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Happy

Labor Day Weekend

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Bob Barker "Price is Right" Host, 99

Legendary game show host Bob Barker recently passed away at age 99. He began his TV game show hosting duties in 1956 with *Truth or Consequences*, replacing the original host Jack Bailey, and hosting himself from 1956 to 1975.

In 1972, he was asked to host the *New Price is Right* after the game's host Bill Cullen retired and this new version of this game show lasted until June 15, 2007, when he officially passed on hosting duties to current host Drew Carey.

Many have called Bob Barker the premier all-time game show host in the history of TV, past, present, and future

Post GOP Debate Shows Trump in Lead

Following the recent FOX Channel's GOP presidential debate where he did not show up, Trump is still in the lead among candidates, but Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis did pick up some steam. The latest poll numbers show Trump with 45 percent approval to DeSantis at 18 percent.

Free Lunch for Massachusetts Students

Massachusetts is one of eight states that will now provide free breakfast and lunch for all students this coming academic year regardless of family income. Many members of Congress want to extend free meals to all kids nationwide.

Pro-Democracy Call to End Voting

Why do much of our media constantly warn that our democracy is under attack, yet promote misleading attacks on our democratic republic? A recent *NY Times* piece by psychologist Adam Grant argued against the idea of voting. The psychologist opined, "If we want public office to have integrity, we might be better off eliminating elections altogether."

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St. Lucy & St. Anthony Close Out North End Religious Feasts



St. Anthony's Society Members

The 2023 North End Feast season concluded this past weekend with the 102nd Annual Santa Lucia Procession on Thursday evening. Friday began the celebration of the three-day 104th Saint Anthony Festival.

The Feast of Santa Lucia began with Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of Saint Leonard's Parish led the Opening Ceremonies and Exposition & Blessing of the Statue of Santa Lucia and devotees. The Statue of Santa Lucia will then be brought in Grand Solemn Procession through the streets of the North End accompanied by Italian street bands, flower girls and color guard.

12 Barz Band entertained the crowd with a dance and sing-along.

Friday at Noon began the 104th Annual St. Anthony's Feast with traditional feast music by the Ray Cavicchio Orchestra on the main stage.

Friday evening members of the societies took the statue of Santa Lucia in procession to St. Leonard Peace Garden to greet Parish priests for the opening ceremonies of St. Anthony's Feast. The statue of Saint Anthony is taken in procession, blessing the streets of the Feast and placed in the outdoor chapel for weekend vigil. The evening concluded with wonderful performance by Billy D and The Rock making their debut performance at Saint Anthony's Feast.

Saturday included Dance & sing along to classic Italian American entertainment by The BackTrack Band on the main stage, an Outdoor Celebration of the Eucharist, a special mass in honor of Saint Anthony followed by a Blessing with the Blessed Relic of Saint Anthony & distribution of Blessed Saint Anthony Bread, Benvenuti Parade with members and Italian marching bands in parade welcoming everyone to the neighborhood, and a spectacular performance by Aaron Caruso & Friends. Accompanied by a great band and vocalists, this modern-day Mario Lanza will take you on a

journey to Italy, Broadway and through the classic American songbook.

Sunday's festivities opened with a Mass celebrated in Italian in honor of Saint Anthony at Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Church, the 10-hour Grand Procession of Saint Anthony through the streets of the North End accompanied by Italian street bands, award winning drum & bugle corps, school marching bands, sponsor floats, and color guard. The afternoon included musical performance by Ambrosiani on the main stage. A dance and sing-along to classic Italian American entertainment by Seabreez, and concluded the festival was the Grand Finale, where Saint Anthony returns to Endicott Street amidst confetti and streamers, drawing of the Saint Lucy Feast Charity Raffle, and Closing Ceremonies with a candlelit last walk of Saint Anthony to his permanent chapel.

Viva Santa Lucia and San Antonio!!



St. Lucy Society Members

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE GLAD RAGS OF OLD ROME

Don't ever feel sorry for the typical lady of the "olden, golden" days of ancient Rome. She might not have had all of our modern conveniences, but there usually were slaves to perform all of the household chores, so she didn't have to lift a finger, except to have it manicured. She was also adequately provided for in her wearing apparel, except that her garments differed in some important ways from ours of today. The same piece of material could be used to make a garment, a blanket, or even a shroud, and women's dress was so similar to men's that wives often wore their husband's cloak out of doors. Little or no alteration was required in the clothing that was worn by both sexes, all that was needed was an extra fold here, and a deeper tuck there and fashion's needs were served.

Our Roman lady had many kinds of wearing apparel. For dillydallying around the domus she had garments called the tunica, the stola, and the palla. She was pretty in her cubiculum (bedroom), the only place she permitted herself to be seen in her tunica interior and her strophium, but she flitted around the Forum in her birrus, her cyclas, or her pallium. It is true that she was hardly a figure of femininity when she wore her flammeum, but she was certainly an attractoria femina whenever she wore her coa vestis.

The *stola* was the matron's dress of honor and disgraced wives were forbidden to wear it. It was a long garment that reached from the neck down to the ankles and had an ornamental ruffle or flounce sewn at the bottom. When properly worn, the *stola* was gathered into folds under the breast and the feet were half covered by the flounce.

The palla was a long robe that was used as an outer garment. It was usually worn outdoors over the stola and was made from a rectangular piece of material that was draped according to one's individual taste. Part of the palla was often worn over the shoulders, then under and over the arms in the same manner in which the men wore their togas. Those women who were not permitted to wear the stola usually wore their



The stola was a staple of fashion in ancient Rome spanning from the early Roman Republic through the Roman Empire and Byzantine Empire into the first millennium. A well-known image of the stola is the one worn by the Statue of Liberty.

palla over their tunica.

The tunica interior was a light sleeveless undergarment like the slip of today and women also wore a *strophium*, the Roman version of a bra.

The birrus was a hooded cloak or cape that was reserved for use in bad weather. It was a hardy, coarse garment that was made from wool or beaver with a long nap. The cyclas, however, was a luxurious robe that was circular in form and was made from a kind of muslin. It often had a border of gold inlay, making the robe so expensive that one emperor passed a law limiting the amount of gold that could be used on it and permitting only one cyclas per woman.

The *pallium* was a large rectangular section of cloth made from wool and used as a covering, such as a pall. It sometimes doubled as a coverlet for a bed. The *pallium* was a favorite garment of philosophers and was often worn by Romans when they were among the Greeks.

The flammeum was a heavy veil and probably the most important part of the wedding outfit that was worn by the Roman bride. Its name was derived from the brilliant yellow, or flame-like, color and it was large enough to cover the bride from head to toe. It was usually worn so as to a cover the head during the wedding ceremony and thereby hide the bride's sad expression of virgin modesty. Tradition called for her to remain shielded until she arrived at her new home, where she was unveiled by her husband in the bedroom ... surprise!

Finally, there was the *coa vestis*, which was made from a very fine and highly transparent silk that was imported from an island in the Aegean Sea called Cos. This garment was worn by a proper Roman lady only on special occasions, only in her bedroom, and only for her husband. We are told that women of loose reputation also wore this garment, but that they reserved it for use during office hours only!

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The Sad Rags of Old Rome

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Republican presidential candidate Nike Haley, the former governor of South Carolina emerged from last week's debate, gathering the largest fundraising of her campaign following the debate. Both Haley and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis were the leaders of the debate according to a national poll. Hopefully one of them will be victorious over former President Donald Trump, and become the first woman elected or the first Italian American elected president. The average American does not want either Biden or Trump to be the next president.

