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Boston Mayor Michelle Wu



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Gold Star Mother's

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Kyiv:

Let Us Use U.S. Arms Inside Russia

Ukraine has turned to the United States for help identifying potential targets within Russia according to a recent *Wall Street Journal* report. Kyiv is also seeking the Biden White House to allow it to use US-supplied weapons against military targets inside Russia in what would be a clear escalation of the war. It is unclear if the US would grant either request. The requests, if granted, would mark a clear shift in US policy.

Here's a Whopper of a Quote

"The point that (Biden) was making is that the fact that caused inflation (were) in place when he ... took office"

— WH Press Secretary Karine Jean -Pierre, May 15th

Dershowitz Fears Future "Hitler Youth"

Former Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz likened anti-semitism and anti-Israel protests on college campuses to the early days of Nazi Germany. "What worries me is 10, 15 years from now, these Hitler Youth will be members of Congress, will be on the editorial board of the *New York Times*, will be owning media stations" while a guest on a New York radio station this past weekend.

Migrant Breach of Air Force Base

A Mexican migrant breached a U.S. Air Force Base in Texas. It was the second national security incident in May. Border Patrol agents stopped an SUV near Laughlin Air Force Base which prompted a 17-year-old Mexican male from inside the vehicle to run. He jumped a fence and entered the base. He was caught an hour later and taken into custody alongside four

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United States Marines paying tribute at the Boston Memorial Day Flag Garden
(Photos by Gerri Palladino)

Boston's Memorial Day Flag Garden, at the Boston Common, paid tribute to Massachusetts Fallen Service Members. The display was coordinated by Home Base and the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund and assembled each year through the hard work of many volunteers.

Located in front of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Common, the flags represent each brave service member from Massachusetts who gave their life defending the U.S. since the American Revolution.

The garden is an extremely moving tribute to the meaning of Memorial Day and a sign of our continued support to the Gold Star Families of these fallen heroes and acknowledgement that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

American Flags and Rededication Ceremony Honor our Fallen Heroes on Memorial Day at Fan Pier

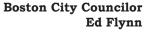


Army Green Beret and WWII Tuskegee Airman Brig. Gen. Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse II

Massachusetts Fallen Heroes at Fan Pier kicked off Patriot's Week with the installation of American flags at the Mass Fallen Heroes Memorial, Seaport Common, 85 Northern Ave, Boston. The flags honored our fallen heroes and stand as a reminder of their sacrifice, as we remembered each one of these heroes this past Memorial Day.

The culminating event took place just before the Memorial Day weekend with the 9th Annual Rededication Ceremony, a solemn community gathering during which updated glass panels,

inscribed with the names of the most recent fallen heroes, were unveiled. This ceremony pays tribute not only to these heroes but also to those who have fallen in the past, honoring their sacrifices. It also recognizes the enduring resilience and strength of Gold Star Families who have made significant sacrifices for our nation.







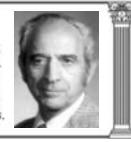
Memorial Wreaths and service members representing each branch of the United States Armed Services

(Photos by Gerri Palladino) (VFW North End Post 144 Memorial Day event on Page 6)

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 IV



During these old Roman times, the law required that all landlords whose buildings faced on a public street be required to clean the sidewalk in front of their property. It also ordered the Vigiles in each area to be responsible for the enforcement of that law, even if it required getting bids from private contractors and assessing the cost to the delinquent property owner (sound familiar? That law is almost 2,000 years old).

Because the streets were so narrow and steep and because of the hundreds of thousands of people that congested them, the law also provided that between the hours of dawn and dusk, no transport cart was permitted in the city except the chariots of the Vestal Virgins, the sacred rulers, contestants in the public games and emergency construction carts.

Beyond these, no other daytime traffic was allowed except for pedestrians, horsemen, litters, and carrying chairs. Even the caskets of the dead, whether in the most costly or least expensive funerals, had to be given their last journey on a simple handcart pushed by the "libitinarius" or undertaker.

Then came nightfall, and along with it came the wagons

of every shape, form and description, carrying wares that stagger the imagination. Stalled wagons at intersections, breakdowns, loading, and unloading, and the cussing of the drivers all contributed to a night of bedlam, which made sleep in any of the "main line" tenements impossible. Any carts that did not get out of the area by daybreak were required to halt and stand idle until the next nightfall.

I suppose that in the midst of all this daily pandemonium, the traffic, fires, family squabbles, neighborhood brawls, and problems of every form and description, that somewhere, at some time, one shopkeeper chased a kid for snitching an apple, and then called for the police. If no police happened to be in the vicinity, I wonder if he said "QUARE QUO INFERNI AGERE NOS SOLVERE TIBUTUM" (What the hell are we paying taxes for)? I suppose that there also were those tolerant and understanding citizens who said to "Virgil the Vigile" ... "ILLEGETIMI NON CARBOR-UNDUM" (Don't let the bastards grind you down).

NEXT WEEK: *Aurum*

The Truth About Covid —

Finally!!!

The National Institute of Health (NIH) Principal Deputy Director Lawrence Tabak finally admitted to congress that U.S. taxpayers funded gain-offunction research in Wuhan's Institute of Virology lab in China, after more than four years of denial.

When Tabak was asked point blank last week by Rep. Debbie Lesko, R-Arizona, of the Select Committee on the Coronavirus pandemic, "did NIH fund gain of function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (Manhattan based) non-profit EcoHealth (alliance)?", his response was "if you're speaking about the generic term, yes, we did."

The response came after more than 4 years of denials from various Federal Public Health Officials including former National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAD) Director Anthony Fauci regarding controversial research practice that modifies viruses to make them more infectious.

So now we know the likely truth about and how the scientists lied. Covid 19 which killed 1.1 million Americans and destroyed the lives and livelihoods of millions more individuals and businesses is now known to be a man-made virus that escaped from a Chinese lab partly funded by the U.S. Government. As Congress continues its investigation the truth is seeping out.

China attempted to deflect responsibility by blaming the virus origins on a wet market in Wuhan. Dr. Fauci declared "it evolved in nature and jumped species" in early 2020. The persistent investigation and government reports have debunked these lies and concluded the virus was man made, with all signs pointing to a lab leak. The only reason we cannot say it with 100%+ certainty is because China has destroyed the evidence.

Scientists often experiment with viruses making them easier to catch or more deadly as a way to determine what might happen or what vaccines may be needed. In May 2021 Fauci said with certainty that the "U.S. has not ever and does not now fund gain-offunction research in the Wuhan Institute of Virology." Last week, NIH Deputy Director Lawrence Tabak directly contradicted that statement and backtracked to state U.S. taxpayers did fund EcoHealth, which was working on gain-of-function research in

EcoHealth was specifically working in China because such work in the U.S. was not allowed. This type of research using coronavirus is extremely dangerous and is totally irresponsible for the U.S. to be involved. The Heritage Foundation called the cover up of Covid origins "the lie of the century." Their lies and deceit decimated our country and its citizens and they cannot be allowed to get away with it!

Marijuana Use Surpasses Alcohol

New Drug of Choice

For the first time in history regular cannabis use among Americans has become more common than traditional alcohol consumption. Researchers at Carnegie Mellon reviewed decades of data and discovered more people are using marijuana than ever before. One third of people who used cannabis over the past month reported using it daily or nearly every day. The segment of the people who admitted drinking daily or near daily remained at 10%.

The author of the study Jonathon Caulkins said, "It is striking that high frequency cannabis use is now more commonly reported than high frequency drinking. The data comes from self-report surveys, but the enormous changes in rates of self-reported cannabis use, particularly of daily or near daily use, suggests that changes in actual use have been considerable." These self-reports began in 1979 evolving over the years from pen and paper interviews to online queries growing geographically across the U.S. and now include populations living in college dorms, military bases and homeless shelters. The accumulated data reflects the use of drugs by more than 1.6 million Americans.

Researchers reported that while many more people drink alcohol than use cannabis, high frequency drinking has declined as rates of daily or near daily cannabis use had increased. In 1992, the survey recorded 10 times more daily drinkers than cannabis users. The most recent survey showed daily cannabis smokers outnumbered drinkers 17.7 million to 14.7 million. Over all substance use in the U.S. is an all-time high ...

The realization that marijuana consumption has increased may have a direct correlation to the Justice Department's historic decision to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug earlier this year. The study points out that while the frequency of cannabis use is reflective of the changes in drug policy from the war on drugs in the 1980s to the more recent legalization of medical and recreational marijuana, these changes were not the primary factor influencing drug changes. "Whichever way casual arrows point, cannabis use now appears to be on a fundamentally different scale than it was before legalization," said Caulkin.

Attitudes around alcohol have also changed over the years since the survey began, possibly contributing to marijuana nudging out alcohol as America's most enjoyable option of taking the edge off. Recent research has revealed there is no safe amount of alcohol and tee totaling can reduce the risk of cancer, cognitive decline and premature death, however sobriety may not be the answer to longevity since studies also show moderate drinkers live longer than abstainers.

Proponents have strongly supported the medical benefits of cannabis. A study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association found those who smoke weed daily are 25% more likely to have a heart attack and 42% more likely to suffer a stroke than people who don't indulge at all. Further studies have found that teens who use cannabis are more likely to develop asthma and more likely to develop a psychotic disorder than those who don't.

