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## City of Boston Voters Support Increase in Commercial Tax Rate

by Patti Sartori

Is there really any surprise in the recent poll results supporting an increase in commercial tax rates, rather than taxing home owners or cutting the budget? John Della Volpe, founder and CEO of SocialSphere, conducted a survey, on behalf of the Boston Policy Institute, of 600 registered voters, with 49% of Boston voters favoring Mayor Wu's plan to increase the commercial tax rate, as a pathway to "offset pandemic-related lost tax revenue."

The mayor's proposal, still pending on the city council agenda, is favored by college educated, white, younger voters. Gen X, ages 44-59, was the only demographic that preferred cutting city service spending instead of raising taxes on commercial property. Even with a myriad of opinions relating to cuts in budgetary spending vs. a rise in business tax rates, there seemed to be agreement that raising residential property tax was not a conducive option given the city's current housing affordability issues.

"While there is no clear consensus on the method to offset pandemic-related lost revenue, voters do not see raising residential property taxes as a viable option," the report

stated. Only 5% of surveyed voters support raising taxes on homeowners. The mayor has made clear her plan to raise taxes on businesses, above the current state limit, is to offset what would otherwise result in a hefty increase in residential taxes.

Previous reports suggested the city could be wrestling with a billion-dollar revenue shortfall over the next 5 years, due to vacant office space and falling commercial property values, unless it raises taxes on home owners or slashes the city budget by 10%. While Mayor Wu's proposal seems to enjoy support from the voters and residents of the city, not all groups are in favor. The Boston Municipal Research Bureau cautioned the mayor about moving forward with her plan, suggesting her administration should instead look to make budget cuts, dip into reserve funds or find other creative options to raise revenue. Wu's plan is similar to former Mayor Menino's plan 20 years ago and may be just as unpopular now with the commercial sector as it was then.

Topics voters were most concerned with were cost of living, affordable housing, public

transportation, public schools, roads and bridges, public safety, employment opportunities, and social justice and reform. The city earned the highest approval regarding public safety, jobs and equity. Voters did not seem to be concerned with bus and bike lanes, local taxes, city arts and culture, recreation or the dining and nightlife scenes. 4 out of 5 voters feel the quality of life in the city is either "excellent" or "good", with only a very small percentage rating it poor. Most voters surveyed plan to remain in Boston long term, but at a higher percentage for home-owners (72%) compared to (54%) for renters.

The poll also notes that a majority of those surveyed, who identified as parents, have a negative view of Boston Public Schools, and feel the district needs additional funding.

Della Volpe believes the Boston voters and residents "have a lot to be proud of, but there's also danger on the horizon with some of the key issues we've identified. I'm hopeful that through survey research like this, we can bring them to the attention of residents and voters and stake holders, and hopefully collectively work to begin to solve them."



## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Key Trump Witness Muzzled

Bradley Smith, a former FEC chairman, should have been one of the critical witnesses for the Trump legal team in the current trial, by showing there was no attempt to influence the 2016 race by "unlawful means," a claim central to the prosecutor's case — but Judge Juan Merchan has forbidden Smith from testifying about most of the issues involved in the case. The judge won't even allow Smith to testify about the FEC's decision to dismiss a complaint against Trump for this very matter and the Justice Department's decision not to prosecute Trump for the same set of actions, or that there had never been a case in which anyone had been convicted of a federal campaign finance law violation for the making of hush money payments.

### Biden Recently Stated the Following

"You know we have 1,000 billionaires in America. Know what their average federal tax is? 8.3 percent."

### From Factcheck.Org

The top 0.1 percent of earners, with more than \$4.4 million in expanded cash income, pay an average rate of 25.1 percent in federal income and payroll taxes.

### Jesse Watters Pens New Tome

Fox TV host Jesse Watters has just come out with a new book entitled *Get it Together*, which is about wild people pouring out emotions, wanting to empty prisons, open borders, drag queens, and making society accommodate their issues. I guess this is Watters' world and welcome to it.

### Mom Beats Kid on Flight

A California woman allegedly attacked her 2-year-old daughter after the girl woke her up on an

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## Sumner Tunnel Closed This Weekend

**Tunnel will be Closed to Traffic from 11:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, until 5:00 a.m. Monday, May 20**

*Travelers are Encouraged to Plan Ahead, Schedule Additional Travel Time, and Use MBTA and Logan Express*

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing construction operations for the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will continue this weekend in Boston. The work will require the closure of the Sumner Tunnel, which facilitates travel in one direction from Logan Airport and Route 1A in East Boston, from 11:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, through 5:00 a.m. on Monday, May 20. Additional closures of the tunnel during the summer will be announced soon.

This weekend closure is part of the ongoing Sumner Tunnel project that began in April of 2022 and includes work on the tunnel ceiling, roadway, walls, lighting, and additional improvements which will increase safety and climate resiliency. The project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth's infrastructure.

### Traveling to and from Logan Airport

The Sumner Tunnel carries traffic southbound, from East Boston/Logan Airport to Downtown Boston, and the Callahan Tunnel carries traffic northbound, from Downtown Boston to East Boston/Logan Airport.

Typical routes to the airport will remain available including northbound and southbound travel through the Ted Williams Tunnel (I-90) and Callahan Tunnel (Route 1A northbound).

Several signed detours will be in place during the closure of Sumner Tunnel for motorists who are driving from Logan Airport and heading toward I-93 northbound or the North End neighborhood of Boston. The links below can be used to view the available detour routes and plan.

- Logan Airport to Downtown Boston

- Logan Airport to I-93 northbound

Additionally, in order to reduce traffic congestion during tunnel closures, MassDOT encourages those traveling to or from Logan Airport to leave their cars at home and explore *Massport's list of transportation options* which include: the Blue Line or Silver Line, the Logan Express, or the Logan Water Taxi. The MBTA's online *Guide to Travelling to Logan Airport* is available at [mbta.com/Logan](https://www.mbta.com/Logan) and includes tips on using MBTA travel modes, how to pay a fare, and more.

### Travel tips to the North End and Downtown Boston

MassDOT continues to remind drivers to plan for extra travel time during weekend closures, consider the Blue Line or Silver Line as an alternative to driving, and stay informed by signing up


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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.*



THE VIGILS OF OLD ROME

PART II



Here are some appropriate definitions: Police — the department of government concerned with the preservation of public order, including the prevention and detection of crime; Fire Department — a municipal department whose work is fighting fires and preventing their occurrence; VIGIL — a purposeful or watchful staying awake during the usual hours of sleep. Now let’s take all three, put them in our giant blender and out come the Vigils of ancient Rome, a combination of police and fire department organized under military discipline. There were as many as 7,000 of them under the command of a Prefect. They were quartered in seven main barracks or “stationes” headed by a captain or

“tribunus” and each of these stationes was responsible for guarding two of the city’s fourteen sections or “regiones.” They were responsible for law and order in the city and for the protection of its citizens. This meant that they were also responsible for preventing and extinguishing fires; a combination police and fire department all rolled up into one neat little package. They had regular duty details at all places of public assembly and were equipped with axes, ropes and buckets. They were trained in the use of a hand-operated fire engine called a “sipho” and before long received the nickname of “siphonarii.” There was a very high incidence of fire, especially in

the tenement houses of “insulae” This was largely due to the lack of adequate heating systems and the use of movable stoves or braziers, candles, poorly designed lamps, and torches. Building fires and the wealthy Crassus seemed to be synonymous. As soon as news of a fire was received, he would dash to the scene and commiserate with the owner, who was deep in despair and misery because of the sudden loss of his building. The crafty Crassus would then offer to purchase the smoldering real estate on the spot at a ridiculously low price. If his offer was accepted, and it usually was, trained teams of builders were soon on the spot erecting a new income-producing structure. Crassus was then handsomely rewarded for his sympathetic and capital effort. This is the same Crassus who was a member of the “First Triumvirate” and it is said that his fame spread faster than his flame. He was captured while leading an army against the Parthians and because he had such a great love for wealth, they put him to death by pouring molten gold down his throat. This was known as getting your teeth filled the hard way.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*The Vigils of Old Rome, Part III*

• **Sumner Tunnel Weekend Closure** (Continued from Page 1)

for email updates through the project website.

- East Boston to Downtown Boston
- Revere to Downtown Boston

The MBTA is scheduled to operate full Blue Line service during weekend tunnel closures, which provides the most direct connection between East Boston and the downtown area. The *MBTA’s Trip Planner* is the best resource for route options and fare calculations on the T.

In certain situations, the buildup of traffic exiting Logan Airport can extend out into East Boston. To minimize traffic backups throughout Logan Airport and on neighborhood streets, MassDOT can make real-time changes to travel lanes in the Ted Williams Tunnel.

While these changes do not eliminate congestion, they are implemented to balance traffic volumes during weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel and provide safer driving conditions inside the Ted Williams Tunnel.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the area.

Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

To sign up for project updates, email alerts, and the latest information on the Sumner Tunnel project: Sign up for project updates.

For questions or to report issues related to construction, please email the project email address: [Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us).

The following detour map can be found on the project landing page: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/sumner-tunnel-restoration-project-details#how-will-my-commute-and-travel-be-affected?>

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com) to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
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North End/Waterfront Residents Assoc.

Monthly Meeting

North End/Waterfront Residents Association (NE/WRA) held their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9th, 6:30 p.m., at the Nazzaro Community Center. Each month various city and state officials are invited to speak to the group, address neighborhood concerns and answer any questions posed by the members and residents.

First on the agenda was the monthly update by Boston Police Department Area A-1 Community Service Office Frank Ciampa, with Officer Frank Wong. As usual, Officer Ciampa began by reminding the group that they are very fortunate to live in a safe neighborhood. One of the consistently reported issues is package theft. Because the street level doors to most buildings are locked, package deliveries such as Amazon, UPS, and Fed Ex have no choice but to leave the package out in the open. The officers reminded everyone to set a plan, if possible, with a friend, neighbor or adjacent business, to keep an eye out or hold any packages they may notice, and possibly decrease these far too common incidents of package theft.

An unusual report given by officer Ciampa, were two firearm incidents over the past month. On Friday, April 12th, approximately 9:00 p.m., an individual attempted to enter the Flamingo on Commercial Street. An employee attending the front door stopped him, resulting in a shoving match and with the individual pulling out a firearm in the establishment before running to Columbus Park, where the BPD took him into custody. The suspect was a New Hampshire resident attempting to use a fake ID. No injuries were reported as part of this incident, and the matter may end up in front of the Boston Licensing Board.

