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103rd Madonna Della Cava Feast



Members of the Madonna Della Cava Society

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Trumps Gets Another Indictment

This time it is at the hands of a Georgia District Attorney. Many conservatives are getting angry and frustrated by the piling on of all these indictments over the election results in 2020 and January 6th. However, the polls right now show Donald Trump increasing his lead over any Republican presidential opponents.

The more they hit him, the stronger he seems to get. The media and Democrats can't seem to understand Trump's popularity growing.

There is now a large breach between the Republican establishment and Trump Republicans. Radio talk show host Jeff Kuhner is of the belief that whether Trump wins or loses in 2024, that a new second party will be created and sending the Republicans the way of the Whigs.

Italian Farmer Buried Alive by Cheese

A 74-year-old dairy farmer was killed during a meltdown at his cheese factory in northern Italy recently when thousands of wheels of hard Parmesan-style formaggio collapsed atop of him. The farmer was killed when giant shelves holding the 90-pound wheels suddenly buckled.

He was using a machine to rotate and clean the cheese wheels when one of the metal shelves caved and reportedly created a domino effect. Thousands of cheese wheels fell from the overhead shelves and buried him up to 33 feet of cheese. It took 12 hours for firefighters to get to him. K-9 dogs were used to find his location in the cheese.

Bud Continues to Fall Flat

Bud Light sales continue to tank in the wake of the Dylan Mulvaney fiasco while rival beer companies keep

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BPHC Shares Respiratory Virus Guidance Ahead of Back-to-School Season

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), is encouraging everyone to prepare for the upcoming cold and flu season as students get ready to go back to school in the coming weeks amid a nationwide uptick in COVID-19 cases.

The average level of COVID-19 particles in Boston's wastewater has increased over the past few weeks (569 RNA copies/mL as of July 26); however, new weekly COVID-19 related hospitalizations are still low (35 through August 5). These increases are not cause for immediate concern but are important to be aware of with back-to-school season, cooler temperatures, and cold and flu season all approaching.

"Preparation is key when planning for a new school year and the changing of the seasons. Cold and flu season always poses a risk, but there are several steps we can all take to protect ourselves and others including vaccination." said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Everyone in your household should be up to date on vaccinations to reduce the risk of severe illness this season."

BPHC reminds residents that the City experienced a high level of flu activity last year, the highest in three years, and that flu season will likely begin in October. As families prepare to send their children back-to-school, BPHC is reminding them of the ways they can stay safe and healthy and avoid missed days of schools amid the rising spread of COVID-19, and likely spread of the flu and RSV in the fall and winter.

Most importantly, BPHC strongly recommends that all families stay up to date with their vaccines for COVID-19, flu, and other diseases, such as pertussis, measles, and varicella. We recommend that everyone ages 6-months and older get their annual flu shot in September or October. Families should plan ahead and schedule flu shot appointments with their trusted health care providers or at a local pharmacy.

The FDA and CDC are expected to issue approvals for updated COVID-19 vaccines and schedules in the coming weeks. BPHC will provide recommendations after reviewing the latest guidance. In the meantime, everybody should take the following steps to protect themselves and their loved ones from getting sick with COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses by:

• Having COVID-19 rapid testing kits available at home to test if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

- Staying home when sick and wearing a mask if you are around others while ill or have to leave the house.
- Talking to your trusted healthcare provider about treatment if you test positive for COVID-19 or flu and are at high risk for severe disease.
- Wearing a well-fitting face mask, especially in crowded indoor settings if you are at high risk of severe illness (e.g., unvaccinated or moderately to severely immunocompromised)
- Washing your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Regularly disinfecting and cleaning high touch surfaces.

COVID-19 vaccines and testing are still available throughout the city. BPHC operates two standing clinics at the Bruce C. Bolling Building in Roxbury and City Hall that offer free COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, and rapid at-home testing kits, which can be taken on site. BPHC has also partnered with several community-based organizations to create rapid at-home testing kit distribution hubs in neighborhoods across Boston.

More information about distributions hubs is available on the BPHC website at https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/free-covid-19-home-test-kits.

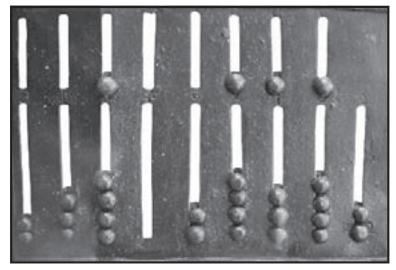
Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE THREE Rs IN OLD ROME



This Roman abacus, made of bronze and dating from the second century CE, is currently on display at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris.

Ludus in Latin means play, game, sport, child's play, diversion, or school. Literarius means reading and writing. Put them both together and ludus literarius comes out to be an elementary school for children in old Rome

Greek schooling was the forerunner of the Roman system. It should be noted that the Greeks paid great attention to their literary as well as their physical culture. The prohibition of schools was often used as a severe punishment for disloyal allies or provinces. In 550 B.C., there were laws that provided for literary training at public cost for all boys. This attitude toward education was probably the most significant contribution in the development of a civilization of the highest order by these classical Greeks. The young Greek citizen was free, intelligent, and extremely accomplished. He had studied and participated in drama, knew the work of Homer and

other great poets by heart, could play one or more musical instruments, sing, and dance. He served at least one term in the army or navy, knew how to build walls and fortifications, and was physically strong and active in games and contests. He was an expert at painting or some craft and was knowledgeable in the work of architects, sculptors and painters; that is, he could discuss their work with intelligence and understanding. Athenian schools were only for boys. Mothers tutored their daughters in the domestic arts of sewing, spinning, etc. The classical Greek was truly a new order of man.

Education in early Rome was not obligatory but was always considered to be of great importance. Many a Roman youth received his early training from his father by learning his father's trade or business. Formal instruction in the *ludus*

literarius was available to boys and girls alike and it was limited to reading, writing, and arithmetic.

There were also schools of the grammataci, which taught language, literature, and philosophy. The teacher was called the magister and his pay was entirely dependent upon the small fees paid to him by the parents of the pupils. The magister was often forced to "moonlight" in order to supplement his income. Any subsidiaries that might have been available seem to have been directed toward higher realms in learning and not elementary education.

The Roman school year began on March 24th. This was the time when the new students brought their entrance fees, called the *minerval*. The balance of the school fees was paid each month. Classes were generally held under the awning or portico of some convenient shop and had to compete with all of the street noises. A screen or cloth drop provided shelter from the hot sun during warm seasons. The classroom furniture consisted of a teacher's chair and some stools for the children; writing tablets made of wax; some calculating boards, call abaci; and a blackboard. The partly open schoolroom, the noise of the teaching (and of the punishment!) was of great annoyance to neighbors and passersby.

One fact was common in all elementary schools — no child was ever spoiled for fear of sparing the rod. The good old-fashioned *schiaffo* (smack!) seems to have been born here.

NEXT WEEK:The Three R's Part II

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Massachusetts Residents' Data Involved in MOVEit Global Security Incident

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On Monday, August 15, UMass Chan Medical School ("UMass Chan"), began notifying more than 134,000 individuals currently or previously enrolled in certain state programs that their personal information was involved in a recent third-party data security incident. This incident was part of a worldwide data security incident involving a file-transfer software program called MOVEit, which has impacted state and federal government agencies, financial services firms, pension funds, and many other types of companies and not-for-profit organizations. No UMass Chan or state systems were compromised in this incident. Impacted individuals have been sent notice by mail and will be contacted by phone, text, and e-mail where possible. Any individual who receives a notice is encouraged to take steps to protect their information, including monitoring their financial account statements and enrolling in free credit monitoring and identity theft protection offered to individu-

information involved.