"THE PEOPLE'S AUDITOR" A reversal has taken place in the usually dormant State Auditor's office since Diana DiZoglio became its auditor just this past year. While many politicians aren't happy with the new auditor's watchdog activities into state agencies, including the state legislature to open its books. The average citizen is delighted that these agencies are finally being watched for any wrongdoing. DiZoglio is being recognized as "The People's Auditor."

I spoke to former Attorney General Frank Bellotti this week. The 100 years young Bellotti is in great shape, he works out almost every day and goes to his Arbella Insurance Company office four days a week. Frank wants it to be known that he endorses Dan Rizzo for mayor of Revere. Frank states that Rizzo's vast experience and accomplishments as Revere city councilor and past mayor will bring Rizzo a much-deserved victory. The primary is set for September 19th.

The 4th Annual Our Girl "Linda" Dance Party and Fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will take place Thursday, September 21st at the American Legion Post, 206 California Street, Newton.

Linda Cellucci, who passed away January 2017 is being remembered and honored by her mother Yolanda Cellucci at this gala event. Yolanda will have performers impersonating Liza Minelli, Frank Sinatra, and Elvis Presley. A fantastic buffet is also being planned. Admission is set at only \$70.00 per person for this fantastic event. Send your payment to Yolanda Cellucci, 120 Coolidge Avenue, Watertown, MA 02672.

The Friends of the North End will celebrate their 51st Annual Reunion on Saturday, September 16th at Spinelli's in Peabody from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Over 100 boyhood friends are planning to meet and reminisce about their cherished neighborhood. Anyone interested in attending can contact Victor Passacantilli at 617-645-3424.

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC," an analogy of North End stories, a collection of wonderful stories and heart-warming memories written by over 30 North Enders who grew up in the North End during the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Edited by Dom Capossela and published by Victor Passacantilli Do You Believe in Magic is available on Amazon for \$23.95. It's a great read for all. Don't miss out.

Have a great and safe Labor Day weekend. (Richard Settipane can be contacted at 857-204-9798)

Saint John Eudes

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

John Eudes was born at Ri, Normandy, France, on November 14, 1601, the son of a farmer. He went to the Jesuit College at Caen when he was 14, and despite his parents' wish that he marry, joined the Congregation of the Oratory of France in 1623.

Eudes studied at Paris and at Aubervilliers, was ordained in 1625, and worked as a volunteer, caring for the victims of the plagues that struck Normandy in 1625 and 1631, and spent the next decade giving Missions, building a reputation as an outstanding preacher and confesser and for his opposition to Jansenism.

He became interested in helping prostitutes and in 1641, with Madeleine Lamy, founded a refuge for them in Caen under the direction of the Visitandines. He resigned from the Oratorians in 1643 and founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (the Eudists) at Caen, dedicated to upgrading the clergy by establishing effective seminaries and to preaching missions. His foundation was opposed by the Oratorians and the Jansenists, and he was unable to obtain Papal approval for it, but in 1650, the Bishop of Coutances invited him to establish a seminary in that diocese. The same year the



sisters at his refuge in Caen left the Visitandines and were recognized by the Bishop of Bayeux as a new congregation under the name of Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge.

John Eudes was a noted orator, he devoted 50 years to the preaching of parish missions. He founded the Eudist Fathers. His most revered achievement was promoting the devotions to the *Sacred Hearts* of Jesus and Mary; he established the first feasts in their honor, for which he wrote the mass and office.

Eudes passed away at Caen on August 19, 1680. He was canonized on May 31, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. The *Feast* Day of Saint John Eudes is August 19.





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We look forward to seeing all the "girl" friends of the North End once again on September 30th.

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Nino A. Dilanni

Nino A. DiIanni passed away peacefully at his Framingham home on Saturday, August 19th. He was 84. Born and raised in Boston's North End, he was the son of the late Anthony and Giulia (Grossi) DiIanni.

The beloved husband of Patricia F. (Dwinells) (Bailey) DiIanni, Nino was a devoted father to Susan Giovino and her husband Anthony, Anthony Dilanni, and was a devoted step-father to Jeff Bailey. He was a loving grandfather to Azzie and Vaughan. Nino was the dear

brother of Rita Iannaco and her husband Richard. He also leaves his niece, Juliane and her husband Noel, nephew Richard and his wife Michele, his great-nieces Jessica and Alexia, and many wonderful cousins.

Nino was proud of his North End roots and the education he received there at St. Anthony's School, Christopher Columbus High School, where he played basketball, and the North Bennet St. Industrial School. He also served as an altar boy at St. Leonard Church. A graduate of Boston College, Nino worked as an accountant throughout his life. From 1967 through 1999, he worked for the Polaroid 206, Westborough, MA 01581.



Corporation. A Medford resident for many years, Nino was active through most of his life with the ARC both locally and in leadership positions with the Middlesex and greater Boston ARC. In Medford, he served as the President of the Hegner Center in its first year. Nino was active in his professional association and served for two years as President of the Institute of Management Accountants. He was also Treasurer of the Polaroid Retired Association. A great fan of all of Boston

sports, he was a member of the BoSox Club and enjoyed going to see the Red Sox every year at spring training. Nino was also a member of the Friends of the North End and the Arlington Retired Men's Club.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 2nd at St. George Church, 74 School Street, Framingham, (Saxonville) at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial service will be conducted privately. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Nino's name to Brookhaven Hospice, 114 Turnpike Road, Suite

NEW Health & St. Lucy's Society

Team Up for Back-to-School Donation



(L-R): Angela Mantone of St. Lucy's Society, Michaela Considine of The Eliot School, Vivian Aluia of St. Lucy's Society, and Danny Coakley of NEW Health (Photo by Joseph Mantone)

NEW Health, a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center with sites in the North End and Charlestown, recently collaborated with the North End's St. Lucy's Society to provide 80 backpacks with school supplies for students in need at The Eliot K-8 Innovation School. The backpacks were filled with pencils, markers, crayons and notebooks — all donated by St. Lucy's Society.

St. Lucy's Society provided volunteers to stuff all the backpacks and NEW Health coordinated with The Eliot School and assisted in the delivery to staff for distribution to the students ahead of the school year. NEW Health works closely with the school throughout the academic year and is grateful for the support from St. Lucy's Society; additional charitable collaborations are being planned for the future.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

September and Its Super Seasons

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Lately, I have been paying special attention to the trees in my backyard. If I look at the leaves closely enough, I can detect the slightly perceptible hues of fall - crisp reds and golden yellows tickling the borders of still-green fronds. Small breezes lift a few orange leaves and blow them gently to the ground as they swirl around like tops. These sights, both the delicate colors and the falling of the leaves, are reminders that autumn is here, the season of cooler weather and harvest and the rhythms of nature. The month of September starts this wonderful season, bringing with it the smell of juicy apples and the purring motors of big yellow school buses. The beginning of September is always a very busy time for me, as it coincides with the commencement of the school year and all of the preparations that that entails. Nevertheless, when I stop to pause and really think about September, I feel a rise of excitement bubbling inside me. This is a month full of rustic holidays and old-country proverbs that highlight September's prominence as a seasonal turning point.