While unusual to have an incident such as that in the North End, it’s even more unusual to have a second incident of this nature, noted Officer Ciampa, yet it happened. On Sunday, May 5th at the early morning hour of 2:51 am, reports of multiple gun shots were reported in the area of 226 North Street. Upon arrival BPD found a victim suffering from a gunshot wound to his leg. The responding officers used a tourniquet to stop the bleeding and EMS transported the victim to MGH where he was treated for a non-life-threatening wound. Because it is still an active investigation, Officer Ciampa was unable to give much information or provide further details. He did comment that detectives are continuing to gather the facts and hopefully there will be an arrest before the next monthly meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an introduction of the newly appointed Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), Tania Del Rio, as well as the Assistant Commissioner of Constituent Services @ ISD, Jessica Thomas. Some of the issues Del Rio addressed were rodent infestation and attempted control, housing and construction site inspections, building permits, and regulation of short-term rentals. It was stated that an ISD Building Inspector is physically present in the community Monday through Friday, for 6 hours each day. One of their responsibilities is to visit construction sites on a regular basis and ensure that contractors are complying with all permits.

The new commissioner explained some permitting regulations such as a short form for a simple bath remodel, which requires two inspections, a rough and final, vs. a larger full scale demolition permit which requires a number of inspections beginning with foundation, a rough, each individual trades such as plumbing and electrical, and a final inspection.

Th question of short-term rentals and enforcement was also addressed. Inspectors are sent out to the property on an initial visit, then the owner registers with city’s short term rental program for a specific type of rental, such as an Air B&B, lodging house, corporate suite, and hospital stays, are allowed and regulated by ISD and must register and sign a contract with them.

The topic most discussed was rodent infestation. While it is a real concern and issue throughout the NE/WRA community, there was special focus on Morton Street. The full renovation of Cutillo Park, located on Stillman and Salem Streets, is almost complete and expected to open quite soon. But the condition of the adjacent Morton St. and the dining establishments nearby threaten the future enjoyment, according to local residents. It was explained that 6 restaurants in the immediate vicinity, have a long-time agreement with the city as part of the site cleanliness program to place their trash and oil barrels on the sidewalk, which may be creating a serious rodent issue in the area and has spilled over into Cutillo park.

The commissioner reported there is a multi-city department and state agency task force being put together to tackle the rodent issues. A top National rodent expert, Bobby Corrigan, is in the process of developing an action plan and recommendations to the city. Waste management is the key issue in this battle. The commissioner made it clear she fully understands the depth and scope of this quality-of-life issue along with the other concerns mentioned by the membership and residents of the NE/WRA community and will take all the necessary steps to address them.

A more upbeat piece of the agenda included a discussion with Chris Cook, Executive Director of the Greenway Conservancy. Cook provided an update on the incoming public art projects, food truck program and the anticipated Cross Street improvement project, where a memorial to celebrate the Italian immigration experience is proposed. Cook was excited about the Rose Kennedy Greenway and its upcoming events giving the residents an opportunity to enjoy them.

The final piece of the agenda were two licensing issues. Frank Pellino of the newly proposed “Pappare Restaurant “ to be located at 358-364 Hanover St, formerly Maurizio’s and the adjacent doctor’s office, is applying for a transfer of a beer and wine license, as well as a 70-84 seat restaurant with a bar. Attorney Billy Ferullo represented the applicant.

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## Jennifer Regina Thomas

Jennifer Regina Thomas of Boston, Massachusetts, passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She is survived by her mother, Elaine Ann Thomas, sisters Elizabeth “Lisa” Powers and her husband Mark of Shrewsbury, MA; Debra Oliva and her husband Anthony of Manlius, NY; and Stephanie Thomas and her husband Steven of Nashua, NH. Also surviving are many beloved nieces and nephews: Rebekah & Marlena Powers; Gabriella, Maria, Mary Grace, Jonathan & Gianna Oliva; and Tej, Deven & Kai Thomas. Jennifer was predeceased by her father, Elapumkal Augustine Thomas.



Jennifer was born on May 1, 1972, and graduated from Fayetteville-Manlius High School in 1990, Simmons College with a bachelor’s in education in 1994, and Northeastern University with a master’s in human development in 1996. Jennifer had a varied career that included working as a nanny for Parents-in-a-Pinch, as a human resources representative for Tufts Medical Center, as an administrative assistant for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, and as a human resources representative for the Massachusetts College of Art.

Jennifer enjoyed going on long walks in Boston and Cocoa Beach, Florida, ice skating at Steriti Memorial Rink in the North End, reading about her Catholic faith, and participating in prayer groups, Bible studies and retreats with her mother and many friends. She did volunteer work supporting cancer patients, she was a lector at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, and she was a financial patron of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. Jennifer loved her Catholic faith; she had a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Blessed Mother Mary and the rosary. Jennifer enjoyed living in Boston for over thirty years, and she especially loved living in the Boston’s North End during the last four years of her life; she took particular delight in all of the Italian feasts, festivals and traditions. Jennifer was a faithful parishioner of St. Leonard’s parish, and recently was participating in a well-attended Bible study program there, even leading one of the meetings. Jennifer was well-traveled; she took a trip to Russia to visit a pen-pal while she was in high school, made a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Hercegovina with her sister Stephanie while she was in her early 20s, and more recently made a memorable pilgrimage to Guadalupe, Mexico with her mother. As a child Jennifer took road trips all over the United States with her family, and in recent years she enjoyed countless summer trips to Vermont and the New York Finger Lakes to spend time with her mother, sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. In the last year of her life Jennifer enjoyed spending time with her close friend, Mark Liptak of Pittsburgh, PA and Cocoa Beach, FL. They were discerning marriage.

Jennifer will be remembered as a light to her family. She was a loving daughter, sister and aunt, never forgetting a birthday, anniversary or other milestone. She always arrived to family gatherings looking beautiful and with a smile on her face. Her family loved her culinary creations, especially her well-known Caprese salad. Jennifer’s friends loved her for her sweetness, thoughtfulness and readiness for dinner, daytrips and any type of adventure. Jennifer’s presence in our lives was a comfort and joy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 16, 2024 in St. Leonard Church, Boston. Services will conclude with interment in St. Mary Cemetery, Tewksbury. There are no visiting hours. Contributions may be made to Cradles to Crayons, P.O. Box 411310, Boston, MA 02241-1310 or online at: [www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/donate-now/](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/donate-now/)

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## Mammograms Recommended to Begin at Age 40

(Task Force Sees Benefit to Earlier Screenings)

by Patti Sartori



The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force made official recommendations that regular mammograms to screen for breast cancer should begin at age 40, younger than originally thought. Women ages 40-75 should get screened every other year the task force noted. Originally the task force recommended they get exams every two years from ages 50 through 75. The recommendations have been updated and published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

It’s a win that they are now recognizing the benefits of screening women in their 40’s,” said Dr. Therese Bevers of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. In the past, other medical groups, including the American College of Radiology and the American Cancer Society, suggested mammograms every year, starting at age 40. “Now the starting age will align with what many other organizations are saying,” Bevers added.

Statistically breast cancer death rates have fallen, as treatment options have improved, but breast cancer still remains the second most common cause of cancer death for U.S. women. Approximately 240,000 cases are diagnosed each year, with nearly 43,000 deaths attributed

to this disease annually, that’s 18%. The encouragements toward earlier screenings are meant to address two issues. The first is the increasing evidence of breast cancer among women in their 40’s, which has risen 20% annually since 2025, and second is the higher breast cancer rate among black women compared to white women.

The following is the updated guidance released from the study. Age 40 is when mammograms should begin for women, although this advice does not apply to women who’ve had breast cancer or those at very high risk of breast cancer because of genetic markers, or those who have had previous lesions or biopsies. These individuals should speak directly with their health care provider and may be required to have mammograms earlier or more often.

It is still somewhat murky when it comes to women 75 and older, getting regular

mammograms. Studies do not include this age group, so the task force is calling for more research. It is suggested that older women speak with their doctors about the benefits of screenings, along with the possibility of false alarms and unnecessary biopsies.

Mammograms often do not work well for women with dense breasts, but they are encouraged to till get the exam. The task force would like to see more evidence about additional tests, such as MRIs, or ultra sounds, although it is not yet clear whether those tests would help detect cancer earlier.

In regards to insurance coverage, congress has passed legislation requiring insurers to pay for mammograms for women age 40 and older, without co-pays or deductibles. The Affordable Care Act requires insurers to cover the task force recommendations with an “A or B” letter grade. The mammography recommendation has a “B” grade, meaning it has a moderate net benefit.

Ultimately, most health care providers believe regular mammograms can save your life. Finding breast cancer early can reduce your risk of dying from the disease by 25-30%. Be your own advocate, Don’t Be Afraid. It may just Save Your Life!

## Annual Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Spring Membership Social

Please join the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) at Tia’s on the Waterfront, 200 Atlantic Ave, in the Marriott Long Wharf, Wednesday, May 22, 6-8 pm to learn more about Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, it’s sponsored activities and membership opportunities.

This all-volunteer non-profit was founded by a small group of North End and Waterfront residents, business people and neighbors, whose purpose is to encourage, promote, enhance, and coordinate efforts

of residents, neighbors, area businesses and institutions, and the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Boston (Park Landlord) in promoting, improving, maintaining, and utilizing Boston’s Christopher Columbus Park.

The Park’s grassy lawns, trellises, flowerbeds, and abundance of shade trees make it a magnificent space enjoyed by all. The numerous benches, walking paths, and playground ensure that young and old alike can take advantage of all this Park has to offer.

Christopher Columbus Park is truly a neighborhood Park, and one that our community has cherished and actively participated in protecting and maintaining these four and a half acres of land on the waterfront.

Our Membership Social is a fun night for FOCCP members, sponsors, and volunteers as well as anyone interested in learning more about us! Enjoy complimentary hors d’oeuvres, spectacular raffles, and a cash bar. Free admission. Become a member or renew today!

## When Did Society Become Less Friendly???

Was it the Pandemic, Social Media, or Have We Simply Lost Our Compassion for Others

by Patti Sartori

There have been a number of studies over the past 2-3 years, observing the changes in personality since the pandemic, with people becoming less open minded, less conscientious, unagreeable, extroverted, and just plain rude. Personally, I believe a number of factors have exerted negative influence on society as a whole, including the COVID lock down, BLM riots, the attacks on law enforcement and our rule of law, fear of being made an example or cancelled if you unintentionally say the wrong thing & offend someone or don’t agree with their way of thinking, and social media in general.

For most of us, personality traits will remain consistent throughout our lives. However, evidence shows that significant

events in our lives, caused by stress or trauma can in fact alter our personality. Past studies suggest the COVID pandemic has triggered greater shifts in personality than we would expect to see naturally, with younger adults showing the largest decline in agreeableness, conscientiousness, and neuroticism, possibly due to social anxiety while emerging back into society.

