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NEVER FORGET ...

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Saint Lucy & Saint Anthony Societies

Celebrate Annual Festivals and Processions

Members of St. Lucy Society gather for the 103rd Annual Procession.

When we stay true to our roots and traditions, faces may change, but the devotion and honor paid to our patron saints only grows stronger. This past weekend, as first time Society President Michael Bonnetti looked on, it was the Saint Anthony Societies most senior member Frank Contrado, whose father was a founding member of the society, who placed the memorial to the deceased members and friends on Saint Anthony, at the opening ceremonies of the 106th Annual Festival. The celebration remains a beloved and sacred tradition passed down from previous generations, over a century ago.

Founded in 1919 by Italian immigrants from Montefalcione, Italy, the celebration has grown into the "Feast of All Feasts." The four-day event, combined with the annual veneration honoring Saint Lucy, featured a moving opening ceremony, outstanding live entertainment, an outdoor mass, a 10-plus hour grand procession through the streets of the North End community and a finale that leaves all participants looking forward to next year's festivities.

This year the celebration was honored with the visitation of the Venerable Relics of Saint Anthony from the Pontifical

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St. Anthony Society Members celebrate the 106th Annual Festival.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Bolton Rips Don's Ukraine Plan

Former Trump National Security Advisor John Bolton spoke out recently for the first time since his Maryland homeland Washington, DC offices were raided by the FBI and he came out swinging. In a series of X posts, Bolton went back to decrying Trump's foreign policy going back to his first term as well as the law enforcement actions taken against him.

"Donald Trump's Ukraine policy today is no more coherent than it was when his administration executed search warrants against my home and office. Trump's negotiations may be in their last throes, along with his Nobel Peace Prize campaign."

Court: Landlords Can't Charge for "Reasonable" Wear

Landlords cannot legally deduct from a tenant's security deposit the cost of painting, carpet repair, and other expenses deemed to be "reasonable wear and tear," the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has stated. The court also ruled that landlords may not charge tenants for professional cleaning of an apartment at the end of the lease.

Beacon Hill Seeks to Legislate Lifetime Tobacco Ban

Sens. Jason Lewis, D-Winchester and Rep. Tommy Vitolo, Brookline have introduced legislation dubbed the Nicotine Free Generation bill that would prohibit anyone born after January 1, 2006 from purchasing tobacco products. It would not apply to items as

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Don't Forget to Vote on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

As a resident of Boston, if you are happy with the current state of the city, don't forget to vote. As a resident of Boston, if you are unhappy with the current state of the city, don't forget to vote. It's incumbent upon each of us to perform our civic duty and cast a ballot for the person(s) that we believe will best carry our city and neighborhoods forward.

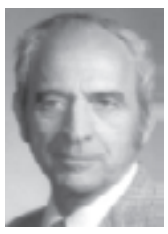
The Boston Election Department is reminding voters the Preliminary Municipal Election Day will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, with polls opening at 7:00 a.m. and closing at 8:00 p.m. This election will determine the candidates for the final general Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Voters will determine the top two candidates for the office of Mayor, the top two candidates for each of the District City Council Races (where contested), and the top eight candidates for At-Large City Councilor. There will be no preliminary municipal election for District City Council in Districts 3, 6, 8 and 9.

Good Luck to all the candidates, and please make every effort to make your voice heard at the ballot box on Tuesday, September 9, 2025!

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello



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

HESTIA

Hestia, sister to the mighty Zeus, was the Greek goddess of the hearth and the symbol of domestic tranquility. She was the founder of the family unit, encouraged the public worship of all gods, and being the abiding goddess of the household, never left Olympus. She was wooed by both Poseidon and Apollo, but took a vow of chastity, and because of this, Zeus honored her as the guardian of every household hearth. She was also remembered at the beginning and at the end of every sacrifice, and at every festive occasion. These feasts began and ended with some kind of liquid toast to Hestia, and by so doing, she was permitted to share in the festivities. In every prayer and solemn oath, her name was uttered before that of any other deity.

Because of Hestia, the hearth became the center of family life, and also a place where fugitives or strangers found hospitality and asylum. As the household hearth formed the center of family life, there was usually a community building (pryteaneum) to keep alive the sacred fire in a hearth which became the center of civic life. This is where the city officials sacrificed to Hestia, held public discussions, and recognized deserving citizens. It was also the place that hospitality received those who were seeking protection from the state, and even the source from which colonists took fire for the public hearth of their new settlement. Thus, the activities surrounding the hearth of Hestia became their religious center and a way of life for all Hellenic people.

Hestia was considered, along with Zeus, as a guardian of the law of hospitality and of the oath. She was often worshipped with Hermes (Mercury), who we know as the god of herds, commerce, travel, cunning, and as the messenger of the other gods. At times, both Hestia and Hermes were invoked together. She as the goddess of domesticity and tranquility, and he as the god of the restless life on the public streets.

Statue of Hestia (Wellesley College, Massachusetts, USA)

Statues of Hestia usually represented her with a firm but yet gentle expression. Either sitting or standing, but in all instances her attitude was one of calm, and she was always shown fully clothed. The Roman counterpart to Hestia was called Vesta. Her temple housed the sacred fire which was considered to be the source of all Roman life and power.