TRUMP'S RALLY in South Bronx Draws "Huge" Crowd

Former President Trump's Bronx rally drew an estimated crowd of 8,000 to 10,000 attendees, according to New York Law Enforcement. Last Thursday's rally was held in Crotona, Park with a permit approved for 3,500 people. Thousands of Trump supporters lined up for hours hoping to catch a glimpse of the former President as he held his first New York City rally since 2016.

Trump National Secretary Karoline Leavitt claimed there were 25,000 people in attendance while another campaign staff member placed it closer to 10,000 people. It was difficult to determine actual crowd size, because large groups of people were being let in gradually through security gates.

The park itself and the area of the stage appeared to have room to accommodate more people during the speech but his team noted they were trying to honor the capacity of the venue. Trump advisor Chris LaCiuta said 20,000 people signed up

Former President Trump's to attend the rally and that supronx rally drew an estimated porters were not happy with the parks limitations when it came ttendees, according to New to accommodating them.

> Though the Bronx rally was not as large as Trump's Wildwood, New Jersey event a few weeks ago, where an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 people attended, its purpose was to show the former President isn't afraid to venture in to traditionally Democratic voting areas according to Trump campaign representative Danielle Alvarez. It certainly sent Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) into a tail spin, as she was appalled that Trump had the audacity to appear in her district.

> The Bronx gathering was also an opportunity for Trump to engage with black and Hispanic voters in New York, a demographic the former president is gaining strength with every day. Trump has repeatedly stated he wants to win New York in 2024 despite losing his home state in 2016 and 2020 by double digits.





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Donne 2000 Celebrates Women's Health Day

with Nancy Bellantoni

by Doreen Giammarco

On May 19th, the ladies of Donne 2000 celebrated Women's Health Day. They invited Nancy Bellantoni, ERYT, YACEP to teach a chair yoga class. Nancy and her assistant Cheryl instructed the class to do deep breathing exercises, stretching with Therabands and massaging the feet with therapy balls. The class was very informative and enjoyed by all. Following the class the ladies enjoyed homemade treats and refreshments prepared by the Donne 2000 members.

Nancy Bellantoni is an experienced registered yoga instructor who focuses on stretching, breathing and deep tissue self-massage with therapy balls. She knows how to help you "find your healthy and calm". She is very knowledgeable on anatomy, body alignment and those hardto-get areas to release tension. Nancy teaches yoga classes for seniors at the Nazzaro Center in the North End on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Donne 2000 was founded in July 2000 by a group of Italian American women who wanted to celebrate their Italian traditions and customs



Nancy Bellantoni and her assistant Cheryl

and keep them alive for future generations. Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization that keeps Italian traditions alive from generation to generation through ethnic and cultural events. Please visit our Donne 2000 Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/donne2000.



Donne 2000 members with Nancy Bellantoni and Cheryl

Freedom Park — A Dystopian Novella

by Kevin Devlin

Book review by John Joseph Fahey

Freedom

Kevin Devlin

Local author Kevin Devlin pens a story that gives the reader of the early 2020s a scenario in which students in academia and readers in general are probably more familiar today than their counterparts of the mid twentieth century were when books about dystopian societies were in vogue.

The book is titled Freedom Park and was published in 2023 — with a premise consisting of those features of a dehumanized society emphasizing those elements pervasive in a dystopian setting: the collective versus the individual, and the manipulation of a subservient population living in an urban environment

deprived of the natural world and its elements by an omnipresent totalitarian government.

Of course, the *fear* of an oppressive government along with physical authority allows the state to not only control, but manipulate a population whose individual attributes are deleted to execute ample power to further advance the purpose of its leadership.

The reason that today's readers might be more aware of the circumstances that the author describes is due to current day concerns respective to political and cultural challenges internationally.

The novella is narrated by Sean; he introduces the story and the characters within his circle, referred to as "Associates," who live within the restrained walls of a "Citizen Enrichment Opportunity Community." Sean takes the reader through the daily routine of this structured society, including providing background of those who are in command — the "Keepers," those who make sure society functions per the dictates of the state; and the Keepers, in turn have their superiors — those who operate at the highest level called the Supreme Council — the core governmental structure that keeps all in order and exists for the benefit of all it serves.

Although books by George Orwell, Ray Bradbury, Aldous Huxley and others wrote of similar situations, their settings and hypotheses were produced during eras where certain political philosophies and economic systems were perceived as a threat to the established capitalist economies of the First and emerging developing worlds.

However, now, despite almost a century since many of the previous century's stories of a dystopian world were written, we find the world in a position where those admonishments have come to haunt the contemporary polity.

The audience must be discerning yet cautious; it is essential to look at Freedom Park as a work of fiction, which, of course it is.

But, can the exclusion of knowledge, thinking, reasoning and individual aptitudes be something compromised? Most would argue no; in fact, this would be to the detriment of a healthy and effective society.

The elimination of distinct personalities — and the emphasis on a cooperative and collective society at the exclusion of the uniqueness of the individual is something no doubt that could portend injurious — not just to that singular individual but to the society at large and indeed, the world!

Albeit a novella, this narrative is definitely thought provoking — as the twentieth century experienced vestiges of governments compromised with collectivist ideology with its themes that do not dispel forewarning.

Freedom Park is blatant in its message.

Freedom Park is an engaging story unfolding over its 125 pages with thirty-seven chapters; the audience is transported to a time and place where a small group of "Associates" who ultimately decide to journey on their own quest for freedom — a quest which eventually gives them a whole new understanding of what the society from which their escaping is really about!

Freedom Park would be a good addition to your summer reading list!

Freedom Park is published by Y42K Publishing Services and is available online.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

A Jump Into June

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Ah, June! No other month brings as much joy to the heart of this school teacher. June is inextricably linked to summer in my mind. It means eightyplus degree days when I open every window, trying to catch a pleasant ruffle of a breeze. It is days spent walking by the seashore, inhaling the salty scent of the ocean and listening to the plaintive cries of the gulls. June means days of ice cream dripping down cones and strolls in the late-evening sunshine. Finally, June means the last school bell of the year, opening up a summer full of possibility and hope. Yes, I truly love June, and so did my ancestors over in Italy. After all, June in Italy boasts a number of holidays that revel in the summery nature and outdoorsy aspects of the month. In truth, June can be an overwhelming time to visit Italy, as that is when most of the tourists descend, combining crowds with hot temperatures. However, those who go outside of the wellbeaten tourist path will greatly enjoy this beautiful month in Italy, especially because of one of these four traditional festivities.

1. Festa della Repubblica (June 2nd): In the simplest terms, one can think of la Festa

della Repubblica, or "Feast of the Republic," as Italy's independence day, a rough equivalent to our Fourth of July. This feast honors the date in 1946 when, after the turmoil of World War II, Italians voted on creating a republic rather than a monarchy. Nearly everything — banks, stores, tourist sites, museums — is closed or operates on holiday hours. Instead, Italians celebrate by watching parades and attending outdoor parties or concerts. Expect to see the Italian tricolor flag, with its bright hues of red, white and green, adorning landmarks and waving from people's homes. La Festa della Repubblica appropriately occurs in the summer, when people can take advantage of the lovely weather to go outdoors and show their communal

2. Festival of San Ranieri (June 16-17th): The feast of St. Rainerius, or San Ranieri as he is known to Italians, encompasses two days of merriment in the Tuscan city of Pisa. The eve of the feast day, Pisa celebrates its patron saint by lighting up the city's buildings with over 70,000 glass-encased candles. These lumini cast a warm, romantic glow against

pride in being Italian.

the meandering Arno River. A fireworks display caps off the night's festivities. The next day, people gather to watch a regatta, or boat race. I find it interesting that this quaint and local holiday includes the two biggest hallmarks of solstice celebrations — fire and water — giving Italians cause to honor the sweet delights of midsummer.

3. Saint John's Day (June 24th): This is one of my favorite holidays. It commemorates St. John the Baptist, the major religious figure who baptized Jesus, though many traditions originated from the pre-Christian festivities celebrating the summer solstice. In Northern Europe, St. John's Day is known as Midsummer since it falls so close to the summer solstice. People celebrate with rites honoring the sun (the summer solstice) and water (St. John the Baptist): building maypoles, floating garlands of flowers down streams, lighting bonfires. In Italy, this is la Festa di San Giovanni Battista. In the Lake Como region, people float hundreds of delicate lanterns on the lake and later continue the theme of light by enjoying a fireworks display. Florentines celebrate with a medieval tournament, while also holding a procession of rowboats carrying candles drifting serenely along the Arno River. These festivals perfectly capture the magic of the longest night of the year, harnessing the power of the sun and honoring the life-giving qualities of water.

4. Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th): Rome celebrates the feast day of two of the most important figures of early Christianity with great fanfare. The commemoration of St. Peter and St. Paul, or San Pietro e San Paolo, includes a special Mass from St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican (St. Peter was the first Pope). Many businesses in Rome are closed for the day as people admire elaborate flower carpets — a summer symbol — outside St. Peter's Square. Like many summer holidays, the day ends with a fireworks display.

Of course, there are plenty of other ways to enjoy June in Italy. Lots of little festivals, known as sagre, dot the Italian landscape. These small holidays frequently devote their attention to a specific crop, and during the summer that can mean anything from peaches to strawberries to herbs. One of the best aspects of Italian holidays is that they connect to the rhythms of the Earth and encourage reflection in the present moment. So, no matter how you celebrate, make sure to give thanks for the wonderful month of June and all of the delights it offers!

Happy June!

