pairs of pants, 400 t-shirts, 400 pairs of socks, 20 cases of bubble gum and 60 cases of sunflower seeds.

Red Sox Pitchers and catchers reported for duty on Tuesday, February 11th while the full team and coaching staff will hold their first full squad workout on Monday, February 17th.

The Sox will play their home opener on Friday, April 4th against the St. Louis Cardinals. Let's hope the snow will have melted by then.

## Patriots Quarterback Drake Maye on the Prowl for Free Agents at Pro Bowl

Not only was rookie quarterback Drake Maye a Pro Bowl alternate in New Orleans last week, but he also decided to spend some time recruiting and talking up the positive changes occurring within the Patriots organization this off season. "Got to know some of the guys, tell them a little bit about Boston, about Foxboro, about Gillette Stadium, the fanbase. Definitely a time to get to know some guys and let them know that the Pats got some things to make some moves this off season," Maye said while on FanDuelTV's "Up and Adams" show.

There weren't many free agents participating in the Pro Bowl game, but the a few of the players, including Ravens offensive tackle Ronnie Stanley, Commander's linebacker Bobby Wagner and Vikings cornerback Byron Murphy are all set to hit the open market and are positions the Patriots could use help with.

There's still plenty of time for off season maneuvering to take place.

## BC and BU Faced Off in Beanpot Championship (BU Wins it 4-1)

For the first time in nine years, Boston College (BC) and Boston University (BU) faced off in a Beanpot title game. This marked the twenty-third time in the tournaments seventy-two-year history that the championship was decided between the BC Eagles and the BU Terriers.

Boston College beat Northeastern 8-2 in the semifinal round, while the Terriers blew out Harvard 7-1 to punch their ticket. This was the Eagles first championship trip since 2019 and the eighth for the Terriers in the past ten years.

BC hoped to win its first Beanpot tournament championship since 2016, while the Terriers were fighting to win their second title in four seasons, and a crowning thirty-second championship overall. "It's been a few years. The seniors have heard enough stories. They watched other BC teams do well before them, so they wanted to have a chance at that and be part of it," said BC head coach Greg Brown.

The Terriers rolled over Harvard, scoring five goals in the second period to catapult the team into the championship game. "Really strong effort overall, so really happy with the result. To have a chance to win this tournament, you got to take care of business on the first night, and we did that," said BU head coach Jay Pandolfo.

The stage was set for the first Beanpot championship show down between the two rivals in almost a decade. BC is a top ranked team with plenty of potential NHL talent, but could not overcome the Terriers dominant force, Mikhail Yegorov, in the net, giving BU their 32<sup>nd</sup> Beanpot Title.