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**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

Memorial Day 2024

VFW North End Post 144

will be conducting its 'Memorial Day' tradition as follows:

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

Ceremonies: 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

*Prado, Paul Revere Mall (near the Paul Revere Statue),
Hanover Street; and at the Memorial Garden
(behind "The Old North Church")*

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 will conduct its annual Memorial Services to honor and remember the fallen heroes of the North End who served in World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and more recent wars. Following the ceremonies, Veterans will attend Mass at Saint Leonard Church on Hanover Street at Noon.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

*North End Post 144, is now in its 103rd year,
having started in 1921, with WWI Veterans.*

Honoring Memorial Day

by Patti Sartori

For many Memorial Day is the unofficial start to Summer. Some take off for a long weekend escape, fire up the grill for a family cook out, begin the planting season, and other outdoor activities.

But the origin of this day is so much more, with its roots dating back to the post-Civil War era.

A few years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, Decoration Day was established, later to be renamed Memorial Day, as a time for the nation, still healing and rebuilding from the battle, to decorate the graves of the deceased soldiers with flowers. Major General John Logan, declared it would be May 30th, because it was believed flowers all over the country would be in bloom. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, on the Veranda of the Arlington Mansion, once the home of former Confederate General Robert E. Lee, and presided over by various Washington DC Officials, including former Union General Ulysses S. Grant.

Over the years many springtime tributes took place, in all parts of the nation remembering the deceased Civil War soldiers, and while many cities and towns in the North and South, claim to be the location of the first Memorial Day. It wasn't until 1966 when Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y. the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. Businesses closed, flags flew at half-staff and the gravesites of soldiers all over the nation were decorated with American flags, a tradition that still stands today.

After World War I, the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all wars, and in 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it was still often referred to as Decoration Day. It was also designated to take place on the last Monday of May each year, with this day set aside to commemorate the men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly

those who have died in battle and who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in 2000 Congress and the President Bill Clinton signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act" to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States in honor of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3:00 p.m., local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. A Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada encourages, "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

Biden and Trump Agree on Two Debates

June 27th and September 10th

by Patti Sartori

President Biden and former President Trump have finally come to an agreement on two debates tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 27th and Tuesday, September, 10th. There will be no live audience at either debate, at the request of the Biden Campaign.

CNN will host the first debate on June 27th from its Atlanta headquarters, with State of the Union co-hosts Jake Tapper and Dana Bush moderating. The second debate will be hosted by ABC News on September 10th.

The agreement between the two rival campaigns by passed the non-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) which has organized these face offs since the 1988 Presidential election.

Democratic and Republican Presidential nominees have participated in debates every four years since 1976, but have never before met earlier than September, when most Americans are home from summer vacations and after both parties' national political conventions.

Biden posted a challenge on X stating "Donald Trump lost two debates to me in 2020, and now he wants to debate me

again. Well make my day pal. I have received and accepted a debate invite from CNN. Over to you Donald. As you said: anywhere, anytime, anyplace." Trump responded that he would accept Biden's challenge, "I'll be there and I am looking forward to being in beautiful Atlanta. Crooked Joe Biden is the worse debater I have ever faced. Crooked is also the worst President in the history of the U.S. by far," Trump told Fox News.

"It's time for a debate so he can explain to the American people his highly destructive Open Border Policy, new and ridiculous EV mandates, the allowance of Crushing Inflation, High Taxes, and his really WEAK Foreign Policy, which is allowing the World to 'Catch on Fire.' I am ready and willing to debate Crooked Joe at the two proposed times in June and September. I would strongly recommend more than two debates, and for excitement purposes, a very large venue, although Biden is supposedly afraid of crowds, only because he doesn't get them. Just tell me when and I'll be there," Trump posted on Truth Social. "Let's get ready to Rumble!", said

Trump, quoting Michael Buffet, the legendary boxing and wrestling announcer.

The CPD has tentatively scheduled three debates: September 16th in San Marcus, Texas, October 1st in Petersburg, VA, and October 9th in Salt Lake City, Utah. All would be held after the in-person voting has begun.

Biden's campaign chair, Jennifer O'Malley Dillon said Biden "wanted to face off with Trump in a more compressed schedule, early enough to influence early voting, but not so late as to require the candidates to leave the campaign trail in the critical September and October period," she wrote in a letter to CPD.

Trump's team countered by requesting four debates to allow voters to have maximum exposure. We propose a debate in June, a debate in July, a debate in August, a debate in September, in addition to the Vice-Presidential debate, campaign consultants Chris LaVita and Susie Wiles wrote to Biden's team.

Trump also posted another challenge to Biden on Truth

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Taking the Back to Biden

Students at the historical black Morehead College turned their backs on President Biden during his commencement address this past Sunday. As support for the president among African American voters continued to plunge.

Clawing Time for Red Lobsters

Red Lobster abruptly closed at least 50 restaurants nationwide recently including a dozen in New York and New Jersey blindsiding the company's employees. The chain has 649 locations nationwide but has not yet

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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 III



During this time in old Rome, serious fires were everyday occurrences. Wealthy persons had much to lose, consequently they kept trained slaves to watch over their personal treasures as well as their real estate. The poor tenement dweller lived in constant fear of being roasted alive (actually roasted dead) in the middle of the night. For what it was worth, the only compensating factor was that the poor had little or nothing to lose and were able to quickly clear out all of their meager belongings. The wealthy certainly could not stuff all of their possessions into one bundle. They had their statues, curios, art objects of every description and also their furniture. If you think that things were bad, there's more.

Normally darkness fell over the city like a great sinister and menacing shadow. Residents hurried home to barricade themselves inside, shops were closed, flowerpots were taken in from the windowsills, shutters were locked and doors were bolted. Wealthy persons went out with reluctance and were accompanied by their slaves who carried torches to light the way and protect their masters. Squads of "Vigils" patrolled each sector but the same problem prevailed then as it does today; too much to do

and too few to do it. Ordinary people were very reluctant to venture out at night, and it was said, "only fools did so without first making out their wills." Additional research seems to indicate that this was the case in the areas away from the main streets.

At the crack of dawn each day, things really started to happen. The shops (tabernae) were crowded soon after the doors were unbolted. Street vendors and hawkers sold or bartered their wares, barber chairs were already placed in the middle of the sidewalks and razors were being stropped in anticipation of the first victims. Young students and their teachers took their places under some convenient awning or shelter (the little red schoolhouse was still a way off), gold dust beaters and blacksmiths pounded their mallets and the pungent aroma of the piping hot "salciccia" was everywhere. A whole mass of humanity shouted, thrust and squeezed their way through the narrow streets. The pickpockets and cheap feel artists loved every minute of it. This is probably the place and time that gave birth to the famous "pizzico Romano."

NEXT WEEK:
The Vigils of Old Rome,
Part IV

New Poll Shows Increase in Voters Who View Massachusetts on Wrong Track

The Retailers Association recently released poll shows an increasing number of Massachusetts voters view the state headed down the wrong path, along with a drop in elected officials approval ratings. Approximately 48% of the respondents said the state is moving in the right direction, down from 59% in a similar poll taken for the business group last year, and 39% say the state is on the wrong track, up from 29%.

The poll showed favorable opinions of Governor Maura Healey falling to 54% from the

60% last year. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu also saw a decline in favorability from 53% the previous year to 47% in this survey. However, a poll taken of registered voters last month, put Wu at 57%, with these voters feeling she is doing a good job.

Cost of living concerns continue to dominate, especially rental and housing costs, food prices, fuel, affordability of health care and overall economy anxiety.

The poll also showed large support in cuts to the state 6.25% sales tax and local

property tax, with 49% support to maintain the state's 5% income tax, and 39% saying it should be cut.

When asked about the state's government spending, 34% said state lawmakers spend too much, 31% said government spends the right amount and 22% said not enough is spent.

Ernest Paicopolos of Polity Research Consulting, in Andover, was the agency that conducted the poll, and surveyed 600 registered Massachusetts voters between April 17th through 22nd.

Update on Suffolk Downs Development

Tom O'Brien of HYM Development provided an update on the Suffolk Downs development project during a special meeting of the Revere City Council last Monday evening. The council hoped to obtain a sense of the developments progress and learn how new growth revenue might assist in funding a new Revere High School.

Last month HYM announced pre-leasing had begun at Amaya, a 475 unit building that will include over 34,000 square feet of amenities and 32,000 square feet of ground level retail space on the Revere side of the project. This will be the first building to open at the Revere/East Boston development.

O'Brien reminded the council members the site was acquired by HYM in 2017 and together, with a group of investors, has raised and spent over \$55 million on the site.

The first new building in the site is being completed, and the first units will be delivered in June. This is a \$250 million dollar building. Another \$300 million has been spent on the

site acquisition, and infrastructure including roads, water and sewer and parks.

"We feel good about where we are. It's no secret there have been challenges in the economy this year. Interest rates went up significantly since 2023." Even so, O'Brien confirmed the next building will be ready to go later this year.