Upon closer inspection, these surveys show the pandemic appears to have negatively affected our ability to express sympathy and kindness toward others, our capacity to be open to new concepts or engage in conversational dialogue, or take responsibility for our actions and behavior toward others.

My own recollection tells a

different story. At the onset of COVID I noticed people’s hesitancy to interact with one another, and as we became fully immersed in the pandemic, I witnessed neighbors afraid to walk by each other, while fully masked, outside! However, as we all collectively began to emerge from the darkness of fear and isolation, I viewed the members of society embracing human interaction once again, and expressing gratitude, pleasantries, tolerance, hugs and smiles.

So, when did it all turn and change to such impatience and intolerance. I could blame it all on social media and its negative side effects, no eye-to-eye contact or verbal interaction, but in

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# L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Pentecost and the Love of Nature

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Around this time of the year, when delicate spring gently gives way to the heat of summer, I feel the pull of nature calling me. The trees have erupted in full bloom, and whenever I look up through their branches, I see a bright mosaic of lacy green leaves silhouetted against the sunlight. Since the days are now longer, evening falls softly with a dusty glow, reminding me of dinners eaten outdoors watching the sunset. Yes, this is the time of the year when I want to spend as much time out in nature as possible. My husband and I often take walks in a state park near my town, reveling in the shady trees, the burbling waters of the streams, and the miniscule flowers dotting the meadows. Even just walking to my mailbox on a warm and sunny day, watching the birds dart in and out of the bushes, is enough to lift my mood. This desire to return to nature has roots in a deep and universal longing, so much so that many May holidays around the world encourage celebrations in the outdoors.

When I was in Italy with my family years ago, some of my most vivid memories recall places of natural beauty, along with the lovely human interactions they enabled. Our first stop was Milan, and we stayed at a small inn nestled on an old side road. I remember stepping into the hotel’s courtyard, which blossomed with wild trees and colorful bunches of flowers. A worn statue of a Roman goddess peeked out from the foliage, making me feel as if I had stepped through a looking-glass into days long past. A friendly group of Japanese girls staying at the hotel offered us some oranges they had recently bought, and the experience felt transcendent, a crossroads of culture, nature and history. In Rome, my family

wandered into a secluded area of some ancient ruins, where, far removed from the bustle of the busy city, we heard only the sound of the breeze fluttering through trees and chirping birds. Until we started talking to two jovial college-aged brothers from Colorado, I could not shake the sensation that the breeze and the birds were really spirits of antiquity announcing their presence. The latter half of my trip to Italy was spent in my father’s hometown of Sulmona in Abruzzi, a bucolic hamlet of rolling hills, braying sheep, and expansive meadows. It felt more like the real Italy than other places that cater exclusively to tourists.

The holiday of Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and Italians will spend this important Christian feast day incorporating rituals from the outdoors. Pentecost is part of the Easter festivities, occurring on the seventh Sunday after Easter, and it celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus. Some Italians refer to this feast as *Pasqua Rossa*, meaning Red Easter, due to the red vestments clergy wear in honor of the Holy Spirit. Many Italian churches scatter rose petals from the ceiling on this holiday, bringing the ubiquitous flowers of May into the celebration, as a way to commemorate the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples. In England, Pentecost Sunday is known as Whitsunday, and there the festivities heavily take on an outdoor quality. People celebrate with Whitsun Ales at town fairs filled with feasts, folk dancing, parades, and charitable collections to benefit the village church and poor families. The Easter season contains multiple references to the rebirth and renewal of the Earth and vegetation, which

in religious ceremonies also refers to the renewal of faith and hope. In Italy and other European countries, the Easter festivities do not end on Easter Sunday, but rather move on to encompass other feasts like Ascension Day and Pentecost, reminding us that the beauty of nature and the revitalization of the season continue as spring turns to summer.

May remains one of the most significant months for appreciating nature and all it has to offer. When I was an undergraduate student, I took a wonderful course on Buddhism. One spring day, the professor took us out to the woods to reflect on nature. He explained that by becoming at peace with the outdoor surroundings, we do not separate ourselves from the world but rather reach down into our deeper consciousness and find ways to better our interaction with the world. I also learned this lesson while I was in Italy, and from investigating European holiday customs like those of Pentecost. By taking the time to appreciate the natural world around us, we are forced to look within, and honor our own mind and soul. Perhaps that is the message of the bright spring flowers and the breeze fluttering through the trees after all.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex Division  
Docket # 23W1548**

#### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**VALQUIRIA SANTIAGO MONTEIRO**  
Plaintiff(s)

v.

**DARIO D. REIS** Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) **Dario D. Reis**

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s) **Valquiria Santiago Monteiro** seeking a Complaint for

You are required to serve upon **Valquiria Santiago Monteiro** or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 9 Auburn Street, Apt. 2, Lowell, MA 01852 your answer on or before 7th day of **June 2024**.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at **370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court  
Run date: 05/17/2024

# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



## Wouldn’t it be Nice

### if the Boston City Council

#### Just Did the Job They Were Elected to Do?

While reading the Boston Herald recently, I noticed actions taken up by the Boston City Council that I wholly disagree with. The first was a resolution passed by the city council on an 11-2 vote on May 1 to declare its support for a cease-fire in Gaza. The second, also approved on May 1, by a 10-3 vote, would cut the required training for fire cadets in half. Supporters say it would attract more recruits and diversify the ranks and opponents feel such a cut in training time would impact firefighting safety. There was also a third proposal offered to train hotel workers to spot signs of sex-trafficking where they work.

Let’s check this out. City councilors get involved in foreign policy with calls for a cease-fire in Gaza. Guess this august body is doing such a great job locally, why shouldn’t they venture into international waters like the Israeli-Hamas War? Then of course on an issue that impacts all of us the city councilors decide to cut the training of fire cadets in half for the sake of diversity. Finally, two city councilors have a great idea to train hotel workers how to spot sex-trafficking inside the hotels they work.

No wonder why so few vote

at election time. With all the growing issues out there like overdevelopment and with it the lack of housing which should be affordable for working families, safe neighborhoods for everyone and the such, we need city councilors who actually know what their jobs entail. Instead, we get fed blue smoke, mirrors and photo ops. No wonder so little ever gets done that absolutely makes a positive impact on our daily lives. Sometimes it all seems so pretend inside City Council chambers.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court**

**Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI24P2564EA

Estate of  
**SUSAN GUILD**  
Also Known As

**SUSAN C. GUILD, SUSAN COUGHLIN,  
SUSAN COUGHLIN GUILD,  
SUSAN J. GUILD**

Date of Death: January 07, 2024

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Linda J. Guild of Pelham, NH and Laura A. Guild 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 Linda J. Guild of Pelham, NH and Laura A. Guild 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 June 06, 2024.

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

#### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: May 09, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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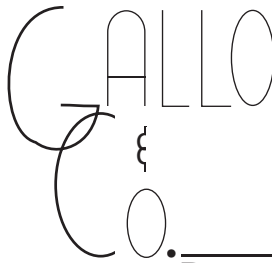
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Saint Angelo

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

St. Angelo also known as St. Angelus, was born in Jerusalem to a Jewish family in the year 1185. His mother converted to Christianity, and Angelo, along with his twin brother John, was baptized and converted.

Angelo’s parents passed away while he was young, and he and his twin brother entered the Carmelite Order at the age of eighteen. They were well learned, and already spoke Greek, Latin, and Hebrew. When he was twenty-six, Angelo was ordained in Jerusalem, and traveled throughout Palestine. Various miraculous cures were attributed to him as he traveled. His biography tells us that he sought to avoid fame, and when he was becoming known for his miracles, he withdrew from society to a hermitage to avoid the crowds. He remained a hermit on Mount Carmel until



he was asked to leave for Italy to preach against Albigensians, and other heretical sects.

Angelo went to Sicily, and his fame as a miracle worker caused large crowds to come

to him. He wanted to convert a Knight named Berenger. Catholic tradition states that Berenger was living in incest and that Angelo convinced the knight’s companion to leave Berenger. Berenger became enraged and had him killed in front of the Church of Saints Filippo and Giacomo in Licata. He didn’t die from his attacks until four days after the attack, and according to Catholic tradition, he asked for his assassin to be pardoned. He showed the ultimate in forgiveness, setting an example for all those that he preached to. He was buried at Saints Filippo and Giacomo Church. His sepulcher at Licata quickly became a site of Pilgrimage. The Carmelites venerated him as a saint from 1456, and Pope Pius II canonized him in 1459. The Feast Day of Saint Angelo is May 5th.

Rose Kennedy Greenway  
Upcoming Events ...

Boston Lyric Opera Street Stage

Saturday, June 1, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, June 2, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Boston’s beloved downtown park becomes an open-air opera house as BLO’s Street Stage returns to the Rose Kennedy Greenway. Enjoy an afternoon of enchanting arias showcasing fan-favorite repertoire, virtuosic singing, and sneak previews from BLO’s 2024/25 Season. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to settle on the grass, or stroll by for a song while enjoying the sights of the city. Looking to spend the whole afternoon on the Greenway? Browse for handmade treasures at the outdoor *Artisan Market*, enjoy a late lunch at partner food trucks, create your dream fort at the Imagination Playground, or pick up a FREE Greenway carousel pass at the BLO info table! Registrations are welcome but not required. Registrants will receive a reminder e-mail and notice in the event of schedule change due to weather.

**Where:** Rowes Wharf Plaza on the Rose Kennedy Greenway  
Intersection of High Street and Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110

For a complete list of events on the Greenway, visit [www.rosekennedygreenway.org](http://www.rosekennedygreenway.org)

Tango by Moonlight

6/8 at Rowes Wharf Plaza, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

7/13 at Rowes Wharf Plaza, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

8/10 at Rowes Wharf Plaza, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

9/7 – Location TBD, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

10/12 at Rowes Wharf Plaza, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Join the *Tango Society of Boston* for their annual Tango by Moonlight season! This is a FREE outdoor event designed to promote the culture and art of the Argentine Tango in a friendly, relaxed environment. The event will take place at Rowes Wharf Plaza on the Rose Kennedy Greenway from 6:00-9:00 p.m. It begins promptly at 6pm with a brief demonstration by the Boston tango community along with a quick impromptu 15- 20-minute lesson for all beginners. Social dancing will then follow until 9:00 p.m.

All are welcome to watch or participate. No partner is necessary. We encourage partner rotation throughout the evening.

CITY OF BOSTON KICKS OFF

Free Summer Fitness Series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are pleased to announce the 2024 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series offers free weekly classes both virtually and in 17 City of Boston parks to August 31, 2024.

The series offers a wide range of classes, including Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, HIIT, ZUMBA®, Family ZUMBA®, Kick It By Eliza®, Afrobeats Dance, Walking Group, Strength Training and Conditioning, and Salsa Dance. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for families, older adults, and those new to fitness classes. For more information and a link to the full schedule, visit [boston.gov/fitness](http://boston.gov/fitness).