The first September holiday to occur in America is Labor Day, falling on September 4th this year. A festival honoring the contributions of working people, Labor Day also signifies the unofficial end of summer, as many schools return to their sessions after this long weekend. As such, Labor Day is often celebrated with a picnic or barbecue, and this year I will add to the food tradition by baking a sparkling apple cider pound cake or an applecream cheese crisp to honor the seasonal flavors of this month. Over in Italy, September heralds

that will last until the holiday season in the winter. It begins in a regal fashion, with Venice's Regatta Storica occurring on the first Sunday of the month. In this renowned boat race, a parade of elegant gondolas introduces an intense competition where skilled rowers in various different categories vie for first place. This event has a royal pedigree, as it is modeled after the welcome procession given to the queen of Cyprus, Caterina Cornaro, when she returned to Venice in 1489. Later in the month, the people in Naples celebrate the feast day of Saint Gennaro on September 19th, when spectators wait to see the mysterious liquefaction of the saint's blood, and then hold an eight-day party as stalls selling trinkets and candy line the streets. This holiday has become so popular that many Italian-American communities hold their own Festa di San Gennaro. Autumn intensifies around the fall equinox, arriving on the 23rd of the month, after which the balance between daylight and night tips towards the edge of darkness. Finally, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, or San Michele l'Arcangelo, closes out the month on September 29th. Also known as Michaelmas, this ancient feast features the autumnal themes of balance the scales of St. Michael echo the equal hours of day and night during the equinox — and harvest, as ingredients like carrots and ginger are traditional on this day.

I will add to the food tradition by baking a sparkling apple cream cheese crisp to honor the seasonal flavors of this month.

Over in Italy, September heralds a flurry of feasts and activities

For our Italian ancestors of yore, September meant collecting the harvest, enjoying the bounty of the Earth, and preparing food for the winter. In this deeply agricultural society, proverbs reminded farmers to

pay attention to the weather and their crops in order to ensure a successful harvest. Rain in September proved a mixed blessing. One proverb bluntly states that "La pioggia di settembre è veleno per l'uva," meaning that September rain is like poison for grapes. However, another proverb happily declares "A settembre pioggia e luna, è dei funghi la fortuna," advising farmers that rain and moonlight made favorable conditions for collecting mushrooms, such as the delectable Italian truffles. Other dictums reflect the changing weather of the month, as summer turns to autumn. A delightful little ditty proclaims: "Aria settembrina fresco la sera e fresco la mattina." According to this proverb, September air is cool during both the evenings and the mornings. This axiom reminds me of the autumnal mist I often see rising above fields like lace on crisp mornings, or dark evenings huddled under a blanket and drinking a cup of apple cider. Italian truisms even mention the autumn equinox. "Di Settembre la notte col dì contende" roughly translates that night competes with day during September, a reminder of the long winter evenings to come.

From holidays to proverbs, September is a month brimming with great significance as a seasonal milestone. Whether you enjoy the changing foliage or admire the taste of a fresh apple, be sure to pause and be grateful for all that the autumn has to offer. For it is autumn that teaches us humility before the gifts of the Earth and an appreciation for the cycle of the year. Therefore, no matter how you desire to honor September, let us toast to a month full of bountiful blessings and new beginnings!

Happy September!

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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A New Bridge is the Least of Our Problems

As I viewed a Boston Herald front page Shuttered Island — A solution to Mass & Cass exists ... it just needs a bridge," I most appreciated the Boston Herald's photo collage of what exactly is out on this mothballed island today. The photos weren't pretty. Mayor Wu actually believes that these 11 buildings at the old chronic hospital site could be retrofitted to house a new recovery campus in four years.

Dr. Bisola Ojikuto, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission says, "What we are looking for is to create something that's truly synergistic with what is available on the mainland." The mayor added the city is envisioning the new campus as less of an overnight emergency shelter and more of a comprehensive campus that serves the needs of its patients.

Everything always sounds good on paper. Who doesn't love using the term "synergistic"? However, a new bridge is estimated to cost more than \$100 million. The city, according to the mayor, stated \$40 million has been appropriated to stabilize the island's buildings in the city budget. She actually believes construction would start in the spring. There is no way that \$40 million will come close to the mark in rehabbing that infrastructure, which has been rotting away for a lot longer than 2014, when the old bridge to Quincy had to be closed and demolished.

I was last on this island as a police officer for the State Department of Mental Health when escorting a DMH client to a program on the island over 13 years ago. It was a deplorable site. Most of these buildings were constructed during the administrations of Mayors James Michael Curley and Maurice Tobin. The real price tag is no way near \$40 million and I believe the rehabbing project could be upwards of perhaps \$80 million.

Also, looking at the photo of one of the still standing buildings and seeing the Boston skyline beyond the waters of Boston Harbor is a view I still remember back when I was about 5 years old. My family often visited the hospital where my dad's stepfather was a patient. The bridge that was razed several years ago hadn't even been constructed then. We had to take the Long Island ferry on one of the wharfs in the North End off Atlantic Avenue.

If the city sees Long Island as the solution to Boston's opioid epidemic/crisis, it is indeed years away. The best metaphor of all was the photo printed of an old Irish saying, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

We need to deal with the opioid epidemic that is destroying so many folks, but moving them around like chess pieces is not the answer. There is always an answer to a problem; we just have to find it rather than just throwing Band Aids on it. Long Island is just the latest spin. A new bridge is the least of our problems.

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DWI for Toy Jeep Driver

Indiana troopers don't play around. An Indiana motorist was arrested for drunken driving after being pulled over on the road in a kids' Power Wheels jeep. According to the police, "the toy jeep was observed on the road with "no lights or reflectors and was difficult to see."

Avoid Mickey Ds at 10:30 a.m.

This guy is sharing his nuggets of wisdom. While there are many who say a tasty burger from McDonald's is great at any time, a former corporate chef for this chain says stay away around 10:30 a.m., during the mid-morning menu transition. Don't most folks know this from experience? And don't you think the same thing happens at 10:30 a.m. across the world of fast food chains? Why this was even a legitimate news story is questionable.

End Quote

The last time I thought of Alice Cooper was on the last day of school this past June when the school's security played "School's Out," as kids made the mad dash for the doors. However, Cooper is back in the news for being "cancelled" because he is not buying all the Trans Ideology going viral around us. He had signed a deal with Vampyre Cosmetics, but after questioning was cancelled over his views on transgenderism. Here's his quote:

"I feel it is wrong when you've got a 6-year-old boy who has no idea ... He just wants to play and you're confusing him, Yeah, you're a boy, but you could be a girl if you wanna be ... I think that's so confusing to a kid ... to a teenager. You're still trying to find your identity and yet here's this thing going on, saying, 'yeah, but you can be anything you want. You can be a cat if you want to be. I mean you can be a tree ...' Come on! What are we, in a Kurt Vonnegut novel?"

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98th Annual Italian Feast of SAINTS COSMAS & DAMIAN

September 8, 9 & 10

Wayne Newton, Stevie B & Rock & Roll Hall of Famers The Coasters Headline the Annual 3-Day Feast



Saints Cosmas and Damian

It's that time of year again when the streets of East Cambridge will come alive for the 98th Annual Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian on September 8, 9 &10 on Warren, Cambridge and Porter Streets in East Cambridge. The three-day fun family event features a wide variety of sweet and savory food, a beer garden, amusement rides, games, parades and music that spans four decades of dance, pop, and rock. Festivities begin on Friday at 6:00 p.m., when Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street in East Cambridge to the outdoor chapel overlooking the festival concourse on Warren Street. At 7:00 p.m., a special healing service with the holy relics of Saints Cosmas and Damian and led by Monsignor Anthony Spinosa (formerly from East Cambridge) from the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon will take place at the outdoor chapel.



Warren Street Party Night will begin at 7:30 p.m.! The famous **Stevie B** will be performing at the Feast! STEVIE B is one of the biggest names in pop music from the 1980s and 1990s. He ruled the charts with hit after hit, including "Party Your Body," "In My Eyes," "I Wanna Be the One," "Dreamin," "Spring Love," and "Because I Love You (The Postman Song)." In addition, Club Classic DJ Ricky (former STAR FM) will keep the night going and make sure everyone is dancing in the streets!