The council is due to vote on funding a new high school at its May 20th meeting. The bulk of the funding for the new school is predominantly earmarked from the Suffolk Downs revenue. The 161-acre Suffolk Downs project in Revere and East Boston is slated to host 10 million square feet of residential space, 45,000 square feet of retail space, 400,000 square feet of hotel space and 40 acres of open space. According to a previous presentation in January, 2023 by Chief Financial Officer Richard Viscay, Revere was told to expect \$40 million in revenue from the Suffolk Downs Project.

O'Brien stated the developers did expect occasional recessions during the 20-year build

out of this project. "From a commercial real estate perspective, commercial real estate is in a recession right now. If you look at the City of Boston there are few starts of new commercial or large residential buildings. We have a building we are delivering now and we have the next building in which we have spent \$10 million to design and prepare to get that building into the ground."

The first building has 9 retail spaces, with 7 letters of intent from businesses looking to occupy the spaces.

O'Brien assured the council that even with the recent economic challenges, the site was acquired with a very stable group of investors, estimating 50% of the initial 4 phase development is either under construction or designed. O'Brien estimated that when all phases of this development is complete over the next decade, more than \$10 billion in capital will have been raised and spent.

"This is a huge investment for everybody, and our intention is to build this out," O'Brien reiterated.

Americans to Carry Fewer Credit and Debit Cards in their Wallet

Wallets and pocketbooks may soon be getting lighter. Visa just announced changes to how credit and debit cards will now operate in the U.S. moving forward. The new features will result in Americans carrying fewer physical cards in their wallets and will make the current 16-digit credit or debit card number printed on each card pretty much obsolete.

These will be some of the biggest changes to how payments are made in the U.S. since chip embedded cards were introduced a few years ago. Americans currently have many options to pay for purchases including buy now, pay later, person to person payment options, paying directly from a bank, or digital systems such as Apple Pay.

Mark Nelson, Visa's Global head of consumer payment believes "we're getting past the point where consumers may never need to enter an account ever again." The biggest change headed for Americans will be the ability for banks to issue one physical card that can be connected to multi bank accounts, meaning no more carrying a Bank of America or

Chase debit card as well as their respective physical credit cards in their wallets. Americans will be able to request purchases below \$100.00 or with a specific merchant be applied toward the debit card while other purchases can go on a credit card. This feature is already being used in Asia and will be available in the U.S. this summer. Buy now/pay later company Affirm, is the first of Visa's customers to offer this option in the U.S. Some of these new visa options are to counter on line payment fraud, which is estimated to occur seven times

more often on line than in person.

Other features expected by Visa are changes to tap to pay methods. Americans will be able to tap their credit or debit cards to their smart phones to add it to their mobile wallet instead of using the smart phone camera to scan in the card's information. Visa will also implement approving transactions, similar to apple devices, using a finger or face scan to approve payments.

These features will all take time for the individual banks to decide when or what to offer their customers.

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In Remembrance of Memorial Day

Perhaps many of our North End Historical Society members remember reading the December 7th newsletter that recognized the many signs on street corners that honored past war time veterans from the North End who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

That newsletter inspired one of our own members, Peggy Fucillo, to pursue honoring her Uncle, Angelo R. Polcari, who served in WWII and was killed in action.

Peggy sought the help of Veterans Affairs from the City of Boston to dedicate and honor her uncle with a plaque on the street of his birth.

I am pleased to share with you that Peggy's quest to honor him was accomplished. Here is her story of her Uncle Angelo!

Sincerely,

Tom Damigella, President North End Historical Society

THE NAME ON THE WALL

by Peggy Fucillo



I didn't know him. I saw his name engraved on the wall at the Prado, and I fell apart. Is that it, that's all I have? His three brothers are gone, I have only two cousins left from this family. Their father, who was like a father to me and my daughter's Grandpa Uncle Tony in every way possible, could never talk about the name on the wall. It was his youngest brother's name, Angelo R. Polcari, 2LT. KIA WWII. I wanted to know more about this name, my uncle who died before I was born, but Uncle Tony only said "he never came home".

I decided to find out about my Uncle Angelo who died in Italy in 1945. I assumed that he must have been killed in Northern Italy as it was the end of the war and the Germans were retreating. I knew from gently prodding my Uncle Tony, that his brother was also serving as a Translator and that he was at the battles of Anzio and Monte Cassino. However, that was all the information I had. I started my research right after Veteran's Day last year. Uncle Angelo needed to be heard, his valor and dedication needed to be recognized and honored. He was more than a name on the wall.

I had no idea where to start. I think Vito Aluia told me to call Veteran's Affairs at Boston City Hall. I did, but I wasn't too optimistic until someone actually answered the phone! That someone was named Karen and I will always be in her debt. She accessed records that were available and told me Uncle Angelo had died on April 17, 1945, was in the 351st Regiment and he was buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery. She informed me of a program Veterans Services has to

honor Veterans Killed In Action, named "Hero Square" and she even helped me fill out the form to request this tribute for my Uncle. Karen was very compassionate as I broke down in tears a few times. I would have to write a short biography of a young man I never knew, who died at the age of 23, before I was born. I did the best I could and my two cousins helped.

Uncle Angelo's Hero Square Ceremony was held on Saturday May 11, 2024, on the corner of Sheafe and Salem Street in the North End. He has a sign with a gold star and his name and rank and a plaque which contains all his information. He would no longer be a name on the wall.

With this part of my mission over, I was determined to find out how and why Uncle Angelo was killed? The end of the War in Italy would be only a week away. I posted on various Facebook pages, requesting information on Angelo R. Polcari, noting what little information I had. Amazingly I got replies! One from a person in Revere whose uncle had served in the 351st and that led me to the 88th Infantry Division. They were the main U.S. forces with the Allied Powers in Italy. And yes, the 350th Regiment was a part of the Blue Devils as the 88th Infantry Division was called. There was also a book about The 88th, which I bought on Amazon. The 88th even had a Facebook Page and I immediately posted on that. I got some hits. One message was from a man from Bologna, Italy! This man actually knew about the battle fought there along the Po River. "If he was in the 350th, he highly likely died on April 17th during the capture of

Monterumici, which along with Mount Adone and Mount Sole, was one of the key features of the German defense south of Bologna." I cried when I read his post. There is also a web site that has a log of the day-to-day operations of the regiments of the 88th. April 17, 1945 was the day that the 350th suffered the most casualties. It was the last battle of the war in Italy, called The Spring Offensive. This log confirmed that the Germans had mined the ground behind them as they retreated. Digesting all this information, I came to realize that this was the cause of my Uncle's death.

But I didn't stop there. I was able to obtain through Veterans Services a list of some medals and commendations my Uncle was awarded and even had more people message me on Face Book with newspaper articles telling me of other medals he received. My cousins and I do not have any of the medals or commendations. However, I am able to get replicas through a government agency, which I will frame and display. Uncle Angelo will not just be a Name On The Wall any longer.

Medals Uncle Angelo received among others:

- Purple Heart
- World War 2 Victory Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- Army Presidential Unit Citation
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Combat Infantryman's Badge for action against the enemy on the 5th Army front in Italy.
- Bronze Star Medal

There are many people that are posting on sites to find out information about their loved ones. I hope my journey will give them comfort and that their search, though heartbreaking, will not be in vain.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Celebrating Splendid Summer

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



I can feel hope and freedom crackling through the air, wafting through the bright green leaves that wave in the trees. I can taste the succulent flavors of a summer day whenever I bite into a tart strawberry or the creamy piece of a rhubarb cake, leaping like sunshine in my mouth. An electric sort of anticipation runs through my body as warm air drifts in through the window of my classroom and I eagerly count how many days are left until the school year ends. Summer feels especially palpable this week because Monday is Memorial Day — perhaps there are no more relaxing words in the English language than “long weekend.” Memorial Day is a holiday that reminds me of many wonderful sensations simultaneously: the sticky-sweet smell of barbecue, evening sunlight peeking through green trees, the laughter of family and neighbors at cookouts, an American flag waving in the breeze. Besides Memorial Day, May also hosts myriad traditional Italian holidays honoring everything from trees to fish. Collectively, these holidays introduce the bright, long days of summer with communal gatherings and friendly traditions.

Memorial Day arrives on May 27th this year. A patriotic holiday, Memorial Day differs from the height-of-summer fanfare that characterizes the Fourth of July. Instead, it focuses more on reflection and the intimate gatherings of family and friends. There is a sense of hope and renewed expectation

on Memorial Day, as people step out into the summer for the first time, shedding away their cares as they enjoy the warm breezes that ruffle the leaves and the glowing sunshine. Memorial Day always reminds me of images of vintage Americana: blueberry pies sitting on checkered tablecloths, flags gently waving in the breeze, the curl of smoke rising above a barbecue grill, umbrellas dotting the bright-blue ocean shore. The long weekend of Memorial Day has long been considered the unofficial start of summer, when people emerge to take their vacations and a relaxed sense of joy permeates the air. However, it is also important to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day: that all of these summer joys we take for granted would not be possible without the brave sacrifice of the men and women who died for our country. I remember spending a quiet Memorial Day weekend evening years ago watching incandescent green-gold fireflies blink in and out of the dark trees in my backyard, while the melodious notes of a classic rock song played from some far-off barbecue. This moment epitomized both the simple summer pleasures and the nostalgic sense of memory that typify this holiday. This Memorial Day, I plan to spend time with my family, eating my corn pudding and summer fruit crisp. As I experience the delights of the season, I will remember to be grateful to those whose courage paved the way for the very freedoms I am enjoying.

