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## Madonna Delle Grazie Annual Procession



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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

## Point - Counterpoint

Conservatives are on a roll in their quest to remake America through the courts.

CNN
Conservatives aren't trying to remake, they're trying to stop liberals from doing so - and from flouting the law in the process ... the left has sidestepped the Constitution.
-NY Post Editorial Board Agree or disagree? Let me know at sal.giarratani@ gmail.com

## Did You Know The Following?

Nearly half of U.S. tap water samples contain toxic "foreign chemical," substances used in hundreds of household items from cleaning supplies to pizza boxes to which broad exposure can carry serious health risks, according to a study through a U.S. Geological Survey, which tested water from more than 700 residences, businesses, and drinking water treatment plants for the presence of chemicals known as PFAS.

Bud Light Out Of Top Ten
Bud light is no longer among the top 10 most popular beers in America. Following its tie-up with transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney. Last year, Bud light was tied for ninth place, but is currently tied for 14th place according to a YouTube survey. Guinness, Heineken, Corona, Sam Adams, and Blue Moon were the top five beers.

## FDA Review Sought For

## Souped-Up Energy Drink

An influencer-backed energy drink that has earned viral popularity among children is facing scrutiny from lawmakers and health experts over its potential dangerous levels of caffeine.
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## A Fun-Filled Saturday at Christopher Columbus Park <br> by Tricia Sabbey



On Saturday, July $8^{\text {th }}$, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park celebrated Independence Day at the Park. The patriotic tone of the opening ceremony was enhanced by the presence of an officer and sailor from the USS Constitution as well as re-enactors, Samuel Adams and a Daughter of Liberty from the Tea Party Museum. This year is the $250^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the Boston Tea Party so Samuel and his companion provided a rousing account of events related to the Boston Tea Party and had the whole audience shouting, "Huzzah!"
Hundreds of adults and children flooded the Park and enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon. The day featured Peter the Magician and Big Joe the Best Storyteller in Boston as well as a meet and greet
with Curious George. Activities under the trellis included face painting, crafts, animal balloon creations, the Reptile Circus, and a chance to meet a Girl Scout representative. The west lawn was a hubbub of activity with lawn games by Knucklebones Game Company. The day concluded on the east lawn with an awe-inspiring big bubble display by Bruce's Fun Company.
The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park is a non-profit, all-volunteer group dedicated to creating a vibrant and inviting park for the North End and Waterfront neighborhoods and beyond. New members welcome. Please contact foccp.org for more information.

# Stirpe Nostra 

by Prof．Edmund Turiello
A weckly column hightighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry ．．．our lineage ．．．our roots．


## COMMODUS，

## The Bastard of the Roman Empire

We all know by this time that Roman emperors often adopted sons as successors and often honored those sons by bestow－ ing their own names upon them or，at times，even the names of illustrious ancestors．We are reminded that these were still pagan times in old Rome and ancestor worship was a rec－ ognized part of their religion． The eighteenth emperor of the Roman world and the one that now occupies our attention was popularly called Commodus or Commodus Antoninus． Eventually，he bore the full title of Commodus Lucius Aelius Aurelius Antoninus．He was the natural son of Faustina， the wife of Marcus Aurelius， but，in fact，a bastard child to the emperor．There seems to be no question regarding the illegitimacy of his birth，as most historians tell of his mother＇s escapades with the Roman gladiators and of his birth out of her adultery
Commodus was probably conceived in a haystack，but was born in Lanuvium，near the Appian Way，on August 31， 161 A．D．，and it was a sad day for the civilized world．He was one of twin boys；when pregnant， his mother dreamed that she had given birth to serpents．The twin brother，named Antoninus， died at the age of four；but as for Commodus，even from early childhood he was cruel， dishonorable，debauched，and appeared to have inherited all


Commodus as Hercules， Capitoline Museums
the vices of his mother．At the age of twelve，his cruel and brutal nature really surfaced when he ordered that his bath keeper be cast into the furnace because the bath water was not hot enough．Fortunately for the bath keeper，a compassionate slave in charge of the furnace burned a sheepskin instead and the resulting stench satisfied Commodus that the job had been done．
During his early adulthood，he showed no regard for decency or expense，kept a brothel for his personal pleasure，and had it continually staffed with women of unusual beauty．He also developed an attraction for the criminal element－the dishon est and those persons with little or no moral standards．The most
honorable men in his employ were usually degraded，insulted， and assigned duties that were far below their status．When some actors alluded that he was a man of depraved life，they were immediately banished and were lucky to get off without being executed．This is the nature of the person that was destined to become the eighteenth ruler of the Roman Empire．
Commodus had accompanied his father on two expeditions to Germany during the wars against the barbaric tribes． He ascended the throne as a joint ruler with his father and together they led the second expedition．Marcus Aurelius died while hostilities were still going on and，not withstanding the fact that the opposing forces were at the point of complete subjugation，Commodus made a hasty and disgraceful peace with them and hurried back to Rome．Once back in the capital city，he led a triumphal proces－ sion with a boy friend named Saoteus．Both were seated in a chariot and from time to time Commodus would turn and kiss his friend openly．
In spite of all the care with which Marcus Aurelius had supervised his son＇s educa－ tion，Commodus was extremely ignorant and it quickly became apparent that as the sole ruler he was indulging in the gross－ est vices．

NEXT WEEK：
The Bastard Ruleth

## Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Anthony was born in 1502 in Cremona，Italy．His mother became a widow at 18 ，and devoted herself to the spiri－ tual education of her son．He received a medical doctorate at 22，and while working among the poor of his native Cremona， Italy，was attracted to the reli－ gious apostolate．He renounced his rights to any future inheri－ tance，worked as a catechist， and was ordained a priest at the age of 26 ．
Called to Milan in a few years， he laid the foundations of three religious congregations，one for men，one for women，and an association of married

couples．Their aim was the reform of the decadent society of their day．

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Greatly inspired by Saint Paul －his congregation is named the Barnabites，after the com－ panion of that saint－Anthony preached with great vigor in church and street，conducted popular missions，and was not ashamed of doing public penance．
Anthony encouraged such innovations as the collaboration of the laity in the apostolate， frequent Communion，the Forty Hours devotion，and the ringing of church bells at 3：00 p．m．，on Fridays．His holiness moved many to reform their lives，but as with all saints，it also moved many to oppose him．Twice his community had to undergo offi－ cial religious investigation，and twice it was exonerated．
While on a mission of peace， Anthony became seriously ill and was brought home for a visit to his mother．He passed away at Cremona on July 5， 1539.
The Feast Day of Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria is July 5th．