Gian Faraone

On Saturday, the festivities begin at 1:00 p.m., as the savory aromas of pizza, fried dough, Italian sausages, peppers, zeppoles, and much more permeate the air around Cambridge, Porter, and Warren Streets, along with

continuous entertainment, including crooner **Gian Faraone** from New York City and New England's internationally acclaimed vocal duo, **P2**.

At 6:30 p.m., **Saints Cosmas and Damian** accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, the award winning Everett High School Marching Band and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street to the outdoor chapel.



Wayne Newton

Beginning at 8:00 p.m., Mr. Las Vegas will be coming to East Cambridge! The legendary **Wayne Newton** will be performing on Warren Street! Wayne Newton is a world renowned and recordsetting performer and actor. No other name or person is so defining, representative or synonymous with Las Vegas and the entertainment capital of the world than Wayne Newton. Come and hear his iconic signature song, "Danke Schoen" in addition to countless other top hits "Daddy, Don't You Walk So Fast," "Red Roses for a Blue Lady," "At This Moment," "The Letter," "Summer Wind" and "Years"!

The grand finale of the Feast on Sunday begins at 10:30 a.m. with a Mass in honor of the Healing Saints Cosmas and Damian on the Warren Street Stage. At 1:30 p.m., the grand procession with the Saints, accompanied by the North End Marching Band, St. Alfio's Marching Band, winds through the streets of East Cambridge and Somerville.

Join us from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for a **New England Patriots Street Party** and watch the game on our big screen. Prizes and tickets will be given away as well. Come watch the game with us!

Local favor-



Stephen Savio and Seabreeze

as the food and fun flow through the streets. The parade arrives back on Warren Street at 7:00 p.m., for a welcome back confetti celebration followed by a LIVE performance by Rock



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and Roll Hall of Famers **The Coasters** (*Yakety Yak*, *Charlie Brown*, *Love Potion No. 9*, *Poison Ivy*). In addition, parking is available in Twin City Plaza next to the feast all weekend. See you at the Feast



The Coasters
For Feast and vendor information, please call 617-407-1256 or visit www.cosmas-and-damian.org.

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Dick & Eileen De Vito Celebrate





On Sunday, August 20th, Dick and Eileen DeVito celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, surrounded by family and friends.

For many years, they have been active members of many Italian-American organizations including the Greater Boston Renaissance

Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Along with their son Richard Jr., they are the CEOs of the Weston Medical Publishing Company in Weston, MA.

– Happy Anniversary –

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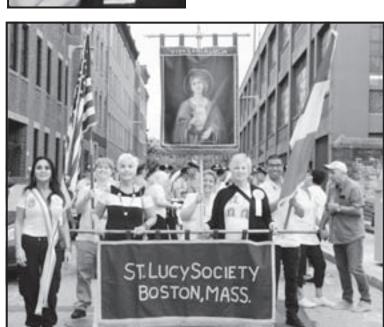
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St. Anthony Festival 2023

























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St. Anthony Festival 2023

























Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Mayor Michelle Wu, City Councilor at Large Ruthzee Louijeune, President of the City Council Edward Flynn at the Michele Tirella dedication (Mayor's Office photo by Ricardo Patron)



Mayor Michele Wu, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz with the Family of Michele Tirella at the dedication.

(Mayor's Office photo by Mike Mejia)



JUSTIN KAUFLIN TRIO -LIVE AT SAM FIRST (Vinyl) Sam First Records

At 37 years young, Justin Kauflin has already produced eight albums as a leader, has appeared on at least 25 additional albums as sideman or guest artist and has recorded 48 original compositions for albums and film. While a student at William Paterson University in New Jersey, Justin not only had the great fortune of studying with piano icons Mulgrew Miller and Harold Mabern, but was also taken under the wings of legendary trumpeter, Clark Terry, who subsequently asked Justin to join his band. Justin's relationship with Mr. Terry was chronicled for five years to create the award-winning film, Keep On Keepin' On. Terry is also responsible for having introduced Justin to one of his first students, legendary producer and music icon, Quincy Jones, who quickly signed Justin for management with his agency, and has since been an integral figure in Justin's musical journey. Live at Sam First features bassist David Robaire and drummer Mark Ferber. Six tracks shine via, "Coming Home," "Tempest," "No Matter," "Exodus," "You So Something To Me" and "Thank You Lord."

JOSH NELSON: L.A. STORIES -LIVE AT SAM FIRST (Vinyl) Sam First Records

Pianist/composer/bandleader, Josh Nelson is a Californian who has performed and recorded with many of the world's most respected musicians including Kurt Elling, Natalie Cole, Benny Golson and John Clayton. Nelson is also widely viewed as one of the most sought-after bandleaders on the west coast with seven critically acclaimed records under his own name. LA Stories: Live at Sam First honors the lesser told stories of Los Angeles history and documents a wide range of his music written specifically for, and performed alongside, long-time collaborators including modern saxophone icon Walter Smith III, guitarist Larry Koonse, bassist Luca Alemanno drummer Dan Schnelle and special guest vocalist Gaby Moreno. Half-dozen cuts have, "Forward Momentum," "Tiburcio," "Travel Town," "Red Car Reminiscing," "Feed The Birds" and "Lonely Are The Brave."

JOE Labarbera Quintet: WORLD TRAVELERS (Vinyl) Sam First Records

Drummer Joe La Barbera's energetic touch and masterful soloing has established him as not only a giant in, but also a living master of the music. La Barbera is best known for his recordings and live performances with the trio of pianist Bill Evans in the final years of Evans' career. Over the course of his career, La Barbera has been the choice drummer for jazz greats Woody Herman, Tony Bennett, Chuck Mangione and Joe Farrell among others. Today, La Barbera remains one of the most in-demand drummers on the west coast, and is a regular on the Sam First stage. On World Travelers, recorded live at Sam First, La

Barbera is joined by 30-plus year quintet member — tenor saxophonist Bob Sheppard, trumpeter Clay Jenkins, pianist Bill Cunliffe and the most recent addition to the band, bassist Jonathan Richards. Five gems include, "Blue Notes," "Lake Erie." "Landmarks Along The Way," "You Know I Care" and "Grand Central."

ORNETTE COLEMAN: SOMETHING ELSE (Vinyl) **Contemporary Records**

This summer brought two foundational classics from free jazz pioneer Ornette Coleman: 1958s Something Else!!! and 1959s Tomorrow Is the Question! Something Else!!! marked the influential saxophonist's debut - as well as a defining title in the genre. While the album offered a bold introduction to Coleman's wholly original sound, it was also his only record in a conventional hard-bop setting. Featuring bassist Don Payne, pianist Walter Norris, drummer Billy Higgins and a young Don Cherry on cornet, the quintet performs nine original selections including "The Disguise," "Chippie" and the blues-forward "The Blessing." Rounding out the track list are: "Invisible," "Jayne," "Angel Voice," "Alpha,"
"When Will The Blues Leave" and "The Sphinx.

ORNETTE COLEMAN: TOMORROW IS THE QUESTION (Vinyl) **Contemporary Records**

Coleman's follow-up, *Tomorrow* Is the Question!, found the saxophonist continuing to explore and push the limits of his sound. With further creative freedom, Coleman elected not to incororate a pianist, instead reuniting with Cherry and enlisting drummer Shelly Manne, as well as bassists Red Mitchell and Percy Heath. This break from tradition allowed the two horn players to have greater freedom with their improvisations, without being tied to strict melodic structures. Featuring nine original compositions, the album includes such highlights as "Giggin," closer "Endless" and the Coleman classic "Rejoicing." Plus the title cut, followed by "Tears Inside," "Mind And Time," "Compassion,"
"Lorraine," and "Turnaround."