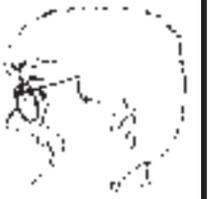
The desire to congregate outdoors to revel in the pleasures of food, family and community extends even to Italy, where a plethora of May holidays offer some of the same summertime delights as Memorial Day. On May 8th, in the town of Vetralla, located in the central province of Lazio, people decorate two oak trees with garlands and ribbons, and offer them bouquets of fresh spring flowers. Later, the citizens plant new trees, and everyone enjoys an outdoor picnic. This Wedding of the Trees, or *Sposalizio dell'Albero*, recalls holidays like May Day which revel in the rebirth and fertility of nature. Meanwhile, in the Ligurian fishing village of Camogli, citizens honor the sixth-century Italian bishop Fortunato di Todi with a seafood banquet held on the second Sunday of the month. The festival begins the night before with a fireworks display and bonfires. The next day, people feast on fried fish. As summer approaches, I think of days by the beach enjoying a clam bake or seafood platters as the smell of ocean water and the gentle rush of waves overwhelms me, a feeling encapsulated in this maritime holiday. Finally, flowers rule at the Infiorata di Noto festival in Sicily, which occurs on the third weekend of May. Artists receive allotted portions of the Via Nicolaci Street to create elaborate mosaics made from flower petals. The result is a burst of bright colors and intricate artwork that bring a sense of joviality and springtime freshness to the city. When the festival is over, children are allowed to run through the mosaics, scattering petals everywhere. This colorful end to the feast reminds us that things sometimes become more beautiful precisely because they do not last forever — all the more reason to enjoy spring and summer while they are here!

Memorial Day and folkloric Italian May holidays both provide ample opportunities to revel in the summer weather. Enjoy a cookout or stroll by the cool waters of the ocean, pack a picnic to eat under the shade, or bite into a juicy ripe strawberry. No matter how you choose to celebrate, remember that summer is a season characterized by vibrant life. Similarly, approach all your days with the same gusto and optimism as you would a long weekend. If it is one thing that summer teaches us, with its shimmering sunlight and crowns of vegetation waving gaily through the trees, it is that there is always room in life for joy, nature and love.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Fake Media Continues to Play Their Mind Games on Us

The latest news about the upcoming two presidential debates to be aired on CNN and ABC News is so full of crap. President Biden, when push came to shove, decided to step around the presidential debate commission and conclude with two friendly media sources where it appears Trump had little if any input. Biden didn't want a live audience, so there is no live audience. The networks will be able to mute the mics of both candidates at will. I also heard Biden wants the candidates to do the whole debate format sitting in chairs.

I am thinking, with a Biden-created debate why should anyone be watching it or listening to the answers from either candidate?

Trump will need to take a stand on this farce of a debate, first on CNN and then on ABC News. I know Trump has a lot of stuff taking place that is pretty much election interference. While Biden crisscrosses around the country at one campaign event after another whenever he wishes to do so, Trump is stuck in a courtroom, trapped

in a game of law fare on the part of Alvin Bragg and a judge who seems just a bit too biased for me. The other side wants to throw away the key and lock him up without even telling the crime he is being charged with. Democracy is at stake right now and the Democrats seem intent on destroying democracy in order to save it.

Whenever Trump can, he holds massive rallies because most of us know this is all a scam. The more they persecute him, the higher his poll numbers rise. This year, it looks like the election is looking very good for Trump. It's the *Flight of the Phoenix* all over again with Donald Trump playing the role played by Jimmy Stewart in that great old movie.

Listen, if my voice could reach Trump's ear, I would tell him to stand up for the whole debate. If Biden wants to sit on the job let him. Biden will be forced to stand, the optics of being glued to a chair won't work. It will be obvious to all of us which candidate is ready for round two and which candidate needs to return to his comfy basement hideout.

Biden Claims Victory on Inflation

Are Americans Buying It?

The most recent Consumer Price Index (CPI) report shows inflation has slowed slightly, while prices continue to rise 4% for the year, indicating more trouble ahead, not less. President Biden took this opportunity to claim another victory on this issue, declaring “fighting inflation and lowering cost is my top economic priority.” The Biden Campaign wants you to believe we have won the battle. But how can we trust him when our economy and its people have lost 20% of purchasing power in the U.S. dollar since he has taken office. The CPI in April came in 3.4% higher than this time last year and consumer confidence is at its lowest level since July, 2022 when inflation was a staggering 8.5%.

The Labor Department reported the producer price index is rising at a rate of 6% per year, a warning of increasing prices. When CNN pointed out to Biden in a recent interview that his administration is overseeing the highest rate of inflation since the Nixon years, a rise of 30% in grocery prices, Biden became defensive and shrugged it off claiming, “consumers have the money to spend.”

According to Biden, “shrinkflation,” adjusting for inflation by selling smaller products for the same price, is more deceptive than anything his administration has subjected

the American people to. The President's thought is to lower inflation and fix the economy with false truths hoping the American people are gullible enough to fall for them.

On more than one occasion, the President has stated the rate of inflation was at 9% when he assumed office, when in reality the rate was 1.4%. Given this claim can be so easily fact checked, and has been, it makes one wonder if Biden really is suffering from a false sense of reality or does he truly expect voters to believe his imaginative rhetoric.

The average monthly mortgage payment has doubled since Biden took office with interest rates at a 23-year high since last July. Wall Street is hoping the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates but Jerome Powell isn't budging. Most people have given up the dream of owning a home according to the New York Federal Reserve survey released last week. The working class and middle class are racking up more debt and spending their savings as credit card balances soar. Instead of cutting spending or lowering the interest rate the Biden administration is offering \$400.00 per month, over the next two years, to first time home buyers. The fear from many is the temporary hand out will help people pay for homes they could not otherwise afford. And we all know how that ended last time.

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ITALIAN ROCK STAR ZUCCHERO TOURS OUR NORTH END!

World famous Italian Rock Star Zucchero Fornaciari's tour landed in Boston recently for a sold-out concert at Boston's Colonial Theater! The evening prior to the show, Zucchero and his entourage along with local Boston tenor Jimmy Bono Geany and longtime New England Boxing Promoter Al Valenti sat down for an Italian dining "feast" at Ristorante Saraceno on Hanover Street in Boston's Little Italy! As is the custom in Italy, after dinner, Zucchero and company enjoyed a "Bella Passeggiata" (evening stroll) along Hanover Street where Singer Jimmy Bono Geany provided Zucchero with a historical tour of the Italian history of the North End explaining how the Italian immigrants from the region of Campania (Napoli, Avellino, etc.) settled to the westside of the North End (with Hanover Street being somewhat of a dividing line), while the Sicilians settled on the east-side and of our once thriving Sicilian fishing port made up mainly of Sicilian fishermen from the town of Sciacca. Zucchero enjoyed the brief tour and absolutely fell in love with our North End just as so many have!



(L-R): World Famous Italian Rock Star Zucchero along with Boston Tenor Jimmy Bono Geany



(L-R): New England Boxing Promoter Al Valenti, Franco Pezzano, owner of Ristorante Saraceno, Zucchero's manager Laura, Italian Rock Star Zucchero, Local Singer Jimmy Bono Geany, and Mike McCarthy of Meet Boston.

Savor the Flavor:

St. Anthony Pasta Dinner

Returns to Sacred Heart Church East Boston for Annual Fundraiser

Get ready to enjoy a delicious pasta and meatball dinner and support a good cause at the St. Anthony Pasta Dinner, returning to Sacred Heart Church for its annual fundraising extravaganza on June 13th. The evening includes:

- A solemn Mass at 5:30 p.m.

- Procession with the statue of St. Anthony at 6:15 p.m.

- Dinner, music, and raffles at 6:30 p.m. This event promises an evening of culinary delights, music, and fun-filled raffles

The St. Anthony Pasta Dinner has become a beloved tradition, eagerly anticipated by residents

of East Boston each year. This year's event is no exception, featuring a pasta and meatball dinner with salad and dessert crafted with love and care by Sammy Carlo's

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But the excitement doesn't end there! The event will also feature an array of raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses and supporters. From gift baskets to gift certificates, there's plenty of opportunities to win while supporting Sacred Heart Church's important community initiatives.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 4-12 available by calling 617-567-5776. Don't miss your chance to join us for this memorable evening!

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Get ready to dance all night with our electrifying local classic rock cover band, Take Me Down. This Boston band has been delighting local audiences for close to four years. Join us for a night of timeless hits and nostalgic vibes as we bring the spirit of legendary rock icons to life. We'll have you dancing and singing along all night long.