NEXT WEEK:
Vesta, the Roman Goddess of the Hearth

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Mario Picardo Square

The family of Mario Picardo, his wife Frances, children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors and elected officials gather for the dedication of Mario Picardo Square in front of his home on Hull Street in the North End.

In the words of St. Anthony Society President Michael Bonetti, "for the first time in 39 years, Endicott Street will look a bit different for Saint Anthony's Feast." The bandstand used for almost 40 years, built by Michael's now deceased grandfather Mario Picardo, was officially retired and replaced with a brand new one. Although it was bittersweet day, the opportunity to honor Mario's legacy was embraced. "My greatest honor was getting to decorate this magnificent piece and repurpose all his old decorations," stated Michael.

Just days before the 106th annual St. Anthony Festival, 2025 kicked off, a street sign dedication ceremony took place on Hull Street, honoring Mario's life, talent and commitment to his beloved society. In addition to his family standing front and center for the dedication, also in attendance was Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, along with many friends and neighbors. The naming of Mario Picardo Square is a perfect opportunity to keep Mario's memory alive.

Newly Commissioned Massachusetts Flag to be Unveiled

Massachusetts residents will soon be offered the opportunity to provide input on a new state flag and motto. The top three finalists were recently announced by The Massachusetts Seal, Flag and Motto Advisory Commission. After receiving more than 1,150 design ideas, the field was then narrowed down to nine selections. Six public hearings will be held in September and October with the commission aiming to ensure a "transparent and inclusive process for everyone."

The top three seal options feature a whale, a chickadee encircled by turkey feathers, and a star with other elements like water and hills. The top three flags depict a circle of turkey feathers on a crimson background, a six-pointed gold star embedded in a white mayflower against a blue background, and blue hills and waves with an eight-pointed gold star. The first motto selection is "Multae voces, una res public" or Many voices, One Commonwealth," the second is "We honor all life guided by the First Light," and the third selection is "Bono public laetamur" or "We rejoice in public good."

Co-Chair of the commission and Education Secretary Pat Tutwiler, said the emblems could "transform" depending on public feedback. They could also be "polished" with the input of graphic designer Eastern Research Group. "They do work nationally, and have done work similarly to this elsewhere, where they've been involved in the development of new flags and seals, and have done so through community engagement and thoughtful processes," said Kate Fox, commission co-chair and executive director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.

The centuries old state flag had been deemed controversial for portraying an indigenous person on a shield, with the crest containing an arm holding a shield. The idea to develop a new seal and motto began under the direction of former Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker back in 2021.

State Seals

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

Filomena Vivolo

Filomena (Paglia) Vivolo passed peacefully in her home on Wednesday, August 27th surrounded by the comfort and love of her family, after just celebrating her 98th year.

Filomena was born on August 15th, 1927, in Trevico, the province of Avellino, Italy to her late parents Rocco and Generosa (DiMarco) Paglia. She was raised in Trevico along with her three siblings. She was married in Trevico to Louis P. Vivolo on April 22, 1951. At the age of 24, she journeyed to the United States by the MV Volcania to Ellis Island, New York. They began their life together in Boston's North End in November 1951. Filomena began working as a seamstress until she and her husband began their family. They left the North End in 1964 and moved to East Boston. Filomena was a devoted housewife and mother to her three daughters. Her priority was her family and her home. She filled her home with much love and joy. Filomena was happiest when she was cooking and caring for her family. In 1998 she and her husband moved to Revere and lived with their daughter. She cherished watching all her grandchildren when they were young, it was one of her greatest joys. She enjoyed watching all of Boston's sports teams, as well as television, especially games shows. She loved to knit and would knit scarves and blankets for her dear family, extended family, and friends. Filomena undoubtedly was a true matriarch of her family. She demonstrated her love and devotion to them on a daily basis and they in turn treated her like the Queen that she was.

She is the beloved wife of 51 years to the late Louis P. Vivolo, World War II veteran, Bronze Star recipient, and "Former Golden Gloves Champion." The loving mother of Louise V. Hallahan of East Boston, Rosemarie P. Cosgrove of East Boston and her late husband Richard, and Amy A. McGrath and her husband Chris of Revere. She is the cherished Nonna of David Hallahan and wife Anna of Winthrop, Amanda Cosgrove of East Boston, Alyssa McGrath, and Ashley McGrath both of Revere and the great Nonna of Lucas and Blake. She is the dear sister of the late Puccio Paglia, Giovanni Paglia and Josephina Paglia. Also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Family and friends gathered Wednesday, September 3rd in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere. A funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Thursday, September 4th followed by a funeral mass in Immaculate Conception Church, Revere. Interment followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Donations in Filomena's name may be made to the DAV - Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.

To send online condolences, visit *www.vertucciosmithvazza.com*

Donne 2000 Celebrates Ferragosto

by Doreen Giammarco

All aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrement

Ferragosto is an Italian holiday celebrated on August 15th. It is the summer vacation period which may be a long weekend or most of August where people go to the seaside or to the mountains. Feriae Augusti, Festivals (holidays) of the Emperor Augustus were introduced in 18 BC to provide a longer period of rest which was felt necessary after the end of the harvest and the long intense agricultural labor of the previous weeks.