UMass Chan provides services to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) including for MassHealth, the State Supplement Program (SSP), Family Resource Centers (FRCs), the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) and Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs). Impacted individuals are a subset of current or recent participants in these programs.

als who had certain sensitive

UMass Chan first learned about the MOVEit vulnerability on June 1, 2023 and immediately fixed the vulnerability, contacted law enforcement, launched an investigation and worked to identify the individuals whose information was involved. UMass Chan identified the files that may have been subject to unauthorized acquisition as a result of the MOVEit security flaw. On July 27, 2023. UMass Chan determined that some of these files contained information pertaining to individuals who received services from EOHHS.

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Beginning on August 15, 2023, individuals whose information was involved will receive letters from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and UMass Chan. The letter explains what data was impacted for each individual, the actions taken in response to the MOVEit incident and detailed steps that individuals can take to protect their information.

programs, it is unlikely your

data was exposed.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Joining the Dance of the Seasons

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The photos begin to inundate social media around this time of year: coffee shops advertising their wares with well-lit shots of cardboard cups stacked high with a frothy cloud of whipped cream and sprinkled with the reddish glitter of cinnamon, surrounded by the seasonal trappings of orange gourds. After all, the end of August means a plethora of announcements concerning the release dates of pumpkin spice lattes, the ne plus ultra of spicy fall drinks for java lovers. Pumpkin season is still fairly far-off, but these ads serve as yet another reminder that autumn, my favorite season, is quickly approaching. Indeed, I have lately been paying attention to the signs of the changing season all around me, from the prevalence of apples in the supermarket to the ever-soslight hues of red and orange appearing on some leaves. When the days get too humid and sticky - which I am fine with at the beginning of summer but find unbearable when crafting lesson plans or setting up my classroom for the next school year — I think of the harvest decorations I continually see in stores, and shiver with excitement over the crisp days of fall. Observing the signs of the changing seasons not only helps me live in the moment by concentrating on the natural phenomena currently unfolding around me, but it links me in a powerful way to the actions and lives of my ancestors.

Tracking the seasons has been a passion of mine long before I started this column. While clearing out a drawer in my old room, my mother found an old notebook of mine in which I had been charting the

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seasons. For the shift from summer to autumn, I wrote about witnessing my uncle and grandmother planting the bulbs of a daisy, called a margherita in Italian, which would bloom in late September. I mentioned a gnarled tree whose leaves always turned a kaleidoscope of yellow and red a month early and floated to the ground well before the calendar turned to autumn. Baking an apple dessert, cool mornings, the color of the early twilight — all of these observations made it into that little notebook. Doing so helped me become a better observer of nature and of the excitement of life around me, and I hope to resume this sort of project again soon. Noticing and recording the shifting tide of the seasons actually has a scientific name. It is known as phenology, and naturalists often encourage people to sketch or write down their observations and then submit them in order to help scientists track climate data. Therefore, this hobby is both romantic and functional!

This pastime is apparently quite timeless as well. Our ancestors have been discerning the seasonal changes since time immemorial — not because they were eager for pumpkin spice lattes or photographing falling leaves, but rather because they operated in a primarily agricultural society where determining the right time to plant or harvest crops was invaluable to the survival of the community. In Italy, August functions as the month of the grain and hav harvest, and tightly rolled bundles of hay baking under the sun serve as one of the surest signs that autumn will soon descend upon the lovely Italian countryside. natural signs of the changing

Italian farmers also examine

their grapes during this month, ensuring they are getting the right amount of sunshine, water, and shade to make them perfect for the vendemmia, or harvest, in September. After all, grapes stand as an important cultural symbol in Italy, for the grapes gathered in September will be processed into wine in November, ready to serve as the steadfast staple of Italian hospitality during the holidays and beyond. Finally, Italian farmers of yore frequently used saints' days as milestones for seasonal changes, a trait which is reflected in the proverbs still ubiquitous in Italian society to this day. August 24th is St. Bartholomew's Day, and the Italians repeat a proverb which declares: "A San Bartolomeo montagna mia bella ti abbandono." Translated, this dictum says that one should abandon the beautiful mountains after the Feast of St. Bartholomew, perhaps a reference to the cooler weather and the end of the vacation period. When we notice even the simplest transitions from one season to another, therefore, we are actually repeating the actions our forebears performed in order to carve out a living from the Earth.

As the bright days of summer give way to the cool nights of fall, I encourage everyone to keep track of the unfolding seasonal changes. These transitions do not have to be major, as even the tiniest details like a sip of apple cider or a yellow school bus can signal the start of an exciting new season. Let us become seasonal detectives, paying close attention to the evidence of nature's eternal cycle. By doing this, we become closely attuned to Mother Earth which has nourished us and our ancestors for so long, and we learn to live in the moment by understanding the natural beauty of the here and now. If we welcome every season with optimism and a healthy dose of respect, then the bounty of the Earth will love us in kind, no matter which latte we drink!

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.

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Politics 101

Only Works if You Use it to Your Benefit

Lately, two news stories are still occupying all the news in the West Roxbury community. The road diet saga for Centre Street is still being pushed where rallies for and against it have been held. The other news story, of course, is the drama surrounding District 6 City Council Kendra Lara's driving skills, or lack of.

I live on the other side of town but I have family in both West Roxbury and Roslindale, so Districts 5 and 6 are always on my mind.

Both of these stories are important to follow no matter what neighborhood you reside in. You can still count me in fighting against this road diet that would seemingly only make matters worse for both motorists and pedestrians. I still think shrinking lanes is overkill for making Centre Street safe for all who use it one way or the

As I have previously noted, the same city folks pushing the diet road for Centre Street here are preparing to export the idea to East Boston and Bennington Street. We are watching West Roxbury. We are ready for the road diet fight over here. It may take longer with a tunnel closed for the summer and a traffic nightmare. I still believe

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road diets are all anti-motor vehicle and pro-bicycle, making matters worse for motor vehicles and easier for bicyclists to go through red lights and continue being a pain to the rest of us.

As for Kendra Lara who lives in Jamaica Plain, District 6 West Roxbury voters should take a really good look at the other two candidates in the running: the one from West Roxbury and the one from JP. If the incumbent gets re-elected, don't come crying to me. It seems like it is time for West Roxbury Politicos to take a refresher course in Politics

Give the incumbent two more years, you might never get rid of her. Start now by voting for your interests in the upcoming District 6 preliminary election. You have choices, pick your choice at election time. All politics is local. We are one city and need to stick together because that's the real Politics 101 in action.

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• Madonna Della Cava (Continued from Page 1)



Members of the Madonna Della Cava Society







Cava feast honoring Maria SS Della Cava, took place August 11–13, 2023, in Boston's North End. The three-day celebration culminated in a grand procession carrying the image of the Madonna through the streets accompanied by society members and marching bands.

The 103rd Madonna Della

On the second week of each August, the North End celebrates the Feast of Madonna Della Cava, which coincides with the festival held in honor of the Principal Patron of Pietraperzia, Sicily.

The traditional use of a cloth banner of the saint — rather than a statue — is based on the belief that a statue will fall and crack, just like the stone bearing the image of the Madonna once did so many centuries ago.

For over a century, the Feast of the Madonna Della Cava has been celebrated in Boston's North End, initially by members who were all first-generation Italian-Americans. Today, the Feast is celebrated by loyal members, family, friends, and tourist.

The Madonna Della Cava Society's membership now includes people from several of Boston's neighborhoods and the surrounding suburbs, many of whose relatives first settled in the North End.

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Saint Thomas of Dover

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Thomas of Dover was a Benedictine monk and martyr who lived in the Thirteenth century; he is also known as Thomas Hales. He served as a Benedictine monk at St. Martin's Priory in Dover, England. In 1295, the priory was overrun by a French raiding party which was attacking Dover, and Thomas, being old and infirm, could not escape with the rest of the community.