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Quincy Remembers Its Patriots on Memorial Day

Every year, I find myself over in Quincy to march with lots of old friends mostly from the Vietnam War era. We're all getting older but we gather together and march as one. We may be aging baby boomers now but we always honor those who served during our time and still today. We remember those who came before us too like my Uncle Joseph P. Harrington who grew up in Charlestown and naturally shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country to defend America and defend our liberty. He was a member of the Greatest Generation. I also remember an old neighbor of mine back when I was 13 years old.



Here comes to Memorial Day parade marching down Hancock Street by Quincy Center



He was about 83 at the time and had twice served in the military. First, in 1898 when he was a Rough Rider under the command of Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt traveling up San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War. He then returned to the military a second when World War I broke out. I think he thought I didn't believe him , so he went inside his apartment and came out with a photo of him and Teddy Roosevelt in uniform standing side by side.

This past Memorial Day parade was like all the others I have marched in over the past 35 years over in Quincy. I still march with longtime friends but our numbers have dwindled as time and age take a toll. But those of us lucky enough to still march do what we can to remember those no longer in the line of march with us.

One of my friends over the years showed an old photo of him back in "Nam in 1973 and then I took a photo of him in this year's parade. Time has a way of passing quickly the older we get and the older we get we



Peter Smialek - 1973 and today

understand how special life is for us during the good times and sometimes the bad times too.

While the parade route is far less sparse than I could wish for, folks still show up to cheer us on. I always hope for two things, that I will be back marching in this parade and that the crowds watching us increases to the way the crowds used to stand there saluting us for our service to our nation. We keep on keeping on because that's what we do.



Vietnam Memorial Monument at Mt. Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy, MA



Recruiters from U.S. Marine Corps League Caddy Chapter, Quincy (Photos by Sal Giarratani)



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North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center Opens Hemodialysis Unit for On-Site Kidney Care

Boston Skilled Nursing Facility Enhances Chronic Kidney Disease Management Program



North End Rehab's leadership, care team and health care partners gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the five-chair unit



(L-R): Rep. Steven Ultrino of Malden, Marquis President/ Founder Norman Rokeach, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Rep. Paul Donato, and Francine Gannon

North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center announced a major enhancement of its chronic kidney disease management program with the opening of an on-site hemodialysis unit. The new "dialysis den" is designed to improve patients' quality of life and recovery process within the subacute care setting.

On May 21st, North End Rehab's leadership, care team and health care partners gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the five-chair unit inside the skilled nursing facility at 70 Fulton Street in Boston's North End neighborhood Research shows that patients who receive dialysis on-site during their stay in a nursing home — eliminating the time and stress of traveling to multiple appointments at outpatient clinics or hospitals — have better clinical outcomes and recovery times and reduced risks of infection.

The hemodialysis unit was developed in partnership with DaVita Kidney Care and is led by Dr. John Danziger, a nephrologist affiliated with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Within the dialysis den,



Smart car model that is used for rehabilitation, so patients can practice getting in and out of a vehicle as they improve their mobility and coordination

North End Rehab has the capability to accommodate patients with ventilator and tracheostomy dependence.

"The opening of our hemodialysis unit is a huge milestone that will enable our center to provide an even greater level and quality of care that is made possible by on-site treatment and skilled professionals," said David Cohen, Administrator of North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center. "We are proud of our partnership with DaVita as we pioneer state-of-the-art solutions to improve health outcomes in chronic

kidney disease patients in the nursing and rehabilitation center setting."

The hemodialysis unit is part of North End Rehab's comprehensive chronic kidney disease management program designed to manage symptoms, increase quality of life and reduce adverse effects among patients with chronic kidney disease and related diagnoses. North End Rehab also has a physician-led pulmonary program and a cardiac program accredited by the American Heart Association.

The center provides renal programs for chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease through individualized plans of care that may require hemodialysis in the dialysis den on-site or a program tailored to the patient's medical condition. Kidney disease can result from a variety of underlying conditions including diabetes and hypertension.

According to industry estimates, more than 85,000 patients requiring dialysis are admitted to skilled nursing facilities every year. The number is expected to rise by 6% annually. Traditionally, patients have been transported to offsite dialysis clinics for lengthy treatments several times per week

Skilled nursing facilities including North End Rehab are responding to the need by building dialysis dens within their walls to better serve patients and ease any physical and emotional strain. So far, only a handful of facilities in Massachusetts provide on-site dialysis services. These units are developed in compliance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

"When clinicians have the ability to meet end-stage renal disease patients at the point of care, it not only offers patients with convenience, but provides us with invaluable opportunity to manage symptoms and guide patients through their treatment and recovery," said Dr. Danziger.

North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center provides the North End neighborhood of Boston and surrounding communities with the highest levels of subacute short-term and comprehensive long-term care in a compassionate and caring environment. The 100-bed center is proudly serviced by Marquis Health Consulting Services, which provides administrative and consulting services to skilled nursing facilities and senior housing communities along the Eastern Seaboard.

For more information, visit www.northendrehab.com.

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Summer Cookouts

Will be More Expensive Thanks to Inflation



If your Memorial Day Bar-B-Q was more expensive this year than last year, just imagine what you might be paying by the 4th of July or Labor Day. Americans paid 10% more to grill this past weekend than last year's cookout as inflation continues to pummel the U.S. economy. The average cost to greet the unofficial start of summer this past weekend jumped to \$30.00 in comparison to the \$27.00 in 2023.

A recent consumer affairs report found that several essential items for an average cookout including burgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments totaled \$30.18 compared to \$27.39 in 2023. The jump in beef prices was the biggest factor.

A package of 8 burgers cost \$8.07, coming in 15% higher than last year according to the Consumer Affairs report. Burger and hot dog buns went up 1% to \$3.06 and \$3.09 respectively. The price of 8 all beef hot dogs remained the same at \$3.15, but condiments are more expensive this year. A 32-ounce bottle of ketchup costs \$5.53, a 2% increase from a year ago, a 20-ounce bottle of mustard is \$2.61, up 3% and the largest increase is a 26-ounce bottle of relish which jumped by 49% to \$4.67, due to a pickle shortage caused by extreme weather in Mexico.

For those who would like to enjoy a bottle of beer with their burgers, they will see an increase of 3% compared to last year, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Soda rose 4.1%. Grocery prices have increased by more than 21% since Joe Biden assumed the Presidency in January, 2021

The most recent consumer price index from April showed steaks were 6.5% more expensive compared to a year ago while the price of ground beef rose 6% over the same period. Pork is 1.2% more expensive than it was last year, with pork chops up 1.7%. The price for a whole chicken rose by 3%. Canned fruits and vegetables have also increased by 3.5% this past year. Overall food inflation was 3.4% higher this April compared to last, while groceries were 2.2% more expensive than they were in 2023.

In March of this year U.S. households spent \$227 more for goods and services than in the same period last year. Compared to 2 years ago Americans are paying approximately \$784 more each month and \$1,069 more compared to 3 years ago.

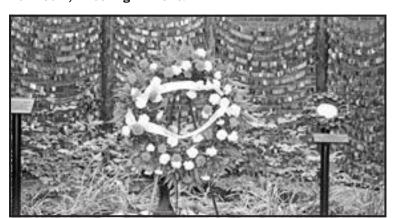
With the rate of inflation slowing, extreme weather in Australia, Russia and Brazil negatively effecting the harvest of wheat, coffee, rice, cocoa and oranges, food prices could become even higher in the coming months with items such as bread, coffee and fruit growing more expensive over the short term.

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates to record levels in an attempt to get inflation close to its 2% goal, but the slow rate at which inflation has been dropping has resulted in federal officials second guessing their thoughts on cutting interest rates this year.

VFW North End Post 144 Holds Memorial Day Tributes at the Prado and Mass at St. Leonard Church



VFW North End Post members and Memorial Day participants (L to R), Kathryn Kulikoski, Sasha Kulikoski, Bob Cacici, Ralph Masciulli, Mary Masciulli, Bobby Venuti, Jim Coyle, Leo Egan, Susan Egan, Commander Joe Blazo, Dottie DaSilva, Fr. Michael Della Penna, Vivian Kulikoski and Adjutant Christian Kulikoski, kneeling in front.



Memorial Wreath at the Iraq/Afghanistan Dog Tag Memorial Garden



Vietnam Veterans Leo Egan, Bob Cacici, Bobby Venuti and Ralph Masciulli



Vietnam Veteran and Commander Joe Blazo, Father Michael Della Penna offering the opening prayer



Vietnam Veterans Bob Cacici and Bobby Venuti

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 conducted its Annual Memorial Day 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, Iraq/Afghanistan War and more recent wars.

The ceremonies began with an opening prayer, offered by Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leaonard Church, followed by a wreath laying and remembrances at the VFW plaque near the Paul Revere Statue and at the Iraq/Afghanistan Dog Tag Memorial Garden behind the Old North Church.

Following the ceremonies, the Veterans, along with family, friends, and North End neighbors, attended a memorial mass offered by Fr. Bill, at St. Leonard on Hanover Street.



Mary Masciulli, placing a white bouquet of flowers, symbol of purity, at the VFW Memorial Plaque in memory of the heroic deaths and valor



Leo Egan, Bob Cacici, Bobby Venuti, Leo Egan, Ralph Masciulli and Adjutant Christian Kulikoski



Sasha Kulikoski and Vivian Kulikoski presenting the colors American Flag and VFW North End Post 144 Flag



VFW North End Post 144 members and Vietnam Veterans at the Memorial Mass, (L to R), Bobby Venuti, Fr. Bill of St. Leonard Church, Commander Joe Blazo, Ralph Masciulli, Leo Egan, Bob Cacici, and Jim Coyle.