Each year, Donne 2000 chooses a location to commemorate and celebrate Ferragosto as many of their paesani do in their hometown of Italy. This year on August 14th and 15th, Donne 2000 members along with their families and friends went to Lake George and Saratoga Springs, New York on a bus trip organized by Best of Times Travel. While in Lake George the group enjoyed a beautiful dinner cruise with delicious food and entertainment aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrement. The next day the group went to Saratoga Springs where they started the day at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. The next stop was the Saratoga Racetrack where the ladies donned their fascinators and the men with their hats enjoyed a fun day at the races. It was a memorable time. Everyone went home with smiles and memories of another fun filled Ferragosto trip.

(L-R): Rosalba Chiarenza, Maria Leo, Miranda Federico, Adele Krueger, Debbie Nevers, Jeanette Borrelli, Connie Federico, and Rosa Giammarco

(L-R): Adele Krueger, Debbie Nevers, Maria DiCenso, Maria Liz Whalen, Mary MacIntyre, and Elaine Donahue

Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization that keeps traditions alive from generation to generation through ethnic and cultural events. For more information, please follow us on our Donne 2000 Facebook page.

Saratoga Race Track

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Vines of Strength and Change

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

September in Italy is a glorious time of the year. The sun still bakes the landscape into glorious hues of amber and ochre. Local festivals called *sagre* celebrate the ongoing harvest, with town squares becoming veritable banquets of local specialties ranging from apples to truffles to figs. Of course, the country begins gearing up for the autumn as well, as the dusky nights become cooler and people adjust to rigorous rhythms of the new season. However, one September event particularly captures the whole essence of Italy in the fall. It is called *la vendemmia*, or the grape harvest, and it sweeps the country through the autumnal months. *La vendemmia* is a sacred ritual in Italy, where the grape comprises a prized crop and its final product, wine, forms the crux of the national character. Throughout this harvest, Italian towns buzz with the energy of people collecting their grapes in giant wicker baskets or on the back of tractors, ready to be eaten as a fresh seasonal treat or distilled into the country's famous wines. Communal pleasures blend with hard work in order to create a beautiful dance of quaint customs, careful food preparation, and long-term planning for the cold months ahead. Observing Italian *vendemmia* customs reveals much about the power of harvest as a way of respecting the Earth and the lure of traditions, even in modern Italy.

Indeed, the sight of vineyards perched on rolling hills, with dappled sunlight shining through the gemlike green leaves and violet grapes, has become an indelible symbol of Italy, often being the first image that enters people's minds when they think of the Italian countryside. Italian immigrants to the United States brought over their love for the all-important grape when they crossed the ocean, making it a staple of Italian-American culture. Grapes were my father's favorite fruit, and a bowl of translucent and sweet pale green grapes, or velvety purple fruit, frequently sat on our kitchen table. Several relatives of mine grow grapes at home, the gnarled vines and wild leaves creeping over backyard trellises like a labyrinth. Back in Italy, the same vineyards that adorn postcards and posters are humming with activity for the September *vendemmia*. Skilled farmers know the precise temperature and weather that make for the best picking conditions and will produce the optimal grapes and wine. Nowadays, many people adapt technological methods to *la vendemmia*, using the latest gadgets to test the acidity of the grapes. However, tradition still reigns supreme in many parts of Italy, where the whole village assembles to pick grapes, from the grandmothers in kerchiefs to the hip young people on break from college. One can sense the Bacchanalian revels of old in these communal gatherings.

La vendemmia is so vital in Italy precisely because much of these harvested grapes will be used in one of Italy's most iconic products, wine. Wine, or *vino*, holds a significant spot in Italian culture and society, finding a place on every dinner table and forming the basic tenet of Italian hospitality. Wine is also imbued with a religious connotation, serving a prominent place in the Eucharistic ritual of bread and wine. It is not unusual for the basements in some of my family members' homes to be stocked with bottles of wine, glowing an eerie shade of white and purple in the dim light, aged to perfection and ready to be brought out to greet the arrival of a guest. Indeed, wine is such a touchstone of Italian society that numerous superstitions protect its reputation and warn of dire consequences to anyone who mistreats wine. A superstition that hearkens back to Roman times states that a person who spills wine must dab a little behind each ear to ward off any bad luck that comes from the waste of the precious drink. However, Italians do consider it good luck to spill wine on new clothes or a tablecloth. Perhaps this is a way for the wine to transfer its inherent positivity to the new garments. Miscellaneous wine superstitions further include never toasting with water, but rather always with wine; avoiding serving wine "backhanded," or with the back of the hand facing guests; and women refraining from drinking the last drops of wine in a bottle at the risk of remaining unmarried (this superstition, of course, is from olden days when society dictated that women *must* get married). I do not drink wine myself, but I appreciate the wisdom and customs of my ancestors behind its making.

I believe that one of the most important lessons to be gleaned from *la vendemmia* is patience. Farmers must wait a long time for the grapes to be just right for picking; gathering the crop any sooner or later impacts that taste of the fruit and the eventual wine. Later, winemakers similarly ready themselves for the grapes to be distilled and the must to turn to wine. The traditional day in Italy for tasting new wine is actually St. Martin's Day, or *la Festa di San Martino*, which falls on November 11th — two months after the bulk of the grape harvest has taken place. Afterwards, though, the wine becomes a crucial part of the Italian holiday season and beyond. As we enter the fall, with its new rhythms and its return to school and work, we can all learn lessons from *la vendemmia*. We can set many goals for professional and personal improvement, but we should realize that they will take patience, dedication, and hard work in order to manifest. Once they do, however, they will be as beautiful and well-earned as the finest Italian wine, which once started from the lowest, barest vine. Just as Italians gather grapes this September, let us gather our own hopes, dreams and challenges and work to make them come into fruition this autumn and all year long.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

The Older We Get, The Older We Are, but Who Cares

"Today is the oldest you've ever been, and the youngest you'll ever be again." — *Eleanor Roosevelt*

I am writing this piece on the final day of my Minnesota vacation which has been so refreshing. Much of it spent doing nothing and doing it well. No going to the Indian reservation or casino gambling this year. The highlight as usual was traveling to St. Paul, the other Twin City to enjoy the Minnesota State Fair, which by the way is the second largest state fair in the country.