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WHEREAS，on November 23， 2009 a certain Mortgage was executed by Richard F．Brennan and Cleeda O．Brennan as mortgagors in favor of Wells Fargo Bank，N．A．as mortgagee and was recorded on November 30，2009，in Book 53917 at Page 36，in the Office of the Registy of Deeds of Middlese
County，Massachusetts；and WHEREAS，the Mortgage Development（the Secretary）pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing；and
WHEREAS，the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary，pursuant to an assignment dated January 21， 2016 and recorded on January 28， 2016 in Book 66732 at Page 146 in the office of the Registry of Deeds，Middlesex County，Massachusetts；and
in that the Borrower is deceased and the property is not the principal residnce Mortgage one other surviving borrower as set forth in Paragraph 9（a）（i）of the Mortgage；and WHEREAS，by virtue of this default，the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebted ness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable；
NOW THEREFORE，pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994， 12 U．S．C． 3751 et seq．，by 24 CFR part 27，subpart B，and by the Secretary＇s designation is hereby given that on July 31，2023 at 12：00 PM local time，all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises（＂Property＂）will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder：
THE LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON，SITUATED IN ALINGTON，MIDDLESEX COUNTY，MASSACHUSETTES，BEING LOT E ON A PLAN ENTITLED＂PLAN OF LAND ARLINGTON，MASS．DA ESE SOUTH DISTRICT，MEEDS BOOK BMO，PAGE 508，BOUNDE EASTERLY：BY MYSTIC STREET，ONE HUNDRED NINE（109）FEET：
SOUTHERLY：BY LOT B AS INDICATED ON SAID PLAN，ONE HUNDRED TEN（110）FEET； WESTERLY：BY LAND OF JOHN P．O＇REILLY，AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN，NINETY－EIGHT AND $97 / 100$（98．97）FEET，
NORTHERLY：BY LOT FON SAID PLAN，ONE HUNDRED NINE AND 77／100（109．77）FEET． FOR TITLE REFERENCE SEE DEED RECORDED AT BOOK 11991，PAGE 449
The sale will be held at 322 Mystic Street，Arlington，MA 02474
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid approximately $\$ 882,374.49$
There will be no proration of taxes，rents or other income or liabilities，except that the purchaser will pay，at or before closing，his pro－rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale．

When making their bids，all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling approxi－ mately $\$ 88,237.45[10 \%$ of the Secretary＇s bid］in the form of a certified check or cashier＇s check is oral，a deposit of at least $\$ 88,237.45$ must be presented before the bidding is closed．The deposit is nonrefundable．The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown，time being of the essence， This amount，like the bid deposits，must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier＇s check．If the Secretary is the highest bidder，he need not pay the bid amount in cash．The successful bidder wil pay ail conveying fees，all real estate and other waxes that are due on or after the delvery date of the the sale，the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them．
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mortgagor or others subsequent to a fight of possession based upon a right of redemption，in the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser（s）upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein．HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant．
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not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale，or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner，in the form of a certified or cashier＇s check payable to the Secretary of HUD，before public auction of the property is completed The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid off prior to the scheduled sale is approximately $\$ 882,374.49$ as of July 31,2023 plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated，advertising costs
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posting notices and tomary costs incurred for title and lien record searches，the necessary out－of－pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents，a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner，and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement． Tender of payment by certified or castier＇s check or application for cancelation of the foclos sale shall be summitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below．

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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.


You can only have one mother, Patient, kind and true; No other friend in all the world, Will be the same to you. When other friends forsake you, To mother you will turn, For all her loving kindness, She asks nothing in return. As we look upon her picture, Sweet memories we recall, Of a face so full of sunshine, And a smile for one and all. Sweet Jesus, take this message, To our dear mother up above; Tell her how we miss her, And give her all our love. In Our Hearts Forever Your Loving Family


## Patrick "Pat" Simboli

June 26, 1932 - July 13, 2009

## Guardian Angel

Guardian Angel from heaven so bright,
Watching beside us to lead us aright,
Fold thy wings around us and guard us with love, Softly sing songs to us of Heaven above. Amen
In Our Hearts Forever - Your Loving Family

## In Loving Memory



A Memorial Mlass will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 11 a.m. In Memory of Frank "Peanut" DeßIarco March 12, 1934 -April 4, 2023

St. Stephen's Church
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Sovingly remembered by Beloved Husband Alice, Father of Edward and Jason, Grandfather of Zoey, Brother of Franny DeLuca Brother of the late Louis DeMarco, Anthony "Lobo" DeMarco, Antonetta LaFrazia, Ralph "Ozzie Bo" DeMarco, Rose Ford, John "Mahoney" DeMarco, Nancy LaFerra, Maria Correale All are welcome to join us.

## Where are the Italians? Observations on the Italian Diaspora

by Silvio Laccetti

Americans, particularly Italian Americans, are barely aware of the dimensions of the Italian Diaspora - the settlement of Italians across the globe. People of Italian heritage have played major roles and have significant presence in a number of non-European countries. A brief listing shows that:

1. for reference, Italy has 60 million people
2. Brazil has 32 million of Italian heritage, or $15 \%$ of its total population
3. Argentina has 25 million, a whopping $62.5 \%$ of its total population
4. The United States has an estimated 17 million , about $6 \%$. But the National Italian American Foundation claims the number could be as high as 25 million, since the census department stopped asking about Italian ethnicity in this century..
5, Venezuela, 1.7 million or 6\%
6 Canada, 1.5 million, or $4.5 \%$
6 Canada, 1.5 million, or $4.5 \%$
7 and 8 . Australia, 1 million or $4.4 \%$ and Uruguay 1 million, BUT 40\%
New Jersey is replete with municipalities that rank in the top 10 in percentage of Italian Americans: Fairfield leads the nation with $50.3 \%$. In terms of sheer numbers, our shore communities lead the state, Toms River with 27.5 thousand, Middletown with 26 thousand and Brick with 23 thousand. In Ocean County, some $26 \%$ of residents claim Italian ancestry. Community leaders include: Ocean Gate, $41 \%$ Point Pleasant, 33\%, Toms River, $33 \%$ and Brick, $29 \%$
Intrigued by these statistics, I decided to ask two individuals associated with the work of my Foundation about issues facing their Italian communities, one from Brazil the other from Australia. It would appear that the two uppermost issues for Italian Americans concern 1) the Columbus controversy and 2) Italian Studies in public schools.
First, I inquired of Bill Macina to give us the lay of the land in Brazil.

Atypically, Bill is a triple mover. His grandparents came to the US from Italy. Bill lived in NJ, but in later adulthood, he moved to Brazil to establish his successful Business, ITAMBRAS.
With regard to the two issues of importance to

Italian Americans, Bill states that Columbus in a non-issue. There are very, very few monuments to him in Brazil, which, after all, was discovered by the Portuguese navigator Pedro Cabral. October 12 is celebrated as a quasi-religious "Children's Day"! On the second matter, Italian language and cultural studies, unlike here, it is the younger generation which is very concerned with the issue. They lobby for more Italian Studies in the curriculum and display a strong interest in obtaining dual Italian-Brazilian citizenship. These trends are particularly evident in Bill's home town of Serra Negra, which has $90 \%$ Italian heritage residents.

My second contact is Italian Australian Zack Facione, He is an amazingly accomplished world class scholar-athlete, a 7 time All-American track star who is finishing up a Master's degree at Wake Forest University, North Carolina. Interestingly, in the heart of that state, Zach is identified by peers and associates as Australian, rather than a person of Italian heritage!
Regarding the Columbus controversy, in Australia, as in Brazil, there is are very few markers and no fuss about the Great Navigator. Of course, Australia was "discovered" by the Dutch in 1606 and re-discovered by British Captain Cook in 1770, long after the Columbian voyages to the New World.
As for Italian Studies, as we saw in Brazil, there is a growing interest among young Italian Australians to learn more about their heritage, perhaps as tourism to Italy is rising. But in schools and universities, Italian language is being cut out. Indeed, one university has ceased teaching any languages, stating that this study is not compatible with its mission! No wonder why Australia is called the "graveyard of languages".
I conclude by urging all readers to delve more deeply into the topics raised in this essay and to learn more about the demography of your hometowns.