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A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Frank Capra, Hollywood Director



Capra's family immigrated to Los Angeles from Bisacquino, a Sicilian village, when he was six. After graduating in 1918 from the California Institute of Technology with a degree in chemical engineering, Capra received a Reserve Officers Training Corps commission and spent the last year of World War I teaching mathematics in the U.S. Army. For the next two years he traveled, doing odd jobs and working as a book salesman. He found his way into the movie business and learn films from the bottom up from the film lab to the prop department to the

editing department. In 1928 he signed a contract as a Director, with Columbia pictures the collaboration brought 25 films to the big screen including Lost Horizon, It Happened One Night, and Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

Capra married actress Helen Howell in 1923. They divorced in 1928. He married Lucille Warner in 1932, with whom he had a daughter and three sons, one of whom, Johnny, died at age 3 following a tonsillectomy.

Capra's directing style relied on improvisation to a great extent. He was noted for going on the set with no more than the master scenes written. He explained his reasoning:

What you need is what the scene is about, who does what to whom, and who cares about whom ... All I want is a master scene and I'll take care of the rest — how to shoot it, how to keep the machinery out of the way, and how to focus attention on the actors at all times.

According to some experts, Capra used great, unobtrusive craftsmanship when directing, and felt it was bad directing to distract the audience with fancy technical gimmicks. Film historian and author William S. Pechter described Capra's style as one "of almost classical purity." He adds that his style relied on editing to help his films sustain a "sequence of rhythmic motion." Pechter describes its effect.

Capra's basic themes of championing the common man, as well as his use of spontaneous, fast-paced dialogue and goofy, memorable lead and supporting characters, made him one of the most popular and respected filmmakers of the 20th century.

In 1985, aged 88, Capra suffered the first of a series of strokes. On September 3, 1991, he died of a heart attack in his sleep at his home in La Quinta, California, at the age of 94.

The work of Frank Capra remains marked by his eternal optimism, his patriotism and his profoundly human character he remains one of the most honored and well-liked directors of his generation.

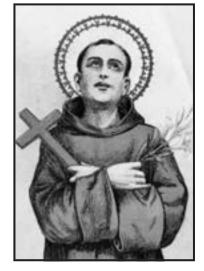
Saint Juan Grande Román

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Juan Román was born on March 6, 1546 in Carmona near Seville. He went to Saville where he learned the merchant's trade. He returned to his hometown and opened a linen shop, but that work did not satisfy him. At the age of 19 he abandoned the business, gave his property away and became a hermit. From that moment on, he called himself John Grande Pecador (Great Sinner).

Life in seclusion was not his final vocation. He settled down in the city of Jerez de la Frontera where he took care of prisoners. In those times, prisons were more sites of torture and discomfort than rehabilitation centers, so prisoners needed everything, from food and clothes to medical care and simply humane treatment.

Due to his great commitment and good relationships with them so they would be able to start a family and abandon life in sin. He won the trust of a rich married couple who provided him with funds for opening a hospital in Jerez. Soon the facility became famous for good care of the sick and a deeply religious atmosphere.



In 1574, Juan Grande made an important decision. He affiliated his hospital with the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God and joined the order. The same year, during the plague epidemic, he organized help for its victims. The Archbishop of Seville ordered him to reorganize all the institutions taking care of the sick in the city.

He passed away June 3, 1600, after contracting the plague. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 6, 1996. The Feast Day of Saint Juan Grande Roman is June 3rd.

VFW North End Post 144

Makes Annual Donation to Local Organizations



(L-R): VFW North End Post 144 Member Ralph Masciulli, Annick Sheridan, Nick Feeko, Trevor Casolo, New England Center and Home for Veteran Representatives; Post Members Leo Egan, Bob Cacici, Tom Leyne; Anthony Cortese, Vito Aluia, Noble Journey Representatives; Commander Joe Blazo, Adjutant Christian Kulikoski, Quartermaster Paul Spero, and Post Member Jack Marques

It doesn't need to occupy a physical building to be a catalyst for success. The post may no longer be standing on Hanover Street, but it continues to make a positive impact on local veteran and community organizations with their generous donations.

Last week Commander Joe Blazo, Quartermaster Paul Spera, Adjutant Christian Kulikoski and other members of the VFW North End Post 144 presented their annual donation checks to a number of local and Boston based organizations, including the New England Center and Home

for Veterans, Red Sox Home Base Program/ Massachusetts General Hospital Program, Fr. Michael Della Penna for St. Leonard Church and the Noble Journey Sculpture. The recipients were treated to a spectacular luncheon feast at Ben Cotto on Hanover Street. The food was delicious, the service was impeccable and the conversation and camaraderie was lively and entertaining.

The representatives from each of the organizations expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation for the continued generosity of the VFW Post 144 and its members.

Grow Vertically for Added Beauty and Garden Productivity

by Melinda Myers

Expand your planting space, grow a living screen, or add vertical interest to your garden beds. Train vines up a decorative support, onto a fence, or allow them to climb a trellis set in front of a wall or structure.

Pole beans, peas, Malabar spinach, cucumbers, melons, and squash are all edible candidates for growing vertically. Training these vegetables up a support saves space in the garden. Plus, the increase in light and airflow through vertically trained plants helps reduce the risk of mildew and other diseases.

Growing vertically can also increase your yields and make harvesting much easier. Pole beans typically produce an extra picking. Plus, it requires less bending to harvest. If it is easy, you are more likely to pick regularly, increasing productivity and ensuring the best flavor. Try scarlet runner beans or purple podded pole beans for added color.

Train Malabar climbing spinach up an obelisk in a container or over a decorative trellis in the garden. Use the leaves the same way you use true spinach. The buttery nutty flavor is great fresh, added to a salad, used as a sandwich wrap, stir-fried, or steamed. The red stems, flowers, and seeds make an attractive display in the vegetable or ornamental garden.

Support the heavy fruit of melons and squash when growing



Clematis and impatiens growing on a wheel trellis (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

vertically. Create a sling from cloth strips, an old T-shirt, or macramé — yes, it's back! Tie the sling to the trellis to cradle the large fruit. The sling handles the weight, preventing the heavy fruit from ripping the plant off the support and damaging the plant. Elevating the fruit also reduces loss to soil-dwelling insects and disease.

Use decorative supports to add a bit of beauty or help blend edibles into ornamental plantings. Save money and add some personality by upcycling found items into creative supports. A section of an old iron fence, headboard, golf clubs, or farm implements can add a bit of functional whimsy to your garden.

Add color to a plain fence or wall with annual and perennial flowering vines. Use a support and leave space between wooden fences and siding to reduce moisture buildup that could damage these structures. This also makes it easier to manage future repairs and painting if the vines can easily be moved away from the structure.

Double up your plants to increase the floral impact. Use annual vines to provide quick cover for the first few years while establishing perennial vines onto the support. Consider mixing two vines on one support if space allows. Select vines that bloom at the same time to create interesting combinations. Or plant two vines that bloom at different times to extend the floral display.

Always select supports strong enough to support the plants you are growing. Make sure the support provides the structure needed for the vines to climb. Those with twining stems and petioles need something to grab onto while those with root-like holdfasts or suction cups need a rough surface for attaching. Make sure the structure will not be damaged by the vines adhering to the surface. Other vines may need their stems to be tied to the support.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless. Start gathering decorative supports, look for spaces that need a bit of vertical interest, and select vines suited to your growing conditions and landscape design.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



BOB MARLEY - ONE LOVE (4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray -Limited Edition Steelbook) Paramount Home Ent.

Discover the story behind the icon whose music and message inspired millions when Bob Marley: One Love, debuted on 4K Ultra HD, Blu-ray™, and DVD on May 28. Explore the music you know and the legend you don't through the inspiring and powerful story of how Bob Marley went from humble beginnings to spread his message of love and unity throughout the world. Celebrate the life and music of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love, peace, and unity. In One Love, discover Bob Marley's powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music that changed the world. Fans who purchase the film on Digital*, 4K Ultra HD, or Blu-ray will have access to more than 50 minutes of in-depth, behindthe-scenes interviews and footage detailing the making of this extraordinary and uplifting film. Hear from Ziggy Marley and other Marley family members about the process of telling Bob Marley's story with artistry and emotional authenticity. Discover how Kingsley Ben-Adir prepared to become the iconic musician while also portraying his humanity. Join the cast and crew as they talk about filming in the real locations where Bob lived in Jamaica and England and explore the genuine musicianship woven throughout the film. Plus, see deleted scenes not shown in theatres. This film is rated PG-13 for marijuana use and smoking throughout, some violence and brief strong language.