BRETT YOUNG -ACROSS THE SHEETS (CD) **BMLG Records**

Country star Brett Young's highly anticipated fourth studio album is titled Across The Sheets, an eight-song project that is Young's most adventurous project thematically and lyrically to date. Young co-wrote 7 of the 8 songs, the exception being Craig Martin & Larry Johnson's "Don't Take The Girl," [a hit for Tim McGraw in 1994. The track list opens with the tender "Dance With You," trailed by the questioning decision of "Let Go Too Soon," the spiritual essence of "Back To Jesus," the comfort of "Uncomfortable," a reflection on the years with "Love Goes On," then take full responsibility for lost love on "I Did This To Me," and closes out with "You Ain't Here to Kiss Me" (2022), expressing the pain of leaving. Powerful, rich, soulful ballads that hit the 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

NEWS HEADLINE

From the The Daily Item -August 25th "IMMIGRANT INFLUX A " DIRE" SITUATION FOR LYNN SHELTER"

SAME DAY VOTER **REGISTRATION BAD FOR DEMOCRACY**

Many states have same day voter registration including New Hampshire, which I call a Purple State nowadays. This state has a Republican governor and a narrowly-led GOP legislature. What is wrong with Republican office holders if they support folks walking into voting precincts, registering to vote as a NH resident and then casting ballots minutes later. I oppose same day registering because it is a fraudulent Democrat move. I am not a voter suppression kind of guy, I just want to make sure only eligible voters actually are casting ballots. This Democrat Party inspiration only further erodes the confidence of integrity in our elections. What is wrong with a 30-day period of establishing your residency before casting ballots at a voter

I also oppose universal mailin balloting too. An early voting period does pass muster with me. Please don't criticize me for pushing voter suppression, you are way off base.

HOLY GHOST SOCIETY

Saturday, September 9th at 4:00 p.m., the Empire of the Holy Ghost Society will be having its annual at Mass Sacred Heart Church in East Boston followed by a dinner at Spinelli's in Day Square, East Boston. For more information/tickets, contact John Ribeiro at john_ribeiro@rcab.org.

ENDLESS SUMMER CELEBRATION

The waterfront festival celebrating an endless summer will take place at Nantasket Beach on September 9th, from noon to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit hullchamber.com.

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

A whopping 82 percent of New York voters say the continuous influx of migrants being sent up to New York is a serious problem and a clear majority of voters say it is time to "slow the flow." Is anyone surprised at these numbers?

How long has the Empire State been a sanctuary haven for illegals before the breaking limit? Voters see what's going on and how dim-witted their elected officials have been for far too long.

Now, Mayor Eric Adams and the state's governor don't know what to do except ask Biden for help. Isn't he the guy that caused this whole mess?

BAY STATE POLS JUST AS USELESS

How proud our state Democratic leaders must be now that they've got instate tuition for undocumented migrants passed into law at our state colleges and universities. I oppose this idea unless we end out of state tuition too.

Why should young people from nearby Rhode Island, New Hampshire, etc., be forced to pay a higher tuition as out of staters? Why are illegals living in Massachusetts getting a break in tuition while U.S. citizens from nearby states pay more? Time for equity for U.S. students too, don't you think?

And don't get me started on driver's licenses for illegals, which could be the open gate for voting in elections. You know our policy; it's gonna happen!



Members of the Ponte Italian Club of Waterbury, CT came to Boston for the St. Anthony Feast and stopped by the St. Joseph Society this past Saturday. (L-R:) Sal G and Christopher Ciarlo.

NORTH END PUBLIC SAFETY MEETINGS

Public Safety Meetings will be held the 1st Thursday of EVERY month with **BPD Community Officer Frank Ciampa** Nazzaro Community Center - 30 North Bennet Street ALL ARE WELCOME

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



A couple of weeks ago, I celebrated another milestone. It was on August 15, 1952, that I went to work as an usher at the Seville Theater in East Boston. That was 71 years ago, ouch! I guess I'm old school when it comes to commitments. I stayed with the Seville for 10 years. When I began a career as a professional musician, it was in 1958, 65 years ago. My first teaching job in a public school began in 1960 and I didn't retire from that until 2003, 43 years later. I've done many other things in my life and each one could be counted in groups of years, totally unlike today's work ethic. My sons tell me that it's the exact opposite in today's job market. Workers move around quite a bit hoping to advance in some way with each move, and not moving around is a negative.

Getting back to the celebrated milestone. When I was about 8 or 9, Babbononno made me a shine box and filled it with the necessities for shining shoes for money. Dad wouldn't hear of it, so shining shoes for a living was out. To compensate, I went into business for myself, washing and waxing cars. When the summer of my 13th year came along two older neighborhood friends from Eutaw Street were working at both the Central and Seville Theaters as ushers. I asked them if they could get me a job as an usher at either one of the theaters. The Central didn't need anyone and it was suggested that I help out at the Seville so the management could get to know me. That worked. I made myself visible helping with maintenance and cleaning up beginning around the first of August. On the 15th of August in 1952, I was hired as an usher.

James Ray was the manager and James Wall was his assistant. They fitted me with an usher's uniform, gave me a three-cell flashlight and instructed me on the duties of an usher. That first week was hectic in that the feature was The Greatest Show on Earth. It had just ended its run at a downtown theater, and we were the first neighborhood theater to feature it. As I said, I held my own, but there was a problem. To work at the Seville, an usher had to be 16. I was only 13. I was told by Mr. wall to go to one of the state government buildings and obtain working papers. Again, I had to be 16. I lied to Mr. Wall each time he mentioned the situation. I came up with every excuse in the book which frustrated him but he didn't fire me. He just chewed me out each time I gave him an excuse.

One day, Mr. Wall walked out of the theater and never came back. I don't know if he was fired, retired or transferred, but I never saw him again. Mr. Ray was usually formal, and abrupt, but respectful, something Mr. Wall was not with underlings. Finally, when I turned 16, I headed in town and obtained my working papers, and presented them to Mr. Ray. He

thanked me, but said nothing else. I mentioned it to Dave Turner, the stage manager, who laughed and told me that Mr. Ray knew my real age all along, but let things slide until I was old enough to make things legal.

Toward the end of the summer of 1955, Mr. Ray called one of the candy girls and me into his office and closed the door. In his abrupt way, he explained that several ushers and candy girls were stealing money and goods from the candy concession. The candy girl, a 15-year-old named Theresa, looked at me in terror. Just then, Mr. Ray added that he also discovered that neither Theresa nor I had anything to do with the thefts. In his abrupt Yankee way he added, "I fired the entire crew of ushers and candy girls." Pointing to Theresa he yelled, "You, you're now head candy girl." Turning to me, he pointed and yelled, "And you, you are now head usher. Both of you leave my office and hire me some new replacements."

I continued at the Seville through both high school and college with Mr. Ray becoming like a second father to me. Right after I graduated college, Mr. Ray was given his notice by the owners of the American Theater Corporation, the parent company of the Seville, several other neighborhood theaters and the in-town combat zone based theaters, the Pilgrim and the Mayflower. He didn't want to leave, nor did we want him to.

I drafted a petition to keep Mr. Ray as the theater manager which was signed by about 1000 patrons, but it was to no avail. He was given a severance check and right after, cleaned out his office. He was replaced by a Mr. Ferreira who had been the manager at the Central Theater before it burned down. By the way, Babbononno loved the Central. It was located on the first block of Bennington Street and often featured Italian films. The first one Babbononno took me to see was Bicycle Thief, one of the first Italian films to be featured in America after WWII ended.