The monks fled except for the elderly Thomas Hale (sometimes written Thomas de la Hale/ Hayle), who followed his usual routine, ignoring the mayhem around him. However, 'scarcely had he reached his bed when the accursed band, led by the men of Calais, followed after him'. Apparently, the marauders knew that the Priory's treasures were hidden somewhere near Thomas's dormitory and



quickly found the recess where 'books, vestments, cups, censers, basins, vials, relics, charters granted by kings and popes were hidden.

The aged Thomas tried to stop the plunderers. The French raiders demanded that he tell them the whereabouts of the church treasures. When he refused, they murdered him. The Frenchmen left Dover taking back with them some £1,500 of booty as well as precious relics and charters. Thomas was martyred in 1295. When the Priory monks returned, they found Thomas's body and were full of remorse for their cowardice. He was buried with full honors in Dover Priory Church. Miracles were soon reported at his tomb, and an altar was dedicated to him in the priory church in 1500. King Richard II of England (1379-1399) requested that his cause for sainthood be opened in 1382. The Feast day of Saint Thomas of Dover is August 2.

Preventing and Managing Powdery Mildew in the Garden

by Melinda Myers



Powdery mildew on a bee balm plant (Photo by www.MelindaMyers.com)

Don't panic when you find a powdery white substance covering the leaves of some of your flowers, vegetables, and shrubs. This is a good clue that your plants are infected with the fungal disease, powdery mildew. Most otherwise healthy plants can tolerate the damage and perennials will return the following year.

You may see this disease on a variety of plants including zinnia, phlox, bee balm, lilacs, roses, cucumbers, and squash. Powdery mildew is caused by several different fungi with each attacking specific host plants. This means the powdery mildew on one plant won't necessarily infect its neighbors. But when the weather conditions are right, high humidity at night and low humidity during the day, powdery mildew can develop on a variety of unrelated susceptible plants.

This fungus grows on leaf surfaces, preventing sunlight from reaching the leaves. The

infected leaves eventually turn yellow, brown and may wither. The disease usually won't kill the plant, but it does ruin the beauty of ornamental plants and severe infestation can reduce the size and quantity of fruit when growing cucumbers, squash and other susceptible vegetables.

Consider living with the damage. Mask the view of the diseased leaves with slightly shorter nearby plants, allowing you to still enjoy the flowers.

If you decide to treat the plants, you must start at the first sign of the disease and then every 7 to 14 days for effective control. Consider using one of the organic fungicides labeled for controlling this disease on the plants you are treating.

Cornell University found baking soda was effective at managing powdery mildew. You will find variations of the mixture using 1 to 1.5 tablespoons of baking soda and 2.5 to 3 tablespoons of lightweight horticulture oil mixed into one gallon of water.

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Be sure to read and follow label directions when using any organic, natural, or synthetic product. Pretest any fungicide selected including the Cornell mixture. Apply the fungicide to a couple of leaves and monitor for any toxic side effects before spraying all the infected plants.

Reduce the risk of powdery mildew in future gardens. Remove and dispose of mildewinfected plants and leaves in fall.

When adding new plants to the garden, select those noted for powdery mildew resistance. They aren't immune but less likely to develop the disease than more susceptible varieties.

Give plants plenty of room to reach their mature size. This increases airflow and light reaching the plants, decreasing humidity and the risk of infection. Avoid excess fertilization that promotes lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to this and other diseases.

Train vining crops like cucumber, squash, and melons onto a trellis. You'll not only save space but also increase light and air penetration around the plants for greater productivity and less risk of disease.

Do a bit of pruning on susceptible phlox and bee balm next spring. Remove one-fourth of the stems of susceptible perennials when the plants are several inches tall. This increases light penetration and airflow, resulting in stronger stems and less risk of this disease.

A bit of prevention goes a long way in boosting the beauty of your garden and reducing the time spent managing this disease.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released 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 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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Mayor Wu Announces "Boston Delivers"

an E-Cargo Bike Delivery Pilot Program

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) announced the launch of Boston Delivers, an e-cargo bike delivery pilot program, to serve local residents and businesses. This service will make deliveries to and from local businesses in Allston and the surrounding area. Instead of motor vehicles, packages will be delivered by electric cargo bikes. The program will launch in mid-September and run for at least a year, with the goal of supporting local businesses, reducing pollution, easing traffic congestion caused by the expansion of delivery services, and improving street safety.

"The way our small businesses and residents use our city's curbs has changed over the last few years, and we're launching Boston Delivers to explore how to make our streets flow more smoothly and safely for everyone," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This bike delivery pilot will support restaurants with an affordable, green, and convenient delivery option while reducing congestion on our streets."

"The growth of car-based delivery services has negatively impacted our streets by adding congestion and increasing unsafe and illegal parking," said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets. "This pilot will help us explore alternatives by offering convenient delivery options that support neighborhood businesses while keeping our streets safe and moving."

"Kudos to the Boston Transportation Department, where vision, persistence, and creativity have created an innovative pilot program which will generate goodwill and good data," said City Councilor Liz Breadon. "We are very proud of Allston's local businesses, including its abundant restaurants which feature cuisines from all over the world. Allston-Brighton residents are ready to make this green transportation program a great success."

The rise of delivery services following the pandemic has led to more congestion outside local businesses and double parking in bus, bike, and vehicle travel lanes. This has led to more conflicts among pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, which has increased the potential for serious injury. Boston Delivers aims to improve safety on our streets by reducing the size, speed, and environmental impacts of delivery vehicles.

The City will subsidize the delivery costs for up to eight businesses, making delivery costs more affordable for local businesses, with funds from Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's (MassCEC) Accelerating Clean Transportation for All (ACT4All) Program (funded by MassCEC and the Department of Energy Resources). This program will also help businesses provide a delivery service where they may not already offer one. Additionally, the city is contributing about \$345,000 towards the pilot program. The majority of this is labor costs, along with outreach and translation services and equipment.

"Clean transportation is a significant part of the Commonwealth's decarbonization strategies. Micromobility, such as e-bikes and e-scooters, is one focus of MassCEC's transportation programming, which is aimed at supporting innovative clean transportation models," said MassCEC CEO Jennifer Daloisio. "We are excited about Boston's leadership in this area on the municipal level and the potential this pilot has to increase quality-oflife by decreasing emissions."

"The Boston Delivers program will address two issues that we're facing in Allston, pollution in the neighborhood and congestion on our streets," said Alex Cornacchini, Executive Director of Allston Village Main Streets Association. "This service will provide some much-needed relief on both fronts, all while helping out our local businesses community. We're very fortunate that the BTD has chosen Allston as the pilot neighborhood for this initiative."

"We would like to participate in the Boston Delivers pilot because it seems like an easy way to support cleaner air and job opportunities for those without a car," said John Kim, owner of OliToki, a Korean fusion restaurant in Allston that will be participating in Boston Delivers. "Also, we see a lot of bike and e-bike deliveries in other major cities, and we feel that adding more ways to get food into people's hands should ultimately benefit both restaurants and customers."

While some businesses have already been selected, Boston Delivers is seeking more businesses in the Allston area to participate in the program. Those interested in participating in Boston Delivers can go to boston.gov/boston-delivers to fill out the interest form and learn more.

"As a business that makes and delivers nutritious, delicious, culturally appropriate meals throughout the City of Boston, we understand the congestion on Boston's streets and recognize its negative impact on the residents of the City. And as a business that cares about climate protection, we are always looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint," said Richard Caines III, Director, Sales and Marketing at City Fresh Foods. "The Boston Delivers pilot program is an innovative solution that will reduce congestion and improve service to our clients all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Boston Delivers pilot gives companies like ours an opportunity to learn how e-bikes can be successfully integrated into business operations."