You must be 21+ to attend. Tickets are available for purchase through following the weekend Masses, on Eventbrite, or by calling the Parish Office at 617-567-5776.

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Prohibition and Boston's West End Museum



On Sunday, June 23rd beginning at 4:00 p.m. — Join the West End Museum for a captivating blend of historical storytelling and live jazz music. Experience the electrifying sounds and rebellious spirit of jazz that echoed through the underground clubs and speakeasies of Boston's West End during the 1920s and 1930s, as cool cat jazz musicians Justin Ouellet (violin) and Justin Piper (guitar) take the stage. *Boston Globe* reporter and author Emily Sweeney will be on hand to shed light on the rise

of speakeasies, the influence of organized crime, and the societal impacts of Herbert Hoover's "noble experiment."

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The West End Museum is located at 150 Staniford Street, Suite 7, Boston, MA 02114, 617-723-2125, www.thewestendmuseum.org

Running the Rocky Road to the Olympics

by Silvio Laccetti



Vincent crosses the finish line in the 2024 U.S. Road Mile Championship



Vincent celebrates after winning the 2024 U.S. Road Mile Championship

He was resting in Phoenix airport waiting for a connecting flight to Los Angeles where he would run an invitational 1500m race in the buildup to this year's Olympic Trials in June. Vincent Ciattei was approaching the end of a long journey that had all the qualities of a "Rocky" movie. His road had been tough, long, beset by obstacles and detours, but he had surmounted all of these, now being so very close to his Olympic dream. But, at 29 years of age, this would likely be his last chance to achieve his ambition.

Curiously, this "sogno" was not born as a childhood obsession. It wasn't till freshman year in high school that Vincent became interested in cross country racing, and this only because he sought to use it to get in shape for his preferred sport, basketball. But in sophomore year, rational analysis of his physical attributes (Vincent was later to receive an engineering degree) indicated his best chance for athletic success was in running sports.

And so began what became a superlative running career at Perry Hall High School in the suburban Baltimore area. During his final 2 years there he became a 7-time State Champion at various distances, and a 2-time First Team New Balance All American in the mile run. Then it was on to Virginia Tech where his excellence achieved new heights. He was a member of the NCAA national championship DMR team; he was a three-time national silver medalist in the 1500/mile distance, and he was a three-time Atlantic Coast Conference champion in the mile/1500. (1500 meters, 4921 ft., is considered the metric mile).

Given his huge successes, passion and enjoyment of running, after graduation Vincent opted for a professional running career instead of what could have been a lucrative one in business/engineering. He joined the Nike Oregon Track Club Elite team (2018-2022). The road ahead looked clear, clean and inviting. But, in his first few days in Eugene, Vincent suffered a very serious stress fracture that laid him up for 5 months and could have ended his career. Suddenly, he was on a "Rocky" road and on a journey like that of Odysseus.

Only through his determination and the dedication of his physical therapist, David Campbell, was Vincent's pro career saved from dying before it had begun. But the obstacles continued. He was running in the time of Covid. The years 2019-2021 were tough traveling. Much of professional sports had been canceled in 2020. Only sporadic, low level track meets were available. It wasn't till 2021 that Vincent got into running rhythm again, compiling enough success to be invited to the 2021 Olympic trials. Again, disaster struck. Right before the championship, he suffered another injury and his run for glory ended short of his goal.

2022 brought more disappointment - with himself and in his training. Was it time to end this Odyssey? No! Emphatically. He persevered, and in April 2023 he won his first major championship, the USATF National Road Mile Championship. Suddenly, at age 28, Vincent's career took flight. Seven of his ten personal best times came between August 2023 and May 2024.

I asked Vincent "Why didn't you give up?" He unhesitatingly replied: "I was so amped up since high school to make running my main focus. During my 2018 rehab with Campbell, I channeled my whole being into it. Despite other difficulties later, I had invested too much of myself in the sport not to carry on towards my Olympic objective. To quit would have been self-betrayal."

He credits his coaches — Marilyn Bevans, Ben Thomas, Mark Rowland, and Stephen Haas — teammates, and trainers for helping him through the toughest times and drawing out and developing his talent. But he credits another major factor in fueling his gritty determination to stay the course- his large family, his Italian American heritage and its values.

The Ciattei family traces its roots to the Trento region in Italy. Vincent says his biggest fans are his family. Many watch or travel to his competitions to support him. He has channeled traditional Italian qualities of hard work, striving for excellence, combined with a never-say-die attitude and a willingness to butt heads when necessary. All of this supports his Olympic journey

So where does Vincent Ciattei stand now. He has this year's 5th best time in the world for the indoor mile at 3:50.56. Barring mishaps, he will be at the Olympic trials in mid-June. At age 29, Vincent knows this has to be the time to realize the dream. He looks forward to competing with the best in America, and like Rocky, ascending that long stairway victoriously.

Silvio Laccetti, Ph.D. is a retired History Professor and a National Columnist

Sometimes the Lyrics Sung are Much More than the Music Played

by Sal Giarratani

Over the past six years, I have become great friends with Tony Wilson from Chicago better known to many as The Young James Brown.

I first saw Wilson on the 50th anniversary of "The Night James Brown Saved Boston" concert.

On April 5, 1968 Brown was scheduled to appear at Boston Garden, except Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had been assassinated the day before the show was to go on.

Brown almost cancelled the show, but was convinced by Boston City Councilor Thomas Atkins and Mayor Kevin White that the show should go on and it did. Boston that year was



Tony Wilson

one of the few major cities that was saved from the violence

in the aftermath of King's assassination.

This year's show was dedicated to innocent victims worldwide and to Darrell Jones who was wrongfully convicted some 38 years ago for a murder he did not commit and served 32 years behind bars.

Wilson also has a mission of his own with every show he does. Wilson's goal is putting a music teacher in every kindergarten and elementary classroom across the country.

This year's show was recently held at the Strand Theatre and was fantastic as usual. Everyone had a great time singing and dancing to the music.

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2024 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

JUNE

SANTA MARIA DIANZANO Mass St. Leonard Church Procession	June 2 10:30 am 1 pm
ST. ANTHONY of PADUA Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts. St. Anthony Vigil Mass - Noon	June 9 1 pm
PADRE PIO PROCESSION (Tentative) Italian Mass St. Leonard Church Procession Only – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 23 10:30 am 1 pm
ST. THERESA SOCIETY Mass St. Leonard Church Procession Only – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 30 10:30 am 1 pm

JULY

MADONNA DEL GRAZIE Mass St. Leonard Church Procession Only – Hanover – Prince Sts.	July 9 10:30 am 2 pm
ST. ROCCO Procession Only – Hanover – Prince Sts.	July 16 1 pm
ST. JOSEPH Procession Only – Hanover – Prince Sts.	July 28 1 pm

AUGUST

ST. AGRIPPINA Hanover & Battery Sts. Opens 7 pm on Thursday Sunday Procession	August 1, 2, 3, 4 12 noon
MADONNA DELLA CAVA Hanover & Battery Sts. Opens 7 pm on Friday Sunday Procession	August 9,10,11 1 pm
MADONNA del SOCCORSO North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's) Sunday Procession 1 pm - Flight of the Angel 8 pm	August 15, 16, 17, 18
SANTA LUCIA Thursday, Feast & Procession Thacher & Endicott Sts.	August 22 5 pm
ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST Endicott & Thacher, N. Margin Sts. Sunday Procession	August 23, 24, 25 12 pm

SEPTEMBER

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

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RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC

at Reagle Music Theatre of Greater Boston, Waltham

Reagle Music Theatre of Greater Boston (RMT), continuing its mission to fuse education and audience entertainment through musical theatre, will bring three timeless and timely classics to the stage for its 55th Season — **Rodgers & Hammerstein's South Pacific** (June 14 - June 23, 2024), **All Shook Up**, inspired by the music of Elvis Presley (July 12 - July 21, 2024), and **An American in Paris** (August 9 - August 18, 2024). All performances are held at the Robinson Theater, 617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA 02452. For more information and tickets, call 781-891-5600 or go online at www.reaglemusictheatre.org.

According to **RMT Artistic Director Rachel Bertone**, "Each musical delves into themes of transformative love as it crosses cultural or societal barriers, exploring the pursuit of personal and collective dreams, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable adversity."

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC

Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
Book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan

June 14 - June 23, 2024

Direction by Rachel Bertone

Musical Direction by David Coleman

Based on *Tales of the South Pacific*, James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of short stories set on a tropical island during World War II, RMT opens its season with *Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific* in celebration of the 75th anniversary of its Broadway opening. An enchanting and venerable musical, *South Pacific* centers on two love stories entangled within global conflict — between U.S. Navy nurse **Nellie Forbush** (Jennifer Ellis*) and French plantation owner **Emile de Becque** (Christopher Chew*) and American naval lieutenant **Joe Cable** (Blake Du Bois) and a young Tonkinese woman, **Liat** (Calico

Velasco). Beyond the passion of romantic love, the formidable **Bloody Mary** (Lisa Yuen*) implores audiences to witness the beauty and lament for a paradise caught in the crossfire of geopolitics beyond its control, evoking contemporary reflection on racial prejudice and the devastation of war on individuals and society.