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## Classic Film Jaws Returns to the Giant Screen at Aquarium

## Movie Showings Begin July 24 for Shark Week

The New England Aquarium will be screening the classic film Jaws for one week, starting July 24. In conjunction with Shark Week, moviegoers can catch nightly showings of the New England favorite on the Simons Theatre's giant screen. The film tells the story of a massive great white shark that terrorizes a summer resort town where a police chief, a grizzled fisherman, and an
intrepid marine biologist battle the bloodthirsty beast. Tickets are $\$ 10$ each. Visitors can pair a film with a visit to the Aquarium, grab dinner and drinks create a special evening with friends and family. Monday, July 24 through Saturday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m.Simons Theatre at the New England Aquarium, 1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA. Purchase tickets at https://tickets.neaq.org/.

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

The Best of Birthday Lore

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz


My birthday is quickly approaching on Thursday, July $20^{\text {th }}$, and it has gotten me thinking about these unique celebrations in general. Birthdays fall under the category of rites of passage, or milestones, and, as a result, cultures around the world celebrate birthdays with special customs and traditions. While we think of birthdays as great opportunities for parties and food, in ancient times people viewed birthdays as dangerous occasions because of their liminality, being poised between one year and the next. As such, birthday parties included-and continue to include- loud noise and noise makers to scare off the evil spirit believed to be lurking around during this period. Many vestiges of these ancient fetes remain. From birthday cakes to picking up the check, here are special birthday traditions from around the world.
Our first stop, of course, is Italy, one of the original homes of the birthday cake. Though scholars are still unsure about the roots of the birthday cake, many theorize that these sweet treats originated in the Mediterranean world. Ancient Greeks baked round cakes to honor Artemis, the goddess of the moon and the hunt, and then illuminated the cakes with candles in order to better resemble the moon. The ancient Romans, on the other hand, made sweet honey cakes to serve at birthdays and weddings - where they were traditionally broken over the bride's head for good luck! However, the custom of placing candles on a birthday cake comes from Germany, where a large candle was often situated in the center of the cake to symbolize life. Modern Italian birthday traditions resemble
those of America. People gather or a birthday cake, food, a party and gifts. There are some differences, however. Beware of people pulling on your earlobes if you celebrate your birthday if you celebrate your birthday
in Italy - they will pull the corresponding number of years you are turning. Also, if a group of friends go out to dinner, it is the friend celebrating the birthday who is expected to pay for the meal. Finally, since saints are an important part of Italian society, children are often named for the saint whose day coincides with their birthday. Or they may celebrate on a smaller scale during the day belonging to the saint who shares their name. My father, for example, was born on August $16^{\text {th }}$, which is Saint Roch's day, and so my grandmother appropriately named him Rocco!
Foods are an important part of birthday celebrations around the world. Australian children can expect to be served the charmingly named Fairy Bread, or buttered bread covered with multicolored sprinkles, during their parties. Children in Brazil receive marzipan candies shaped like fruit. Candies feature in Mexican birthdays as well, where they are concealed in a piñata which is later broken open by blindfolded guests. The Dutch, on the other hand, like to feast on pancakes sprinkled with powdered sugar. Many birthday foods also reflect the theme of good luck for the upcoming year. A person celebrating their birthday in China will eat long noodles, which symbolize a long life. Russians have birthday pies instead of birthday cakes, and a message bestowing good fortune upon the birthday person is inscribed on the crust. Finally, Canadian children can expect a more

immediate form of luck at birthday parties. Whoever finds a coin hidden in his or her slice of birthday cake will have the first turn in all of the feast's games! In addition to food, sometimes the specific age a person is turning forms the focal point of birthday celebrations. Usually these special birthdays honor the entrance into adulthood. The United States has "sweet sixteen" celebrations, while Latin American countries hold elaborate quinceañeras when a girl turns fifteen. These parties rival weddings and the girl shares a special dance with her father. In the Jewish tradition, bar or bat mitzvah rituals near a teenager's thirteenth birthday welcome the boy or girl as adult members of the community.
Birthdays are a special time to honor both human joy and resilience. They indicate that we have once again made it through a year filled with myriad human emotions, from happiness to disillusionment, challenges and triumphs. They remind us that we have the strength to endure. Like holidays, birthdays are an indication that the year cycles on, and that is a good reason to celebrate. Whether we celebrate with cakes or dinners, when we honor a birthday, we honor the passage of time, but also all that is timeless - love and family and good food. That is the true meaning of the candles winking and blinking cheerfully on a birthday cake, a symbol that, like us, has come a long way.

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## Writer's Block in Summer Heat

This past weekend, I had a miserable time with my writer's block. It came on out of the blue and hung in there for much of the weekend. I tried writing, resting, snoring away an afternoon, power walks, and nothing worked. I was getting more frustrated by the minute. I say it has been at least 15 years since I had this block. I use sun block whenever I go to the beach. I always think if they can make sun block why can't they make writer's block, too.
Well, today was Tuesday and here I am writing right now, so I will call that a good thing. So did everyone here at the Post-Gazette. I have pledged everyone at the office that I will get everything done on time because I hate, hate, hate missing any kind of deadlines. Well, since the juices are flowing and my creativity is slowly returning, I might as well mention the roadblock this morning (Tuesday) during rush hour. Down at Neptune Road, traffic heading to Boston through the Ted Williams Tunnel was a disaster. There were four police officers doing traffic detail and it was looking like the cars were winning. The line of cars on one side were lined up going back to Santarpio's, and in the other direction, back to Burger King up the Heights.
It is going to be a long hot summer for all of us over here in Eastie without the Sumner opened. It seems the new ramp to Boston is now Beacham Street, past the Chelsea Court House by the Encore Casino, under the Sullivan Square underpass, and on to North Washington and the O'Neill Tunnel. I assume eventually, Chelsea and Everett cops will be getting traffic overtime too.
Oh, I can't tell you how often I have taken the free ferry back and forth to the North End and East Boston. Up until 1953, when I was five years old, my whole family would ferry back and forth to the Maverick projects to see cousins who moved across the harbor. If you had a car, you paid five cents. Individual passengers, a mere two cents apiece. Not bad except the ride took over half an hour.
Today, the ferry service only takes all of five minutes each way. As I ride back and forth nowadays, it brings back many old memories when life was much easier than today. People seemed happier in those days and far less edgy. When was the last time someone said hi back to you or even acknowledged your very presence?
By the time you read this, you'll find everything I usually write in it. I guarantee. I just wanted to let you know that writing is not always as easy as it might seem to you. Even writers struggle doing something they love to do. Writers got to write and when they can't, they are no fun to be around.
Enjoy every sunny summer day because lately, there has been way too much rain. I always enjoy summer heat and beach time, but I am still waiting for BIG PHARMA to come up with something for writer's block. Could have used it this past weekend.

## Happy Birthday Father Claude



Our Father Claude of Saint Leonard Church in the North End of Boston will be 89 on July 28th! How blessed we are that he has been a part of this community all these years.

After each Sunday Mass on, July 16th and July 23th there will be a table outside the Church with large Birthday Cards to sign sending our Well Wishes and Prayers to Fr. Claude.