This pilot program has several key learning objectives that will help pave the way for the operation of e-cargo bikes for delivery. These key learning objectives are:

Identify the policies, programs, and regulations that need to change to allow for e-cargo bike delivery in the City of Boston;

Test infrastructure changes needed to accommodate e-cargo bike delivery, including but not limited to e-cargo bike delivery zones, staging and sorting areas, parcel lockers, and other last-mile logistical needs;

Measure the benefits of e-cargo bike delivery, including its impact on environmental, safety, and economic metrics;

Understand the costs and feasibility of e-cargo bike delivery for different types of businesses;

Communicate to delivery service providers that the City of Boston is ready for delivery services to utilize e-cargo bikes.

"Through our farm share program, ABHC is really looking forward to partnering up with Boston Transportation Department's Boston Delivers team as we intersect two key needs in our community: equitable access to food and transportation", said Jessi Rubin, Allston Brighton CSA, organized by Allston-Brighton Health Collaborative, who is participating in Boston Delivers.

"The electric cargo bike pilot presents an important opportunity to both learn best practices regarding sustainable, environmentally friendly local deliveries, which has an exploding demand in both urban and suburban neighborhoods, while also reducing vehicle miles traveled by single-occupant vehicles – a key recommendation of MetroCommon 2050," said Marah Holland, Senior Transportation Planner at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. "It's the epitome of 'smart growth,' and we're looking forward to opportunities to expand to other neighborhoods and municipalities across Greater Boston."

Boston Delivers will serve as a case study for The Urban Freight Lab at The University of Washington to help inform worldwide efforts to encourage deliveries on e-cargo bikes. The Boston Transportation Department has partnered with Net Zero, a leading final mile logistics provider, to carry out the pilot. Net Zero will provide and manage the fleet of e-cargo bikes and related equipment, make the deliveries, and manage the logistics.

"About Fresh, via our Fresh Truck ECommerce program, is excited to partner with the City and Net Zero Logistics to take an innovative, environmentally friendly approach to door-to-door delivery," said Seana Weaver, Fresh Truck Program Director, one of the businesses participating in Boston Delivers. "During the height of the pandemic, our Fresh Box program proved to be a necessary service in communities throughout Boston and we hear from our shoppers every day that they'd like to see it return. We are so grateful for this pilot opportunity to find a reasonable and sustainable method to get fresh produce to the households that need it most in Allston/Brighton."

"I am passionate about reducing the carbon footprint and helping our environment to ensure a safe planet exists for all the generations to come," said Mark Chiusano, CEO of Net Zero Logistics and affiliates. "As a company, we hope to make a difference by increasing awareness of carbonless deliveries and helping local businesses offer sustainable delivery options. We've been working hard finding solutions with executing the final 50 feet of urban delivery, and we are thrilled to implement our knowledge and expertise here in Massachusetts by partnering with The City of Boston and Boston Delivers."

More information on Boston Delivers can be found on boston.gov/boston-delivers.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari



Saint Clare of Assisi —

A very special retreat entitled Saint Clare of Assisi, Three Days of Reflection, was held at Saint Leonard Church the evenings of August 9, 10, and 11. The event was conducted by Father Andre' Cirino, OFM.

The first night focused on the life of Saint Clare who was born on July 16, 1194. When she was eighteen years of age, St. Francis came to preach during Lent in the church of San Giorgio at Assisi.

The inspired words of Francis kindled a flame in the heart of Clare; she sought him out

secretly and begged him to help her that she too might live "after the manner of the holy Gospel". St. Francis, who at once recognized in Clare one of those chosen souls destined by God for great things, promised to assist her. On March 20, 1212, Clare, accompanied by her aunt Bianca and another young woman, went to the humble chapel of the Portiuncula where she received the penitential habit.

St. Francis, in order to secure Clare the greater solitude she desired, transferred her to another monastery of the Benedictine nuns near Subasio. Here some sixteen days later, Clare was joined by her younger sister Agnes. Soon after, several other ladies joined them. The foundation of the Poor Clares, or the Second Order of Saint Francis, was thus laid.

The second night of the retreat focused on the Transitus or passing of Saint Clare from this life. Testimony of her life and miraculous deeds was given by four readers taking the roles of individuals whose life she touched. Saint Clare passed away on August 11, 1253.

Night three of the retreat consisted of Mass and a healing service conducted by Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of Saint Leonard Parish, and Father Andre'

Father Andre' Cirino is an itinerant preacher whose experience includes parish work, Franciscan formation, and high school education. He is an author and co- author of many books on the life of Saint Francis and Franciscan tradition.

Office of the State Auditor Launches

Impact Analysis of Transportation and Delivery Network Companies on State Funds and Programs

The Office of the State Auditor Diana DiZoglio (OSA) announced that it will conduct an analysis of the impacts that transportation network companies (TNCs) and delivery network companies (DNCs) have on state benefit programs and the use of taxpayer dollars.

Recent figures show over 200,000 independent contractors working in Massachusetts' rideshare and food delivery companies. These companies treat workers as independent contractors. In doing so workers are denied overtime pay, unemployment insurance, or workers' compensation — among other benefits that workers considered as employees are generally entitled to.

"Our office will review and analyze the impact TNC and DNC companies have on our state unemployment insurance and workers' compensation systems," said DiZoglio.

The law in Massachusetts (MGL c. 149, section 148B) requires a three-prong test—as stated in law, to be an independent contractor, all three requirements must be met:

1. The individual is free from control and direction in connection with the performance of the service, both under his contract for the performance of service and in fact; and 2. The service is performed outside the usual course of the business of the employer; and,

3. The individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business of the same nature as that involved in the service performed.

"Our unemployment and workers' compensation systems are already stretched," said DiZoglio. "This continues to put a burden on businesses and taxpayers alike, while reducing the benefits available for people in need."

Recently, New Jersey successfully reviewed TNC and DNCs classification of workers as independent contractors and the wide-ranging effects of these decisions. The OSA aims to similarly provide taxpayers with an impact analysis that will shine a light on tax responsibilities, workers' safety, best practices, and potential inequities across state systems to help ensure greater accountability and transparency.

The OSA's analysis coincides with ongoing litigation by the Attorney General seeking a declaratory judgment that would require rideshare companies to comply with state wage and labor laws covering independent contractors.



BABYLON 5: THE ROAD HOME (4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray) Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

The highly anticipated continuation of the beloved series is finally here with an all-new original animated movie! Babulon 5: The Road Home returns with a story about the iconic Babylon 5 space station and its inhabitants as they take a journey through the past to determine the future. Return to Babylon 5 as the epic interstellar saga continues with The Road Home. Travel across the galaxy with John Sheridan as he unexpectedly finds himself transported through multiple timelines and alternate realities in a quest to find his way back home. Along the way, he reunites with some familiar faces, while discovering cosmic new revelations about the history, purpose, and meaning of the Universe. Babylon 5 celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and returning to voice their characters from the original series are Bruce Boxleitner as John Sheridan, Claudia Christian as Susan Ivanova, Peter Jurasik as Londo Mollari, Bill Mumy as Lennier, Tracy Scoggins as Elizabeth Lochley, and Patricia Tallman as Lyta Alexander. The film also stars Paul Guyet as Zathras and Jeffery Sinclair, Anthony Hansen as Michael Garibaldi, Mara Junot as Reporter and Computer Voice, Phil LaMarr as Dr. Stephen Franklin, Piotr Michael as David Sheridan, Andrew Morgado as G'Kar, and Rebecca Riedy as Delenn. Special features include: Babylon 5 Forever (New Featurette) — join the cast and filmmakers as they reveal the process behind creating the first state-of-the-art, animated adaption of Babylon 5.