“Cultivating vibrant communities through accessible, engaging programming is at the heart of our mission at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department,” noted Commissioner Ryan Woods. “By activating public parks with initiatives like the Summer Fitness Series, we’re not only providing opportunities for physical activity but also fostering social connections and enhancing the overall well-being of Boston residents.”

“The Summer Fitness Series provides a free opportunity for residents to be active in our

City’s parks while bringing our communities together to connect socially,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “Being active is one of the best ways to prevent many chronic diseases as well as improve mental health. The series is available in most neighborhoods and online and is a continuation of the work being done to improve the health and well-being of all residents.”

Series partners echoed the focus on community engagement and holistic health. “The Boston Park Fitness series showcases the vibrant neighborhoods and cultures of Boston, and what better way to experience that than through community fitness?” said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. “The program has something for everyone, including in-person and virtual classes for people of all abilities. We’re proud to partner with the City of Boston to support the physical and mental health of our community.”

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks — including weather-related cancellations for outdoor fitness classes — call 617-635-4505, visit [boston.gov/Parks](http://boston.gov/Parks), join our email list at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](http://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails), and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, and Instagram.

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Bad Habits We All Need to Break  
(The Key to Maintaining Good Health  
and Making Smart Choices)

A group of doctors recently shared with Fox News Digital the most common “unhealthy behaviors” that speed up the aging process, and advice on how to avoid them. Smoking has proven to shorten life expectancy. “Smoking speeds aging by exposing you to harmful chemicals, reducing oxygen support, damaging lung tissue and increasing chances of heart attacks, strokes and brain aneurisms, said Dr. Dawn Ericsson, an OB/GYN and Medical Director at AgeRejuvenation in Tampa, Florida. The fastest way to quit smoking is by setting a quit date, avoiding trigger situations and asking for support from friends and family.

Excess sun exposure can lead to aging by damaging the skin’s DNA, causes wrinkles, sagging skin and dark spots said Ericsson. Increased risk of skin cancers, including basil cell carcinoma and melanoma, should be a major concern of sun exposure. Protective strategies include applying sun screen with a high SPF, avoiding sun during peak hours of 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and wearing a hat, sunglasses and protective clothing. A poor diet, especially a high diet in processed foods, sugar and other unhealthy fats, can accelerate aging. Experts recommend eating a balanced diet rich on fruits, vegetables and lean proteins. Cooking at home and controlling portions is also a positive way to improve nutrition intake.

“Lack of exercise contributes to aging by causing muscle loss, bone density reduction, weight gain and cardiovascular issues,” Ericsson said. Regular physical activity is essential for maintaining muscle mass, circulation, cognitive health, and is absolutely vital to the foundation of good health. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to liver damage, and cognitive impairment. As with smoking, “the fix is to eliminate alcohol consumption and habitual drinking is to avoid triggers and situations that encourage drinking, stay busy with healthy activities and seek out professional help if needed,” urged Ericsson.

Chronic stress can shorten life and effects the body’s ability to repair itself when needed. Stress management, meditation, therapy, restful sleep, and regular physical activity can all alleviate stress. Lack of sleep affects cognitive function as well as the body’s ability to shed extra weight. Restful sleep cannot be faked and is essential to good health and well-being. Establish a regular schedule and routine creating a restful environment and avoiding stimulants before bed time, powering down cell phones, tv’s, and tablets will all aid in the search for a good night’s sleep.

“Poor oral hygiene will cause gum disease, tooth loss and negatively impact over all well-being,” said Ericsson. There seems to be a link between heart disease and the incidence of coronary artery disease. Regular dental checkups, flossing, proper brushing, limiting sugary and acidic foods, avoiding tobacco products, will all help with good oral health.

The key is to make healthier choices in the areas we can control, and that begins with breaking those bad habits.

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## Armenian Heritage Park Greeters



**Greeters gather in front of the Abstract Sculpture at Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway on Saturday, May 4th prior to Celebrate Public Art that included participating in World Labyrinth Day: Walk as One in Peace and Harmony joining people in cities and towns in countries worldwide among them Italy.**

Greeters warmly welcome visitors to the Park during Programs at the Park. Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway graces public space with a design and key geometric features that tell the story of the immigrant experience, celebrating what unites and connects us, welcoming all coming together on common ground.

For the schedule of programs, visit [ArmenianHeritagePark.org](http://ArmenianHeritagePark.org), or email [hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org](mailto:hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org)

## Join DCR, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and Friends of the Harborwalk for a Tour of Belle Isle Marsh

Saturday, May 18th · 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Harborwalk and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh for a walking tour of the Belle Isle Marsh Reservation. The Marsh consists of 241 acres of wetlands off of the Belle Isle Inlet, bordered by East Boston, Revere and Winthrop. Within it is a 152-acre reservation managed by Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The 1.5 miles of Boston Harborwalk weaves through the East Boston portion along a series of grassy clearings, dirt pathways, and boardwalks.

The tour will begin at the kiosk adjacent to the parking

lot within the Belle Isle Marsh Reservation. A sign marks the entrance to the park, which is across Bennington Street between the Suffolk Downs and Beachmont T Stations. Parking is available at the reservation.

Our tour will cover the history of the region from the days when livestock grazed the hills of Hog Island and salt marsh hay was a coveted commodity ... to the dramatic infilling of land between the Chelsea Creek and the Belle Isle Inlet to create Suffolk Downs ... to the future 109-acre development of a state-of-the-art

neighborhood built on what were once wetlands.

Boston Harbor and its islands were bordered by marshes and mudflats until beginning in the early 1700s and continuing through the mid-1900s, land-making efforts brought on by the industrial revolution, led to the infilling of tidal wetlands and the expansion of buildable land.

Today, Belle Isle Marsh is the last surviving salt marsh on Boston Harbor, and plays an essential role in maintaining the ecosystem. Although wildlife and vegetation thrive on the reservation, the marsh and its inhabitants are challenged by the noise, air and water pollution caused by the surrounding dense urban context and flight path overhead. The marsh acts as a natural filtration system, creates a safe habitat for plant and animal species (some of which are endangered), and provides a layer of defense in protecting inbound areas from flooding. We will discuss the policies set in place to protect salt marshes, their function within the ecosystem, and their role in absorbing the impacts of climate change.

The Friends of the Boston Harborwalk is a volunteer group affiliated with Boston Harbor Now. The group meets monthly to promote awareness, public enjoyment and local stewardship of Boston's 43-mile Harborwalk. For more information on joining the group, please contact Mike Manning, chair, at [mmanning@bostonharbornow.org](mailto:mmanning@bostonharbornow.org)

## Happy Birthday Grandpa



from  
Emily and Owen

## “Happy 45th Birthday” The American Italian Heritage Association Will Hold a Celebratory Dinner on June 3rd at the Albany IACC

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TO RECORD AND PRESERVE OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

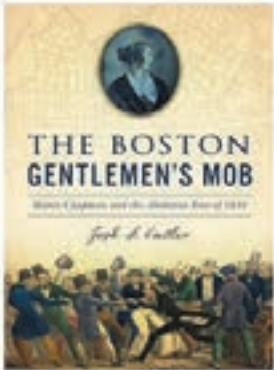
It was on Tuesday, June 12, 1979, that Association President Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo, invited eight Italian American professors to a meeting in the Department of Law lounge at Syracuse University. Previously, he had read Richard Gambino's book, *Blood of My Blood*, finding it so powerful that he desperately wanted to do something positive to preserve our Italian heritage. While other groups were discovering their roots, most Italian American organizations were mainly social clubs. In order to preserve our Italian heritage, he felt strongly that we needed an organization to be more than just social. As a result, we agreed that we should form an Association with the express mission to record and preserve our Italian heritage and culture. He was elected President and asked to set up a dinner meeting at which we would honor Christopher Columbus. Our event took place on October 12, 1979 at Merrill House on the campus of Colgate University, Hamilton, NY. The speaker was Assemblyman John Zagame whose topic was appropriately, "Italian Americans".

The Association operates the American Italian Heritage Museum and has members in thirty-three states and Italy. People from all 50 states as well as 34 countries have visited the museum. Numerous programs, events, classes and many other services for the community are offered by the Association.


## Author Talk

Former State Representative  
**Josh S. Cutler**  
Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Come hear the fascinating history of a group of woman who had the courage to speak out while their city leaders remained silent. Learn how that pivotal event forever changed the course of the abolitionist movement.



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### Memorial Day 2024

#### VFW North End Post 144

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024**  
**11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**

**Location: Paul Revere Mall, Hanover St., Boston, North End**

**MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:**  
Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 will conduct its annual memorial services to honor & remember the fallen heroes of the North End who served in World Wars I & II, Korean War, Vietnam War, & more recent wars.

**CEREMONY LOCATIONS:**

- near the "PAUL REVERE STATUE," and at the
- "Memorial Garden" behind the Old North Church.

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# Ieri e Oggi

## Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

### Fra Angelico

Fra Angelico was an Italian painter of the Early Renaissance, described by Vasari in his Lives of the Artists as having “a rare and perfect talent”. He earned his reputation primarily for the series of frescoes he made for his own Dominican friary, San Marco, in Florence.

Fra Angelico was born Guido di Pietro in the Tuscan area of Mugello near Fiesole, not far from Florence, towards the end of the 14th century. Nothing is known of his parents.



The earliest recorded document concerning Fra Angelico dates from October 17, 1417, when he joined a religious confraternity or guild at the Carmine Church, still under the name Guido di Pietro. This record indicates that he was already a painter,

In 1435, the Dominican community in Fiesole to which Fra Angelico belonged took possession of the convent of San Marco in Florence. The climax of his artistic career came three years later with the commission from Cosimo de’ Medici to fresco the cloister, chapter house, refectory, and dormitory cells and corridors of the renovated convent. The Medici also chose Angelico to provide a painting for the high altar of the convent church, over which they had recently acquired patronage rights. In the resulting work (Museo di San Marco, Florence), Angelico again handled a conventional subject — the Madonna and Child enthroned with angels and saints — in a strikingly new and original manner. Abandoning the traditional Gothic altarpiece format that divided the Madonna and attendant saints into arched compartments, Angelico brought the figures together in a single square picture field, called a *pala quadrata*, and against a naturalistic landscape background.

Occupied with the extensive project at San Marco between 1438 and 1443, Fra Angelico produced relatively few independent panel paintings during this time. He moved to Rome in 1445 where, over the next four years, he frescoed a number of chapels in the Vatican Palace for Pope Eugenius IV and his successor Nicholas V. All that survives of this activity are the scenes from the lives of Saint Stephen and Lawrence in the Cappella Niccolina, painted in 1447–48. Angelico served a two-year term as prior of his convent in Fiesole before returning to Rome in 1453. The damaged panel showing Christ on the Cross and various saints dates to this final phase of the artist’s life, and, together with three other panels may have formed the predella of an altarpiece that Angelico is said to have painted for the high altar of the Dominican church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome, where he was buried after his death in 1455.