The Minnesota and Massachusetts Giarratani family branch members had a great time over at the Osseo/Maple Grove American Legion Post 172. We had such a great time there last Friday night and returned Saturday night, too.

Veterans posted up here need to check this place out. The post is the place to go to especially on the weekends. The place is a great restaurant with inexpensive meals; it is also a bar of course, and then you can feel like you're with the Indians further down the road with a little gambling at a barstool. Oh, and then there's the live music and dance floor. I don't gamble but I do dance and dance I did.

I gotta give a shout out to the band members. The band is called Tailspin which does lots of rock and country. They seemed to be big favorites down at this post where dancing almost seemed mandatory.

Oh, and on the following night, it was K time and we Giarratani's can do that quite well. I sang my two go-to -songs by Elvis and Englebert of course.

I think we all need a break from the routine. Act a little crazy and just enjoy the life we hold in our hands. By the time you are reading this, I will most likely be back at the beach before resuming my high school duties for another school year.

This has been a great beach summer for me. My tan just keeps getting darker. Whether it's Shay's Beach in Eastie or Wollaston Beach in Quincy. Maybe, I might even get another broiled seafood platter before Tony's Clam Shop closes for the season.

I recommend that next summer you turn yourself into a beach bum like me. Just sit there in your beach chair, put that sunscreen on and tan away. Daydream, or whatever. Listen to your beach radio like I do and space out your worries. You know you should remember a great observation by T.S. Eliot, "At the beach — time you enjoyed wasting is not wasted."

When I come back next time to visit my family, I've already found some new friends, especially over at the Osseo/Maple Grove American Legion Post 172 where the action is always happening.

LETTERS POLICY

The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor.

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Saint Auguste Chapdelaine

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Chapdelaine was born on a farm in La Rochelle-Normande, France. He entered the seminary at Coutances by the age of twenty. He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Coutances in 1843 and in 1851 joined the Institute of Foreign Missions in Paris. He left from Antwerp in April 1852 to join the Catholic mission in the Guangxi province of China. The Taiping Rebellion led to suspicion of Christians, and foreigners were forbidden to enter the area.

After a stay in Guangzhou, Chapdelaine moved to Guiyang, capital of the Guizhou province, in the spring of 1854. In December, he went to Yaoshan village where he met the local Catholic community of around 300 people. He celebrated his first Mass there on December 8, 1854. He was arrested and thrown into the Xilin county prison ten days after his arrival and was released after sixteen or eighteen days.

Following personal threats, Chapdelaine returned to Guizhou in early 1855, and came back to Guangxi in December of the same year. He was denounced on February 22, 1856, by a relative of a new convert, and arrested in Yaoshan, together with other Chinese Catholics, by orders of the new local mandarin on February 25, 1856.

Chapdelaine was accused of stirring up insurrection and refused to pay a bribe. Condemned to cage torture, he was first beaten one hundred times on the cheek by a leather thong, which caused his teeth to fall out, his face mutilated, and his jaw lacerated. He was locked in a small iron cage, which was hung at the gate of the jail. The planks he stood on were gradually removed, placing a strain in the muscles of his neck, leading to a slow and painful death from suffocation. Upon his death he was decapitated.

Auguste Chapdelaine was Canonized on October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. The Feast Day of Saint Auguste Chapdelaine is February 28th.

East Boston Chamber of Commerce *Poolside Barbecue*

(L-R): East Boston Chamber of Commerce President Shirley Fabbo, Yamina Lachmi from the office of Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards, new Board Inductee Gabriela Perry, and Steven Gringas from Representative Adrian Madaro's office

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce held a poolside barbecue in honor and appreciation of its membership. In addition to honoring the membership, the Chamber also took the opportunity to conduct an Induction Ceremony for two new Board members to the East Boston Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Gabriela Perry of First Priority Credit Union and Deborah Raso of the East Boston Pop Warner organization and the Kiwanis.

The event was hosted by East Boston resident and Chamber President Shirley Fabbo and family at 45 Everett Street, Jeffries Point, was well-attended and offered an intimate networking session for everyone, as well as a warm welcome to the incoming Board members.

2025 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

SEPTEMBER

SAN GENNARO FEAST September 5, 6, 7
Paul Revere Mall (Prado) Hanover St.
Sunday Procession *12 pm*

ST. ROSALIA di PALERMO September 13
Procession Only - Fisherman's Club *3 pm*

ADDITIONAL ITALIAN FESTIVALS

Cambridge Festival
SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN 100TH Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7
Sunday Procession *1 pm*
Warren and Cambridge St., Cambridge

Mirabella Pool in the North End *to Close for Two Years*

Enjoying the last days at the Mirabella Pool.