Directed by RMT Artistic Director **Rachel Bertone**, the *South Pacific* creative team includes **David Coleman** (Music Director), **Janie Howland** (Set Designer), **Frank Meissner Jr.** (Lighting Designer), **Johnny Cagno and Brian Simons of Emerald City Theatrical Costumes** (Costume Designers), **Sebastian Nixon** (Sound Designer), **Angie Jepson** (Intimacy Director) and **Jude Torres** (Cultural Consultant).

With a score including some of its legendary composer's most luscious music ("Some Enchanted Evening," "Bali Ha'i," and "Younger Than Springtime") and fresh, hummable tunes ("There is Nothin' Like a Dame," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," and "Wonderful Guy"), this classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical will resonate with audiences of all ages.

Ages: Recommended 12+ (No children under 5 will be admitted).

Venue: Robinson Theater, 617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA 02452

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION AND HOURS!

Online at reaglemusictheatre.org/tickets, or by phone at 781-891-5600.

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PEPITO Y PAQUITO (2LP Vinyl) BMG

BMG in collaboration with the Paco de Lucia Foundation, has an exclusive recordings agreement with the estate of legendary Spanish flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia. In collaboration with the foundation, BMG has released *Pepito y Paquito*, an album featuring 21 previously unreleased tracks by the young Pepe and his brother Paco de Lucia. The date of the release comes on the 10th anniversary of Paco de Lucia's departure. These recordings are an extraordinary document that reflects the first steps in the career of Paco de Lucia and Pepe de Lucia, and they are already part of the history of flamenco. Dating back to 1959 and 1960, the recordings provide a unique insight into the early musical endeavors of Pepe and Paco at the ages of 13 and 11, respectively. This album is a historic discovery for Spanish cultural heritage and flamenco enthusiasts. GRAMMY-nominated and 4x Latin GRAMMY-winning Paco de Lucia has left an indelible mark on the world of flamenco guitar, transcending the boundaries of the genre. Throughout his career, Paco de Lucia collaborated with musicians such as guitarist Carlos Santana, pianist Chick Corea, and guitarist Al Di Meola. In the 1970s, he forged a significant musical alliance with singer Camarón de la Isla, who is widely credited with catalyzing the emergence of the New Flamenco movement. In their book *Guitar: Music, History, Players*, Richard Chapman and Eric Clapton aptly describe de Lucia as a "titanic figure in the world of flamenco guitar," highlighting his substantial contributions to the evolution of guitar music. Strap yourself in, and get your ears ready to digest these flamenco offerings like never heard before.

JON GORDON - 7th AVE SOUTH (CD) ArtistShare

In the early 1980s, there was no better place for a jazz fan or aspiring musician to hang than Seventh Avenue South in New York City's Greenwich Village. Saxophonist Jon Gordon arrived on that scene in December 1983 and the experience changed his life. He reflects on that cherished time period on his stellar new album *7th Ave South*, which looks back over the four decades that have passed since and the lasting impact that the musical community he found in the Village has made on his life and career. *7th Ave South* begins with a reprise of "Witness," stunningly rearranged for choir and piano trio. It serves as a fanfare for the album, leading directly into the fervent groove of the title track. Drummer Quincy Davis spent a short tenure in Gordon's quartet, and the saxophonist has long wanted to record his "Ponder This," which he does with wordless vocals by Majoko. "Paradox" was originally recorded on 2000's *Possibilities* in a quintet with John Scofield. Erin Propp's winsome voice expresses the intimate emotions of Paul McCartney's delicate melodies on the Beatles'

"Here, There and Everywhere," and graces the vibrant "Visit." The invigorating "Ed's Groove" is named for and inspired by the great Venezuelan pianist Edward Simon. The brief, through-composed "Intro" boldly sets the stage for "Spark," a brisk swinger. The set concludes with a reprisal of "7th Ave South" featuring the choir.

QUESTING BEAST - BIRTH (CD) ArtistShare

An amalgam of fate, time, and space, the *Birth* of the Questing Beast marks a new epoch in an ancient legend. Over the course of 3 years, Shane Malouf-Pieterse and Jane Harris handled guitars and Vox, Christian Kincaid on drums and backing Vox, and Joe Harris delivering lead vocals and keys, carefully constructed a complex fantasy universe and signature sound that brought it to life - grounded in heavy metal, but not confined to any one genre. Rounding out the lineup, QB recruited bass player Chase Bryant from thrash band, Warbinger. Each member's personal influences shine through, incorporating elements of rock, jazz, funk, opera, and more. *Birth* is the first album in a trilogy of planned releases comprising one continuous story. It tells an epic tale of a planet's end, a scornful god, and an inter-dimensional scheme. Each song is from the perspective of a different original character, reflected in dynamic songwriting and lyrical themes. Produced and mixed locally at Mad Oak Studios in Allston, MA, and mastered by Dave Otero, Questing Beast was able to achieve a well-rounded album with a classic yet modern sound. QB has released three singles, "Call of the North"/"At Crater's Edge"/"Beneath Red Leaves" from the album. Don't miss Questing Beast at their album release show: Friday, June 21st at Sammy's Patio in Revere, MA

SYNTHESIS: THE STRING QUARTET SESSIONS (3CD) ArtistShare

Multi-Grammy Award-winning producer Ryan Truesdell has spent the last three years scrupulously curating a new project that is finally ready to be shared with the world. *Synthesis: The String Quartet Sessions* is an epic, 3-CD collection pairing 15 of today's leading large ensemble jazz composers with the timeless instrumentation of the string quartet. The album, to be released on June 21, 2024, features nearly three hours of new music commissioned by Truesdell specifically for this project. The experience and influence of the composers Truesdell assembled span several decades. Joseph Borsellino III, John Clayton, Alan Ferber, Miho Hazama, John Hollenbeck, Christine Jensen, Asuka Kakitani, Oded Lev-Ari, Jim McNeely, Vanessa Perica, Rufus Reid, Dave Rivello, Nathan Parker Smith, and Truesdell all wrote new works and Truesdell also included a never-before-recorded composition by Bob Brookmeyer.

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

THE AMPLIFIER HEADS SUMMER '24!!!

This might be the best pairing of the Boston music scene this year. Barence Whitfield & Sal Baglio's Giant Rocket Roll Show on August 9th at the Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley, MA. For more info, go to <https://tickets.bullrunrestaurant.com/GiantRocketRollShow>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GRACE

Help Grace Curkley celebrate her birthday down at Evviva Trattoria in Hanover on May 31st from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Call 781-561-9050 for more details or stop on by.

WHY IS 90 DAY FIANCE STILL ON THE AIR?

I admit I was once hooked on the first season of *90 Day Fiancé* on TLC. It wasn't really my fault. I began watching it down in Austin with my family and they were hooked on this show. I started watching it with them and all of a sudden, I couldn't stop watching this TV silliness. I stayed hooked on it for a couple of months after returning to Boston. Without them around me, I was able to overcome this

addiction. If anyone out there is still addicted to the latest *90 Day Fiancé*, you need to work yourself away from this! Hey, even *Family Feud* is healthier to watch.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"If time was money, I'd be a millionaire."

— Anonymous

10TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Friends of Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Scholarship Fund will be gathering together at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown on June 1 at 6:30 p.m., for its annual Dinner, Music & Awards night. For more information, go to ryanmorriseyscholarship.com or call 617-201-4784 or 617-448-8541 for ticket info.

OLDEST BOSTON ENGLISH GRADUATE REACHES 107

According to Arthur "Harold" Green, he landed in Boston around 1930 to live with his godfather and start school at English High School. Green is now 107-year-old, the oldest EHS Alumni Association.

Green's family lived in Baltimore at the time but he was sent to Boston for a shot at a better education and less racism. The family chose English for its teaching reputation and its athletic programs. He graduated in the Class of 1934, 90 years ago.

Since turning 100, Green has thrown out the first pitch at a Baltimore Orioles game, has appeared on a segment of "Good Morning America" and taken part in a "Veterans Home Flight" in Washington. His daughter Myra says he keeps going with a mix of bowling, crosswords, reading newspapers and eating lots of fruit too.

WHO SANG

"WHO'S LOVING YOU," WAS IT SMOKEY ROBINSON OR MICHAEL JACKSON?

Did you try guessing? If not, here's the answer, both of them. First, Smokey Robinson in 1960 and then again in 1969 when Michael Jackson and his bro sang it on stage on the *Ed Sullivan Show* when Michael was a mere 11 years old.

What Dates Printed on Food Labels Really Mean?

Haven't we all reached for a food item, whether in a grocery store, cabinet, refrigerator or pantry, only to realize the date printed on the package is approaching or expired. So, do we buy it anyway or toss it? The answer can be complex.