CEMETERY MAN (4K Ultra HD) Severin Films

Two-time BAFTA and Golden Globe nominee Rupert Everett stars as cemetery watchman Francesco Dellamorte, tasked with dispatching the recently deceased when they rise from their graves. But when he falls in love with a beautiful young widow (Anna Falchi), will his resurrected lust for life become greater than his bond with death? François Hadji-Lazaro costars in the finest erotic romantic existential black comedy zombie gore fest of our time, and over 3 hours of Special Features including new interviews with Soavi and Everett. An absolute masterpiece" (Bloody Disgusting) by iconic Italian director Michele Soavi (THE SECT, THE CHURCH) is now restored on UHD and Bluray for the first time,

CLUB ZERO (Blu-ray/DVD/Digital) Film Movement

At an international boarding school, an unassuming, yet rigorous, Miss Novak (Mia Wasikowska) joins the teaching staff to instruct a new class on "conscious eating." Her impressionable teenage students each have their own reasons for joining the class – to improve fitness, reduce their carbon footprint, or get extra credit. Although early lectures focus on mindful consumption, Miss Novak's discussions soon become increasingly disordered

and extreme. A suspicious headmistress (Sidse Babett Knudsen), concerned parents and the failing health of her students lead everyone to question the inscrutable Miss Novak's motivations for teaching the class. As a few devoted pupils fall deeper under her cultlike tutelage, they are given a new, even more sinister goal to aspire to - joining the ominous "Club Zero." Combining a pitch-black comedic sensibility with elements of body horror, Club Zero satirizes contemporary inclinations toward myopic insularity and blind faith brought on by anxieties regarding food, consumerism and environmental catastrophe. A gem from Austrian writer/ director Jessica Hausner, one of Europe's most fearless and provocative auteurs.

ALAM (Blu-ray) DVD Film Movement

Despite being part of a young generation of Palestinian Arabs whose families chose to stay and challenge the Israeli state after Al-Nakba, 17-year-old Tamer and his friends are just like any other group of teenage boys. They clumsily search for drugs, flirt with girls, play video games, and slack off at school. However, when a beautiful new student named Maysaa' joins their class Tamer immediately falls for her and, by association, is drawn into her political activism. Together they join fellow classmate, Safwat, in an operation to covertly raise the Palestinian flag and peacefully disrupt the local celebrations planned for Israel's Independence Day - otherwise known to Palestinians as a day of mourning and memorialization for their displacement 70 years prior. Unsure of his own political convictions, Tamer must quickly determine what matters to him and what price he is willing to pay for freedom. A skillful examination of the fraught political awakening young Palestinians are forced to undergo, this TIFF world premiere "perfectly captures teenage fearlessness and bravado along with a certain cluelessness about how the real-world works" (Variety). A striking debut feature film from Firas Khoury, ALAM, winner of Best Film at the Cairo Film Festival, marries conversations around nationalism and iconography with the universal themes of growing up.

ALL LADIES DO IT (4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray) MVDvisual + Cult Epics

After five years of marriage, Diana discovers the joys of adultery, claiming that she can save her failing relationship with her husband through betrayal. From the director of Caligula and Salon Kitty, Tinto Brass, comes the stylish, erotic comedy drama All Ladies Do It, starring the sexy Claudia Koll. Cult Epics presents the Uncut & Uncensored Director's Cut with new and vintage bonus features. Bonus materials include: Outtakes All Ladies Do It, Photo Gallery, Double-sided sleeve with original uncensored Italian poster art, and 20-Page illustrated booklet with liner notes by Eugenio Ercolani and Domenico Monetti.

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

YOUNGKIN CORRECT WITH VETO OF BILLS

Gov. Glenn Youngkin of Virginia recently vetoed two bills that would have revoked tax exemptions for the United Daughters of the Confederacy and remove all depictions of Robert E. Lee from the state's license plates.

These bills were pushed by nearly every Democrat in both chambers of the state's legislature. Virginia's past connection to the Confederacy and to slavery is still a source of contention especially by liberal Democrats obsessed with cancelling its history and culture.

Democrats are also obsessed with the very existence of the Daughter of the Confederacy and depict them as "historically pro-slavery institutions," which they are not. Wouldn't it be good if Virginia Democrats were concerned about the challenges facing Virginia today rather than digging through history to whack themselves over the head with.

LASER- FOCUSED BIDEN ON THE JOB

According to WH Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre the president has been so zeroed in, so laser-focused on lowering costs for Americans and we've done that. I say "C'mon, Man." If what's happening today is because of his laser-focus, maybe he needs to focus on something else. Costs have soared 18 percent since

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the First Annual account(s) of Margaret G. Weise of Chicago Heights, IL as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of June 20, 2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you including the allowance of the account(s).

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,

First Justice of this Court. Date: May 23, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/31/2024 2020. Gasoline is up 74 percent, A recent Quinnipiac poll showed that nearly 75 percent of Americans see the economy as either "not so good" or "poor." This included 41 percent of Democrats, too.

LET'S TALK MUSIC NOW

The other day while driving to work, I listened to Paul McCartney & Wings singing "Goodnight Tonight," which was an old 1980 song. I loved it back then and still do today. Paul and Wings did some great music post-Beatles, didn't they? I also heard "Live or Let Die" by Paul McCartney back in 1973 from that Roger Moore James Bond movie. Back when I was 25 years old listening to that movie soundtrack by Sir Paul, the lyrics meant one thing but today when listening to the same lyrics, time has a way of changing what you hear. Hey, does anyone else know what I am saying? Let me know at sal. giarratani@gmail.com.

giarratani@gmail.com. ANOTHER MUSICAL OPINION

Who remembers the band "Badfinger?" Another one of

those great rock bands from back in the day. I love their hit song "Here I Come and Get It." Listening to their sound, I get confused because they sound so much like the Beatles. Same voice, same everything. Sometimes, I can't tell the difference. Who's the Beatles? Who's Badfinger? Check out and compare the sound for yourself.

DON'T FORGET FRIDAY NIGHT (MAY 31ST)

Don't forget Wine & Craft Beer Tasting event over at Sacred Heart Parish in Eastie in the church parking lot from 7:00-10:00 p.m. For ticket information, call 617-567-5776. This is a 21+ event.

Dominic Petrosino and the band "Take Me Down" will be there, too. I heard the band last Saturday night down at the Beachmont VFW and the band was great and the place was packed.

Now, if you missed them last Saturday, you can see them this Friday night. *C-mon down!*

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was the end of May in 1956, and I had just graduated from English High School. I had no plans for anything beyond that point in time. Dad had lectured me about higher education and Babbononno talked about learning a trade. My grandfather had hoped I would follow in his footsteps and learn woodworking or furniture making. Dad assured me that the road to success was through higher education.

I had three interests, playing baseball, working at the Seville Theater and "hanging on the corner of Brooks and Bennington Streets. I didn't have any savings as I used much of my Seville money taking flying lessons at the Revere airport. (remember it next to the Revere dump???) Baseball didn't cost much as I played for the CYO League and the American Legion Post that existed on Marion Street between Eutaw and Trenton.

The day after graduation, I received a phone call from one of my best friends who had just graduated from East Boston High School. His father was in the trades and had secured a job for each of us working on construction. My friend's comment was, "I'm going to drive a bull dozer and you are going to drive a tractor." We were to report to the marsh area on Bennington Street across from the MBTA station. They were going to build an open-air theater there after the marshes were cleared and the land filled

At sunup the next day, we appeared to the site and reported to the man in charge. He gave us a verbal walk through, and then handed my friend a pick and me a shovel...no bull dozer and no tractor. By lunch time, I had blisters on the palms of my hands. By quitting time, they had become blood blisters ... and they hurt like h___.

Once home, Babbononno filled a basin with warm water and Epsom Salt and told me to soak my hands in the mixture. A short while later, Dad came home with a suit and tie on. By this point in time, he was the assistant director of a science program in the Boston Public Schools. Dad pulled one of my hands from the basin and looked at the blisters, cleaned a needle and pricked each blister. When he was done and my hands were bandaged, I said, "Dad, you were right, I want to go to college.

I hadn't taken the SAT exams nor any entrance exams for college which eliminated me from 99% of the colleges that required entrance exams. Without me knowing it, Dad next called the dean at Boston State College, (today's U. Mass Boston). He and Dr. Reagan were good friends and Dad related the happenings of the day. When they hung up, Dad told me I had to report to Dr. Reagan's office at Boston State at 9:00 a.m., on the next morning. The next day, dressed in a suit and tie, I entered the dean's office at Boston State, and was greeted by Dr. Reagan who handed me a booklet and told me to sit down at a desk in the corner of his office. Without smiling, he said, "Entrance exam ... you have three hours to complete it," and walked out. I finished in two hours and sat patiently for another hour waiting for Dr. Reagan's return. When he finally returned, he picked up the booklet sat at his desk and read my answers. When he finished, he looked up and said, "Congratulations, you are now an incoming freshman. Report back for orientation the day after Labor Day.

What I also needed was a new summer job. My days at working on construction (one day) were over, so Dad, once again, made a phone call on my behalf. He had a friend who was with the FBI and that friend later called me and told me to appear at the MDC bath house on Revere Beach the next day. The captain in charge told me to report to Constitution Beach the next day and assume the role of a life guard. I thanked him, left and then wondered where Constitution Beach was. I asked everyone I knew, but no one knew where Constitution Beach was. Later that day, I was driving past Shays Beach on Bennington Street in the Orient Heights section of East Boston. Workmen were just installing a new sign facing the street, it read Constitution Beach MDC. I was saved.

I reported the next day and was given an orange-colored pith helmet and a whistle. For the next two months, I was a life guard at a beach I had frequented since I was in short pants. By the end of the summer, I had a deep brown tan and a few dollars for college.

Dad had done so much calling in favors, I felt guilty allowing him to pay for college tuition, so I decided to pay for it myself ... and did. When Mom, Nanna and Babbononno asked me what I did on rainy days, I replied, "I learned how to play poker."

I turned in my helmet and whistle on Labor Day and joined the rest of the bath house workers in a final get together.