The cards will be delivered to him by a parishioner along with his favorite cake, at his new residence.
If you would like to personally send him a card, please call the Parish Office for the address!

Happy Birthday $\mathscr{F}_{\text {Father Claude, }}$
with much love from all of us.
Dio ti benedica e ti vogliamo bene.

- Madonna Delle Grazie (Continued from Page 1)


On Sunday, July 9th, devotees of the Society Madonna Delle Grazie of Avellino honored the Madonna with a solemn Mass in St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street. The day continued with members of the society carrying their statue in procession from St. Leonard Church making many stops through the nearby streets of the North End.
The saint received gifts of money pinned onto her robe, while graciously blessing all who paused to watch.
Founded in 1903, The Madonna Della Grazie (Mother of Grace) Society remains one of the oldest religious feasts in Boston's North End. The Society was founded with the laudable purpose of welcoming, encouraging, assisting,
 and supporting Italian immigrants as they settled into their new lives and country.
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Erica with sons Marcus and Matteo, North End



# Facts wax 

reviewing the best . . . forgetting the rest

## UNEARTH: THE WRETCHED: THE RUINOUS (CD) Century Media Records

Unearth are nothing short of standard-bearers and keepers of the faith for American metalcore. They were the band born in the breakdown that never wavered from their love for European death metal melodicism, supercharged by American thrash and hardcore. Now, nearly 25 years into a career that's seen the Massachusetts mob play innumerable gigs and massive festivals on six continents, sell hundreds of thousands of records, and inspire some of the most important bands in extreme metal today, they remain a force to contend with. Their album (number 8), The Wretched; The Ruinous, Unearth not merely continues to amp-up their metal meets hardcore intensities, but they also exceed themselves with a record that incorporates elements of classic Unearth offerings dating back to 2004s "breakthrough" The Oncoming Storm. Teaming again with producer, Will Putney, the goal was simple: create the definitive Unearth record. From the scathing title track opener to the explosive "Cremation of the Living," the brooding "Mother Betrayal" to the album's riffviolent closer, "Theaters of War", The Wretched; The Ruinous is Unearth pulling out all the stops. "The track "Dawn of the Militant" is a true mix of metal and heavy hardcore. With their 25 -year mark looming, it's a daunting thought that Unearth has been a part of the metal landscape since making their recorded debut with 1999s Above the Fall of Man EP. At that point, Unearth was one of the key bands in an-about-todetonate New Wave of American Heavy Metal scene.

## FRANK ZAPPA <br> FUNKY NOTHINGNESS (2LP Vinyl)

Zappa Records/UMe
Considered the missing link between Frank Zappa's iconic albums Hot Rats and Chunga's Revenge, Funky Nothingness, out now via Zappa Records/ UMe, features 25 unreleased and incredibly rare tracks, recently unearthed after more than five decades, included the five-piece band of Mothers member Ian Underwood (keyboard, saxophone, rhythm guitar), violinist and vocalist Don "Sugarcane" Harris, Wrecking Crew bassist Max Bennett, drummer Aynsley Dunbar, and Zappa on guitar, vocals and percussion. The group recorded hours' worth of original compositions, inspired covers and extended improvisations that drew from Zappa's R\&B and blues roots, while blending influences of the emerging jazz fusion scene. The 12 -minute version of "Sharleena" is from 1996s posthumous collection, The Lost Episodes Funky Nothingness introduces these recordings as a cohesive collection for the very first time. Funky Nothingness was first previewed with the previously unreleased track, "Work With Me Annie/Annie Had a Baby," which marries two

1954 hits by Hank Ballard 8 The Midnighters. The medley of "Work With Me Annie," writ ten by Ballard, combined with its answer song, "Annie Had A Baby," with vocals by Don "Sugarcane" Harris. Harris also takes center stage as a vocalist on "Love Will Make Your Mind Go Wild," initially recorded by The Penguins, delivering classic soul balladry with a standout violin solo at the end. Zappa takes lead vocals on the 12 -and-a-half-minute-long rendition of Lightnin' Slim's "I'm a Rollin Stone." This recording would go on to serve as the genesis for the iconic "Stink-Foot" that closes Zappa's 1974 album, Apostrophe(') as he would eventually wipe his vocals from the multi-track master, save the drum, violin and bass track and overdub new guitars, vocals and sound effects to create something entirely different. The organ can be heard on the swinging soul-jazz instrumental, "Khaki Sack," along with the oft-bootlegged "Twinkle Tits," plus the awe-inspiring jam "Tommy/Vincent Duo II."

## JACKSON DEAN

## LIVE AT THE RYMAN (Vinyl)

Big Machine Records
Live At the Ryman, is the eight-song set from Jackson Dean's debut at the iconic Ryman Auditorium in October 2022. The album captures the vigor, stage savvy and raw energy of Dean's live show, with a little extra magic, courtesy of the Mother Church. In addition to live versions of songs from his critically acclaimed debut album, Greenbroke, the reigning MusicRow 'Breakout Artist of the Year,' debuts the standout track, "Heavens To Betsy," as well as the other unreleased show staple Dean wrote with his band members, "1971." "Wings (Live)," is the second track from the album that has been release with "Fearless (Live)" already available. "Fearless (The Echo)" is Dean's single on Country radio charts. Dean debuted the music video on CMT, which stars his own brother, sister-in-law and niece - adding additional layers of meaning to the video and raising the question - are the characters in the story his family too? Remaining tracks on this album include Greenbroke," "Trailer Park," "Don't Come Lookin," and "Red Light (Metal Version)."

MIKE OLDFIELD
TUBULAR BELLS (Vinyl)
Cleopatra Ent.
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells is one of the most iconic pieces of music ever created. Recorded when Oldfield was just 19 years old, the album was released on May 25, 1973, as the debut album from Virgin Records The album became a worldwide phenomenon when the first track was used as part of the soundtrack for The Exorcist. Despite only being featured in a couple of scenes, Tubular Bells has become closely associated with the film, with many referring to it as "the theme of The Exorcist," and the haunt ing sounds regularly earning a spot on horror playlists. Tubular Bells was also a staple of the 2012 Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony

The time has come, the walrus said,

## TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

SEAN FROM CHARLESTOWN IS CORRECT

## Sal,

Two hundred fifty thousand undocumented "residents" in MA are expected to apply for a MA driver's license under the Healey plan.
If the applications for these licenses have to be printed in fifteen languages, and all of our street signs are in English, how are these non-English speakers going to figure out how to navigate? It seems to me that you probably should learn English if you expect to drive around here. The irony here, at least politically, is that Mayor Wu is doing everything possible to get drivers off the streets of Boston while the Governor is doing everything she can to put more drivers on them.

## Sean F. Flaherty, <br> Charlestown

If you want to share your thoughts, this is the place to go sal.giarratani@gamil.com

## EL SALVADOR SETS NEW

 RECORD TWICE LAST WEEK According to the latest news, El Salvador officially is the most dangerous country in the world. Per capita, more people get killed in El Salvador than any other place in the world, but there is also good news, El Salvador also catches more murders per capita in the world, too.Now all El Salvador has to do is stop murderers before they murder and this island nation could be so much safer for its citizens and visitors.
SUMMER CONCERT SCENE
in Charlestown
The Friends of the Training Field are presenting free concerts this summer. The next concert will be the Black Velvet Band on Saturday, August 12 starting at 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Bring a picnic and enjoy the music with your friends and neighbors. Sponsored by The Cooperative Bank.