We've all seen "best if used by" or "sell by" printed somewhere on a label, lid or package, but what do they actually mean? According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the date doesn't signify when a product has expired. The FDA only requires a "use by" date on infant formula. However, the FDA does say consumers often inaccurately view the date label as the expiration date for foods, causing billions of dollars' worth of food to be mistakenly thrown out.

As for date labeling guidance suggests considering "how fast to consume the food before the quality deteriorates," offered Abby Snyder, as associate professor of food science at the Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Science. "It doesn't mean the product is necessarily 'bad' or going to make you sick. It's just that the quality is going to suffer after that," said Andy Hirneisen, a leader of Penn State Extensions Retail and Consumer Safety Team.

Quality changes could include the product separating, such as when you try to squeeze ketchup out of its bottle, but a watery red liquid comes out instead, or spoilage microbes that could make your food taste different, but not unsafe," Snyder explained.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) claims that if a date passes while the food is in your home, the food should still be safe if handled properly until spoilage is evident. Signs of spoilage include, "an off odor of flavor or texture due to naturally occurring spoilage bacteria and if food shows any such characteristics it should not be eaten," said the USDA.

Some foods offer recommendations on how they should be stored. Ketchup labels recommend refrigerating after opening, although it's not a requirement. The same can be said for butter. Manufacturers suggest you keep an item frozen, like pizza, while others such as spices, suggest storing in a cool, dry place. When food

is not stored based on package suggestions, bacteria can grow faster and quality may be impacted, the USDA notes. Just because you grab a loaf of bread or container of milk and notice it's a day or so past the date label doesn't mean you need to toss it in the trash. As the FDA and USDA explain, you just need to check if the food is still of good quality or showing any sign of spoilage.

Date labels have been used by manufacturers since the 1970's to assist in answering consumer questions around product freshness. Since 2019 the FDA, which now regulates approximately 80% of the U.S. food, has recommended that manufacturers use the labels "best if used by" for freshness and "use by" for perishable goods.

There have been efforts to pass federal policy that would clarify the use of dates on food, but a bill introduced last year in the house has been stalled in sub-committee.

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PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
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Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



by
Marianna
Bisignano

Today is Memorial Day, and I think I should pay tribute to my departed loved ones. If my mother, Angelina (Anne) was still alive, she would have turned 115 on the 17th of this month. She was born in East Boston on May 17, 1909. Dad was born in East Boston also, on June 9, 1910. Unfortunately, he passed away in 1991, at the age of 81. Babbononno was born in Foggia in 1875 and lived until just before his 99th birthday. Nanna was born in Avellino in 1886. She passed away just before Christmas in 1958. Grandma Christoforo passed away on Easter in 1950, and Grandpa Christoforo in 1973. I'm not inclined to visit cemeteries. I personally don't like to mourn at grave sites after depositing flowers in front of tomb stones. My way to acknowledge my departed loved ones is to memorialize them in writing. Don't hate me for it, it's just my way.

The late Colonel John Silva, one of my closest friends, passed away a few months ago and his lady friend, Stephanie, cleaning out his house, found a research paper John and I wrote back in 2011. It was about the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy. John, who was Italian on his mother's side, approached me with the idea of the research paper. He and I both taught history on a college level for years and considering 2011 being an anniversary year for Italian unification, we decided to team up and do a bit of writing. We both had read many accounts of the events that led up to Italy becoming a country, but these accounts are so convoluted that it seems impossible to understand, who, how, why, what, when, and where.

John put the groundwork research together and I took it from there. The reason I became interested was personal. As a child, I had heard about great grandparents being involved with the liberators, Mazzini, Cavour and Garibaldi. On my mother's side Angelo Contini (Babbononno's father) and Nicola Ceruolo (Nanna's father) were involved in the southern Italian battles, seeing that they were from the south, Foggia and Ariano da Publia, (today's Ariano Irpino) Avellino, respectively. On Dad's side, his grandfather, Giovanni DeCristofaro, from the village of San Sossio di Baronia, in Avellino, was a freedom fighter. I'm not sure about his mother's side. I believe they were Spanish in origin and against a unification. Now, the information I received was from my grandfathers and great

uncles on my mother's side after Sunday dinners and a few glasses of wine. So, I'm not sure about real facts, tall tales, and which ones are which. I do know that after Italy's unification, the DeCristofaro side, mostly sons and nephews, were still disenfranchised and left Italy for the new world. I think their peasant status and poverty might have had something to do with it. My paternal grandfather, Nunzio, was the only one to come to the United States. The rest that left their homeland in the 1880s, and headed for Latin America. This was corroborated by relatives my son, John, accidentally found in Switzerland. On a visit to Zurich, a few years ago, they gave me the background on the DeCristofaro family as best they could.

The one thing I remember growing up is that my grandparents fell in love with this country and never wanted to return to Italy. At those Sunday family dinners, oh so many years ago, Babbononno would have that extra glass of wine and begin to reminisce about his youth in Foggia. The term he used for Italy was always, "My country." (Il mio paese) Once, when my uncles told him that they would put the money together to send him back to his country for a visit, he balked at the opportunity saying, "That was my country, now, I'm an American."

I accompanied Babbononno to his store-front social clubs and to Central Square in East Boston when I was a kid. They were all meeting places for his generation of Italians. Those old timers would discuss politics, the war and Italy's decision to join forces with Germany and Japan in WWII. Whether this was when the war was still going on or after it ended, I don't remember, but remembering those conversations, I don't think the United States had anything to worry about. These men were true-blue Americans. Many talked about what they would have done to help the American or Allied cause if they were younger. Almost all had sons who were or had been in uniform fighting for this country and their fathers, were proud of them.

I do remember one incident that proved this to me. It was either 1943 or 1944. For whatever reason, I was home alone with Babbononno. After dinner, he had an extra glass of wine, cursed out F.D.R. for giving the country away to the Russians, and grabbed me by the hand and walked me out to the front of the house. He

pointed to the center living room window which faced the street indicating the flag that was hung there. It was white with a red border. In the center were two navy blue stars. As he pointed, he said, "Queli sono mi figli in la Guerra." (those are my sons in the war) Uncle Nick was in the navy and Uncle Gino in the army air corps. As I looked at his face, I could see Babbononno's eyes watering up, and in spite of my young age, I understood what he must have felt for his sons and his adopted country.

I remember the story of a shoemaker who had a shop on Eutaw Street near the corner of Brooks, in East Boston. The man was always extolling the virtues of Mussolini and the Fascist Party back in Italy. He bragged about sending money to Italy to help out the Fascist and Axis causes. As a result, he became embroiled in a constant battle of words with Babbononno and several other Italian neighbors. They finally chipped in and bought the man a one-way ticket to sail back to Italy, railroading him all the way. Out of fear, the man took the ticket and left for Italy just before we entered the war in December of 1941.

I don't remember all part of this next story, but Dad, who was never in uniform, did his part to help his country. My father had been on the road with the big bands, the swing bands of the 30s. When the war started, he came home for good knowing that he would have to join one of the branches of the armed forces or get drafted. While waiting, he accepted a job teaching machine shop at East Boston High School. One day, he had a visit from two men who identified themselves as members of the OSS, the governmental agency that was the forerunner to today's CIA. They asked if he would join forces with them to interrogate Italian war prisoners, many of whom being housed in what had been Boston's immigration station in East Boston. He accepted the task and brought Babbononno along to do the interpreting and note taking, as Dad's Italian was just so, so.

Here's to those worriers who unified Italy, their sons who came to America, and their grandsons who fought in the two world wars and beyond. On Memorial Day, may God bless them, and may **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

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In Italian, *ciambella* translates to donut. Though in Italy, they are not referring to the type of donut one would be accustomed to in this country. Most often, a *ciambella* is a traditional Italian ring cake. Recipes vary from region to region, but usually this baked donut is created from basic ingredients you'd find in most household pantries. In Italy, the *ciambella* can be found on the breakfast table accompanied by a warm cup of milk or a *caffè latte*. It's also served as a snack, and sometimes even at the end of a meal.

My Nonna always taught me that if you take basic good quality ingredients and combine them with fresh fruits and vegetables, you are bound to get delicious results. The recipe I am sharing today proves Nonna was absolutely right. This "Blueberry Ricotta Ring Cake" is made from farm fresh sweet blueberries, fresh ricotta, and a few other basic ingredients. Once combined, the batter is sprinkled with sugar and then baked to a golden sugar crusted confection. It can be enjoyed plain or even warm and spread with butter. I guarantee you are going to love this *Ciambella di Mirtilli di Ricotta!*

RICOTTA BLUEBERRY DONUT *Ciambella di Mirtilli di Ricotta*



- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ organic lemon, zested
- 1 cup ricotta (drained well)
- 1 cup sunflower seed oil
- 2 cups and 2 tablespoons '00 or all-purpose flour
- 1 16 gram sachet Italian baking powder with vanilla flavoring (may substitute 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder and 2 teaspoons vanilla)
- 1 cup fresh sweet blueberries, washed and dried well
- ¼ - ½ cup sugar (for sprinkling over batter)

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 22 cm baking pan (I use a ring pan) and set aside. Place the eggs and granulated sugar in a medium mixing bowl and beat until light yellow in color. Add the lemon zest, ricotta and oil, and mix. Continue mixing while slowly adding in the flour and baking powder. Gently fold in the blueberries and then put the batter into the prepared pan. Even the mixture with a spatula and generously sprinkle the top with a thick layer of sugar. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown, sugar crusts on top, and toothpick inserted comes out clean. Let cool and gently remove from the pan, keeping sugar crusted side up.