He was known to contemporaries as Fra Giovanni da Fiesole and Fra Giovanni Angelico. In modern Italian he is called Beato Angelico; the English name Fra Angelico means the “Angelic friar.”

In 1982, Pope John Paul II proclaimed his beatification in recognition of the holiness of his life.

## NEMPAC Announces Marshall Scholarship Recipients

### Supported by Annual North End Cornhole Classic



North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) celebrates this year’s recipients of the 2024 Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Awards from the North End. The following NEMPAC students were awarded scholarships:

- Emilia Bruno, age 5, studying private piano instruction
- Ferdinand Carangelo, age 15, studying private piano instruction
- Alexandru-Victor Cristescu, age 8, studying private piano instruction
- Noah Mendes, age 11, studying private piano, voice, and guitar instruction
- Alexandra Rosa Perrina, age 14, studying private guitar instruction
- Parker Watson, age 11, studying private guitar instruction

The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund is entering its 10th year and continues to preserve the legacy of a woman who loved children and the arts. The Scholarship Fund was established by Geraldine’s son, Representative Aaron Michlewitz. Ms. Marshall, who passed away ten years ago at the age of 68, was born in Dorchester in 1946, moved to the North End at the age of 21, and settled here for almost 50 years before her passing.

The fund also supported two youth music scholarships at the Community Music Center of Boston, including recipient Nikita Yang, and sponsored the annual merit-based NEMPAC Youth Music Competition.

Representative Michlewitz says, “Our family is once again excited to celebrate my mother’s dedication to providing young people with access to the arts. We are extremely thankful for everyone’s support of the Marshall Scholarship and congratulate this year’s beneficiaries.”

Marshall’s love of the arts and passion for the North End has inspired \$45,000 in scholarships awarded to 42 youth students over the last 10 years to students seeking to participate in an arts enrichment program, such as private music lessons, enrollment in a group instrument program, or an after-school musical theatre.

“As an organization dedicated to fostering the growth and enrichment of young artists, we are grateful for the support orchestrated by this scholarship fund. It not only provides access to music and arts education but also cultivates deeper engagement in the arts in our entire community,” said Sherri Snow, Executive Director of NEMPAC.

On June 2nd, NEMPAC will host its 7th Annual North End Cornhole Classic, which continues to support the fund and the ability to make exceptional music programs more accessible to youth in the North End and City of Boston. More information on how to attend and participate as a spectator or player can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-north-end-cornhole-classic-tickets-874918604097>, or make a donation to the fund at <https://nempacboston.networkforgood.com/projects/143610-geraldine-marshall-scholarship-fund>.

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The 40th Anniversary Deluxe Expanded Edition of *Rebel Yell* is out now via Capitol/UMe. Listen to the never-before-heard Billy Idol/Steve Stevens track “Best Way Out of Here” from the original *Rebel Yell* recording sessions. The reissue features a selection of previously unreleased songs and demos, including “Best Way Out of Here,” the Poolside remix of Idol’s smash hit “Eyes Without A Face,” Idol’s never-before-released cover of the Rose Royce single “Love Don’t Live Here Anymore” and much more. Originally released in November 1983, *Rebel Yell* is the twice-platinum follow-up to Idol’s self-titled debut. The album features the iconic singles “Eyes Without a Face,” “Flesh for Fantasy,” “Rebel Yell,” and “Catch My Fall.” Idol is also slated to embark on his transcontinental Rebel Yell Canada 2024 arena tour this summer, beginning July 30 in Vancouver. Idol’s show will include his many hits from across his career with a focus on the *Rebel Yell* album. Joining Idol on the road is his longtime backing band including Stevens. Idol is also scheduled to play select U.S. dates this spring. Idol recently released the concert film *Billy Idol: State Line*, a Vertigo Live concert film documenting his April 2023 show at the famed Hoover Dam — the first-ever concert performed at the location — on DVD and Blu-ray following a successful limited theatrical run. The film highlights the history and significance of the Hoover Dam and includes two unique sets of Billy Idol’s iconic hits: a full band concert at sunset with special guests that electrified and illuminated the surrounding Black Canyon, and an acoustic duo set on the roof of the powerhouse at the foot of Hoover Dam straddling the Colorado River, directly on the Nevada/Arizona state line. For both sets, his longtime collaborator and guitar player Steve Stevens, and special guests Alison Mosshart, Steve Jones, and Tony Kanal join Idol. For 46 years, Billy Idol has been one of the definitive faces and voices of rock ‘n’ roll. Between 1977 and 1981, Idol released three albums with Generation X as their camera-ready front man. In 1982, he embarked on a transatlantic/trans-genre solo career that integrated the bold and simple lines of punk and rock’n’roll decadence. Touring consistently around the world for the last ten years and showing no signs of slowing down, Idol released both *The Roadside EP* in 2021 and *The Cage EP* in 2022 on Dark Horse Records, earning praise from fans and critics alike. Additional tracks on this double-LP gem includes: “Daytime Drama,” “Eyes Without A Face,” “Blue Highway,” “Crank Call,” “(Do Not) Stand In The Shadows,” “The Dead Next Door,” “Love Don’t Live Here Anymore,” “Daytime Drama (Demo),” “Flesh For Fantasy (Demo),” “Catch My Fall (Early Version),” “Crank Call (Demo),” and “(Do Not) Stand In The Shadows (Demo).”



**GARBAGE –  
BLEED LIKE ME  
(2LP Vinyl)  
UMe**

Due to demand, influential alternative rock band Garbage is making their 4th studio album, *Bleed Like Me*, available on vinyl for the first time since it was originally released in 2005. *Bleed Like Me* is out on now via UMe. Fully remastered for 2024, this expanded reissue of 2005’s *Bleed Like Me* includes 2CD, 1LP white vinyl, deluxe 2LP red vinyl, and HD digital formats and features B-sides, rare tracks, remixes and alternate versions of tracks. Speaking about the new *Bleed Like Me* expanded reissue, Shirley Manson stated: “*This album was tricky to make and resulted in the band taking a 5-year hiatus shortly after it was released. However, over the years, it has become a mainstay of our discography, so we decided to finally make it available on vinyl due to the many pained pleas from our fans’.* *Bleed Like Me* was a top 5 album chart hit in the UK, US, Australia, and the European Billboard chart upon its initial release in April 2005. The album featured four singles, “Why Do You Love Me,” which was a top 10 single in the UK, “Bleed Like Me” and “Sex Is Not The Enemy,” which both went on to be regulars in the band’s live shows and “Run Baby Run,” which was accompanied by a Sophie Muller directed music video. Garbage are playing a number of festival shows this year, including European and UK dates at Mad Cool in Madrid (July 10 - 13) and TRNSMT in Glasgow (July 12-14). The band’s new *Bleed Like Me* expanded reissue is out now, and includes additional tracks on their double-LP release via, **Side A: original album remastered** - “Bad Boyfriend,” “Right Between the Eyes,” “Metal Heart,” **Side B: original album remastered** “It’s All Over But the Crying,” “Boys Wanna Fight,” “Why Don’t You Come Over,” “Happy Home,” **Side C: B-Sides** “Space Can Come Through Anyone,” “Nobody Can Win,” “I Just Wanna Have Something to Do,” “Honeybee,” “Never Be Free,” **Side D: B-Sides** “Badass (October 2003 Ruff Demo) ,” “Tell Me Where It Hurts,” “Betcha,” “All The Good In This Life,” and “Witness To Your Love.”

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

**MY HOROSCOPE SAYS**

Last Friday, I read my newspaper horoscope. I am a Taurus and here’s what it told me. “If you are not in the mood to work up a sweat today don’t worry about it — there is no cosmic law that says you must exert yourself, either in your private life or in your career. Sit back, relax, and let others get stressed for a change.” Sounds like sound advice to me.

**JOHN DEATON  
VISITS BORDER,  
WHO’S DEATON ANYHOW?**

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s GOP challenger John Deaton recently visited the border to “truly understand” the root causes of immigration issues that have sparked contentious debate in both Washington D.C., and here in Massachusetts. The newspaper story on his border visit has him standing close to the border wall in Arizona and looking up at it. Big deal. By the way, last I heard he’s an anti-Trump guy, too.

There is another Republican in this Senate race. Someone I’ve known half his life. He hails from Quincy where he currently is a three-term member of the Quincy City Council and serves as its current president. I consider him a center-right candidate and am supporting his candidacy for U.S. Senate.

**FOUR DOLLAR FOR  
DAILY GLOBE IS A NO GO**

One day last week while at my favorite 7-Eleven I noticed a notice from the *Boston Globe*. The weekday price is rising to FOUR DOLLAH! You gotta be kidding me. If newspapers keep raising the price due to all the other sources of news folks get nowadays, then how long before newspapers simply go the way of the dinosaur? Think about it, when you purchase a newspaper in the morning, it is already filled with the news you watched last night on the news.

You know what? I read the *Boston Globe* at 7-Eleven or in a supermarket. They all take seconds to scan through.

**NOT SO CRUEL  
SUMNER TIME BLUES**

We all remember last summer’s commute traveling into Boston with the two-month closure of that tunnel. It was

a nightmare for anyone living in East Boston or points north. This summer, MassDOT announced the shutdown will be slashed from two months to one. The tunnel will be closed from Friday, July 5th until Monday, August 5th. However, those sporadic weekend closures will continue.

**FOUR DOLLAR GAS  
ALREADY HERE**

Over the past weeks, I have seen gas prices rise. Four dollars per gallon has arrived. In East Boston, one gas station has been selling gas for \$4.39 so long, the price should be chiseled on the sign. There’s a four-dollar gas station in Chelsea (\$4.53) near the Chelsea/Revere line on Broadway. In the South End near Pine Street Inn, the price is \$4.65. Thank you, President Biden. I still remember \$2.00 gas when Trump left office. I know who I’m not voting for in November.

**HEADS AND TAILS  
NOW I GUESS**

A human head has been found floating last week in NYC’s Jamaica Bay and investigators

are probing whether it is linked to the headless body in the same waters weeks ago. Police are working to determine if the severed head belongs to the body whose remains were spotted by a couple fishing at the shore.

I’m thinking the head and the rest of him probably go together. How many headless bodies and heads are floating randomly around Jamaica Bay? I think the puzzle pieces go together.