Sledge) who celebrated her 69th birthday on July 9, too.

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM LUCY

I love reading comic strips, always have and always will. One of my favorites is Peanuts. Recent one made me laugh a few extra times. There's Lucy in the outfield and a ball sails toward her, she starts yelling "I got it! I got it!" Then says, I think I got it" before the ball drops to the ground right next to her. She throws the ball to Charlie Brown saying "Sorry manager . the older you get, the less sure you become about a lot of things." Wiser words have never been spoken huh?

(L-R): Jay Dwyer, Sondra Celli, Ginny Gardner, and Rasheed Walters. On Monday, July 10th in Waltham, MA conservatives gathered to hear Rasheed Walters, former Boston Herald columnist, speak about politics going forward into next year's presidential race. Over 45 folks showed up and it ended in quite a lively $Q \& A$ session between Rasheed and audience members.
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My first car ... I turned professional as a musician at the beginning of 1958. I studied bass violin under the tutelage of my father, who was one of Boston's best-known bassists. When I worked with local East Boston bands, someone in each band would pick me up for the jobs. When my trio was booked to play at the East Boston Sons of Italy hall on Trenton Street, I could walk the distance from where we lived on Eutaw.
But, when I became better known as a musician, I began receiving calls from other bandleaders, most of whom were from other parts of Boston or nearby cities and towns.
Hitching a ride became difficult if not impossible, but a second cousin-in-law let me use his car. He would pick me up and I would drop him off at the Progressive Club in Jefferies Point. After the job, I would pick him up at the club and he would take me and my bass violin home.
After a few months, this became difficult and an imposition on a relative, and it became time for me to think about buying my own car. I was half way through college by 1958, and my only income was from the Seville Theater, and most of my savings had gone to pay my own tuition to Boston State College, now U. Mass Boston. I had been working at the Seville since I was thirteen years old. (I lied about my age)
Dad knew one of the Spadafora's in Malden who had a garage. They had a 1954 Chevy for sale. It was four years old and had been restored from bumper to bumper. The price was $\$ 550$. I brought my bass violin with me when I looked at the car and it fit inside without a problem. I checked my bank account and I had exactly $\$ 550$ on deposit. Babbononno thought I was crazy thinking of spending that much on a car, but he was born years before cars came along and didn't understand my needs. (He hated cars and they hated him.) I bought the car and then discovered I had to register and insure it. The total cost for the purchase, was, as I said, \$550 and I was broke. The cost of the insurance and registration was coincidently, $\$ 550$. Without me knowing it, Dad put the extra $\$ 550$ in my account and I was all set to go. The car was the cheapest model of the 1954 Chevy, the model 150. It had a 90 -horse power six-cylinder engine and the only options
the original owner had put in were the radio and heater. I was now able to drive myself to play bass with any bandleader that called.
The car was four years old when I bought it and was the lowest priced car when it was new, but I treated my means of transportation as if it was a new Cadillac. I could now drive to school. Boston State was on the corner of Longwood and Huntington Avenues and I obtained a sticker to park in their lot. When I was on duty at the Seville, I could now drive to work instead of walking ... I was king of the hill.
After I graduated in June of 1960, I accepted a job teaching drafting and engineering subjects at Tewksbury High School. I joined up with another East Bostonian and two guys from Winthrop who taught at the school and we formed the East Boston Express, each taking turns driving to work each day.
The car lasted me until the winter of 1961. One day, as we arrived at the high school, one of the passengers in the back seat attempted to get out and wound up standing on the muffler. I pulled the rubber rug up that covered the floor in back, and there was no floor. The car was literally rusting away. It was time to look for a new car By then, I was teaching, playing music at night and still working at the Seville part time, and could afford a newer car. One of my students was the son of a manager at Wilmington Ford and I traded my 54 Chevy for a 1958 Thunderbird. 58 was the first year for Thunder- birds to fit four people and my bass violin fit comfortably on the inside. When I told Babbononno what I paid for the car, he told me that his first house cost less, and again, he told me I was crazy just like his sons and my father, all of whom owned cars.
As the Thunderbird began to age (I drove it everywhere), everything started to leak, especially the transmission. By 1963, I had changed jobs and was teaching in Boston. A neighbor, Al Pedro was the manager of the used car division at Boston Cadillac and Oldsmobile on Commonwealth Avenue. He had a 1960 Cadillac convertible that I fell in love with and I said goodbye to the Thunderbird. My thinking was that if I bought a used luxury car, some old person owned it and took good care of it as compared to something cheaper that might have


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been hot-rodded around the city by a kid with a lead foot on the gas pedal. I still think that way, and since then, have always bought used luxury cars. When Babbononno saw the Caddy and I told him what I paid, he said, "Sei ancora piu pazzo dei miei figli e tu padre." (You are even crazier than my sons and your father) But that was Babbononno. Everyone else in the family loved the Caddy, especially when I took them for rides with the top down.
I often reminisce about that first car, the 54 Chevy. The feeling is similar to ones first love in life. I guess you could call me a "car guy." Years later, when my sons were young, I began looking at antique cars. By then it was the 1980s, and the cars I had owned as a young man were considered antiques, 25 years old or older. When Loretta, my wife, complained about my interest in old cars, I phrased it this way, "I don't drink, I don't smoke cigarettes, I don't chase stray women, I don't run around with my single friends ... I need something." So, about 25 years ago, I bought a 1966 Thunderbird that needed everything. I wanted to get into the hobby of old cars and learn how to do what- ever restorations were necessary. I restored the Thunderbird and it's now 57 years old and sits in front of my home in Florida and I drive it daily when I'm down there.
There were a few other antique cars that followed the 66 Thunderbird, but most have been sold off. I have a 73 Mercedes two-seater convertible that I keep up here in Boston, but as I get older, it gets more and more difficult to get in and out of it. So, I'm thinking of selling it and buying an antique full size car which I can slide in and out of with no problem.
For many years, I joined with other old car fanciers at get togethers during the spring and summer months, but most of them have passed away, and I'm now one of the old timers. If I wanted to show off one of my cars, I'd have to look hard to find a location where old car "nuts" gather and talk about leaky carburetors, or cars without power steering and power brakes. If Babbononno was still alive, he would think we were all

## crazy (pazzo)

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In the United States, a "crumb cake" refers to a plain or butter flavored cake having a baked-on crumb topping made from flour, sugars, butter and cinnamon. Though many use the terms interchangeably, a "New York Style Crumb Cake" has a layer of cake topped with an equally thick layer of crumb, and a "Coffee Cake" is usually more cake than crumb. In Italy, a crumb cake or tart is called a sbriciolata which some believe translates to "crumbled" and others claim it to be a derivative of briciola' meaning crumb. Italian crumbled cakes differ from American crumb cakes in that they resemble more of a crumble than a cake. The sbriciolata is made with a shortcrust pastry for both its bottom layer and crumb top. Additionally, it features a middle layer consists of fruits, jams, chocolate spreads, or ricotta creams.
I have tried many variations of the spriciolata and in my opinion, one has always been as delicious as the other! Though the pasta frolla crust and crumble are generally the same, the fillings can be made from almost any fruit, jam, or spread that you please. This "Sbriciolata di Pesche e Mirtilli" is one my Nonna made during the summer months when peaches and blueberries were in full season. This delicious dessert is one that is loved by children and adults alike, especially if served along with a scoop of vanilla bean gelato or ice cream!