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Saint Germanus of Auxerre

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Germanus was the son of Rusticus and Germanilla, and his family was one of the noblest in Gaul in the latter portion of the fourth century. He received the very best education provided by the distinguished schools of Arles and Lyons, and then went to Rome, where he studied civil law. He practiced there before the tribunal of the prefect for some years with great success. His high birth and brilliant talents brought him into contact with the court, and he married Eustachia, a lady highly esteemed in imperial circles. The emperor sent him back to Gaul, appointing him one of the six dukes, entrusted with the government of the Gallic provinces. He resided at Auxerre.

The emperor Honorius sent him back to Gaul as a provincial governor, with his headquarters at Auxerre. He also married about this time. In 418, he was chosen to succeed



Saint Amator as Bishop of Auxerre. From that time on, his faith became deeper, and his prayer more fervent. He gave away his possessions to the poor, and ate coarse barley bread only in the evening. He often fasted for several days, and dressed in simple monastic garb.

Pope Celestine I sent him to Britain in 429 with Saint Lupus of Troyes to fight the Pelagian heresy, where they defeated the teachers of this false doctrine. During one of his two trips to Britain, Saint Germanus took command of an army and defeated a combined force of Saxons and Picts.

When savage barbarians threatened the city of Armorica (now Brittany), Saint Germanus met their leader, seized his horse's bridle, and turned him around. After defusing the threat, the saint traveled to Ravenna seeking pardon for the rebels from the emperor Valentinian III. He was received with honor, and passed away there on July 31, 448.

Saint Germanus of Auxerre Feast Day is July 31st.

The body of Saint Germanus was brought back to Auxerre for burial. Centuries later, his holy relics were scattered by the Huguenots.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

“Wild Bill” Hickok



On May 27, 1837, James Butler Hickok was born. Hickok, also known as “Wild Bill” Hickok was a figure in the American Old West. He was a gunfighter, gambler, and lawman.

Hickok was born and raised on a farm in Homer, Illinois (now Troy Grove, Illinois). He went west at age 18 as a fugitive from justice. He worked first as a stagecoach driver, then as a lawman in the frontier territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

He fought for the Union Army during the American Civil War. After the war, he gained fame as a scout, marksman, actor, and professional gambler. Calamity Jane claimed in her autobiography that she was married to Hickok and divorced him.

Hickok was involved in several notable shootouts. He was a frontiersman, lawman, legendary marksman, army scout and gambler. Wild Bill Hickok is remembered for his services in Kansas as sheriff of Hays City and marshal of Abilene, where his iron handed rule helped to tame two of the most lawless towns on the frontier. His exploits in the West were published in an 1867 issue of *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* that brought him national recognition.

In 1871, Hickok was hired as Abilene's town marshal during its last big year as a cattle town. He earned a reputation for being a quick draw and for spending most of his time playing cards in the saloon.

On August 2, 1876, he was shot dead during a poker game by a drunk in the Number Ten saloon in Deadwood, in the Dakota Territory. In his hand he held a pair of eights and a pair of aces, which became known as the “dead man's hand.” In 1979, Hickok was inducted into the Poker Hall of Fame.

Heat-Tolerant Beauties for Gardens and Containers

by Melinda Myers



Soireea vincas are drought tolerant, thrive in full sun, and add lots of color all summer with an abundance of flowers.

(Photo courtesy of Suntory Flowers)

Boost the summer-long beauty and heat tolerance in your gardens and containers with new varieties of annual vinca (*Catharanthus*). The unique Soireea vinca varieties provide added appeal with their cute, double, and ruffled flowers.

Annual vincas, also known as Madagascar and Rose periwinkle, thrive in full sun and well-drained soil. Once established they are drought tolerant. Similar in growth habit as impatiens but these flowers thrive in hot sunny locations where impatiens struggle. Hardy in zones 10 and 11, vincas are grown as an annual in most parts of the country.

Include annual vincas in containers, hanging baskets, and garden beds. Mix them with other plants or allow them to shine on their own.

Soireea Kawaii vincas light up any garden with their vibrant

mini flowers. You'll enjoy an abundance of flowers that cover the 9 to 18" tall by 12 to 18" wide mound of glossy deep green foliage. There's no need to prune away long leggy branches as this plant maintains its compact habit all season long. Kawaii means cute in Japanese and these flowers certainly are just that.

Select from eight *Soireea Kawaii* (suntoryflowers.com) flower colors ranging from white to coral, purple, and red. Add some sizzle with Paprika Red, a patriot flare with the Lady Liberty Mix, or a harmonious mix of pinks and purple in the Berry Blast mix. Grow White Peppermint, Coral, or Coral Reef Soireea Kawaii if the disease phytophthora has been a problem in the past. These three are as resistant to this disease as Cora XDR, the gold standard of phytophthora resistance.

Visitors to your garden will take a second look when you add Soireea Double and Flamenco vincas to the landscape. Their unique flowers don't look like a typical vinca, adding a bit more pizzazz to any planting and combination.

Soireea Doubles have two distinct layers of frilly petals and produce an abundance of blooms. They are more vigorous, with a larger growth habit than Soireea Kawaii. These plants have a larger leaf and body. You can select from white-, pink-, or orchid-colored flowers that bloom all season long. Don't be fooled by their delicate appearance, Soireea Doubles are as heat tolerant as other annual vincas.

Unlike any other vinca, the Soireea Flamenco puts on a display as fancy as that of a flamenco dancer. The ruffled petals may be solid or bicolor. This plant grows 8 to 12" tall and 15 to 20" wide. It has the same heat tolerance, glossy green foliage, and compact growth habit as the other Soireea vincas.

Senorita Pink Flamenco flowers have a dark pink eye surrounded by a lighter pink blending into the white outer edges of the frilly petals. Contrast that with the deep maroon ruffled petals with a bright terracotta edge of Salsa Red. Salmon Glow's white eye contrasts nicely with salmon peach. Pink Twist has the most curled flowers in a lovely pink, adding to its appeal.

Look for opportunities to add some unique flare to this year's garden and containers. You'll enjoy their season-long beauty and the oohs and aahs they inspire.

• Biden & Trump (Continued from Page 1)

Social after agreeing to the first two debates saying he would take part in a third debate hosted by Fox News on October 2nd and moderated by Brett Baier and Martha MacCallum. Biden's team didn't readily accept the invitation, with O'Malley Dillon writing in a statement, “President Biden made his terms clear for two one-on-one debates and Donald Trump accepted those terms. No more games, No more Chaos, No more debates about debates. We'll see Donald Trump on June 27th in Atlanta — if he shows up.”

In addition to the no live audience request, the Biden team asked for each candidate to be equipped with microphones that automatically cut off when their time to speak runs out.

“There should be firm time limits for answers and alternate turns to speak, so that the time is evenly divided and we have an exchange of views, not a spectacle of mutual interruption. A candidate's microphone should only be activated when it's his turn to speak,” the team wrote.

As of early this week, the CPD had not heard back from either campaign with a commitment to attend their debates. The non-partisan CPD was established in 1987 specifically to ensure that such debates reliably take place and reach the widest television, radio, and streaming audience.

All of the agreed upon and tentatively scheduled debates will exclude independent candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

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- 2018 KTM RC**
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- 2008 VOLKSWAGEN GTI**
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Docket No. MI22P5797EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of
DAGMAWI WOLDEAREGAY

Date of Death: December 03, 2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by **Agar A. Kassaye of Stone Mountain, GA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 07, 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.

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

Date: May 16, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 05/24/2024

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Docket No. MI24C0269CA

In the Matter of
SUMAYA MARIA ESSACK

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Sumaya Maria Essack of Medford, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Sumayya Maria Essack Leyme**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 11, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 05/24/2024

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Docket No. MI24P2739EA

Estate of
NANCY F. LOB

Date of Death: February 13, 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 **Jonathan R. Lob of Newton, MA** and **Richard F. Dacey, III 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 **Jonathan R. Lob of Newton, MA** and **Richard F. Dacey, III of Waltham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 14, 2024.

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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 17, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 05/24/2024

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Docket No. MI24P0396GD

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

In the interests of
KING L. FLOOD
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 01/25/2024 by **Jodi-Ann Maguire of Greenland, NH**, will be held 07/09/2024 10:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located <https://www.zoomgov.com/my/jbarbar>.

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 13, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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EXTRA Innings

by *Sal Giarratani*



Shertenlieb Brings Sports Radio to "Classic Rock"

If you turn on 100.7 WZLX in the morning on the way to work, it is a whole new morning sound and quite different from what you've been listening to morning after morning.