**HEY JUDE,  
WHO DID IT BETTER?**

I was listening to Smokey Robinson one day last week on SiriusXM (74) Soul Town music show and he was talking about some music history. I never knew that the Beatles and Four Tops both did versions of “Hey Jude.” Smokey seemed to think the Four Tops version was the best, but I had to disagree. I heard the Four Tops sing it last week on Smokey’s radio show and it was not to my liking. The Beatles did it the best ever. Check both versions out and see what you think. Let me know at [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com).

• **NEWRA Meeting** (Continued from Page 2)

Because there may be a zoning issue that needs to be addressed, the association voted 14-1 to defer this vote. The last item to be discussed was “Fish Taco,” located at 227 Hanover Street, presently operating from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., has petitioned the Boston Licensing Board to amend its hours to

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 am. No representation from the establishment was in attendance. The association voted 13-1 in opposition to this application.

The next NE/WRA meeting will take place on Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
Docket No. SU24P0937EA  
Estate of  
LINDA SUSAN SAIA  
Date of Death: February 29, 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 Michael P. Condella of Waltham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that Michael P. Condella of Waltham, 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 June 25, 2024.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**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. BRIAN J. DUNN,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 14, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. M124P2595EA  
Estate of  
HARRIET M. ROGERS  
Also Known As  
HARRIET ROGERS  
Date of Death: February 18, 2024  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert Hugh Rogers of Omaha, NE requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that Robert Hugh Rogers of Omaha, NE be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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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 June 07, 2024.  
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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 10, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**


Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
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Docket No. 23W1148  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
MARIA DOLORES VELASCO, Plaintiff  
v.  
MYNOR MANUEL VALDEZ GONZALEZ, Defendant  
To the above named Defendant:  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), seeking Custody/Support/Parenting Time.  
You are required to serve upon Maria Velasco - plaintiff - whose address is 8 Jackson Place, Waltham, MA 02453 your answer on or before June 06, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Woburn.  
Witness,  
HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, Esquire,  
First Justice of said Court at Woburn,  
this 18th day of April, 2024.  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Here we go with the first story for the 34<sup>th</sup> year of this column. As I've mentioned many times, Dad was a pioneer in the Department of Audio-Visual Education for the Boston Public Schools. Just as WWII broke out, he got off the road with the big bands of the day knowing he would be drafted into the service. He planned to wait until he got his draft notice, and then join the marines. In the meantime, he became a teacher of machine shop and math at his old alma mater, East Boston High School. At the same time, he was recruited by the OSS, the forerunner of today's CIA, to head the interrogations of Italian war prisoners that were being housed at old Boston island forts and at the closed immigration station in East Boston.

Just after the war ended, his department head, a man named Hennessey, asked Dad for a favor. It seems that a friend of his was running for school committee and had no one to back him in the Italian neighborhoods of East Boston, the West End, and the North End. The candidate, Dan McDevitt, was from Jamaica Plain and knew no one in the three neighborhoods I just mentioned. Dad insisted on meeting the man before he made any decisions, and Mr. Hennessey introduced them. They hit it off, became fast friends, and Dad agreed to help. As a result of Dad's assistance, Dan McDevitt got the Italian vote which helped him get elected to the Boston School Committee.

Dan told Dad about a new department being organized within the Boston schools, an audio/visual concept that would be state of the art with modern technology and the most advanced electronics of the day. Dad showed interest and began taking courses to qualify for a position in the new department. When the time came, he was one of four people chosen to pioneer the program. It would be headed up by a Mr. Hennessey (no relation to his boss at East Boston High School.), and include Lester Morris and Michael Barca. Mike, like Dad, was Italian American and the two became friends with a lot in common.

Mike Barca was married to a Yankee from Maine named Nara Mascall. She and Mom hit it off and the two couples began dining out a couple of times a month. Mike and Nara had a summer cottage on Lake Maranacook in Winthrop, Maine, and beginning in the

late '40s, invited us to spend weekends with them whenever we could. The cottage was always a busy place. Mike and Nara had a daughter in her 20s, who was always with them, and Nara's parents were also part of the crowd. They were called Ma and Eddie. On one occasion, Mike told Mom and Dad to bring Nanna and Babbononno along with us and they hit it off with Ma and Eddie.

For a couple of years, we ventured to Winthrop, Maine on several spring and summer weekends and joined in with Mike and Nara's family. In the spring of 1950, a cottage near the Barca compound went up for sale. Dad decided to buy it, and from then on, we had a summer place to head to, just a five-minute walk from the Barca place. Dad played county fairs throughout the northeast back then, and if Mom and I didn't go with him, he would drop us off at our cottage and return whenever he could. There were several cottages owned by out-of-staters who summered on the lake in Winthrop, Maine. There were also several locals who lived on the opposite side of the road from the lake, and all networked socially during the summer. I was heading into my teen years, and discovered that there were many kids my age, both locals and summer vacationers, to hang around with. With Mike and Dad leading the way, weekend events were planned for all to participate in. On one weekend, they would be grilling burgers and hotdogs, on another, Dad and Mike would head to the coast and pick up a couple of dozen lobsters and cook them in a steamer Mike kept out back. On the designated weekends, all the neighbors would get together and join in. Most would bring whatever accompanied the food being served, which meant that corn on the cob was plentiful as well as cases of beer and a couple of bottles of "white lightning," down-east homemade hooch that made hair grow out of your eyes. When Babbononno and Nanna were with us, Babbononno always had a gallon or two of homemade wine, and Nanna cooked Italian dishes which were foreign to the Yankee locals in the crowd.

We kids were on our own at night and would walk to town. The only road into Winthrop was called Memorial Drive. It was the width of a car and a half with soft shoulders on both sides. If you were driving, to let a car pass from the opposite direction, you had to pull over

onto a soft shoulder. We paid no attention as we were all kids and not yet driving anything bigger than a Vespa motor scooter. Once we reached the center of Winthrop, the only place open was McNamara's Diner. At night, it catered to the summer crowd from around the lake. You could get a complete dinner or just a burger.

The most provocative item on the menu was ham steak. We kids would order French fries and Cokes. The fries were served with vinegar, Canadian-style. If you wanted ketchup, you had to ask for it.

During the day, it was warm enough to swim in Lake Maranacook. The lake was fed by hundreds of underground springs which caused the water to be cold, "real cold." But we were kids and the water temperature didn't bother us. If you didn't want to swim, you could use the most common means of transportation to get where ever you wanted to go, a rowboat, and every family had one. Some folks had outboard motors on the backs of their rowboats and headed into town or across the lake using a motorized boat. They claimed it was cheaper than driving a car the same distance.

On certain nights several of the locals would gather in front of the general store located in downtown Winthrop. In their main window, was a 12-inch Philco TV with an outside speaker. Most of the town folks didn't have TV in those days as they were expensive, and this was their only visual exposure to what was going on outside of their locale.

Saturday nights were special. They held an auction at the local Baptist church. We often accompanied Mike Barca and his family to the church's function hall and bid on things we wanted. The only thing I was never outbid on was a box with a dozen bags of potato chips inside. Just about everything that was up for bids was used stuff donated by the church members. Every time some household item went on the auction block, Mom would whisper to Dad, "That looks like something I threw out last week." If Nanna and Babbononno were there, Nanna would whisper the same thing in Italian. Looking back, I guess we were the lucky ones.

Those summer events lasted for a few years until we kids went off to work, college or joined the military. At the same time, our grandparents began passing away and our folks got older and everyone became more serious about life in general. I guess that's the way it goes.

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by  
Marianna  
Bisignano



In Italy, lamb dishes maintain their allure year-round, surpassing seasonal boundaries and finding a place at both everyday meals and grand celebrations. From the classic *Abbacchio al Forno alla Romana*, where succulent young lamb is roasted to perfection, to the comforting *Agnello Brodetto* stew, lamb's versatility shines through. Grilled *Agnello Scottadito*, with its crispy exterior and tender meat, or the rustic charm of skewered *Arrosticini*, each dish symbolizes the richness of Italian culinary traditions.

In my family, Easter and special occasions often called for a leg of lamb, its aroma filling the air with anticipation. Yet, the simplicity of lamb chops, accompanied by potatoes and onions, graced our table throughout the year. Both iterations offered equally delightful flavors, leaving the choice between them to personal preference. In the end, whether amid the festivities of Easter or in the quietude of everyday meals, lamb remains a cherished centerpiece of our culinary heritage!

SICILIAN LEG of LAMB or  
LAMB CHOPS, POTATOES and ONIONS  
*Cosciotto d'Agnello alla Siciliana*  
*o Costolette d'Agnello, Patate e Cipolle*



- 4 pound leg of lamb or 5 to 6 pounds of lamb chops  
4 to 5 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced in half (only if making a leg of lamb)  
6 large vidalia onions, sliced  
6 to 8 large potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 to 2 cups olive oil  
1 large lemon, juiced  
1 to 1½ cups white wine  
Sicilian dry oregano  
2 sprigs rosemary  
sea salt and freshly ground pepper

For a leg of lamb, preheat oven to 325°, and for lamb chops, preheat to 375°.

In a large bowl, add the sliced onions and potatoes. Drizzle with olive oil, add salt and pepper, and toss to evenly coat Pour this mixture into the roasting pan.

If making a leg of lamb, wash the meat, pat dry and trim away any excess fat. Using a sharp knife, cut slits all over the lamb in order to insert the garlic slices. Take the garlic and place the slices in the meat, deep enough so they do not come out while cooking. Take small amounts of rosemary sprigs and place into the meat slits as well (careful not to use too much or the rosemary will overpower the flavor of the meat). Take some olive oil and gently massage all over the lamb. Place the lamb on top of the onion potato mixture and pour the lemon juice and white wine over it. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and a generous amount of Sicilian oregano. and bake covered for about an hour, periodically basting the lamb with its own juices. At the hour mark, uncover and continue baking and basting (this creates a crust) for approximately 45 minutes more or until the internal temperature reads 135/140. Remove from the oven and cover with foil for about 30 minutes before serving.

If making lamb chops, follow the steps above for the potatoes/onions and add the lamb chops to this mixture. Add a good amount of olive oil and about a cup of white wine, and toss together. Add salt, pepper and a generous amount of Sicilian oregano. Bake uncovered at 375° for about an hour or until cooked. Remove from the oven and cover with foil for about 15 minutes before serving.

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## Arriving at Periera

My first impression of Periera was of a typical Colombian city, although it was already colder than the ones I had visited. I knew I was in the foothills of the Andes, however, and in the center of the so-called Coffee Axis. One of the advantages of hiring a driver is the opportunity to observe the city that will be your home for the short amount of time ahead of you. I had arranged for the driver I had met briefly last year in Bucaramanga (about a ten-hour drive from Periera) to meet me at Matecaña International Airport and we had little trouble finding him.