METALOCALYPSE: ARMY OF THE DOOMSTAR (Blu-ray) Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

It doesn't get more metal than this! The long awaited return of Adult Swim's favorite heavy metal adventure Metalocalypse arrives with an all-new, full-length animated movie, Metalocalypse: Army of the Doomstar. Bringing the heaviest metal band ever created back together again for an action-packed journey. As a special highlight, fans can also look forward to the release of two full-length albums this year. DETHKLOK's highly anticipated 'Dethalbum IV,' which includes all new original DETHKLOK songs, coming on August 22. The second album release, 'Metalocalypse: Army of the Doomstar (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)' will include additional songs plus a totally original movie score and will be released August 25. The film stars Small, Tommy Blacha, Victor Brandt, Stephen "Thundercat" Bruner (Grammy Award-winning musician), King Diamond, Mark Hamill, Kirk Hammett, Jon Hamm, Scott Ian, Amy Lee, Malcolm McDowell, Juliet Mills, Laraine Newman, Raya Yarbrough, and Livia Zita. Metalocalypse: Army of the Doomstar continues after the heroic rescue of Toki Wartooth,

DETHKLOK frontman Nathan Explosion finds himself traumatized in a BRUTAL professional and romantic flat-spin all while he is tasked with fulfilling the prophecy and confronting the ultimate songwriting challenge: write the SONG OF SALVATION and save the planet. The question is: can Nathan Explosion look beyond his brutally damaged ego to save his band, stop the Metalocalypse, and finally face the ultimate evil: Salacia?

FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (4K Ultra HD) Paramount Home Ent.

June 5th is noted as Ferris Bueller Day and to mark this momentous event we are...taking the day off. But not before announcing that fans can experience Ferris Bueller's Day Off, which returns in all of its brilliant glory, arriving for the first time on 4K Ultra HD digital and disc, from Paramount Home Entertainment. Writer/ director John Hughes' seminal comedy about a high school student's wild adventures in the Windy City during a single, magnificent day off, continues to be enjoyed, quoted, and revered. The enduring classic captures the uproarious antics of Ferris and his friends as they relish the freedom of being not quite grown up. Matthew Broderick stars as the delightfully charming Ferris who, with his girlfriend Sloane (Mia Sara) and best bud Cameron (Alan Ruck), ditches school to enjoy one perfect day as a kid with no responsibilities. In 2014, Ferris Bueller's Day Off was added to the Library of Congress' National Film Registry, which serves as a compendium of films that have been judged to be culturally, aesthetically, or historically important. Legacy bonus content features: Commentary with Director John Hughes —Getting the Class Together: The Cast of Ferris Bueller's Day Off — The Making of Ferris Bueller's Day Off - Who is Ferris Bueller? — The World According to Ben Stein — and Vintage Ferris Bueller: The Lost Tapes

ROBOT MONSTER (Blu-ray) BayView Ent.

At long last, "can" and "must" meet on the graph, as Robot Monster, the most demented, delirious, and delightful 3-D film of the Golden Age arrives in a showcase edition loaded with out-of-this-world extras! A cosmic catastrophe has wiped out humanity, and now the last six survivors must outwit that strangely iconic alien menace, Ro-Man. Taking orders from the pitiless Great Guidance, Ro-Man wavers in his pursuit of human annihilation when he falls in love with a girl (Claudia Barrett). Can dashing young Roy save her? Independently photographed in less than a week on location in Bronson Canyon, the Tru-Stereo photography is comparable to the major studio 3-D productions of the time. And to mark the milestone 70th anniversary of this all-time sci-fi classic, the 3-D version of Robot Monster has been painstakingly and masterfully restored from complete 35mm archival 3-D.

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

YOU TAKE 'EM INTO YOUR HOUSE

Massachusetts doesn't really know what to do with the recent and, I am assuming, continuing influx of border migrants. Governor Healey has called this an emergency. She is looking for places to put these people up. She's looking for federal funds too. So is NYC Mayor Eric Adams. However, it appears Biden can't hear them with all the noise caused by rippling beach waves down in Delaware.

However, what takes the cake is Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll asking you and me to do our share by taking in one or two migrants if we have any spare rooms in our homes. No, you take 'em in up at your place in Salem. Maura can do the same thing at

her new pad in Arlington. I guess we're all border states now.

TEENS GONE WILD AT SOUTH BAY PLAZA

Earlier this month things got crazy down at South Bay Plaza. Six teens were accused of wreaking havoc at this shopping plaza. Allegedly, the mayhem included throwing rocks at cops and shattering police cruiser windows.

All six boys were between 14 and 16 years old. Police were called to the shopping plaza in response to juveniles causing trouble. These young people were arrested because actions must have consequences, right? In the North End there was very little trouble this past weekend because the police were out in force ahead of any potential trouble and were prepared for

anything. Kudos to Boston's Finest

I ATTENDED THE MADONNA **DELLA CAVA FEAST**

It was a pretty good feast this past weekend honoring Madonna Della Cava. The Della Cava Society table was busy selling raffle tickets and marching bands serenaded the crowds. Up on stage the Boston-based R&B band Angelena & The Unit was tops. Folks were dancing all over that end of Hanover Street, myself included.

SUMMER COOKOUT AT SACRED HEART

This coming Sunday, August 20th, Sacred Heart Parish will be holding its Summer Cookout from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., in the church parking lot. For more information, call 617-567-5776.

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swiping away market sales. Bud is now down 25.9 percent during the week ending July 29th. Modelo Especial is expected to vault into the no. 1 spot for the entire year by the end of August.

Coors Light and Miller Lite are also up 20.7 percent and 19.25 percent respectively, too.

"I Shot That (Blank)"

The 6-year-old Virginia boy who shot his teacher using his mother's gun shockingly claimed to a reading specialist who was watching him after the shooting before police arrived that "I shot the b^#@*. I did it. I got my mom's gun last night," according to newly unsealed search warrants.

The 25-year-old first grade teacher who suffered multiple injuries has filed a \$40 million lawsuit alleging the school officials ignored multiple warnings about the student and did little.

"Duran" Rocker Says New **Drug Curbed His Cancer**

Duran Duran guitarist Andy Taylor has said a breakthrough cancer drug has extended his life "for five years." The 62-yearold musician revealed his stage 4 prostate cancer diagnosis last year, saving he was originally diagnosed in 2018. He said he began taking Lutetium-177, and was told it only sees cancer cells, it can't see healthy cells. This drug received approval from the U.S. FDA in March 2022. Taylor said before taking this new drug, his health had been in steady decline. He thanks this new medicine for still being here these past five years.

End Quote

"I'm thinking seriously ... the brand has become so bad. The D brand and the R brand"

> -U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, on potentially leaving the Democratic Party

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. MI23C0241CA In the Matter of MEKAILA CAPRICE MOORE **CITATION ON** PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Mekaila Caprice Moore of Bridgewater, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Mekaila Caprice Avery.

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes

of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of September 07, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,

First Justice of this Court Date: August 10, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 08/18/2023

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> Docket No. MI23P3494GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of SERENITY D. MARSHALL of North Chelmsford, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 06/29/2023 by Joyce A. Jewer of North Chelmsford, MA, will be held 10/26/2023 09:00 AM Review Hearing Located Courtroom 10, 5th Floor, Lowell Justice Center, 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to

request that counsel be appointed for the minor. 4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court

location where your case is going to be heard 5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests

Date: July 24, 2023 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 08/18/2023

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Docket No. MI23P3496GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of DAKOTA M. JEWER MARSHALL of North Chelmsford, MA Minor

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> (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23P3495GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Woburn, MA 01801

In the interests of **QUINTYNN XAVIER MARSHALL** of North Chelmsford, MA Minor

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Date: July 24, 2023

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



A few weeks ago, Loretta and I celebrated our 46th anniversary. I have always liked big parties but have butted heads with my wife when it came time to celebrate something. Her idea of a celebration is just immediate family surrounding you for the occasion. I, on the other hand, love a production.

I think I picked up my love of large get-togethers from my mother. Mom came from a large family. Her mother, Nanna, was a Ceruolo and there were several of her siblings living in and around Boston. Most of them had lots of children (Mom's generation), and when there was a baptism, first communion, confirmation, wedding or a funeral, they were all there including their children (my generation). On holidays, some would visit us after the dinner of the day and join in for coffee and dessert.