LEGAL NOTICE

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PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by James Marvick Lafortune of Newton Center, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to James Domenico-Lafortune.

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 20, 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 23, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 09/01/2023

I stayed with the Seville until I started graduate school. By then, I was teaching in Boston, playing music on weekend nights and something had to go. So, in the fall of 1962, I called it quits after 10 years at the Seville. I discovered that Mr. Ray was hired as the manager of a theater in Dorchester, and I would often pick him up for coffee after work.

The Seville lasted until 1970 and then closed after 40 years of continuous operation. The building lasted until October of 2014 and was torn down and rebuilt as condos.

But to me, it was my training ground in terms of business and how to deal with people as customers, underlings and superiors.

Pam Donnaruma, our publisher and editor called a few years back to tell me she had received a phone call from a woman who wanted to speak with me about Mr. Ray. I didn't recognize the name, but called anyway. When she told me her maiden name, I knew who it was. She was the replacement ticket seller in the late '50s, and evidently became the woman in Mr. Ray's life. I didn't know anything about Mr. Ray's personal life other than he lived in the Back Bay, had a pet dog, and was never married. The woman went on to tell me that I was the son that Mr. Ray never had. He delighted in my every accomplishment, but being a Boston Brahmin, couldn't or wouldn't express his emotions. She reminded me of the gifts he gave me when I graduated high school and college. In conversation one night, he told her that, if he ever had a son, he would have wanted him to be like me. I was touched and almost in tears. In retrospect, if ever I had developed any of what we might call class, it was due to my exposure to Mr. Ray back in the day when I was oh so impressionable. So I am what I am, thanks to Dad, Babbononno and Mr. James F. Ray.

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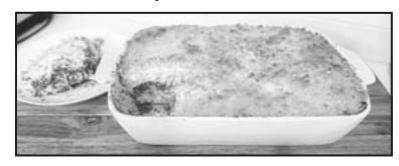
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Deliciously crisp and bursting with flavor, Arancini, also known as 'Italian Rice Balls,' are a delightful Sicilian treat that will transport your taste buds to the sunny shores of southern Italy. Their name 'arancini' comes from the Italian word 'arancia,' meaning orange, due to their striking resemblance to oranges. Imagine biting into a golden ball of fried rice filled with savory ragù, peas, gooey mozzarella cheese, and a hint of saffron for an irresistible touch of color and aroma. Arancini are traditionally made with cooked arborio rice, formed by hand, coated in breadcrumbs, and deep-fried to a crispy golden brown. This delightful combination of textures and flavors is sure to leave you craving more. It's no surprise that Arancini have become a culinary sensation beyond the borders of Sicily, making appearances in pizzerias, street food stalls, and even upscale restaurants worldwide.

Arancini are best enjoyed fresh out of the fryolator, therefore serving them at gatherings or special events can sometimes become a challenge. That's why my family has perfected a delectable alternative known as the 'Sicilian Rice Ball Pie.' "This version allows you to indulge in all the deliciousness of arancini, but in a convenient dish that is perfect for sharing on any occasion, As male chef Lorenzo Puglisi poignantly states, "Arancini are not just food; they are an expression of our love for Sicily and its remarkable cuisine."

SICILIAN RICE BALL PIE Torta di Polpette di Riso alla Siciliana



Rice Mixture:

4 cups cooked arborio rice 2 pounds ricotta

4 eggs

Meat Mixture:

1 large Vidalia onion, chopped ¹/₄ to ¹/₂ cup olive oil 1 ¹/₄ to 2 pounds hamburger

1 ½ to 2 pounds hamburger 1 cup marinara sauce

Preheat oven to 375°.

1 cup grated parmesan cheese 1 cup mozzarella cheese, cubed ½ cup fresh parsley, chopped

34 cup frozen peas1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs1 stick very cold or frozen butter

To make the meat mixture, put the olive oil in a large sauté pan, add the onion and cook until softened. Add the hamburger and chop and cook until no longer pink. Add the marinara sauce and peas, turn the heat to simmer and cook for about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat, set aside.

In a large bowl, add the rice and ricotta, mix well. Add the eggs and grated cheese, beat together. Stir in the mozzarella cheese and parsley, set aside.

Generously butter the bottom of a 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs evenly to coat, being sure they stick to the butter. Take half of the rice mixture and spread over the breadcrumbs. Take the meat mixture and layer it all over the breadcrumbs. Place the remaining rice mixture over the meat mixture, making sure its leveled. Sprinkle the panko breadcrumbs over the rice/top and grate the butter over the breadcrumbs. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until golden colored. Let set for about 35 minutes before cutting. Enjoy!

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Preserve Basil for Winter Meals

by Melinda Myers



Speed the process of drying basil by removing the leaves of freshly harvested basil from the stems then dry the leaves using a microwave or dehydrator.

(Photo courtesy of All-America Selections)

Don't let a bumper crop of basil go to waste. Preserve its flavor and zest with proper storage and preservation.

Extend the life of fresh basil by removing any discolored leaves and cutting the bottom of the stems off at an angle. Set the stems in a jar with an inch or two of water. Loosely cover it with a plastic bag and set it on the kitchen counter out of direct sunlight. Change the water every few days. Basil stored this way is conveniently located for use and can last for five days or more.

Preserve some basil for future use. *Drying herbs* is easy but not the best option for basil. The flavor can change during the drying process. If you opt for this method, dry small amounts of basil in bundles hanging upside down. Secure the stems with a rubber band. As the stems shrink, so does the rubber band. Place the bundle in a brown paper bag with the stems sticking out of the bag to dry. Punch holes in the sides of the bag and hang it in a warm dry location where the air can circulate through the bag to speed drying. Avoid binding large amounts of basil together as it is more likely to dry slowly and mold.

Better yet, remove the leaves from the stems of freshly harvested basil. Speed drying with the help of a microwave or dehydrator. Evenly spread two cups of washed herb leaves on a double thickness of paper towel. Microwave on high for four to six minutes depending on your microwave. Follow the manufacturer's directions when drying basil in a food dehydrator.

Fully dried herbs will be brittle and rattle when stirred. Store dried herbs in an airtight container in a cool, dry, and dark location. Label the container with the name of the herb and the date preserved.

Dried herbs are usually three to four times stronger than fresh herbs. To substitute dried herbs in a recipe that calls for fresh herbs, use 1/4 to 1/3 of the amount listed in the recipe.

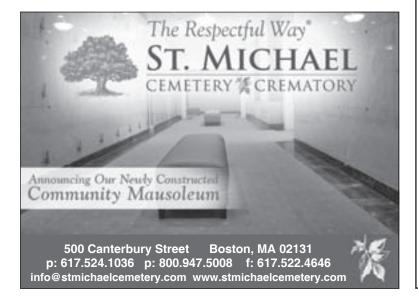
Freezing is another way to preserve basil. It does change the texture so frozen basil is best used in soups, stews, and other recipes but not as a garnish.

Remove the stems and blanch the leaves in boiling water for three seconds. Then quickly move the leaves to cold water for several seconds to cool quickly. Blanching helps basil retain its green color. Dry the leaves. Once dry, spread the leaves on a tray or cookie sheet, and place them in the freezer. Once the leaves are frozen solid, move them to airtight containers, and store them in the freezer. You can also spread the leaves in layers separated by parchment paper, slide the layers into a freezer bag, then place it flat in the freezer.