Periera, the capital of Risaralda, is the largest city I've visited in Colombia (apart from a drive through Bogota in 2012) but it maintains many of the subtle features of other Colombian cities and towns.

Before reaching Hotel Reserve Monarca in Salento we made a stop at Victoria, one of three shopping malls in Periera. It is a three-level building with a movie theater, casinos, arcades and a food court offering the standard fare represented through national staples along with a McDonald's, Subway and a Dunkin'. We tried a place called Sayonara which, despite the name, is not a Japanese establishment (that was represented in the food court by Sarku Japan). Rather, Sayonara offered burgers and sandwiches with a local flavor. I had but one misfortune here that served as a reminder of the need to prepare. I went to use the bathroom by the food court only to find that the toilet paper needed to be purchased in a vending machine next to the bathroom. It only accepted coins and I only carried paper currency. I tried making change in one of the arcades but the staff carried none. Finally, I had to purchase an ice cream at McDonald's Posters (as the McDonald's in the mall is called as it offers desserts exclusively) and was finally able to use the bathroom.

I was just in time for the mall closed soon after with some of the exits barricaded by security (a standard practice to funnel people out to prevent theft) and

we began our way to Salento. Once away from the city's darkness is broken in Colombia only by the faint lanterns of isolated farm houses and the occasional roadway shop.

I began conversing with our driver about local politics. He mentions his reluctance to discuss Colombian politics with other Colombians and this seemed to me his opportunity to express his dismay, albeit tepidly. He expressed dismay at the election of President Gustavo Petro which took Colombians by surprise two years earlier. Few Colombians, he said, would have guessed that a former guerrillero would be elected president and I couldn't help but make the comparison to the election of Chile's Salvador Allende in 1970 which startled some Chileans but also the United States officials who, up to then thought they were making headway into eradicating Marxism in Latin America.

"Elections are coming up in your country too," our driver asked me.

"Yes. My country is very divided now," was my response. "In our way we have a hard time discussing politics. Even within the two main parties there is division."

"Donald is stronger," the driver observed.

"Perhaps, but with the legal cases against him who knows what will happen."

After a drive through the darkened fields the car made a turn on the highway and turned into a rocky road with a few abandoned barns. Winding up a small hill the glow from the Hotel Reserva Monarca illuminated the entryway. We were greeted at the gate by a hotel worker. Our driver said he was bringing guests and we were allowed through.

The Hotel Reserva Monaraca is a modern rustic hotel surrounded by flower gardens impossible to appreciate in the darkness. What I took initially to be a pool was instead a moat in the gardens upon which sat a bar and restaurant frequented by international guests. The hotel gets its name for its butterfly motif and each room, the clerk at the desk informed me, was color-coded and named



after a different species of butterfly. Indeed, nature, especially insects, abound in the surroundings and often make its way into the room. On our first two nights I had to eradicate bugs from behind the bed. This is but a minor inconvenience, however, to the privilege of being surrounded by the local flora.

The hotel is deceptively humble and offers few frills (no laundry service is perhaps the only one I would gripe about), but the daylight brought surprises. At dawn the magnificent vistas came to life in all their colorful glory. A natural paradise was revealed.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **June 01, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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Todisco Services, Inc.  
Run dates: 05/17, 05/24, 5/31/2024

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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**Docket No.  
MI24P1950GD MI95P4814GR  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the matter of  
STEVEN ONESSIMO  
of Waltham, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Department of Developmental Serv of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Steven Onessimo** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Susan Braus, Esq. of Hingham, 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 **June 11, 2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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**Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 14, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

### • Less Friendly (Continued from Page 3)

reality, it was social media that allowed so many of us to stay connected during the pandemic and stem the fear of isolation.

I often wonder if the state of the economy, over the past two years, has played a part in people's behavior. It's not inconceivable that as prices began to increase, in all aspects, including housing, fuel, food and other essentials, people became much more stressed and edgy. Could this be when the smiles and pleasantries dropped off? It surely isn't out of the realm of possibility. Think about it, when you're in the supermarket trying to maneuver the shopping cart, and someone squeezes by without acknowledging or saying "excuse me", doesn't that make you stop and wonder why? I could think of many similar examples to reference, but it still doesn't excuse the lack of common courtesy and

rudeness that I witness regularly, from all age groups.

It's sad to think that values such as good manners, respectful greetings, and personal acknowledgements have fallen by the wayside.

I hope at some pint we all see society inch back to embracing the pleasantries so many of us have been taught along with the respectful gestures that have been instilled into so many of us and that we enjoy expressing and receiving. I will always appreciate a person holding opening a door for me, just as I would for them, offering a smile and nod of a head and receiving one back. While they seem to be nothing more than simple and basic gestures, they are truly much more. They are what binds and connects us as a civilized and tolerant society. Let's all hope that is truly realized before it's too late.

## LETTERS POLICY

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### 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.  
MI24P2515GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the matter of  
ROSEMARIE JONES  
of Watertown, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Mount Auburn Hospital of Cambridge, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Rosemarie Jones** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Jonathan Davey of Quincy, 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 **June 05, 2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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**Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 08, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

**Docket No. MI24P2516PM  
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  
ROSEMARIE JONES  
Of Watertown, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Mount Auburn Hospital of Cambridge, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Rosemarie Jones** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jonathan Davey of Quincy, 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 **June 04, 2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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**Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 08, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

international flight from Mexico to Seattle two weeks ago, kicking and backhanding her mid-flight before shaking her “like a ragdoll” as passengers looked on. The mom was charged with child endangerment after the chaotic May 1st flight.

Target to Hit Pride this Year

Target plans to cut LGBTQ+-themed merchandise from some of its stores during Pride Month this June, Bloomberg reported after a backlash hit sales last year.

Japan Recalls Bread After Rat Remains Found

Loaves of bread have been taken off store shelves in Japan after remains believed to be rat were apparently baked into the bread. Production was halted at a Tokyo factory, with 104,000 packages being recalled. The company apologized and promised compensation. According to Japanese media sources, at least two customers found a rodent in their bread. The company also makes rolls, bagels, and muffins.

Pols Want “Order at Border”

U.S. Reps. Tom Suozzi, D-NY and Brian Fitzpatrick, R-PA urged President Biden to end asylum abuses and “bring order to the border” through executive action. They joined forces to demand the White House crackdown on cartels profiting from the U.S. border crisis — and extend legal work permits to more than 1 million undocumented people in the country as the spouses of U.S. citizens. “Americans want action. Congress has failed to act, and

we now need the president,” stated Suozzi.

Haters Kan’t Spell

Protesters at the University of Ottawa in Canada are being ridiculed online after campus graffiti misspelling “Palestine” was featured in a new anti-Israel song by rapper Macklemore.

“Dear Pro-Palestine Students, If you are going to support Palestine at least learn how to spell it,” British influencer Oli London wrote on X about the spray-painted words including in the rapper’s Hind’s Hall music video. Others called for student protesters to be sent “back to high school for spelling.”

The University of Ottawa declined to comment on the graffiti and in a statement said “the school is committed to ensuring student safety on campus.”

End Quote

“I travel around the world, other world leaders, know what they all say, 80 percent of them, you gotta win. My democracy is at stake.”

— Joe Biden

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. MI24D0974DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
ELIZABETH LUPOLI  
vs.  
SAMUEL LUPOLI

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.  
The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Elizabeth Lupoli, 23 Boxwood Drive, 204, Littleton, MA 01460 your answer, if any, on or before June 07, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 26, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI24D0988DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
ALISA SATNURUGS  
vs.  
SOROS PROMNOK

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage B.  
The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Louis Steven Haskell, Esq., Attorney at Law, 16 Pine St., Suite 2, Lowell, MA 01851 your answer, if any, on or before June 17, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 06, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex Division  
Docket # 23W1549  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
VALQUIRIA SANTIAGO MONTEIRO  
Plaintiff(s)  
v.  
DARIO D. REIS Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) Dario D. Reis  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s) Valquiria Santiago Monteiro seeking a Complaint for  
You are required to serve upon Valquiria Santiago Monteiro or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 9 Auburn Street, Apt. 2, Lowell, MA 01852 your answer on or before 7th day of June 2024.  
If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852.  
Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of April 26th, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court  
Run date: 05/17/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI24P2331EA  
Estate of  
DIRCK TEN BROECK BORN  
Date of Death: March 14, 2024  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Emelie S. Born of Cambridge, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Emelie S. Born of Cambridge, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 05/17/2024

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
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Docket No. MI24P2262EA  
Estate of  
ROBERT B. MCCARTHY  
Also Known As  
ROBERT B. MCCARTHY, SR.  
and ROBERT MCCARTHY  
Date of Death: December 06, 2022  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Dorothy F. McCarthy of Watertown, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Dorothy F. McCarthy of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 05/17/2024

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Verlander Looking Every Bit His Age

The New York Yankees embarrassed Justin Verlander. Alex Verdugo took Verlander deep for a three-run homer in the bottom of the first. Verlander looked every bit his 41 years, as he gave up three homers and seven runs- all earned- in five innings. Those earned runs were the most allowed since 2017. The three homers were the most since the Yankees hit four against him on September 1 of last season.

Malden High Baseball Coach Reaches 400-Win Milestone

Winningest high school coach Steve Freker is one of only 40 statewide with 400 high school baseball coaching victories. Malden’s victory over Everett, a 10-0 shutout on May 8th was win number 40 for Freker. The coach is an alum who was inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2016, and has coached at both Malden High and Malden Catholic as well as at Saugus High for a total of 39 years.

Chelsea RBI League Opens Season

The brand-new Chelsea RBI League under the direction of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club held its opening day ceremonies on April 27th on the baseball field at the Mary Burke School Complex. Former Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen, who was a member of the 2007 Red Sox World Series Championship

team , threw out the first pitch of the season. Delcarmen grew up in Hyde Park and starred on the West Roxbury high school baseball team.

This Past Sunday Twins Keep Winning

On Sunday, May 12, the Twins won again as Carlos Santana whacked a three-run homer and pitcher Bailey Ober matched his career high by striking out 10 over 6 1/3 shut-out innings, and the Twins after this victory have now been winners in 17 games out of the last 20 games. The Twins have now won six consecutive series for the first time since September 2010.

Mickey Mantle’s Bat on Chopping Block

A bat used by Mickey Mantle back in 1957 is about to go on the chopping block at an auction and we are told should be auctioned off for a cool 3 million.

Happy Birthday to ...

Happy birthday to Bobby Heise who just turned 77. He played 11 seasons as an infielder, including 95 games with Boston from 1975-76. Haise was acquired in a trade with the Angels for Tommy Harper and was the team’s utility player for the rest of that ‘75 season.