When I came into my own, I decided to celebrate especially, my folks' anniversary. My first extravaganza took place when my folks were celebrating their 25th anniversary. I was 23 at the time and doing well, teaching days in the Boston Schools, playing music at night and trying my hand at acting and modeling. Uncle Nick helped me out and that first large celebration took place at Blinstrub's Supper Club in South Boston. From then on, I threw big family and friends events every five years. On the off years, my folks and I headed for restaurants either in the North End or north on Rte. 1 where one could find good steaks at good prices

The last big anniversary party I threw for my folks was their 50th, in 1986. By 1991, Dad was ill and didn't survive the year. They almost made it to 55 years, but it didn't quite happen.

After the kids came along, Loretta and I concentrated on parties surrounding their birthdays. There was a group of us who had kids almost the same ages and several kids' restaurants accommodated us which made things easy.

Back when I was a kid, there were a lot of family events generating from Nanna's side, and three generations of us were always there. Dad booked in the entertainment at several of them and was often on stage in a tux while Mom and I sat with Nanna and Babbononno at a front table. Nanna wasn't much of a party girl, but Babbononno loved to dress and dance. He could waltz and do just about every Italian dance that existed. He was pretty good on his feet if I remember correctly.

Thinking of dancing, Dad had two left feet. Mom often asked him, "How could you be one of the best rhythm musicians in Boston and have two left feet?" True. My father had a reputation of being one of the best bassists in Boston music, but dancing ... no way.

Beyond the anniversaries, I loved taking my folks out on their birthdays. They would pick the restaurant and I would take it from there. Dad liked to try exotic dishes from different countries. Mom, not so much, but would give in and off we

One of the funniest events happened when Dad hit 65. He didn't want a party, but did want to try the food at a Japanese restaurant that existed in the Fresh Pond area of Cambridge. I knew the owner who was Japanese, but from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

I made the reservation, and during the meal, the owner and his staff made a big deal out of it being my father's 65th birthday. I thanked them in Spanish, we conversed a bit, and as they headed back to the kitchen, the couple at the next table commented on my knowledge of spoken Japanese. (It must have been the sake)

Because of my knowledge of large parties, several of the bandleaders I worked for would ask me to do the announcing at the events we played. At one point, I was working for a bandleader who booked in mostly Jewish affairs. Jeff Carlton headed up an office, and on weekends, we often had as many as ten bands out playing. His partner, Sid Shulman, usually wanted me along with him to play and do the announcing. Sidney had a speech problem, and you couldn't understand him over a microphone.

So, I was it.

One Sunday night, we played a bar mitzvah, the ceremony that accepts a boy into the fold as a man. The closest sacrament we have to this is confirmation. We played background music at the synagogue and then headed to the function facility and set up on stage. We were waiting for the rabbi, who conducted the ceremony, to show up and say a traditional prayer so we could get started with the festivities. As we were waiting, someone came running out of the kitchen to tell Sidney that the rabbi called and couldn't make it to the reception. Sid turned to me and said, "Johnny, you'll have to say the ceremonial prayer and cut the loaf of bread." This meant that

I had to stand at a table that had a loaf of bread on it, slice a piece of the bread and say a prayer in Hebrew. This was a common practice at Jewish events, and believe it or not, I was prepared.

I walked to the table carrying a microphone, called the people to attention, and mentioned that the rabbi was unable to attend the reception, but with their permission, I would offer the prayer in his stead. I recited the prayer and cut the loaf of bread. When I finished, everyone applauded and the band started to play. As I walked back to the stage, I made the sign of the cross, just in case ... I was the only one in the entire place that wasn't Jewish.

Over the years, I've worked with bands that catered to Irish, Italian, Jewish, and even Polish events. After Nanna passed away in 1958, at almost every get together I played, I pictured Nanna and Babbononno waltzing together. I guess I was a sucker at remembering the old

Well, a few weeks ago, we celebrated our 46th. There was no fanfare per se. It was kids, grandkids, Loretta's brother, Mike, his wife, Lin, Loretta's cousin, John, and the two of us. We had two choices, homemade Italian food and store bought Chinese food. I think we might still have a few leftovers in the fridge. Who knows?

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Bagna Cauda, a culinary tradition originating from the picturesque Piedmont region of Northern Italy, is a dish that exemplifies both the artistry and communal nature of Italian cuisine. The name, which translates to "hot sauce or hot bath," depicts a warm and aromatic dipping sauce. Composed of garlic, anchovies, and olive oil, this sumptuous sauce is gently heated and kept at the perfect temperature for dipping. As a convivial practice, Bagna Cauda brings people together around a shared table, fostering connections and conviviality. The ritual involves sipping on red wine, while dipping an assortment of bread and fresh, raw vegetables, ranging from vibrant bell peppers to crisp fennel, into the tantalizing sauce, resulting in a harmonious melding of flavors. Bagna Cauda not only tantalizes the palate but also celebrates the heartwarming essence of Italian culture, where food is a means to connect, converse, and create cherished memories.

Bagna Cauda is a delicious "dipping sauce" experience served traditionally, and also wonderful when added to pasta, or used as a topping for pizza or a dressing for meat. The original registered recipe uses only garlic, anchovies, and olive oil, yet most recipes today call for the addition of butter and some newer versions even feature the addition of cream. If you happen to be in the Piedmont region of Italy towards the end of November, Asti hosts the 11th edition of "Bagna Cauda Day", the three-day global event dedicated to the Bagna Cauda, from November 24th to the 26th and December 1st through the 3rd!

BAGNA CAUDA



2 bulbs fresh garlic, use approximately 18 cloves, finely chopped 1 ¼ cups extra virgin olive oil

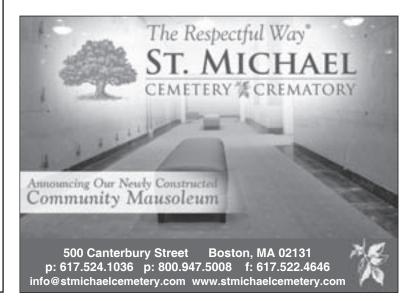
9 ounces red desalted boned jarred anchovies, drained $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted butter

Note: Terracotta earthenware warmer is the traditional vessel used to serve the Bagna, a small fondue with a tea light warmer can also be used.

In a medium bowl, soak the anchovies in plenty of fresh water for 5 to 10 minutes, be sure to remove any bones, set aside, and allow to dry.

In a medium sauté pan, place the oil and garlic and turn the heat to a warm setting. Let the oil and garlic cook very slow for about 15 minutes. Periodically, stir and crush with a wooden spoon throughout the cooking process. Do not let it get too hot, the garlic should just soften, not brown. Place the anchovies in the pan and let cook on warm for about a half hour, again, not letting it fry. Add the butter, stir, and transfer to a terracotta warmer or small fondue pot. Serve with bread and fresh vegetables to dip.

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32nd Annual La Festa Baseball Exchange

IN THE NORTH END



North End and North Adams Teams at Home Plate at Puopolo Park after the Game

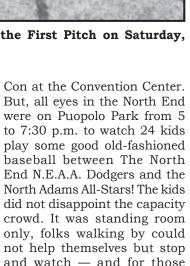


George Canales throwing out the First Pitch on Saturday, August 5th, at Puopolo Park

As part of North End Against Drugs Family Fun Festival, Round #2 of the 2023 La Festa Baseball Tournament (Ages 13-15) took place on Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th. Our good friends for over 33 years make the trek down from the Berkshires to a glorious weekend in Boston! The weather was absolutely glorious. The city was packed with visitors from all over. St. Agrippina's Feast was in full swing, there was a concert at the TD Garden and the Sox were hosting the Blue Jays at Fenway and just to sprinkle in a few End Team traveled west to the

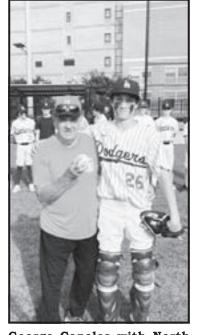
and watch — and for those old enough to remember the Original Garden — there were 13,909 in attendance!