For over 70 years the North End community has enjoyed a hidden oasis. Tucked away on Commercial Street, the Mirabella Pool is known to locals as the "Riviera of Boston" and is the envy of every other city neighborhood. Last Monday, Labor Day, the pool closed, not only for the 2025 summer season, but also for the next two summers, through 2027. In order to make way for a much anticipated, newly designed and state of the art Nazzaro Community Center, the pool will not be accessible, given the major construction that will occur on the site. Although it will be a huge loss to the residents and major sacrifice for all who enjoy it, the final result will provide the North End community with an open space recreational complex that will rival any in New England.

At a gathering prior to the official closing, the community took the opportunity to reminisce over the wonderful memories and friendships made at the pool over the past half century plus. Let's all hold tight to those special days and times and look forward to gathering again, very soon, to forge new friendships and memories at the newly renovated Mirabella Pool.

Photos of the Mirabella Pool through the years.

In Loving Memory of

Cathleen Sullivan

November 5, 1948 - October 11, 2014

You Are Forever in Our Hearts

Your Loving Family

• **St. Lucy & St. Anthony** (Continued from Page 1)

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, St. Anthony Society Member Stephen Scapicchio, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, and State Representative Aaron Michlewitz attend the opening ceremony St. Anthony Festival.

Society Members with St. Anthony

The next generation of St. Anthony Society Members

Fr. Alessandro Ratti holding the Relic of St. Anthony with members of the St. Anthony Society.

Basilica di Sant'Antonio in Padua, Italy and a blessing by Arch-Bishop of Boston Richard Henning at the opening ceremonies. Each year the dedication to these beloved saints continue to flourish. The organizers and committee members of both societies would like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to all the society members, their families, devotees, and sponsors for the continued support and devotion shown to their beloved patron saints and look forward to many more successful years of continuing these beloved traditions. Viva Saint Anthony and Saint Lucy!!!

Sacred Relic of St. Anthony

St. Anthony Society President Michael Bonetti and member Joe Mantone with the sacred relic of St. Anthony.

Barbara Maldero and St. Anthony Society President Michael Bonetti.

Baby Philly visiting from Chicago.

Placing a ribbon on St. Anthony

Fr. Alessandro Ratti with the relic of St. Anthony and St. Leonard Church Pastor Father Michael Della Penna.

Archbishop of Boston Richard Henning blessing the 106th opening ceremony of the St. Anthony Festival.

A devoted family attending the St. Anthony Festival

Visiting the Annual St. Anthony Festival

The Aluia and D'Elia Families join together to honor St. Anthony and St. Lucy.

• **St. Lucy** (Continued from Page 1)

Children carrying the St. Lucy blanket

St. Lucy, patron saint of eyesight

Joanne Brogna anxiously awaiting the arrival of St. Lucy

Olivia Scimeca and Laurie D'Elia marching in the 103rd Annual St. Lucy procession.

Everybody loves St. Lucy

Beloved Santa Lucia

Young members continuing the tradition of St. Lucy

Saint Lucy Society member Vivian Aluia assists fellow sister member Sheila Moretti with her ribbon.

Saint Lucy Society Banner proudly leads the procession

St. Anthony (Continued from Page 1)

Bishop Cristiano Barbosa celebrates an outdoor Mass in honor of St. Anthony and St. Lucy.

St. Anthony held high atop the shoulders of the dedicated society members.

Members of the St. Anthony Society carry their beloved patron saint through the streets of the North End during the 106th Annual procession.

The Mercurio Family returns to their Endicott Street roots for the 106th Annual Saint Anthony Festival as society member Jason Aluia looks on.

Bandmembers taking a breather during the Annual St. Anthony procession.

St. Anthony arrives home to his Chapel.

St. Anthony, we honor you with our family ribbon.

Natalina Tizzano displays a St. Lucy ribbon.

St. Anthony and Baby Jesus

Leading the St. Anthony procession through the neighborhood.

(Photos by Gerri Palladino and Rocco Campano)

VIDEO VIEWS ... more than meets the eye

by Bob Morello

SUNSET BOULEVARD - 1950
(4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray) Paramount

Fame isn't forever — as Norma Desmond, once a Hollywood legend, now a Hollywood relic found out. When struggling screenwriter Joe Gillis stumbles into her decaying mansion, he becomes trapped in her web of obsession and delusion. What starts as an opportunity soon spirals into something far more dangerous. The intense, enthralling, and unforgettable, *Sunset Boulevard* stars Gloria Swanson as Norma Desmond, a faded silent-movie star, and William Holden as Joe Gillis, a down-on-his-luck screenwriter whom she enlists to help her make her triumphant return. Widely considered one of the greatest from the golden age of cinema, it's a dark, twisted and haunting look at Hollywood's cycle, where youth is currency, talent fleeting, and the spotlight always fades. Amazing the impact this film still has after 75 years!

BETTER OFF DEAD *(4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray) Paramount*

Celebrating its 40-year anniversary, the quirky coming-of-age comedy, *Better Off Dead,* a cult classic, comes to 4K Ultra HD for the first time. Lane Meyer (John Cusack, thought he found the perfect girlfriend in Beth (Amanda Wyss), but when she dumps him just before Christmas, for the school's arrogant ski team captain, Lane's dark imagination runs overtime, as he becomes obsessed with suicide in a highly surreal and comedic way. In addition, he's dealing with his quirky family, dodging a paperboy hell-bent on a two-dollar payment, and training for a downhill ski competition. But, when he meets a charming French exchange student, she may be the unexpected key to his happiness ... and his heart.