## PEACH and BLUEBERRY CRUMBLE CAKE (SBRICIOLATA) <br> Sbriciolata di Pesche e Mirtilli

## Peach and Blueberry Filling <br> 5 peaches, chopped

$1 / 2$ cup fresh blueberries
$1 / 4$ cup granulated sugar
$1 / 2$ teaspoon cinnamon
Juice of $1 / 2$ fresh lemon
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon granulated sugar


Place the peaches, $1 / 4$ cup sugar and cinnamon in a medium bowl, squeeze the juice of $1 / 2$ a lemon over this mixture and toss together well, In a separate bowl, toss together the blueberries with 1 tablespoon flour and 1 tablespoon sugar. Cover the peaches and blueberries and set aside for about a half hour. Just before adding them to the dough covered pan, gently toss them together.

## Crumb Dough

$21 / 2$ cups all-purpose flour
1/2 bustina paneangeli di lievito per dolce
(can substitute $11 / 4$ teaspoons baking powder and
1 teaspoons vanilla)
3/4 cup granulated sugar
11 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
2 large egg yolks, beaten

## Finishing

$1 / 4$ to $1 / 2$ cup confectioners' sugar
Preheat the oven to $350^{\circ}$. Grease and flour a 9 -inch tart or spring form pan, set aside.
In a large bowl, sift together the flour, lievito per dolce or baking powder, and sugar. With your hands, work the butter in and then add the beaten yolks. Mix until crumbly.
Split the dough in half. Press one half into the bottom of the prepared pan, making sure to press some of the dough around the side, about 1 to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches from the bottom. Spread the peach and blueberry mixture evenly over this dough and take the remaining half and crumble/sprinkle evenly over the top of the filling. It should look crumbly.
Bake for about 35 to 40 minutes, or until the crumbs on top are golden colored, but not brown. Cool completely, remove sides of pan and sift confectioners' sugar over the top before serving. Refrigerate leftovers.
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# THOUGHTS by DAN About This \& That 

When Three Writers Took on a Monarch


giants shook their readers. In different ways, they conveyed the same horror.
Perhaps the best known is Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness which has become a staple of high school reading curriculums and a chilling work. For reasons that are not hard to guess, Conrad never mentions the Belgian king by name or even specifies the area in Africa the narrator, Charles Marlow, traverses in search of Kurtz, the deranged tyrant ruler of an ivory post. Conrad's descriptions are so vivid, however, and the clues given in descriptions of maps, the route of the river and even the man nerism of the imperial presence that there is little doubt he is describing the Congo Free State. Arriving at Kurtz's camp, Marlow is disgusted with the treatment of the locals, the living conditions and the barbaric punishments (he is greeted to the camp by severed heads posted on poles serving as the gateway to Kurtz's encampment
When the novel was published in 1899 whatever public knowledge existed of the horrors of the Congo were sadly too remote to stir action and while Conrad'
descriptions undoubtedly made readers uncomfortable and even repulsed it is likely many took it (perhaps because that is how they wanted to take it) as literary exaggeration. Nonetheless, Heart of Darkness did trigger the first international outcry against the Belgian monarch and a vocal opposition.
Six years later, Mark Twain, an outspoken critic of imperialism, published King Leopold's Soliloquy. Expectedly, Twain chose satire as his weapon. Indeed, his career was built on taking down institutions of injustice through humor. This slim pamphlet paints the king as a blundering brute who has no business running a country, much less two. Knowledge of the evil of the king's ways was picking up considerable traction by 1905 and Twain's sound of alarms was noted.
However, the most direct attack on King Leopold, his cronies performing unspeakable acts in his name and the dire situation in the Congo came from the man who created Sherlock Holmes.
By the time he published The Crime of the Congo in 1909, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was moving at an accelerated pace toward social writings. Not until 2004s King Leopold's Ghost was there a more moving, shocking and stomach turning account of life in the Free State than The Crime of the Congo. It was the most complete documentation of the king's rule in the Free State from its inception in 1885 sparing none of the brutal details. Doyle includes a plethora of letters, documents and articles written by the few foreign visitors who managed to get into the Free State and report back, detailing the maiming not only of the locals forced to hunt for rubber in the forest but also of the women and children, the massacring of entire villages, the floggings and the resulting decimation of the local population.
Most impressively, Doyle includes the testimony of some of the natives themselves and these personal accounts make for some of the most powerful passages in the work. A reader can feel the despair in the quotes. There are accounts from locals who witnessed their entire families murdered because they failed to meet the rubber quota and others who saw their wives raped before their eyes.

The Crime of the Congo was a direct call to arms with testimony that could no longer be ignored. Indeed, the year before its publication, Belgium had already taken the step to annex the Congo. Doyle, however, dismissed this as a performative step that did little to redress the abuses detailed (though he concedes that the flagrant murders did subside). But the word was out, the world took notice and Doyle was left with one more bit of satisfaction. His book was published in November of 1909. The following month King Leopold II would be dead, Doyle's expose one of the last testaments to his legacy he would witness.

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## Yesterday \& Today

## A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari \& Richard Molinari

## Henry David Thoreau



Henry David Thoreau was born on July 12, 1817 in Concord, Massachusetts. He was an American essayist, poet, and practical philosopher renowned for having lived the doctrines of Transcendentalism as he wrote in his work, Walden (1854), and for having been a tireless advocate of civil liberties, as evidenced in the essay "Civil Disobedience" (1849).
Transcendentalism is one of the first philosophical currents that emerged in the United States,
It is a philosophical, spiritual, and literary movement that developed in the late 1820s in New England.
Thoreau was thought of by many as being a misfit and a hermit. Certainly, he did not suffer fools gladly, but he did have a heart. The two great loves of his life were his brother John and the wonders of nature. John passed away tragically of lockjaw in January 1842, and Thoreau was never quite the same again. It was then that he turned to the contemplative life, which he associated with a state of oneness with nature.
To many of his neighbors in Concord, Thoreau was known not as the Sage of Walden but as "the fool who burned the woods down", while cooking fish.
Thoreau's world-famous essay, Civil Disobedience, grew out of a night in July 1846 when he was detained in Concord jail for nonpayment of the poll tax. Thoreau had refused to pay the tax because of its association with the institution of slavery. His maiden Aunt Maria, without asking Thoreau, paid his tax and secured his release. Thoreau, wanting to continue his protest, was furious. Ralph Waldo Emerson is reputed to have visited Thoreau in his jail cell. "Why are you here?" Emerson asked. Thoreau replied, "Why are you not here"?
When asked by the alumni association of Harvard, his alma mater, to name his occupation, Thoreau termed himself a schoolmaster, surveyor, gardener, farmer, house painter, carpenter, mason, day-laborer, pencil-maker, and - last of all - a Writer.
Even after a century and a half, Thoreau speaks best for himself, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived ." Thoreau passed away on May 6. 1862.