Alternatively, chop leaves and place them into an ice cube tray. Fill the empty space with a little water or olive oil depending on how you plan to use it in the future. Allow these to freeze solid. Pop them out of the ice cube tray and place them in an airtight freezer-quality container, label and place them back in the freezer. Pesto can also be frozen using this ice cube method.

Preserving basil when it is bountiful allows you to enjoy it throughout the year. You'll appreciate the homegrown flavor and money savings.

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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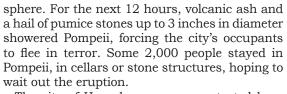
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by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Vesuvius Eruption

On August 24, 79 A.D. Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum. At noon on August 24, 79 A.D. Mount Vesuvius exploded, propelling a 10-mile mushroom cloud of ash and pumice into the strato-



The city of Herculaneum was protected by a westerly wind from the initial stage of the eruption but then a giant cloud of hot ash and gas surged down the western flank of Vesuvius, engulfing the city and burning or asphyxiating all who remained. This lethal cloud was followed by a flood of volcanic mud and rock, burying the city.

The people who remained in Pompeii were killed on the morning of August 25 when a cloud of toxic gas poured into the city, suffocating all that remained. A flow of rock and ash followed, collapsing roofs and walls and burying the dead.

Much of what we know about the eruption comes from an account by Pliny the Younger, who was staying with his uncle west of Pompeii along the Bay of Naples when Vesuvius exploded. In two letters to the historian Tacitus, he told of how "people covered their heads with pillows, the only defense against a shower of stones," and of how "a dark and horrible cloud charged with combustible matter suddenly broke and set forth. Some bewailed their own fate. Others prayed to die." Pliny, only 17 at the time, escaped the catastrophe and later became a noted Roman writer and administrator. His uncle, Pliny the Elder, was less lucky. Pliny the Elder, a celebrated naturalist,

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at the time of the eruption was the commander of the Roman fleet in the Bay of Naples. After Vesuvius exploded, he took his boats across the bay to Stabiae, to investigate the eruption and reassure terrified citizens. After going ashore, he was overcome by toxic gas and died.

According to Pliny the

Younger's account, the eruption lasted 18 hours. Pompeii was buried under 14 to 17 feet of ash and pumice, and the nearby seacoast was drastically changed. Herculaneum was buried under more than 60 feet of mud and volcanic material. Some residents of Pompeii later returned to dig out their destroyed homes and salvage their valuables, but many treasures were left and then forgotten.

The remains of 2,000 men, women, and children were found at Pompeii. After perishing from asphyxiation, their bodies were covered with ash that hardened and preserved the outline of their bodies. Later, their bodies decomposed, leaving a kind of plaster mold behind. Archaeologists who found these molds filled the hollows with plaster, revealing in grim detail the death pose of the victims of Vesuvius. The rest of the city is likewise frozen in time, and ordinary objects that tell the story of everyday life in Pompeii are as valuable to archaeologists as the great unearthed statues and frescoes. It was not until 1982 that the first human remains were found at Herculaneum, and these hundreds of skeletons bear terrible burn marks that testifies to horrifying deaths.

Archaeologists have long debated whether the mountain actually erupted on August 24. Some have pointed to *autumnal fruits* discovered in the ruins as a sign that the date is too early. An inscription uncovered in 2018 also suggests the eruption could have taken place two months later in mid-October.



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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Happy Birthday to Teddy Baseball



August 30th would have been the 105th birthday of Number 9 Ted Williams. I still remember seeing him hit his final home run at Fenway Park from my right field grandstand seat on August 28, 1961, when I was a mere 13 years old.

Cy Young and MVP This Year

Even though the NY Yankees seem to be working hard as hell to finish in the AL East cellar, that hasn't stopped Gerrit Cole from moving forward this dismal season in the Bronx from winning his first Cy Young Award. Right now, he is leading the AL with a 2.95 ERA. At the same time, Shohei Ohtani of the Angels looks like he's gonna receive the MVP Award for his two-way skills. The sad news is that he's finished this season on the mound with medical issues. He may need another Tommy John on his ailing shoulder. However, he is still going to the plate big time and leads the

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league in homeruns with still an outside chance of the 60 mark. He'll probably end up with 50-something. With free agency coming up for him, he is still a very valuable player and much wanted by several teams.

Mets to Honor Strawberry and Gooden in 2024

Two members of the 1986 World Series-winning NY Mets will have their numbers retired next year. We in Boston remember sadly that World Series, right? We had the victory in the palm of our hand, and we allowed it to be snatched away, giving up the victory so in our grasp.

Number 18 Darryl Strawberry and Number 16 Dwight Gooden will have their numbers retired in separate ceremonies next season, and the less said about 1986 the better.

As Bad as they are Tickets Going Up Next Year

The NY Yankees are raising the price of game tickets for 2024 despite going down the tubes this year. And you know fans will pay the higher prices. The Yankees management knows that too. If the fans don't revolt by giving up on paying the higher prices, they deserve to pay more. Hey, Boston fans

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court - North Lowell Justice Center 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 656-7700

> Docket No. MI23P4285EA Estate of **MILTON S. DAVIS**

Date of Death: June 12, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol A. Davis of Lincoln, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Carol A. Davis of Lincoln. MA has been

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have done the same thing over the years. The Sox put a crummy team on the field and the fans can't wait to buy

Happy Birthday to Mike Maddux

Mike Maddux turned 62 years old. He played 15 years in the Majors including 1995-96 with the Red Sox. With us, he was 7-3 with a 3.97 ERA.

Special Bulletin

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman calls 2023 season "a disaster," amounting to a concession speech with the once dreaded Yanks now an embarrassment. Both he and Manager Aaron Boone could see themselves getting booted sooner rather than later. This might be the worst team in franchise history since 1913. I know for sure, it is the worst team since 1966, when the Red Sox barely beat them out of last place by 1/2 a game.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23P4236EA

Estate of WILLIAM C. CHRISTIE Date of Death: October 29, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

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

(781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23D0250DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**

GLADYS M. KADDU SHEM K. KADDU

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 Gladvs M. Kaddu. 220 Smith Street, Apt. 4, Lowell, MA 01850 your answer, if any, on or before September 27, 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 25, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Rock of Ages The 100th Anniversary of the Birthday of Rocky Marciano

Rocco Francis Marchegiano, better known today as Rocky Marciano, was born in Brockton, MA on Saturday, September 1, 1923. This date was just two weeks before the legendary fight between Jack Dempsey and Luis Firpo. It is fitting that the first heavyweight title fight of Rocky's life would be one of the most explosive in history. Just 29 years later, Marciano would take the title from Jersey Joe Walcott with his dynamite punching, power that would be compared to that of the great

Dempsey.

I have written a number of columns about the Brockton Blockbuster, and remain fascinated by the man. In so many ways he remains a mystery. While he made many public appearances during and after his boxing career, he was also very much a loner. He was certainly justified in his distrust of people with whom he had financial dealings, as his manager had played games with the financial reckonings of his fights. While, on the other hand, he was known to be quite generous to those in need.



Rocky Follows Through Against Ezzard Charles

Rocky's father worked in one if the many shoe factories in Brockton. It was honest work but tedious. At an early age Marciano made up his mind he would not follow in his father's footsteps. After a stint in the United States Army, he set out to be a baseball player. When that didn't turn out, he tried boxing. This choice didn't hold much promise as he was thought to be too short and too awkward to go far in the ring. What he did have was remarkable strength, and a very hard punch as well as good head for learning.

The one other ingredient that was needed was someone who could take this diamond in the



The Rock with Luis Firpo



Rocky Marciano

rough with all his shortcomings and turn them into plusses. The man who took on this role was a former fighter himself; Charley Goldman. The two were a perfect match.