WATCH THE SKIES *(Blu-ray) Crazy Pictures*

A rebellious teenager whose father went missing years earlier believes aliens abducted him. She joins a quirky UFO club and embarks on an adventure that challenges reality. UFO Sweden is a club of quirky outsiders that investigates supernatural phenomena. One day teenage rebel Denise shows up with a case unlike anything they've seen before: her father didn't run away aliens abducted him. Together they embark on an adventure that takes them far beyond the boundaries of the law, and ultimately, our world.

ULTRAMAN DECKER FINALE: JOURNEY BEYOND
(Blu-ray) Mill Creek Ent.

A peculiar sound echoes through the sky. Those who hear it faint, and eventually vanish. Expert team GUTS-Select investigate, but are met with attacks from an alien army and a pitch-black mobile fortress, Zorgaus, piloted by Professor Gibellus, who seeks to rule the skies of Earth. As Kanata and crew find themselves in trouble, a mysterious woman who knows Gibellus suddenly appears. The woman, Dinas, possesses a mysterious power. With her "duty to protect," Dinas and GUTS-Select work together to foil the evil scheme, but a barbaric "Emperor Beast" appears and casts a shadow over the events. Kanata, Dinas, and GUTS-Select begin an all-out battle to decide the fate of the Earth and entire galaxy. A 4-disc set that includes a 12-page booklet with her character profiles and more.

FRIENDSHIP *(Blu-ray) A24*

Suburban dad Craig's anodyne existence is jolted to life when he falls hard for his charismatic new neighbor. But as their easy rapport gradually buckles under Craig's enthusiasm, his attempts to make a new adult companion threatens to ruin both of their lives. Co-starring alongside Paul Rudd, comedy virtuoso Tim Robinson delivers an unforgettable performance in this painfully hilarious testament to why men shouldn't have friends.

THE LIFE OF CHUCK *(Blu-ray) Neon*

From the hearts and minds of Stephen King and Mike Flanagan, comes *The Life of Chuck*, the extraordinary story of an ordinary man. This unforgettable, genre-bending tale celebrates the life of Charles "Chuck" Krantz as he experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss, and the multitudes contained in all of us.

BRIDE HARD *(Blu-ray) Neon*

The film stars Rebel Wilson as a secret agent who must serve as her best friend's Maid of Honor. The mission gets complicated when mercenaries crash the lavish destination wedding, forcing her to rain hell-fire upon anyone who would ruin her best friend's wedding, as she neutralizes the threat while keeping her identity a secret, Cast: Rebel Wilson, Anna Camp, Anna Chlumsky, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, and Gigi Zumbado.

CROWN OF SHADOWS *(DVD) High Fliers Films*

The Kingdom of Aberon has been cast into the shadows under Queen Ginnarra's reign of terror since she led an evil army, murdered her father, the King and seized the crown. Exiled and on the run from his sister's devout and deadly followers, Prince Elderon joins forces with the rebellion and calls upon a dragon to defeat the Queen and the Dark Gods she worships once and for all, in the *Crown of Shadows*, a fantasy-adventure-action film.

BRING HER BACK *(Blu-ray) A24*

Bring Her Back is a supernatural/horror film, starring Sally Hawkins. The movie follows two step-siblings, a brother and sister who find themselves orphaned, and placed in the middle of an occult, disturbing ritual at their foster mother's isolated home. As a result, they both find themselves in a terrifying situation.

THE RITUAL *(Blu-ray) A24*

The Ritual is a harrowing true story of the exorcism of Emma Schmidt. Two priests — one questioning his faith (Dan Stevens), and one reckoning with a troubled past (Al Pacino) — must put aside their differences and work together to perform a series of terrifying exorcisms that are difficult and dangerous to perform, to save the young woman's soul.

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

QUOTE TO REMEMBER

"Oh, I offended you with my opinion? You should hear the ones *keep to myself."*

— Patsy Cline

LOOKING BACK OVER SUMMER OF '25

As summer starts its departure, this is a good time to take one last look at it before it's gone. The middle of August was filled with so much fun for us as individuals and as part of the larger community we all livein, and with others surrounding us. Eastie Pride Day at Piers Park over in East Boston. Once again it was a beautiful day that brought the entire community together and following this event, I headed across the road to nearby Haynes Street and the End of Summer Annual Block Party with more music, more food and continued fun going into the evening.

The following day, it was time to head to Boston and the North End for the Fisherman's Feast. For me, this is a special time since my paternal grandparents emigrated from Sciacca to the new home in America and the North End of Boston.

AT THE MOMENT

I am writing this week's commentaries at my niece Tanya's home in Dayton, MN. I just came inside the house after sunning on the back deck looking at a pond, looking at birds flying about and fish splashing in the pond so near me. No wonder, my creativity is BACK after a bit of a rest. I will be home on Thursday, just in time to get my brand-new *Post-Gazette* issue.

DON'T FORGET THE EVERETT STREET BLOCK PARTY

Since living in Jeffries Point for about four years now, I have looked forward to the Everett Street Block Party which is always held on the Saturday following the Labor Day holiday weekend. It is this weekend Saturday, September 7th — a whole day of neighborhood fun, food, music and friendship.