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## Summer Bouquets from the Garden

by Melinda Myers


Before placing cut flowers in a vase, cut the stems at a 45-degree angle and remove the lower leaves so they are not submerged in the water
(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Make every day and summer gatherings special with the help of garden-fresh flower arrangements. You will be sure to generate smiles from family members and guests when including fresh flowers on the dinner table and other spaces in your home.
Gather your flowers in the morning after the dew has dried whenever possible. The temperatures are cool, and the plants are hydrated. The evening is the next best time. But don't hesitate to harvest flowers right before guests arrive or when picking vegetables for the evening meal. The flowers may not last as long, but you will be able to enjoy them for that dinner or special event and a few more days.
Use a pair of sharp snips or bypass pruners to make the cut above a set of healthy leaves or back to an adjoining branch. Keep in mind the more flowers you harvest, the more flowers produced on annuals and some perennial plants
Remove the lower leaves and immediately place the flowers in a bucket of water. Consider taking a bucket of water to the garden to keep the flowers fresh and hydrated while you're busy collecting. Let the flowers stand in a cool place, out of
direct sunlight, in tepid water direct sunlight, in tepid water overnight.

Recut the stems at a $45^{\circ}$ angle when assembling the flower arrangements. This prevents them from sitting flat on the bottom of the vase and exposes
more of the surface area to the water. Remove any additional leaves that will be submerged in water. Leaves covered by water tend to turn slimy, increasing the risk of bacterial growth that decreases the life of your cut flowers.
Always use a clean vase and fresh water to maximize your cut flowers' vase life. Add a floral preservative to the water to further extend their longevity. Check the water level often, ensuring the cut ends are always covered with water. Change the water often to keep your flowers looking their best for as long as possible.
Since different flowers last in an arrangement for dif-ferent lengths of time consider reworking your arrangements by removing flowers as they fade. This keeps it interesting while extending your enjoyment.
Start with a walk through your landscape looking for potential flowers and foliage to use in arrangements. Follow the general guidelines for harvesting and care to maximize the flowers' vase life.
You may find a few summer bloomers do best when harvested at a particular stage of flowering. Wait for zinnias and marigold flowers to be fully open to harvest them.
Pick dahlias when the flowers are half or fully open. The back petals should be firm, not soft and limp, and stay attached when rubbing your hand over the back of the flower. Some gardeners set dahlias in warm $\left(160\right.$ to $180^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) water with a
preservative for one hour before arranging them. Others dip the stems in boiling water for 7 to 10 seconds, then cool water for a few hours.
Extend the vase life of hydrangeas by soaking the flowers, stem up and flowers down, in cold water for 1 hour. Allow them to drip dry then recut the stem and place in warm water overnight. Or dip the cut end in alum before placing it in the vase.
Look for greenery growing in the garden. Herbs, canna, hosta, lady's mantle, papyrus, as well as deciduous and evergreen shrubs are great options. Don't overlook the plants growing indoors. Prayer plants, monstera, ferns, and ivies add texture while highlighting the blooms.
When in doubt try including different flowers and greenery. Keep track of what works and how long they last. You may discover some new favorites.
Cutting and arranging flowers is a fun way to exercise your creativity and bring the beauty of your garden indoors. If the selection of flowers is limited in your garden, strike up a trade with fellow gardeners. Each of you can share what's blooming in your landscape throughout the growing season.
For tips on growing your own cut flowers, check out my Grow Your Own Flowers for Bouquets handout.
Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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 TV \& radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds \& Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers. com.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate and Family Court <br> Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, ( 978 ) $744-1020$ <br> Docket No. ES23A0352AD CITATION In the matter of <br> JAMES GORDON HENKLE-MOTA

 To Jason Chaves Mota of Medford, MA any unnamed or unknown parent and per-sons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth, 280 Merrimac Street, 2nd Fl., Lawrence, MA 01843.

A petition has been presented to said court By Noel Evon Napoltano of Andover, MA, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to James Gordon Henkle.
If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney $i$ you are an indigent person
An indigent person is defined by C EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicia Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain th
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ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
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Witness, HON. FRANCES M. GIORDANO, First Justice of this Court
Date: July 05,2023
Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate Run dates: 07/14, 07/21, 07/28/2023

## \% EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

## How To Fix Baseball, Can We?

The game of baseball is in trouble. Kids don't seem to be playing it as much the way we did back in my younger days when baseball was America's past-time. Mantle and Maris. Willie Mays with that back handed catch of his as the "Say Hey Kid" with the NY Giants Hank Aaron, Willie McCovery and so many more greats.
Best pitcher ever from my ifetime was Sandy Koufax, who retired at 33 years old winning so many Cy Young's. I remember seeing Warren Spahn pitch at Fenway Park in one of those annual Red SoxBraves Jimmy Fund exhibition games. I remember watching Tony Conigliaro also die in the batter's box after being hit with a fastball. If anything, the Red Sox and baseball itself kept lots of kids out of trouble.
When I was a kid, I used to collect baseball cards of Italian American players. I always thought Tom Yawkey not only didn't like black players, he didn't seem to like players with Italian last names, too. One of my favorite sluggers back then was Rocco Domenico Colavito, Rocky" for short. He once hit four homers in a game. Others have done the same feat but their names elude me.
I played baseball and softball as I aged. My pride was being a member of the 1965 St. Philip Phillies in a Roxbury baseball

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league. Our home field was "The Prairie" right between Roxbury and Dorchester by Mass. Avenue. In 1978, I was a member of the Fenwood Flyers, a union-based softball league. I've played baseball everywhere up on Mission Hill. Once in my early thirties, I even did a Willie Mays catch with my back to the ball. I amazed myself and all my teammates, too.
About eight years ago, I was still playing softball in my midsixties with my aging baseball glove made in America I purchased for five bucks at Raymonds in downtown Boston.
Do you see kids like the ones I grew up with anymore? if you see them today most likely they're playing soccer. So what happened? Personally, I think baseball turned into a business more than a sport. It always was a business, but now that aspect of the game is front and center, and the cost of a baseball ticket, a hot dog, or popcorn today is just too expensive
Even guys my age, never mind the younger generation no longer eat, sleep, and drink baseball. Baseball isn't dead and buried yet, but things are still looking pretty bleak going into the future. You know the game is in trouble when you no longer see kids playing pickup games anymore.
Alright, out there. How can we fix baseball and give it a future. Any ideas? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com. We shouldn't just give up, right?

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## Boxing History <br> Made in July



Mickey Walker and Harry Greb sign to fight

A lot of boxing history has been made in the month of July. From the births and deaths of great champions to the professional debuts of others as well as a number of notable matches. Here are a few of those events.
The great Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles was born on July 7, 1921. For years he was considered to be the most underrated of all the champs in that division, but in recent years he is getting the recognition he so deserves.
On July 4, 1934, Joe Louis made his professional debut. Weighing only 181 pounds, he stopped Jack Kracken in the first round at Bacon's Arena in Chicago. Louis, who had had an impressive amateur career, would go on to become Heavyweight Champion of the World, and in the opinion of many, the greatest of all time. In what became one of the most talked about Middleweight Title Bouts in history, Harry Greb defeated Mickey Walker over fifteen rounds on July 2, 1925. A persistent rumor has lingered for years that Greb and Walker fought again later that night in an alley. It is doubtful that second go to ever happened, but the line from the motion picture The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance is so fitting for many of these tall boxing takes: "When the legend becomes fact, print the legend."