As instructed, the next day I reported to Boston State for freshman orientation (or as we called it, indoctrination). I had decided to study industrial technology and was told to report to a room that had a sign on the door saying F20. I ran into Bob Pesce an East Boston friend who also graduated from English High School. He introduced me to a couple of people he knew and when it was time for our orientation, there were 40 of us seated in the room. Some looked a lot older than we 17- and 18-year-old freshman. We youngsters were just out of high school and the older freshmen were veterans of the Korean War heading to college under the GI Bill.

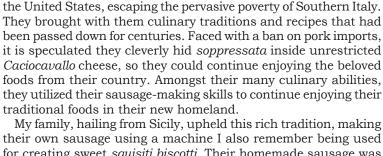
The teacher in charge called the roll alphabetically. He was new to the faculty, having just arrived from the mid-west. The most difficult names he had to pronounce where he came from were probably Smith, Jones and Adams. The first four names on his F20 alpha list were Abruzzese, Christoforo, Ciccarelli, and Civili. He did a great job butchering them.

By the end of our second year, 20 of the 40 students had dropped out and the remaining 20 graduated in June of 1960, some heading into industry and the rest heading to shop classes in the Boston Schools. I decided to teach a shop subject. Working at a school meant a shorter day and seeing I had turned professional as a musician about two years earlier, the time frame allowed me have two careers and even continue working at the Seville Theater a couple of nights per week.

That first year, I and one of my classmates, Paul Ciccarelli, accepted jobs teaching at Tewksbury Memorial High School, he in the wood shop and I in drafting and design.

The following year, I left Tewksbury and became a teacher of technology and later, an administrator in the Boston Public Schools. I stayed with Boston through my 64th year of teaching, and then retired. Most of my Boston State classmates are gone, but I'm still around to write about them and days gone by. I guess I'm the lucky one

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Marianna

Bisignano

In the early 20th century, over four million Italians immigrated to

their own sausage using a machine I also remember being used for creating sweet squisiti biscotti. Their homemade sausage was used for numerous dishes, with the simplest yet most appreciated being "sausage and peppers," typically enjoyed in a hard-crusted Italian bun. Here's a heartier version of this classic dish, enhanced with roasted potatoes for added flavor and substance!

ITALIAN SAUSAGE, PEPPERS and POTATOES Salsiccia, Peperoni e Patate



3 pounds Italian spicy or mild sausage, casing left on and cut into 2-inch pieces

2 pounds sweet onions, sliced 5 pounds red bell peppers, cleaned and sliced

4 ½ pounds potatoes, skin left on and chopped into 2-inch pieces

1 ½ to 2 cups olive oil Garlic powder Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 375°F and line a baking sheet with parch-

In a large mixing bowl, combine the chopped potatoes with some olive oil, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Toss together and spread in a single layer on the baking sheet. Bake uncovered, turning halfway through, until a crisp outer coating forms. Remove when cooked and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat some olive oil over medium heat. Add the sausage and brown until thoroughly cooked. Transfer the cooked sausage, along with all remaining oil and drippings, into a large casserole dish and set aside.

In the same skillet, add more olive oil if needed, and cook the onions for about five minutes. Add the bell peppers and cook together, stirring frequently, until the peppers are softened but not too soft. Add the onions, peppers, and all their juices to the casserole with the sausage and mix well.

Finally, add the roasted potatoes to the casserole and toss everything together and enjoy!

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

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- FOR YOU WHO APPRECIATE THE FINEST -

THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT THIS & THAT**

with Daniel A. DiCenso

Cabiria **CABIRIA: 1914 126mins**

Director: Giovanni pastrone Cast: Lidia Quaranta (Cabiria), Umberto Mozzato (Fulvius Axilla), Bartolomeo pagano (Maciste), Gina Marangoni (Croessa)

Looking back through the innovations of cinema, determining "firsts" becomes a tricky business, the term itself being open to interpretation. The Jazz Singer, for instance, often cited as the first talking picture, contains so little sound it hardly justifies the term talkie. Furthermore, sound had been experimented with on film since Thomas Edison was in the business. Likewise, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is not the first animated feature ... if by 'animated' one is including stop-motion. In that case the crown goes to 1926's The Adventures of Prince Achmed. And so it is in this line that D.W. Griffith has his position challenged as the pioneer of the feature-film. Of course, here semantics matter too matter. Boxing matches had been filmed in their entirety since the turn of the century, but these cannot be called movies in the strictest sense of the term. Still, The Birth of a Nation has some heavy competition, especially starting in the early 1910s when the possibilities of film were expanding. L. Frank Baum made a number of movies based on his Oz books out of his short-lived film studio and Keystone (Biograph's zany sister studio) threw its lead stars into Tillie's Punctured Romance. Griffith himself was gradually stretching the length of his shorts, reaching almost feature length in 1914 with Judith of Bethulia. But why Birth of a Nation is credited as the first full-length film and not Giovanni Pastrone's Cabiria is something of a mystery. To be sure, Birth of a Nation perfected cinematic language and techniques more so than Cabiria and had a greater overall impact on the medium. Still, Cabiria is the first film which by any standard can be called a feature. "In length alone the film surpasses all previous efforts to produce a picture to be shown in a single evening," South Australia's The Critic observed. In its own way it was an innovator, introducing cinema to the colossal possibilities of ancient world epics. With its splendid sets depicting marble palaces, hundreds of extras as Roman soldiers and villagers and a menagerie of exotic animals (camels, a leopard and Indian elephants as Hannibal's steeds for his journey across the Alps) the vibrations of the film could be felt throughout the career of Cecil B. DeMille. Griffith himself, no stranger to the fascination with the days of pharaohs and kings, would emulate the spirit of Pastrone's epic in *Intolerance*. Cabiria, however, is also a cumulative film, the pieces that came together to make

it a whole can be traced in

earlier work. Griffith's influence can be felt primarily in a thematic sense. As is the case with his American counterpart, Pastrone's depiction of women coasts from fragility and vulnerability to veneration for courage and virtue. In discussing The Birth of a Nation critic Dave Kehr observed that while the film's overt racism is easily acknowledged, its confused attitude toward women often goes unnoticed. Cabiria, the titular girl (played in her childhood years by Carolina Catena and as an adult by Lidia Quaranta), does little more than survive the eruption of Mount Etna (through no luck of her own) only to be captured by Phoenician pirates and sent to Carthage as a prisoner of the High Priest Karthalo (Dante Testa). She is rescued just before being sacrificed to the god Moloch by Roman spy Fulvius Axilla (Umberto Mozzato) and his slave Maciste (Bartolomeo Pagano). While Cabiria herself is not afforded as much as a reaction to any of these perils it is important to note, however, that she is rescued from the burning city by her nurse Croessa (Gina Marangoni) who is later also responsible for sending Fulvius and Maciste to her rescue from the temple of Moloch, an act for which she pays with her life when Karthalo discovers her treason. Her other benefactor is also a woman. Sophonisba (Italia Almirante-Manzini), niece to Hannibal and enemy to Rome, shields the fugitive in her palace where she shelters her for a decade as the Second Punic War continues. Like Croessa, Sophonisba sacrifices herself for the greater good. In light of all this and the empty canvas that Cabiria remains, the finale in which she sails off with Fulvius as his bride feels all the more arbitrary, having arrived with no buildup for what seems like an unlikely romance anyway. Even the melodrama (of the sort Griffith was fond of) involving the star-crossed love of Sophonisba and Masinissa (Vitale DiStefano) feels natural by compari-Stylistically, Cabiria owes more than a little to Georges Méliès. In particular, the matte shot depicting the images of a nightmare while sleeping Sophonisba squirms in discomfort bring to life the French filmmaker's 1898 The Astronomer's Dream. The mechanisms of the gigantic face of Moloch at the entrance of the temple as well as the statue of the god itself into which children are thrown as sacrifices are similar to 1912's Conquest of the Pole, one of Méliès's last works and the superimposed sea sprites frolicking around Fulvius's ship in the last shot

hark back to Méliès early



fantasies. Not surprisingly, contemporary reviews were enthusiastic. Typical of the responses was the write-up in Australia's The Mail: "This wonderful picture play, representing the highest point ever attained in the sphere of kinematographic art, has created enormous enthusiasm in Italy and America. It deals with the struggle which occurred three centuries before the birth of Christ between the might of republican Rome and the powerful armies of Carthage. Gabriele D'Annunzio, the famous Italian poet, dramatist, and author is the writer of the scenario of Cabiria. He also supervised the rehearsals and production of the film, designed the costumes, chose the settings for the various scenes, and saw that everything was correct historically. The film is the longest ever made. It takes a whole evening to screen it, and it is crammed full with the stupendous incidents of the great Punic wars, presented in a most realistic style. It shows the army of Hannibal crossing the Alps, it vividly pictures an eruption of Mount Etna, it brings before the spectator the burning of the Roman fleet, the siege of Cirta and the sacrifices to Moloch, the hideous infantconsuming idol of Carthage. Through all this tremendous concourse of events runs a sweet love story. Its heroine is Cabiria, an innocent Sicilian maiden, who is captured and enslaved at Carthage. Her lover is Fulvius Axilla, a Roman Patrician, who with his slave Maciste, one of the most extraordinary figures ever introduced into a photo play, experiences the most thrilling adventures. In the production of Cabiria 700 actors, 50 horses, and 20 elephants were busily engaged for 14 months. The total cost of production borne by the Italian Film Company was £50,000." Cabiria owes a lot to the earliest film innovators but its own influence peaked more than fifty years later when the world of ancient spectacle once again became a grand arena for filmmakers.