WITH HAKEEM IT IS ALL ABOUT RACE, RACE, RACE

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries was ridiculed for noting Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook's race while blasting President Trump for trying to fire her over mortgage fraud claims.

Jeffries, a Democrat, pointed out that Cook was "the first black woman" to serve on the Fed's governing body as he blasted Trump of trying to oust her "without a shred of credible evidence."

I assume that this case will end up before the U.S. Supreme Court on whether or not the U.S. President can fire her or any other member of the Fed's governing board. Yet too often Democrats love to throw out the race card at a moment's notice. It gets so tiring to me.

ALREADY MISSING JEANNIE SEELY'S VOICE

Jeannie Seely was a country legend who helped transform the image of women in country music from demure, gingham-clad helpmeet to self-possessed free spirit. She has now left us but her voice. Seely was a mainstay of the Grand Ole Opry for more than five decades and had more than a dozen Top 40 country hits between 1966 and 1974 and was known as "Miss Country Soul."

Well, this week the North End celebrates the St. Gennaro Feast. I hear all kinds of great musical entertainment will be on stage. St. Joseph Society celebrated its 100th anniversary. I missed St. Anthony's Feast last week while on vacation. Back during the St. Joseph procession, I bumped into Vanessa Mitchell on Cooper Street. Vanessa is an elementary school teacher down in Houston, Texas. She was in town visiting her friend and they came to the North End to dine out Italian-style and enjoy the excitement of the feast.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Italian Songbook with Scanzonati:

A Musical Journey with Stefano Marchese, Andrea Pejrolo & Friends

Berklee Performance Center — October 21, 2025 8:00 PM

The event will feature a dynamic program of performances showcasing the richness of Italian songwriting, blending traditional and contemporary influences.

This concert is a celebration of Italian music and culture in honor of Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo, an annual global event promoted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Led by Berklee faculty members Stefano Marchese and Andrea Pejrolo, Scanzonati is a musical project that reinterprets Italian songwriting through contemporary jazz influences, Mediterranean sounds, and improvisation. The band aims to highlight the poetic depth and rhythmic diversity of Italian music while making it accessible to an international audience.

The concert will feature special guest performers from Berklee's faculty and broader artistic community, offering unique interpretations of Italian songs and reflecting the country's rich and diverse musical heritage.

Selected students from Berklee College of Music will also participate in the concert, performing alongside Scanzonati and the guest artists.

This musical experience will take the audience on a journey through the history of Italian music — from classic songs to contemporary reinterpretations — showcasing the enduring global influence of Italy's musical legacy.

Since its establishment in 2001, Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo has become the most significant global initiative dedicated to the Italian language. Organized annually during the third week of October, it is supported by the Italian diplomatic and cultural network in collaboration with key institutions such as the Accademia della Crusca, Società Dante Alighieri, RAI Italia, and Treccani. Each edition centers on a specific theme that guides a rich program of cultural events worldwide.

Andrea Pejrolo and Stefano Marchese

The 2025 edition will continue this tradition, and Canzone Mediterranea aims to contribute by celebrating the power of music as a universal language that expresses the cultural depth and diversity of Italy. Through the vibrant sounds of Italian songwriting, this event will highlight Mediterranean identity and its influence on global music.

We look forward to welcoming the Berklee community and the broader public for an evening of music, language, and cultural appreciation at the Berklee Performance Center.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit *boxoffice@berklee.edu*

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance

As the weather gets colder, I start longing for Florida. The only reasons I come back home are because my family is here, as are my few remaining friends. This might sound morbid, but most of my closest friends are gone and the few that are left don't get around that much anymore. When I'm home in Boston, I travel to New York to visit son Michael, his family — wife Kathy and their sons, Dante and Daniel. Locally, Loretta and I see her brother and our sister-in-law (Mike and Lin) about once per week. Out of the friends that are left, we head out to lunch every other week or so, but that's about it.

During our stay in Delray Beach, both of us have something cooking every day. As an example, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings I head to a health club for physical therapy. I do water aerobics in a warm pool for an hour or two. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, I play bocce at a nearby complex that has a lot of Italians from New York, most from Brooklyn. Monday nights, I play poker (penny ante). Back in the day, I never had the chance to play cards with a group of guys due to the fact that I was an entertainer at night and either played music or mc'd events held in the city or surrounding areas. So, now that I am semi retired, I can play dealer's choice for nickels and dimes. A couple of nights per week, I hang out at a cigar bar (Puro's in Delray Beach) and enjoy the company of friends from Boston and New York while sipping cappuccino and puffing away on a good cigar.

The rest of the time, Loretta and I eat at home or at local restaurants accompanied by other couples whom we've befriended over the years. There are only two things in our local area that are not the same. Chinese food is only so-so, and Italian sausages don't compare with what we are accustomed to. There is a Pepe's Neapolitan Pizza restaurant near us and what they make is close to what we have in the North End and East Boston (Pizza Regina and Santarpio's respectively). There are dozens of Italian restaurants that are good to great, several Cuban and Mexican restaurants, excellent steak houses, waterfront fish restaurants, Thai, Vietnamese and Japanese restaurants and a couple of great burger locales. As a result, we don't starve.