Pirates Survive Too Many Walks, Win Game 10-9

The Cubs drew six bases-loaded walks in the 15th inning last Saturday, May 11 against the Pirates, the most by a major league team in a single inning in 65 years. The last team to draw that many walks with the bases loaded was the White Sox who had 8 in the 7th inning on April 22, 1959. In this latest walkfest, the Pirates held on to win the game, 10-9.

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. MI24P0026GD  
NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment of  
Guardian of a Minor  
In the interests of  
ARIA N. BRISBON  
of Malden, MA  
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 01/03/2024 by Mary N. Louis of Malden, MA, will be held 07/15/2024 09:00 AM Review Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801 Judge Barbar, Courtroom 3.  
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.  
3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.  
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.  
5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests.  
Date: May 07, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI24P2521PM  
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  
TRONANDEZ EVANS  
Of Watertown, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Watertown Rehabilitation and Nursing of Watertown, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Tronandez Evans is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of June 06, 2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 09, 2024  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/17/2024



# Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN



## Mickey Walker Vs. the Future and the Former King



**Max and Mickey before the Opening Bell**

Mickey Walker adored Jack Dempsey. He thought the Manassa Mauler was the greatest, and he felt he had much in common with the former heavyweight champ when it came to their styles in the ring. Mickey also began to believe he could emulate what Dempsey had accomplished when in with men much bigger than he was.

Walker came to believe he could handle the big men in the same way Dempsey was able to destroy Jess Willard. So, after having won the welterweight and middleweight titles, and having spent time fighting in the light heavyweight division with success, he decided to campaign as a heavyweight with the goal of winning the championship.

In 1930 he scored his first win in the heavier division with a ten-round victory over Johnny Risko. He went on to repeat the win in a rematch with Risko, and then won a decision over Bearcat Wright who outweighed him by 42 pounds. Mickey was starting to realize his dream of becoming like his idol Dempsey.

At this time the heavyweight title was in a bit of a transitional time. Gene Tunney had retired in 1928, and the excitement of the Dempsey/Tunney years had waned. The title had been in limbo for nearly year when Jack Sharkey and Max Schmeling were designated as the two leading contenders and were matched to fight for the vacant championship.

Unfortunately, the fight ended in the 4th round with Schmeling on the canvas claiming he was hit with a low blow by Sharkey. The referee ruled Max the winner and new champion. This left a bad taste in the mouths of the public. The heavyweight title shouldn't be won by a guy wreathing on the canvas.

Sharkey wanted a rematch but agreed to fight Mickey Walker just four weeks later. 6' tall Jack didn't figure he would have much trouble with the 5'7" Walker, but he may have taken his opponent too lightly.

The fight, which took place on July 7, 1931 proved to be tougher than expected for the future heavyweight champion. While Sharkey was never hurt in the fight and went unmarked while Mickey was cut and bleeding at the final bell, the decision was rendered a draw after 15 rounds.

Sharkey had fought a smart fight, but his standing up tall while relying on his jab actually played to Walker's advantage. Mickey was able to come in

under the jab and land with good shots to the body. I'm sure he was feeling like a little Jack Dempsey bobbing and weaving against a much larger opponent.

After the Walker fight, Sharkey would go on to win a fifteen-round decision over Primo Carnera. That win earned him a rematch with Schmeling. Again, their fight ended in controversy with Sharkey winning the title with a split decision. Most at ringside thought Max deserved the win. At this point the boxing fans were longing for the Dempsey era to return.

Meanwhile, Mickey Walker was staying active in the heavyweight division with six wins in seven fights, his only loss being to old rival Johnny Risko.



**Max employs the crouch against Mickey**

He scored victories over King Levnsky, Paulino Uzcudun, Jimmy Maloney, Jack Gagnon, and Salvatore Ruggirello. One more win over a top contender and he would get chance to fight the Boston Gob for the title.

That top contender would be Max Schmeling, the former champ. After having given Jack Sharkey such a tough battle it would be interesting to see how Walker could do against the man who many believed was robbed in his match with the Boston Gob.

The fight took place on September 26, 1932 at the Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island. It is an interesting fight to watch especially when comparing it to Walker's fight with Sharkey. Both Sharkey and Schmeling were bigger than the Toy Bulldog and Schmeling was a bit taller, though when you watch the fights, you might think it was Sharkey who had a greater advantage in height.

The way the two heavyweight champs handled the smaller opponent was quite different. Of course, Sharkey and Schmeling did have different styles while both being superb ring tacticians. The difference being, Max, both by virtue of his style, and the methodical approach he took to the fight, made him much more able to deal with Walker's high-pressure attack.

You see, while Jack fought Mickey from a very orthodox upright stance, Max chose to crouch down with the shorter man. While at first glance this might have seemed foolish, what it did in reality was prevent Walker from coming in under the jabs thrown by Max.

In the first round it could be seen that this fight would



**Walker tries to reach Schmeling with a left hook**

be very different from Walker's battle against Sharkey. Max, keeping his body at an angle and in a crouch was able to stagger Mickey with a right hand just before the bell ending the opening stanza.

In the second round Max staggered Mickey with another right hand. Schmeling was not one to lose his cool so he did not go wild when he had Walker hurt. He stuck to his game plan and stayed calm. In the following rounds Mickey increased the pressure but could not penetrate the German's defense. Meanwhile, Schmeling continued getting the range on Walker with the right hands mixed in with some great combinations.

Walker fought hard in the 6th round boring in ferociously but could not land a solid blow on Max. In the 8th round Schmeling really opened up. Early in the round he landed an explosive right on Mickey's chin. The punch would have flattened any mortal, but Mickey, though staggered, remained on his feet. Max caught him with three more rights and then finally put him on the canvas. Amazingly, Walker got to his feet and continued the battle before being dropped again near the end of the round.

When the former middleweight champ returned to his corner at the end of the round, his manager Jack Kearns looked him over. Seeing his battered face and having just witnessed the beating he was taking he wisely threw in the towel.

Mickey Walker proved time and again he was not only a great fighter, but also one of the most courageous men to step into the ring. He was fearless and confident he could beat any man regardless of size.

It is interesting to compare how Schmeling and Sharkey fought Walker. Both heavyweight champs were pretty evenly matched when they fought each other, but performed quite differently against Walker.

I continue to maintain Max Schmeling is very possibly the most underrated heavyweight champion of all time. He was a brilliant ring tactician who knew well how to combine brains with brawn. You can see this in the way he handled Mickey Walker. He would show this skill brilliantly a few years later when he would kayo Joe Louis.

Schmeling was a thinking man's fighter with a paralyzing punch and a great defense. He deserves more attention and respect.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



**THE KILLER INSTINCT** — As the Celtics enter the latter stages of the 2024 NBA Playoffs, it will be interesting to see how they respond to the increased quality of the competition.

So, how will Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown, Jrue Holiday, Kristaps Porzingis, Derrick White, Al Horford, Payton Pritchard and others respond when the intensity of the action on the floor reaches its highest levels?

Currently, we are rereading *The Killer Instinct*, a book by Bob Cousy published back in 1975. While mostly focused on his coaching days after he retired from the C's, the book also details how "The Houdini of the Hardwood" prepared for big encounters as a player. The example cited was the 1963 NBA Finals.

The Celtics faced the arch-rival Los Angeles Lakers in that one with the sixth game taking place some 3,000 miles away from the Hub on the West Coast.

As the book opens Cousy has just arrived at his hotel room in LA where he locked the door and remained alone inside for the next 36 hours.

"I ordered all my meals sent up," writes the Cooz, "I talked to no one. Didn't answer the phone." He notes that if a Laker player had entered there might have been a physical confrontation.

He points out that "the obvious prerequisite for success is an abundance of talent. But as you rise to higher levels you compete against people who are equally talented. Then you need intensity, a killer instinct that impels you to keep going the extra mile to reach a goal while others slow down or stop."

Cousy points out that "on a basketball court, I had that instinct. I would climb over anyone or anything to succeed, whatever the cost to me or anyone else."

He indicates that he sometimes looked forward to the cost to himself. "I hoped that someone would knock me down, because I played better when I was angry."

He also credits this inner drive for enabling him to become the premier player that he was. "I believe that if I had never had this killer instinct, this inner drive to keep going when others slowed down, I would have been just another of those six-foot guards who wander briefly into the NBA and then disappear without a trace."

That's quite an admission from one of the greatest basketball players that ever took the court. Starting when Holy Cross, his alma mater, won the NCAA Division One National championship in 1947, the Cooz has never looked back. During his 13-year career with the Celtics, he scored 16,890 points (18.9 average), was the NBA assist leader eight times with 6,955 passes to teammates that resulted in scores. He also captured 4,786 rebounds, not bad for one of those "six-foot guards."

And, of course, there have been accolades: a 13-time NBA All-Star, being selected to numerous NBA Anniversary teams (25<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 75<sup>th</sup>), the retirement of his number by the Celtics in 1971. All to be followed to this day by perhaps the greatest reward of all. For Bob Cousy, the living legend, is still with us, dividing his time between Worcester and Florida. In the summer months you may drive out to Worcester and have a conversation with him. He will turn 96 on August 9th.

He also credits legendary Celtics coach Arnold "Red" Auerbach, noting that while just about everyone else called him Red, "I always called him Arnold."

He basically credits the coach with keeping things simple over Cousy's time with the Celtics. "I don't think we ran more than six plays in my 13 years as a Celtic," notes Cousy, saying Auerbach believed that "it's not so much what you do that counts, it is how well you do it. Keep it simple and execute properly."

Oh, and about that long ago April day when Bob Cousy finally did emerge from his hotel room for that game with the Lakers. In what proved to be his final game in a Celtics uniform, Cousy performed admirably in a 112-109 victory over the Lakers that sealed the NBA Championship for the C's in six games.

Cousy hit eight field goals (remember, no three-point shots) and made two foul shots while playing 30 minutes of the 48-minute contest.

After he retired Cousy served as the head coach at Boston College for six seasons. His coaching salary: the grand sum of \$12,000 a year, an amount he describes as "a little higher than the average at that time for an Eastern college basketball coach." He also noted that he had additional income from public relations positions.

Cousy left BC after a half-dozen seasons. His final one was particularly note-worthy, a 24-4 regular season record followed by a trip to the NIT Finals, back when that tournament was more highly regarded than it is today.

He then moved on to coach the Cincinnati Royals (later Kansas-City Omaha Kings) in the NBA for four plus seasons. During the 1969-1970 season he played briefly for the Royals in seven games, none against the Celtics.

But Cousy did not leave the Celtics permanently. After his coaching days concluded he served as a commentator/analyst on game nights for the regional television broadcasts for over a quarter of a century, providing his in-depth knowledge and expertise of the game to new generations of Celtics fans. His last year in that role was the 1998-1999 season.

His most recent award was being honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in a White House ceremony back in 2019.