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2024 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

JUNE

CANTA MADIA DIANZANO

MADONNA DEL CDAZIE

Mass St. Leonard Church Procession	10:30 am 1 pm
ST. ANTHONY of PADUA Mass St. Leonard Church Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 9 12 noon 1 pm
PADRE PIO PROCESSION (Tentative) Italian Mass St. Leonard Church Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 23 10:30 am 1 pm
ST. THERESA SOCIETY Mass St. Leonard Church Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 30 10:30 am 1 pm

JULY

July 17

MADONNA DEL GRAZIE	July 14
Mass St. Leonard Church	10:30 am
Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	2 pm
ST. ROCCO	July 21
Mass St. Leonard Church	10:30 am
Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	2 pm
ST. JOSEPH	July 28
Dragonian Only Hangyan Drings Ct	- 1

Procession Only – Hanover – Prince Sts. 1 pm

AUGUST

August 1, 2, 3, 4 ST. AGRIPPINA Hanover & Battery Sts. Opens 7 pm on Thursday Sunday Procession 12 noon

MADONNA DELLA CAVA August 9,10,11 Opens 7 pm on Friday Hanover & Battery Sts. Sunday Procession 1 pm

MADONNA del SOCCORSO August 15, 16, 17, 18 North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's)

Sunday Procession 1 pm - Flight of the Angel 8 pm **SANTA LUCIA** August 22

Thursday, Feast & Procession Thacher & Endicott Sts. 5 pm

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST August 23, 24, 25 Endicott & Thacher, N. Margin Sts. Sunday Procession 12 pm

SEPTEMBER

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

ADDITIONAL ITALIAN FESTIVALS

Gloucester, MA

June 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 SAINT PETER'S FIESTA Sunday Mass 10 am (Outdoor) - Procession 12 pm For more details visit: http://stpetersfiesta.org/

Malden, MA SAINT ROCCO FESTIVAL August 9, 10, 11

Pearl Street, Malden, MA Sunday Procession

1 pm

3 pm

Lawrence. MA

FEAST of the THREE SAINTS Aug. 30, 31, Sept.1 Saints Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino

Common & Union Streets, Lawrence

Sunday Procession

Cambridge Festival

SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN September 6, 7, 8 Sunday Procession 1 pm

Warren and Cambridge St., Cambridge

Photo Submission Guidelines

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adult males who were also in the vehicle.

This breach comes after an attempt by a pair of Jordanian migrants on May 3rd to breach Marine Corps Base Quantico with a box truck.

What is the Truth Over **Immigrant Crimes?**

Democrat U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy recently argued on the Senate Floor that one is "statistically safer" living in an immigrant neighborhood because immigrants commit crimes at a lower rate than native-born Americans but according to The Federalist's John Daniel Davidson in reality "100 percent of illegal immigrants commit a crime the

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI24D1364DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY** PUBLICATION AND MAILING **ALINY C. BRETAS** MICHAEL CIPOLETTI

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 Aliny C. Bretas, 111 Salem St., #1, Woburn, MA 01801 your answer, if any, on or before June 23, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 13, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/31/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200

Docket No. NO85P0995A1

Estate of ARTHUR RABINOVITZ

Date of Death: March 28, 1985 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Marlene Rabinovitz of Brookline, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Marlene Rabinovitz of Brookline. MA be appointed as Successor Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 June 20, 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, HON. PATRICIA GORMAN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 17, 2024

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate Run date: 05/31/2024 moment they illegally cross the international border" and the relevant data suggest illegal immigrants do commit crimes at a much higher rate. Davidson adds, "mass illegal immigration is a serious problem because it compromises our integrity and coherence as a nation."

Fact Check

Biden ignores the COVID lockdowns and forgets that in the eight months before Biden took office, Trump had recovered 13 million of those lost jobs. It took Biden another year to recover the remaining 7 million.

End Quote

"(President Trump) started with more jobs than he ended with. The only other guy... (was) Herbert Hoover," May 15th

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services**, **Inc.**, **of 171 Boston Street**,

Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions

of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that

they will sell the following vehicles on

or after June 08, 2024 beginning at

9:00 AM by public or private sale to

satisfy their garage keepers lien for

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VIN # LT4Z1NAA6PZ000281

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2013 HONDA PCX150

VIN # MLHKF1216D5004028

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2020 JEEP WRANGLER

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2022 SUBARU IMPREZA

VIN # 4S3GKAB60N3601365

2007 HONDA ACCORD

VIN # 1HGCM66547A028185

2009 FORD F150

VIN # 1FTRW14829FA20501

2004 CHEVROLET EXPRESS

VIN # 1GCHG39U841162481

1985 MERCEDES BENZ 380 VIN # WDBCA32C4FA160354

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Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed

Signed

Todisco Services, Inc.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

10-U Commerce Way

Woburn, MA 01801

(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI16P1891EA

Estate of

BARTOLO J. CINCOTTA

Also Known As

BARTOLO CINCOTTA

Date of Death: February 10, 2016

CITATION ON PETITION

FOR ORDER OF

COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

ment has been filed by Joseph Cincotta of

Waltham, MA requesting that the court enter a

formal Decree of Complete Settlement includ-

ing the allowance of a final account, a deter-

mination of testacy and heirs at law, (First and

Final) and other such relief as may be

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

by which you must file a written appearance

and objection if you object to this proceed-

ing. 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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 05/31/2024

You have the right to obtain a copy of the

requested in the Petition

June 20, 2024.

further notice to you.

First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 23, 2024

A Petition for Order of Complete Settle-

Run dates: 05/24, 05/31, 6/07/2024

by appointment only.

towing, storage, and notices of sale.

LEGAL NOTICE

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VIN # 1G1AB5F51A7154409 **2010 SUBARU OUTBACK** VIN # 4S4BRBCC8A3312367

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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 05/31, 06/07, 6/14/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on June 15, 2024 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice

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2009 NISSAN SENTRA, BLACK VIN: #: 3N1AB61E49L695937

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2004 CHEVROLET EXPRESS, WHITE VIN: # 1GBHG31U841163291

2021 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER, ORANGE VIN: # JA4ARUAU4MU006329

2005 PONTIAC AZTEK, WHITE

2005 HONDA ACCORD, BLACK VIN: # 1HGCM66535A001072

2004 HONDA ACCORD, RED

VIN: # 1HGCM56874A007508

Run dates: 05/31, 06/07, 06/14/2024

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI23P5250GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of **DJMYAH JULIZABETH CYRIUS** of Billerica, MA

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/06/2023 by

Jennifer Myrtil of Billerica, MA Erlee Myah Vital of Billerica, MA will be held 06/26/2024 9:00 AM Review Hearing

Located 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852. Courtroom 11

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

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: April 17, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/31/2024

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Red Sox Playing Like My Old Days Gone By

This past Monday, the Red Sox played the Orioles. They got eight hits and the O's walked nine batters, yet the Orioles bested the Sox by 11-3. Red Sox starter Cooper Criswell had been pitching well lately and came into the game with a 2.86 ERA. and before you know it, it was 1962 or 1963 all over again. The Sox are back to .500 baseball again. I feel this year is another brutal one for Sox fans as the home team simply

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU24P1068EA Estate of

STELLA MOY FONG Date of Death: January 27, 2024 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Gerard Fong of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Gerard Fong of Boston, MA has been infor-

mally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond

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

Run date: 05/31/2024

is stuck in neutral. I suspect their goal this year isn't about a playoff spot but finishing .500. If Alex Cora decides to return in 2025, he needs to have his head examined.

Happy Birthday to ...

Happy Birthday to the oldest Red Sox alumni, 90-yearold Jim Mahoney. He was a shortstop from Jersey who played 31 games for the '59 Sox and was taken by the Angels in the 1960 expansion draft before getting traded to the Senators. He played 120 games in all with the Sox, Senators, Indians and Astros. His playing career lasted until 1970 when he coached in the majors and minors. He remained there until 1988.

Analytics Wins Out Again

This past Sunday, Kyle Bradish struck out 11 in seven innings and the Orioles beat the White Sox 4-1. He was pitching a no-hitter, threw 103 pitches and then got removed in the 8th inning for Danny Coulombe who led the inning off with a single breaking up the no-hitter. In the old days, Bradish would not have been removed but now with analytics, no-hitters are going the way of the dinosaur.

Judge Now Joins Lou Gehrig and Roger Maris

Recently Yankees captain Aaron Judge joined Lou Gehrig and Roger Maris to have hit 15 home runs, 15 doubles and a 1.000 OPS through his first 52 games of the season. Gehrig did it twice, 1930 and 1934, Maris did it in 1960. Mark Teixeira did it in 2009 with 17 homers and 15 doubles and now Judge joins them.

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23P5249GD

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor In the interests of ROGER MARLONE SAINVILUS

of Billerica, MA **NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/06/2023 by

Jennifer Myrtil of Billerica, MA Erlee Myah Vital of Billerica. MA will be held 06/26/2024 9:00 AM Review Hearing Located 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA

01852, Courtroom 11 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or

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Date: April 17, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/31/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way

Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23P5248GD NOTICE AND ORDER: **Petition for Appointment of**

Guardian of a Minor In the interests of JENGLORIA MIAMAR VITAL of Billerica, MA

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition

for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/06/2023 by Jennifer Myrtil of Billerica, MA Erlee Myah Vital of Billerica, MA will be held 06/26/2024 9:00 AM Review Hearing

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Date: April 17, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/31/2024



Gene Tunney

All-Time Great?