Goldman could see something in the young man who would stumble when he missed a punch. He taught Rocky balance and cunning. It took time, but Marciano improved in each fight he had. He became much harder to hit with a solid punch, while also further developing his punches, adding more power and accuracy to them. They were the perfect match.

While Rocky had short arms, he would turn the full force of his body into each punch he threw. You can see him doing this in films of his fights as well as in still photos. He had the ability to not only turn his body with a punch, but he could also come back immediately with the other hand in the same way. He would do this over and over with ferocity. This technique was very clearly on display in his match with Archie Moore where he was relentless.



Rocky Puts His Full Body Into A Right Hand Against Don Cockell

I have to be honest. When I was younger I did not think Rocky was particularly talented. I thought he won his fights by his ability to take punches and wear his opponents down. Well, with age came wisdom, and as I studied movies of his fights I came to realize just how savvy a boxer he was. While he would roll his body into his punches, he would also roll with the shots that were being fired at him. He also kept his chin tucked in tightly. This explains why he was only knocked down twice in his career, with both of that knockdown coming at the hands of huge punching and sharp shooting greats; Jersey Joe Walcott and Archie Moore.

The mention of Rocky Marciano's name in boxing circles can fire up emotions. As with today's politics, people are quite divided in their opinion of the former champ. On the one side there are those who believe beyond a shadow of a doubt he was the greatest champion of all time. On the other side are those who believe he is the most overrated. I think one thing both camps are missing is an appreciation of his boxing skills.

Those who put the Rock down say he was too easy to hit and would have been destroyed by the likes of Sonny Liston and

George Foreman. With many in the pro Rocky crowd, they talk about the man as if he were super human and could absorb untold punishment while wearing down any former or current champ he might face.

While I agree he had what at times seemed like other worldly strength, mostly in his endurance and ability to get stronger as a fight went on. I also believe his staunches supporters do an injustice to his legacy by not emphasizing his skill.

Joe Louis is forever connected with the name Jack Blackburn, his trainer and mentor. Joe had great natural talent, but it was Blackburn who took that ability and turned Joe into a great champion. I think Charley Goldman should be remembered in the same way when it comes to Rocky. It is also important to remember that in Marciano, Goldman had not only a man possessing great physical strengths, but also an excellent student that never tired of learning. It is that combination that worked so well.

On this 100th birthday of the great Rocky Marciano, there is much that can be written. There are two excellent biographies out there. Rocky Marciano: The Rock Of His Times by Russell Sullivan and Unbeaten: Rocky Marciano's Fight For Perfection In A Crocked World by Mike Stanton. Both are worth reading and cover much ground. Both show just what a complicated and enigmatic man he was.

I think the time has come for a full reevaluation of the man and the fighter, and there is no more fitting time than his centennial. Both in the ring and out, Rocky was a complicated man.



Charley Goldman and Rocky

Happy Birthday Rocky Marciano!

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

A STILLNESS ACROSS WESTERN NEW YORK — Few Bruins fans heard the call that day but for many followers of hockey residing across the widespread area that comprises Buffalo and the multi-county swath of upstate New York between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, it was an unforgettable sound that registered across the region that regards itself as the realm of the Buffalo Sabres.

"Mayday, Mayday" boomed the voice from the television audio, reversing the meaning of the time-honored distress signal of ships at sea into one of elation and exultation.

Yes, that was longtime Buffalo Sabres play-by-play announcer Rick Jeanneret's call of the overtime goal scored by Brad May that gave Buffalo a 4-0 sweep in games over the Boston Bruins in the first round of the 1993 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The voice that made that memorable call some three decades ago was stilled last month with the passing of Jeanneret at age 81. He had concluded a 51-year broadcasting career in April, 2022. He had started with the team in 1971, just one year following the Sabres joining the NHL in the fall of 1970.

The ouster of the B's from the playoffs that Jeanneret described that day some 30 years ago was completely unexpected — not on the scale of last spring's banishment of the Bruins by the Florida Panthers — but still a surprise nonetheless.

For the Bruins had finished second in the Prince of Wales (now Eastern) Conference with 109 points, second only to the Pittsburgh Penguins, who had captured the Presidents' Trophy with a league leading 119 points. By contrast, the Sabres were the eighth and final team to make the playoffs in the Wales Conference and the only Wales playoff qualifier to finish the regular season with less than 100 points. Only one team in the entire 24-team league finished with fewer points as a playoff qualifier — the St. Louis Blues who the eighth spot in the Clarence Campbell (now Western) Conference with 85.

In essence, the pairing of the two teams in the opening round of the playoffs amounted to a rematch. The year before in the spring of 1992, the Bruins had eliminated the Sabres from the playoffs in the opening round in a series that went the entire seven games.

The deciding seventh game was played on May 1, 1992 with the Bruins prevailing by a 3-2 count as Glen Murray, Steve Leach, and Dave Reid provided the goals with goalie Andy Moog picking up the victory.

Boston would then sweep archrival Montreal in games, 4-0 in the second round, leading to first year Bruins head coach Rick Bowness to run off the ice with his hands raised in triumph.

The euphoria of that victory proved to be short lived as the Bruins were swept by Pittsburgh 4-0 in the Conference Finals, a setback that led to the dismissal of Bowness and the eventual hiring of Brian Sutter.

Thus, one year later it was time once again for the Bruins to commence play in the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Given their fine regular season record and their trip to the Conference Finals a year earlier (the NHL's version of the Final Four), much was expected of the B's, especially against Buffalo and its weak standing in the playoff field.

While the sweep by Buffalo may seem one-sided on its face, that was not the case in reality. Three of the four games were decided in overtime, including what proved to be the final game of the series.

The Sabres jumped out to a 2-0 lead in Game One. But the B's fought back and eventually tied the count at 4-4, the tying goal being scored by Steve Heinze with three minutes left in regulation.

But leave it to a local player to decide matters. That player was Bob Sweeney, who played with Tom Barrasso at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School and followed that up with four years at Boston College and six more with the Bruins. He scored the winning goal for Buffalo midway through the overtime period.

If Game One was a head shaker for Bruins fans then Game Two was an absolute stunner as the Sabres proceeded to shut out the Bruins 4-0 at the Garden with Buffalo goalie Grant Fuhr stopping all 34 of Boston's shots.

Game Three was another down to the wire contest, with regulation time ending in a 3-3 tie thanks to a goal by Cam Neely with just over four minutes to go in the third period. The OT would not last long (just 65 seconds) as Yuri Khmylev provided the game winner for Buffalo.

Now it was really crunch time for the B's. Game Four would determine whether the Bruins would be eliminated or earn the right to extend the series. A total of 11 goals would be scored in the contest with Khmylev's tally midway through the third period knotting the count at 5-5 and setting the stage for the overtime.

That set the stage for the winning goal as Bob May came in on B's goalie Andy Moog for the series winner with just under five minutes having expired in OT. It came to be called "the Mayday goal" and continues to live on to this day in Buffalo sports lore with Jeanneret's voice exploding in excitement: "May Day! May Day! Brad May wins it in overtime! Buffalo sweeps the Bruins!"

Just like last spring it was an overtime victory by the eighthseeded team in the conference against a superior one. The Bruins had finished the 1992-1993 regular season as the second best team in the league.

So, like last year, the Bruins departed and the victors moved on — but in contrast to the Florida Panthers last spring — not that far. The Sabres met Montreal in the second round and were promptly swept out of the playoffs, 4-0.

But Jeanneret's dramatic call of Brad May's overtime serieswinning goal continues to enliven the Western New York sports scene, a tribute to a master of the microphone and his over 50 years of service to the Sabres and the NHL.