A few weeks earlier, the North more people, there was Comic Berkshires, where they played





John Romano and Tony Abusi — One of North Adams Founding Fathers of Baseball Exchange



George Canales with North **End Dodgers Catcher Jared** Acevedo

two games and were treated to similar hospitality by the Canales family, as we have for the last 32 plus years!

The baseball was great, the pitching for the most part was awesome, but more importantly, these 24 youths - who before this Exchange began for them a few weeks ago, never met each other- started a friendship with each other! It is rare in sports today to see young kids shake hands before the games begin, wish each other well, and then compete hard and when the game is over, sit down and have a meal together. That is what we started over 33 years ago and



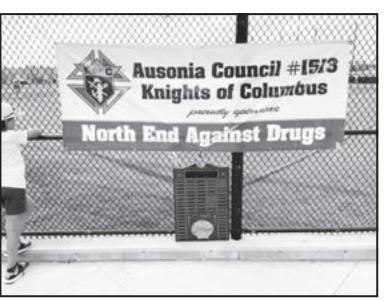
George and Nancy Canales from North Adams with NEAD Board Members at North End Family Pride Day — (L-R) Seated: Karen D'Amico, George Canales, and Ciara D'Amico Standing: Maria Lanza, Nancy Canales, Olivia Scimeca, and John Romano

this past weekend it continued. The players who participated this year represent over 1,000 players, 120 plus games, and countless memories. For those who have never witnessed it, you are missing a lot, for those who have participated — like I have — only missed a few of the 120 plus games, it is a lifetime of memories!

Oh and yes, the two teams split one game apiece both in North Adams and in the North End, very fittingly for such fine young men.



North End Coach and North Adams Coach with Two MVP winners with George Canales — whom MVP award is named after - L to R: Kevin Sullivan (North End Coach), Carson Rylander (North Adams MVP), Ferdinand Carangelo (North End MVP). George Canales, and Aaron Boone (North Adams Coach)



North End Against Drugs (NEAD) Banner with Premier Sponsor Ausonia Council #153 and the Plaque with Scores of all La Festa Games



North End Athletic Association (N.E.A.A.)

FALL SOCCER UPDATE

The North End Athletic Associatin (N.E.A.A.) Soccer begins on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Registration has been under way for 2 months. The 4/5-year-old group and the 9/12-yearold group still have room for more players. The 6/8-year-old group is full, if you sign up you will be put on a waiting list. The cost is \$55 per player.

Practices for the 6/8-year-old group begin on Tuesday, August 29th at Puopolo Park at 5:30 p.m. Practices for the 9/12-year-old group begin on Thursday, August 31st at 5:30 p.m., at Puopolo Park.

The season is eight weeks long. We do not play on Saturday, October 7th for Columbus Day Weekend.

To sign up, go to https://neaasportsboston.sportngin.com/ and click on the Soccer Tab at the top, then the Registration Tab. You can pay online by credit card.

For more information, you can email John Romano at jromano45@gmail.com.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Now, We Know Why Franco on Restricted List

This past weekend, there was a sports story concerning Wander Franco, 22, from the Rays being placed on a restricted list. By Monday, we found out he is under MLB investigation. It showed up on social media posts, Franco allegedly had been involved with a 14-year-old girl. The news went viral in the Dominican Republic. Legal age of consent in that country is 18.

According to ESPN, the Rays are still paying Franco his salary. He signed an 11-year deal for \$182 million in 2021.

Mickey Mantle Game Jersey: How Much Will it Fetch at Auction?

A Mickey Mantle baseball card is already the most expensive piece of sports memorabilia ever sold at auction, and now one of Mick's game-worn jerseys is set to challenge for another record. Auctioneers currently have received a \$3.25 million bid - \$3.9 million with the buyer's premium for a gameworn 1958 home mantle jersey. The all-time mark for a baseball jersey is the reported \$5.64 million Babe Ruth jersey back

For baseball boomers, Mantle was larger than life. Growing

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39A, that on August 24, 2023 at 10AM, at

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Mickey Mantle

up in the '50s and '60s, he was legendary. He was never as big as the Babe but he was right up there not far behind. Everybody wanted to wear the No. 7 on their baseball uniforms. His fanbase was nationally. He represented truth, justice, and the American way. Kids idolized him trying to copy his batting stance and even trying to learn how to be a switch hitter, too.

If I had to guess how much his jersey will go for, I would say near \$4.7 million. No one will beat the Babe's auction price. He was in a class of his own.

Bobby Witt Jr. Plays Shortstop for Royals

He was born and raised in Texas but the Boston area

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Docket No. MI22D3800DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY

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MICHAEL ARPIN

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

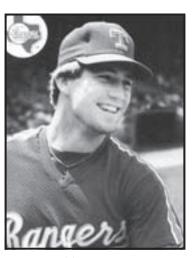
The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 You are hereby summoned and required

to serve upon Melissa M. Arpin, 8 Glade Street, Billerica, MA 01821 your answer, if any, on or before September 12, 2023. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 1, 2023 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 08/18/2023



Bobby Witt, Sr.

is a second home for him. He plays for Kansas City today. His dad Bobby Sr., was a star pitcher at Canton High School who went on to the University of Oklahoma and was the third pick of the 1985 draft and spent 16 years in the Majors, 11 with the Texas Rangers. He ended up staying in Texas after he retired but never lost his Massachusetts accent or his love for the Red Sox. Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins.

The Witt family still has plenty of family up here and see them often. Like his dad, Bobby Jr., loves Boston sports teams, too. At 23, Witt is hitting .268 and is getting better defensively at second base.

The Witt's are the ninth fatherson to be first round picks. By the way, Bobby Sr., was 142-157 with a 4.83 ERA with 1,955 strikeouts. He was much better than those numbers. He threw his last pitch in Game 6 of the 2001 World Series with the Diamondbacks.

By the way, Bobby Jr., has been hitting .310 since this year's All-Star break. I will be keeping my eyes on this kid, the way I always liked following his dad's pitching career.

Happy Birthday to ...

Brandon Workman just turned 35 years old. He was with the Red Sox from 2013-2021. He was a two-time World Series winner and was 25-16 with a 3.83 ERA with 20 saves during his tenure in Boston.

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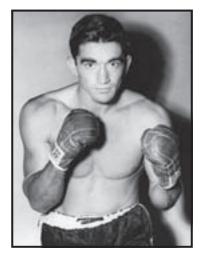
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REST IN PEACE ROY HARRIS

Heavyweight from Cut and Shoot Texas Challenged for Heavyweight Title



Roy Harris

Roy Harris, who in 1958 fought for the Heavyweight Title, passed away on August 8th. He was 90 years old. He died peacefully at his home in Cut and Shoot, Texas surrounded by his children and large family. Mr. Harris was born in Cut and Shoot on June 29, 1933, and he lived his entire life there.

When Roy was eight years old, his bother Tobe traded a couple of wild ducks for a pair of boxing gloves. Their father gave the boys boxing lessons. This was the start of the long road that led to Roy getting a shot at the Heavyweight Championship of the World.

Roy and his brothers would spend their free time sparring in a makeshift ring. Eventually, Harris would move on to an amateur boxing career where he won four consecutive Texas State Golden Glove Championships. He then turned pro in order to earn money for college tuition.



Young Roy getting some pointers from his Father

In the professional ring, Harris reeled off 23 consecutive wins. With victories over Charley Norkus, Bob Baker, Willie Pastrano, and Willi Besmanoff, Roy was deemed worthy of a shot at champion Floyd Patterson. The fight took place on August 18, 1958 at Wrigley Field in Los Angeles, California.