To watch Gene Tunney in the ring is to see a master boxer with accurate and powerful punching ability. He was always in shape and had a rock-solid jaw. While record keeping was a bit subjective in his day with many decisions being decided by newspaper reporters rather than official judges, Tunney was credited with having only one loss in his 68 outings. That loss was to the great Harry Greb in their first of five matches. Their fourth fight was called a draw. It wasn't until their final fight that Tunney won a clearcut decision.

Throughout most of his career Tunney fought middleweights and light heavyweights. In fact, it wasn't until the final bout of his career that he stepped in with an opponent weighing over 200 pounds.

Tunney's record is impressive though. In addition to his fights with Greb, some of the opposition he took on and defeated included Johnny Risko, Tommy Gibbons, Georges Carpentier, Jeff Smith, Tommy Loughran, Jimmy Delaney, Charlie Weinert, and Battling Levinsky. In his 65 wins he scored an impressive 48 knockouts making him a solid boxer/puncher.

In his 65th fight he challenged Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight championship of the world. Jack had won the title in 1919 with a kayo of giant Jess Willard, and for his first four years as champion remained fairly active, defending the crown five times. Only Tommy Gibbons was able to last the distance with the Mauler.

In 1923, Dempsey retained the title with a second-round kayo of Luis Angel Firpo in an exciting fight where Jack was knocked out of the ring. It was after this fight things changed in the champion's career. He remained idle for three years while spending time in Hollywood making movies. His manager Doc Kearns believed the title would be worth more out of the ring and without the chance of losing it. While this may have been a smart financial decision, it certainly didn't help Dempsey when it came to staying sharp and fast in the ring.

When people argue about how great Jack Dempsey was, one of the points that is brought up in arguing against him is the fact that he just didn't defend the title belt enough, so we never got to see him really perform throughout his prime years. While I firmly rank Jack as one of the greatest of all-time, this argument has validity. The same can be said of Gene Tunney when evaluating his greatness as a heavyweight champion.

The Dempsey factor plays into rating Tunney's place in history in a couple of ways. First, is whether or not Gene beat a prime Dempsey? It would be hard to make the case that the Dempsey of the 1926 bout with Gene was the same man from three years earlier. The inactivity had taken a toll on the champ and his reflexes just weren't the same. What would



one of the greatest. As it is, he still is considered such by many, but the questions linger. over Dempsey. That defense was against Tom Heeney from New Zealand. Heeney had earned a shot at the champion but was not considered a serious threat to win the title. Tunney put on a good performance stopping the Thunder From Down Under in the 11th round.

Just days after beating Heeney, Tunney announced his retirement. I don't fault him at all for this in that he had made a great deal of money and still was in possession of his faculties. It isn't always easy to walk away when you are on top, but Gene stuck with his retirement.

But much like the missing Dempsey years when he remained inactive, there are the missing Tunney defenses that would have allowed us to see the reigning champion at his peak. If he had stayed on for another two or three years it would have been interesting to see how he fared.

It would have been a great test to have seen him defend the title against Jack Sharkey and Max Schmeling, the two men



Gene Tunney and Max Schmeling, would have been an interesting matchup.

So, how does this play into Tunney's claim to greatness? Well, he did have the two solid wins over Dempsey, but the shadow of Jack's idleness puts a damper on those victories. However, Gene still could have removed much of the doubt if he had just taken a different route once he was champion.

After his second win over Dempsey, Gene was willing to have a third fight with the former champ. In their last fight there was the controversy over what has become known as the Long Count, where in the 7th round Dempsey decked Tunney with a barrage of punches, but upon failing to immediately go to a neutral corner, the count was delayed and it is believed Tunney had 14 seconds in which to regain his composure.

The public was all in for a third fight between the two, but Dempsey, concerned about his eyes which had taken punishment in the two Tunney bits as well as his fight with Jack Sharkey, decided to retire.

Here's where Tunney could have sealed his bona fides as an all-time great. It turns out Gene would only defend the title one more time after the second win

who succeeded him. Perhaps he could have also taken on Paulino Uzcudun and Young Stribling. With these four names under his belt, and providing he had solid wins against these men, I think Gene Tunney would have removed any questions about his greatness.

I have always had a very high opinion of Tunney. I believe he was faster than and a harder puncher than Muhammad Ali. He was incredibly skilled and focused. In my mind he is definitely near the top of the list when it comes to heavyweight champions. I also think he would have beaten Sharkey and Schmeling, but both, especially Schmeling, would have extended him. I think these would have been excellent fights.

While the parallels between Tunney and Dempsey exist when it comes to their lack of activity while champions may have dampened their reputations when it comes to historical reflections on their careers, I think they both made the best decisions any fighter can make: Get while the getting is good. Put the money in your pocket while your brain is still intact.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

As the Celtics proceed to the NBA Finals, it is not always a path of joy and elation for all. Remember, to get there the Celtics have had to defeat other NBA teams.

And unfortunately, that has led to some major consequences for the coaches of some of those defeated teams.

The latest to experience such an outcome after facing the Celtics was J. B. Bickerstaff, the head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers who lost to the Celtics in the second round. It was deepest the Cavs had gone in the playoffs since 2018. As the Associated Press put it, J. Bickerstaff "won and still lost

his job." The coach "was fired despite the Cavs improving in each of four seasons." Plus, the team "overcame numerous injuries this year to make it to the second round of the playoffs."

That included having to play the final two games against the Celtics without his two star players — guard Donovan Mitchell and center Jarrett Allen.

Bickerstaff's dismissal did not sit well with Rick Carlisle, the former Celtics player and current head coach of Indiana whose team lost to the Celtics in the Eastern Conference Finals.

"I thought J.B. Bickerstaff did an amazing job," said Carlisle to the AP between one of his matchups with the Celtics. "There was a complete culture makeover there. He was inventive. They became a top defensive team in the league."

We doubt that Carlisle will face a similar fate — after all the Cavs did make it to the NBA's version of the Final Four — but it is indicative that a first or second round elimination could place any number of coaches on the hot seat.

It also shows that job results are all that matter. The Cavs had numerous injuries during the regular season yet Bickerstaff was still expected to be successful despite the reality of those events and their impact on the nightly lineup.

Remember, it isn't every team that can perform like the Celtics lose a player to injury like Kristaps Porzingis but still perform and win without skipping a beat. In the case of the Celtics there may have been a team strategy to hold him out of action for as long as possible so that he will be completely healed and ready to go for the NBA Finals.

Another coach who in recent times was dismissed following his team's elimination by the Celtics in the playoffs was none other than former Celtics coach Doc Rivers.

Doc, who led the Celtics to the 2008 NBA championship, was let go by the Philadelphia 76ers following their ouster from the 2023 playoffs by the C's. That came after Philadelphia had actually taken a 3-2 lead in the series.

Rivers coached the 76ers for three seasons and each time Philadelphia was eliminated in the second round. The setback that did him last year was a one-sided Game 7 setback — a 112-88 loss to the Green on the parquet.

That led Philadelphia management to opt to "part ways" with Rivers who had just completed the third year of a five-year, \$40 million contract. That would have meant the 76ers would have owed him about \$16 million unless another figure was negotiated.

Shortly after the elimination loss to the Celtics Rivers had indicated that he thought he would be back. "Yes, because I have two years left (on the contract). But he also added. "No one is safe in our business. I get it."

Doc was not out of a job for long. In the fall, he was part of a national broadcast team for ESPN/ABC. Then in January, he was hired as the new head coach of the Milwaukee Bucks, replacing Adrian Griffin essentially at midseason.

In essence it was a homecoming of sorts for Doc since he had played his college ball at Marquette University — just a short distance away. But what did it take to lure him back? A four-year, \$40 million contract that is good through the end of the 2026-2027 season.

However, in an environment where positive results are expected, things could have gone better. The Bucks compiled a 17-19 record after Doc was hired. They still made the playoffs but were eliminated in the first round by Indiana, the team the Celtics just beat to advance to the NBA Finals.

FROM THE ALPHA TO THE OMEGA — The late Bill Walton, who was a star on those memorable Boston Celtics teams in the middle of the 1980s, got his start in life on November 5, 1952.

And while his future franchise did not see action on that date, the C's did play three days later when they defeated the Syracuse Nationals 106-83 at Boston Garden.

The win gave the C's a 2-1 record on the young season. They would go on to advance to the 1953 Eastern Division Finals where they were defeated by the New York Knicks 3-1 in a best-of-five series.

On the day Bill died the Celtics downed the Indiana Pacers in the Eastern Conference Finals to advance to the 2024 NBA Finals. Not a bad pair of lifespan basketball bookends for a player that rose to stardom first at UCLA and later in the NBA. As the decades

went by, Bill often came back to the Garden for Celtics games. He had a long personal relationship with his college coach John Wooden, who lived to age 99. On his desk Bill had this quotation from Wooden: "It's the things you learn after you know it all that

That is a good one. However, our favorite John Wooden quotation is one that applies more directly to students and personal challenges. You may wish to share it with a younger person.

It is: "Failure to prepare is preparing to fail."

If students diligently prepare for exams they are preparing to do well. But if they do not prepare by reviewing their academic work and assignments (and thus opting to engage in other activities) they are still preparing — for the opposite experience.