After leaving 98.5 The Sports Hub months ago, radio host Rich Shertenlieb this past Monday morning launched his new sports talk show on "Boston's Classic Rock" without the classic rock

I had a feeling something like this would happen after radio host Kevin Karlson died unexpectedly. I knew Kevin's co-hosts in the mornings Pete McKenzie and Heather Ford wouldn't survive his passing. Pete and Heather just weren't working together that well without the ongoing presence of Kevin Karlson's spirit in the studio.

Hey, I've been listening to sports talk radio going back nearly a half-century ago with Eddie Andelman and the Sports

Huddle on 850 AM. I will give Rich a shot in the morning through the Ted Williams Tunnel.

Okay, can anyone catch my joke? If you tunnel to Boston, you should get my joke pretty quickly.

**Wainwright News
MLB in Game Mouthpiece**



There must be a precondition when hiring in-game analysts because Fox Sports just hired a motor mouth Adam Wainwright to join the TV team in the booth recently. Throughout his career Wainwright has been known to love talking and talking and talking. He was pleasant, engaging and happy to talk

with you. And he might even like sitting in the bleacher seat next to you. It would be nice, however, if this game analysis just kept his opinions to himself sometimes

In a recent game, Wainwright analyzed far more than TV fans at home wanted to hear and spoke much more than he needed trying to get a point across that must have also died in his brain like RFK Jr's worm.

Hey, this Isn't About Baseball, but I Just Had to Say Something

Here is a quote I thought I would never hear from a presidential candidate in the middle of a crazy campaign. The quote comes from Bobby Kennedy Jr. Every so often, I ponder if I might vote for him and then he says something so outrageous I had to share it with you people. Here it is, "A worm got into my brain and ate a portion of it and then died."

— *Robert F. Kennedy Jr.*

P.S. Did he just confess to murdering a worm?

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publicly commented on the closures. Reportedly, the restaurant chain blamed the "Ultimate Endless Shrimp" deal which allows customers to spend \$20 on all-you-can-eat shrimp, for the \$11 million loss in the third quarter last year.

How to Get More Housing

The nation's growing housing crisis had often led to more government-led and taxpayer funded development projects yet this housing is unlikely to ease housing woes, according to Steven Malanga who writes in City Journal who states, "Reforms that let builders build more would do more than unwieldy government housing projects."

JPMorgan Chase CEO Sounds U.S. Debt Alarm

JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon warns that the U.S. needs to play down its fiscal deficit sooner rather than later before the issue turns into a

"far more uncomfortable" crisis down the road. "America has spent a lot of money and the banking boss blamed soaring levels of inflation partly on government spending.

When asked if the US will face consequences within the next two years if it doesn't bring its federal spending under control, he started, "I don't think it's a big comeuppance and I don't think it's the next couple of years, but I think it is why we have higher inflation (today)."

Target Lowering Price Items

Target plans to cut prices on thousands of basics this summer from diapers to milk, as inflation cuts into household budgets and more Americans pay close attention to family spending. Target is cognizant of spending pullback by shoppers. The lower prices will roll out over the summer on national brands and its own house brands.

Fluoride May Affect Unborn

A new study suggests a link between greater fluoride intake in pregnancy and toddlers with

behavioral issues. Children in the womb exposed to higher levels of fluoride — a mineral found naturally in water in varying amounts — later were more likely to experience temper tantrums, headaches, stomachaches, anxiety and symptoms linked to autism, according to research published recently in JAMA Network Open.

Study Shows Teen Caff-Fiends

In a new study, one in four parents say their teens are drinking too much caffeine, which was more popular among teens 16-18 than 13-15, according to a University of Michigan study. But that may not be the full story - as one-third of parents didn't know the recommended daily limit for teens. Even parents who knew, trying to figure out what their teen actual daily intact was challenging

End Quote

"The people who can't take a joke now aren't old ladies in the Bible Belt — they're Gen Z at elite colleges."

— *Bill Maher*

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To the Defendant:

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

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Jenna M. Bergeron, Esq., Bergeron Burgess, PLLC, 125 Turnpike Rd., Suite 3, Westborough, MA 01581** 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,
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Muhammad Ali Kayos Sonny Liston with the Phantom Punch on May 25, 1965



Tragedy struck on May 17, 1966 when former Middleweight Champion Randy Turpin took his own life



Henry Cooper and twin Brother Jim were born on May 3, 1934 in Lambeth, London



Rocky Marciano defended the Heavyweight Title against Don Cockell on May 16, 1955



Fritzie Zivic "The Croat Comet" was born on May 8, 1913



Sugar Ray Robinson landed the perfect Left Hook to Kayo Gene Fullmer on May 1, 1957

HOOPS and HOCKEY IN THE HUB

by Richard Preiss



It was one of those nights after the holidays when the bright lights of a season of merriment had disappeared and the reality of a dark, harsh and cold period commonly called winter grips the region.

Yes, it was one of those times when daylight quickly converts into evening by late afternoon that Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery made a profound and realistic assessment of his team.

"You know, he said "we are a good hockey team."

And that more than anything is the most realistic way to describe the team that finished the regular season with 109 points, got by Toronto in seven games in the opening round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs and then came up short when facing second round opponent Florida.

However, when the aura of disappointment has cleared, and one goes back to the coach's comment made on that wintry night, one realizes the accuracy of it.

The 2023-2024 edition of the Boston Bruins was a good hockey team — not a great hockey team, not a superior hockey team and not a championship hockey team. The Bruins were a good hockey team.

How do we know that? Well, when the Bruins were playing hockey in the second round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, they were doing something that fully three quarters of the teams that comprise the National Hockey League were not doing at that point. They were one of eight NHL teams still playing hockey.

That's right. Some 24 of the 32 teams in the National Hockey League were already sidelined for the summer when the Bruins faced Florida in the second round. So, if you think a second-round ouster was bad, what is your opinion of the 24 NHL teams that were not participating at that point?

Plus, what is your opinion of the 24 general managers and 24 head coaches who had already been pushed to the sidelines and could only watch as the playoffs continued without the participation of their teams?

There is a basketball term that might apply here. When college teams advance in the March Madness tournament, the surviving eight are called the Elite Eight.

And that is what the Boston Bruins were in the season just concluded. One of the better teams in the NHL but not quite at that level of the upper echelon.

And the sad aspect of this is some people continue to grumble and want changes in the upper management and coaching levels. This spring they did not get their wish since team president Cam Neely, team CEO Charlie Jacobs, GM Don Sweeney and head coach Jim Montgomery appeared together at a season ending press conference on May 22nd.

As with all General Managers, Sweeney has not made all the right calls all the time. In June, 2022 he recommended to a group that consisted of Neely, Charlie Jacobs and team owner Jeremy Jacobs, that Bruce Cassidy be fired as head coach.

Even Sweeney, in announcing the dismissal, said he felt the Cassidy would find success with another franchise.

It did not take him long. Hired eight days later by the Vegas Golden Knights in June, 2022, all he did was proceed to lead Vegas to the 2023 Stanley Cup Championship.

He followed that up by bringing the Stanley Cup trophy to his summer home on Cape Cod where it was put on display in a number of communities in that region.

But Sweeney also had his high points. He put together a roster for the 2022-2023 season that became the best regular season by record team to ever take the ice in the NHL. The outstanding mark of 65 victories and 135 points will probably stand for decades.

He also hired head coach Jim Montgomery who presided over the above as the players bought into his message and system.

And yet, they faltered — because of an inverse equation. Highly lauded in the closing days of the regular season, the Bruins seemed to have an aura of invincibility about them. But way down there, the Panthers were fighting for their existence every night, essentially playing potential elimination games on a regular basis.

Those "rehearsals" became the basis for their upset victory over the B's last year.

We felt that this year was a better year for the B's because all the hype was missing and a more realistic stretch drive took place. The Bruins finished tied for fifth in the NHL in overall points with Vancouver — both had 109.

They could have had more except for the high number of overtime losses. The B's had 15, second only to Montreal (16). That was the one "anchor" they were constantly dragging alongside an otherwise competent ship as the season proceeded.

Finally, what does all this say about the regular season when contrasted with the playoffs? Did the 2022-2023 Florida Panthers have a "better season" than the B's because they went all the way to the Stanley Cup Final as compared to those regular season Bruins who compiled an enviable record over an entire 82-game schedule but faltered in the first round?

Does success in the four-round (potential of 28 games), Stanley Cup playoffs, mean more than a high finish in the regular season? We have a feeling that for many it does — even though all the NHL individual annual awards are based only on how players perform during the regular season.

Is the coach of the team that wins the Stanley Cup a better "behind the bench leader" than one whose team captures the Presidents' Trophy (most points in the regular season) — but does not follow it up with a strong Stanley Cup Playoff run?

Can the failure of a team to do well in the Stanley Cup Playoffs get a coach (or general manager) fired regardless of how much success the team had during the regular season?

Tough questions for a sport where what takes place from October to the middle of April seems very different to many than the four short best-of-seven playoff rounds in the spring that determine a champion.