The gate of 21,680 fans set an attendance record at the time for the state of California. In addition to the live gate, another 200,000 people watched the fight on closed circuit television. The fight also put the town of Cut and Shoot in the spotlight as reporters descended on the challenger's hometown.

The fight didn't disappoint when it came to action. Though the people in Roy's hometown were disappointed he wasn't able to bring the title belt home, they were and remain proud of the battle he put up.

In the second round, Harris landed a solid uppercut on the Champion's chin that dropped Patterson. When Floyd got up, he was hit with a left hook that he later admitted "dizzied" him.

As the fight entered the seventh round, Patterson began to hit his stride and dropped Harris. In the eighth round, he floored the challenger two more times, and in the twelfth round floored the very game Harris one

Roy was willing to come out for the next round, but his trainer Bill Gore stopped the fight before the bell rang. It was the right thing to do. The man from Cut and Shoot had given it his all but Patterson was just too much for him.



Floyd Patterson and Roy weighing in

Harris would continue fighting hoping to earn another shot at the crown. He added some impressive wins to his record including victories over Charlie Powell, Joe Bygraves, and Alejandro Lavorante. While not getting another title bout, he was matched with the number one contender. Unfortunately, that meant stepping in the ring with Sonny Liston. Liston was at his deadly prime at this point. Patterson was avoiding him and the future champ was mowing down the top contenders.

Outweighed by eighteen pounds, Harris took the fight to Sonny. He just did not have the firepower to hang in there with the ferocious Liston, and was dropped three times in the first round. The fight was stopped because of the three knockdown rule, which automatically meant the bout was over.

Roy had three more fights before retiring in 1961. His professional record is 30 wins and 5 losses. Most importantly, he quit boxing with his faculties fully intact.

While his boxing career may have been over, he was just beginning his life's work, which included becoming a



Wife Jean gives Roy a good luck kiss before the title bout

schoolteacher and then a lawyer. While in college, Harris also was in the ROTC and earned the rank of Captain in the Army.

On top of his teaching, military, and law careers, Roy was also elected Montgomery County Clerk, a position he served in for twenty-eight years. He was always there for his friends and family. Anyone in need knew they could count on Cut and Shoot Roy.

On September 24, 1955, Roy married love of his life, Gloria Jean Groce. Together they raised six children. He never completely recovered from the loss of Gloria Jean who passed away in 2008. He loved her deeply. His family has always remained close and have lived by the values Roy instilled in them.

He remained active in the community for the rest of his life. Helping neighbors, supporting family members, and even taking time to give boxing lessons at the local gym.

Also known as, "The Battler From The Backwoods," Roy Harris was the epitome of what a real man is. He was a soft-spoken Southern Gentleman, handsome and physically imposing. While all business in the ring, he was a kind and gentle man when not wearing the gloves. He devoted his life to helping others, never left where he came from both physically and in the values he lived by.

Boxing fans mostly know Roy Harris by his losses to Patterson and Liston. He should also be remembered for his many victories in the ring, but mostly for the exemplary life he lived. His family and the people of Cut and Shoot, Texas will never forget his grace and goodness. He may not have won the Heavyweight Title, but the Championship he possessed was much bigger than that. Roy Harris was a true Champion and the best of role models in the way he lived his life. The world would be a better place if there were more people like him in it.



Roy Harris teaching 4th Graders in Cut and Shoot

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

JAYLEN JUMPS FOR JOY — Well, wouldn't you if your employer had just awarded you a five- year contract for the tidy sum of \$304 million. All that for a span of some 60 months of employment, across which several each year will essentially qualify as "downtime."

Yes, welcome to the wonderful world of the Celtics Jaylen Brown who now is committed to the Green through the end of the 2028-2029 season. It is the largest contract in NBA history and is called a "super max" extension because, in all reality, that is exactly what it is.

But before Jaylen can access any portion of that contract, he still has to perform under the financial terms of the expiring pact. That is the one that is currently paying him \$31.8 million through June 30, 2024. Thus, his final year of that contract will probably require some fiscal restraint on Jaylen's part as he waits for the start of the extravagantly large paydays that are to follow.

For come July 1 next year Jaylen will really get the jump on things financially as his compensation leaps upward to the tidy sum of \$52.4 million in the first year of the extension. Now remember, there are 52 weeks in the year so his annual salary works out to just over \$1 million per week — or \$142, 466 per day.

That means if Jaylen retires at midnight on a July night in 2024 and gets up some eight hours later at 8:00 a.m., he will already have earned \$47,488 just while he was sleeping. And that is yearround, even in the summer months when basketball is not played.

And that is not all. The amounts of the annual payout increase annually, eventually hitting a whopping \$69.125 million for the final year of the pact that covers the 2028-2029 season.

That works out to be a tidy \$1,408,165 per week, or some \$201,166 per day. The compensation during those eight hours of rest mentioned above will increase to \$67,055. During the contract's final year Jaylen will earn \$23.20 every 10 seconds.

It is the largest contract in NBA history. But there is already speculation that Jaylen may be surpassed by one of his teammates in the near future. That is because Jayson Tatum's current contract extension expires in two years — at end of June, 2025. Boston Globe writer Adam Himmelsbach has already speculated that Tatum's next five-year extension could come at a cost to the Celtics of some \$340 million.

During the 2022-2023 regular season Brown averaged 26.9 points per game to go with 6.9 rebounds and 3.5 assists per contest. He was named a second team NBA All-Star this past season.

Retaining Brown, who was the third overall pick in the 2016 NBA draft, was considered an integral part of the front office plans as the franchise continues to pursue its vigorous quest for Banner 18.

"He is a big part of us. We believe in him and I am thankful for him," said Brad Stevens, the Celtics president of basketball operations in comments that appeared on the league's website, NBA. com. He indicated that Brown has some special qualities that he has observed in other star players. I'm really thankful that when those guys have success they come back to work. And when they get beat, they own it and come back to work. And so, I know what they are about. Those guys are hard to find."

Tatum, for his part, is delighted that Brown will continue to be his teammate for the foreseeable future. "He is one of the best players in this league," stated Tatum. "He plays both ends of the ball and still is relatively young. And he has accomplished a lot so far in his career. So, I think it was extremely important (to

IT IS GETTING CLOSER — to the time when NBA teams resume activity that leads into the regular season.

The Celtics will open training camp on October 3—a few days later than in the past when camp usually opened during the closing days of September.

Just five days later on Sunday, October 8 the Celtics will open their preseason schedule by taking on Philadelphia at the TD Garden at 6 p.m. It will be the first time the Celtics will be in action since losing to Miami in Game Seven of the Eastern Conference finals back on May 29.

There is one other home preseason game at the Garden — against the New York Knicks on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.

There are also three road games on the preseason schedule on Monday, October 9 against the Knicks, followed by a contest at Philadelphia on Wednesday, October 11. The Celtics will close out the preseason at Charlotte on Thursday, October 19.

The Celtics will also participate in the NBA's first in-season tournament (as will all other 29 NBA teams), scheduled for most of November and early December.

The Celtics will be playing as a member of East Group C, that also includes Brooklyn, Toronto, Chicago and Orlando. Each team will play two games (one at home, the other on the road) against the other members of the group. These will be regular season games (designated as tournament games) played on Tuesday and Friday nights.

The top six teams in the group play rounds (there is a long list of criteria on how ties will be broken) plus two wild card teams will advance to a single elimination knockout round. The four remaining teams will then advance to Las Vegas for the semifinals (December 7) with the winners meeting in the championship game on December 9.

The overall goal of the tournament is to spark a heightened level of interest in the early portion of the NBA schedule. Early NBA action currently goes up against the MLB playoffs and World Series plus the NFL, college football and the NHL. In addition, college basketball usually begins in early November.

Whether the NBA in-season tournament concept gains a footing in this crowded market only time will tell.