Young Stribling snd Max Schmeling size each other up

Max Schmeling proved beyond a doubt the power he had in his fists when he kayoed Young Stribling in the fifteenth
round. Max was defending the heavyweight title. The bout took place in Municipal Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio before 35,000 fans. It was the only time in 280 professional fights that Stribling was stopped.


James J. Jeffries rushes Jack Johnson

Boxing in July will always be emembered for two historic Heavyweight Title fights, both of which took place on July $4^{\text {th }}$. The first occurred in 1910 when Jack Johnson defeated wame J. Jeffries Jeff ieated been idle for six years and reluctantly agreed to the fight. It was billed as The Fight of the Century, but turned into a one sided affair.
The other was on July 4, 1919 when Jack Dempsey won the title after administer ing a savage beating to Jess Willard. Willard outweighed Jack by near sixty pounds. The fight has forever been mired


Tommy Gibbons covers up against Jack Dempsey


Lou Brouillard
in controversy over whether or not Dempsey's gloves were loaded. That mystery will never be solved to the satisfaction of boxing aficionados.
Jack Dempsey would fight again on July 4, this time in 1923 when he defeated Tommy Gibbons over fifteen rounds in Shelby, Montana. Gibbons chose to play it safe and fought defensively so as not to be knocked out. The thing this fight has become most noted for is the fact the town of Shelby went broke financing the match. Gibbons didn't see a dime from the fight, but Dempsey's manager, Jack Kearns, knew there were problems brewing and demanded payment before the fight.
Worcester's Lou Brouillard won a fifteen round decision over Mickey Walker before a record setting crowd of 16,000 fans. Brouillard was outweighed by nine pounds he won the fight handily
On July 7, 1982, the great Light Heavyweight Champion Tommy Loughran passed away in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Known as the Philly Phantom, Loughran was one of the greatest defensive fighters of all time. Tommy had a total of 126 fights, winning 90 of them. He had wins over James J. Braddock, Max Baer, Ernie Schaaf, Mickey Walker, Mike McTigue, Young Stribling, Georges Carpentier, Johnny Wilson, and Harry Greb. In 1934, he challenged Primo Carnera for the Heavyweight Title, losing a fifteen round decision. In that fight, he was outweighed by 87 pounds. It was the largest weight difference in an undisputed Heavyweight Championship fight in history.
The first million dollar gate took place in July when Jack Dempsey faced Georges Carpentier at Boyles Thirty Acres in Jersey City, New Jersey. The fight grossed $\$ 1,789,238$ with tickets priced from $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 50.00$. After the bout, promoter Tex Rickard said he should have charged double the price. That between Carpentier, a war hero, and Dempsey who had been in trouble with the public for avoiding the draft during WWI, end in the 4th round when Jack kayoed Georges.
That's just a small sampling of July events in the history of boxing.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUß
by Richard Preiss

CAN LAVIOLETTE RIGHT THE RANGERS' SHIP? - A number of years ago he was thought to be on track to coach the Bruins. After all, he had been in their organization for a number of years. But at the last moment the powers that be at the time on Causeway Street chose to go in another direction.
Shown the back door in the Hub after making his mark within the spoked B organization, he moved on and sought another way in the world of the National Hockey League.
That brought him success with a number of franchises plus three trips to the Stanley Cup Final along the way
Viewed in a certain manner, his career had been all about directions, starting with that scout who, coming down a ramp off Route 91 in Western Massachusetts, got the wrong directions for the rink he was actually looking for.
Instead, he wound up at Westfield State, where a certain Division 3 player, playing in one of his last games as a senior, caught his eye. Shortly thereafter, one Peter Laviolette, a native of Franklin, was in professional hockey, commencing a long and significant career that most recently has led to that certain city to the south of Boston. It was there where executives of the New York Rangers had selected him out of the NHL coaching carousel in an effort to extract their franchise from the depths of the standings and restore it to Lord Stanley's Summit and its gleaming Cup, last captured back in 1994.
But first after graduating from Westfield State, there was a playing career in the minors with various teams including four years with the Boston Bruins top affiliate in Providence. There also was a brief peek at the NHL - 12 games with the Rangers during the 1988-1989 season. A defenseman during his playing career, he didn't record a point during those dozen contests in the Big Time. Peter Laviolette last played in a professional game in April 1997 when he closed out his career on the ice as a member of the Providence Bruins. But just a few months later, he was a head coach - of the Wheeling (West Virginia) Nailers of the Eastern Hockey League.
And one year later, he was back in New England as the head coach of Providence. It did not take long for him to get the attention of the Big Bruins parent team in Boston. Right out of the box, Laviolette led the team to a 56-16-4-4 regular season mark and the Calder Cup Championship, the AHL's version of the Stanley Cup. The next year the team made it to the league semifinals.
And so, after just three short years Laviolette was appointed an assistant coach in Boston. His upward trajectory had been as fast as a rocket, but soon things would be different. Laviolette had been promoted over the summer while Pat Burns was the coach. But just eight games into the 2000-2001 season the popular coach was let go. His replacement came from outside the organization. It was Mike Keenan, a veteran of the NHL coaching ranks.
That did not last long. At the end of the season Keenan also was dismissed. It was no secret that Laviolette was a prime candidate for the position. But the B's decided to go with Robbie Ftorek, who had previously coached the New Jersey Devils and had been a star during his high school days in the Boston suburbs,
A low point - but followed by a high one. Within weeks he became the head coach of the New York Islanders, guiding them to a playoff berth in both seasons he was behind the bench.
From there it was on to the Carolina Hurricanes where in his second year he led the team to the Stanley Cup Championship in 2006. Five years after walking out the rear door of Boston Garden, he was experiencing the ultimate hockey high as the head coach of the Stanley Cup champions.
That probably would be the high point of a career for most in the NHL. But we have a feeling that in Laviolette's case, there is a close second. It came in the 2010 playoffs when Laviolette, having moved on to coach Philadelphia, led the Flyers to a very memorable comeback over the Bruins in the Eastern Conference semifinals.
The Bruins had built up a 3-0 lead in games before the Flyers regrouped and clawed their way back to even the series at 3-3. But it still looked like the B's were in control when they grabbed a 3-0 lead in Game 7, only to have the Flyers eventually win by a 4-3 score.
It came to be called the Meltdown Series and although he would never say, we are confident that Laviolette took extra satisfaction that his team was able to accomplish such a feat over the franchise that had previously passed him over.
While Philly would go on to the Stanley Cup Final (losing to Chicago), for the B's it was the most memorable collapse in their history to that point, only to be surpassed by the ouster of this year's regular season record setting time team in the first round by Florida.
Seven years later (2017), now with Nashville, Laviolette, would lead a team to the SCF once again, the Predators losing to Pittsburgh, a team coached by former Bruins mentor Mike Sullivan, in six games. Laviolette is one of only four coaches to lead three different teams to the Stanley Cup Final - Scotty Bowman, Dick Irvin, and Mike Keenan are the others
After his most recent stop in Washington - three years with two playoff berths - he is now with the Rangers. He indicated that he was not fired by Washington. It was just that his three-year contract was up and that he and management mutually agreed to a parting of the ways
In coming to New York, his new contract is also for three years at about $\$ 5$ million per season. If he can get it done by next spring. It will be their first Stanley Cup Final appearance since 2014 (losing to the Los Angeles Kings) and their first championship since 1994 when they defeated Vancouver.