The swimming pool is a catch — all during the day and I spend a good deal of time "Shmoozing" with my neighbors, who like me, are sun worshipers. I am not new to Florida. I actually have a picture of me as an infant being held by Uncle Nick (my mother's middle brother and my God father) at dock side in Miami Beach. It was just before WW II began … a long time ago.

In my early 20s, Sal Meli, a buddy from East Boston, and I spent summer vacations at the Fontainebleau Hotel on Miami Beach, a couple of times with other friends from East Boston and the North End accompanying us. Unfortunately Sal and the rest of those friends are gone.

I remember going through this same old age syndrome with both my father and Babbononno. My grandfather, toward the end of his life was living at a retirement home in East Boston. It was Easter and I headed to Eastie to pick him up for Easter dinner at my folks home. By this point in time, they had moved to Belmont. On the way to my folks, Babbononno was rather quiet. Normally when I picked him up for something, he was very talkative especially where family and politics were concerned. This time he looked serious and solemn. When I asked him what was wrong, he explained that he had gone to a wake for the last of his friends who were his age. At this point in time, he was in his late 90s. Once at my folks place, and a few glasses of wine later, he was in a happier mood. But, a few hours later, he was quiet on the way back to East Boston.

I experienced something similar with Dad, one Sunday back when I headed up the Musician's Association. There was a monthly Sunday breakfast meeting that we were going to and Dad was rearing to go when I got to his house. He was nervous and panicky. When I asked him what was wrong, he kept looking at his watch and told me we were going to be late. I assured him that we were not going to be late and nothing was going to transpire until I was at the head of the table. He calmed down a bit and his comment was, "I want to see the old timers, my friends."

Once we were at the restaurant, he kept looking around and finally asked, "Where are the old timers, they're not here." I pointed at him and said, "Dad, they are here … you're it. The musicians he had worked with years earlier were all gone. And so it goes.

After Dad passed away, I wanted to make sure that my mother didn't go through the same emotional stresses I had seen both Dad and Babbononno experience. So, a decision was made. Where ever we went, she would come along. Our sons were just preteen at this time and easy to control. During the summer months, summer Little League would end at the end of July and we would head to Florida for August. Mom was close to Uncle Nick, her middle brother, and we would all be together day and night for a month.

During the February and April school vacations, we would repeat the same scenario. These trips were always planned in advance giving Mom something to look forward to, hence alleviating stress or depression. We continued this until Mom had to head to a nursing home when she was in her late 90s.

Well, summer is ending and I anticipate cold weather catching up to us. This makes me think that it's time to head back to Florida. Actually, I think we will head down sometime in October and come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas with the family, but after December 25th, get out of my way, it will be time to warm up again.

I'm lucky in a way, a neighbor has the keys to my Florida cars and starts them up frequently to save the batteries. He also has the key to our mailbox, and anything important is forwarded up here. This same neighbor is the president of our community association and I've been trying to convince him that we need a bocce court. He's half Italian, so part of him understands. If Babbononno was alive, he and I would push the issue to eliminate one of the shuffleboard courts and replace it with a setup for bocce. Maybe by Christmas, my neighbors will see it my way.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

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Run dates: 09/05, 09/12, 09/19/2025

by Marianna Bisignano

In Italy, when Italians say *scampi*, they're not referring to the "Shrimp Scampi" we are accustomed to here in America. In fact, they're not talking about shrimp at all, but about langoustines which are shellfish that resemble small lobsters more than they do shrimp. In Italy, *scampi* is prepared simply by sautéing these crustaceans with olive oil, garlic and white wine, and serving them on their own. When Italian immigrants came to this country, it is believed langoustines weren't easy to find, so they substituted shrimp when making this dish and the name "Shrimp Scampi" was born. Over time, it grew into a beloved Italian American classic, gracing menus from neighborhood trattorias to the country's most iconic Italian restaurants, where it's served glistening in a garlicky butter and wine sauce over pasta or paired with warm, crusty bread.

My Nonna's Shrimp Scampi was much like the way she prepared *Linguine alle Vongole;* fresh shellfish gently simmered in a garlic, lemon, and white wine sauce that was flavorful but never overpowering. It was one of those late-summer dishes we all looked forward to, and it never disappointed. Absolutely delicious, it became a family favorite, and I promise if you make "Nonna's Italian American Shrimp Scampi," you'll understand exactly why we loved it so much!

NONNA'S ITALIAN AMERICAN SHRIMP SCAMPI

Scampi di Gamberi Italoamericani della Nonna

1 ½ pounds of capellini, spaghetti or linguine
¼ to ½ cup olive oil
¼ to ½ cup butter
6 large cloves garlic, thinly sliced
¾ to 1 cup white wine (such as Pinot Grigio)
Juice of 1 large lemon
2 pounds extra-large shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails left on
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Red pepper flakes, to taste
Handful of fresh parsley, chopped

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the pasta until al dente. Drain and place in a large bowl, tossing with a few pats of butter to coat. Reserve the pasta water for later.

In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil and butter together. Add the sliced garlic and let it cook just until fragrant, being careful not to let it brown. Remove the garlic and set aside.

Add the shrimp to the pan and raise the heat to medium-high. Cook until the shrimp are just pink on each side, then remove and set aside. Return the garlic to the pan, then pour in the lemon juice. Add the white wine to deglaze the pan, letting it cook down until slightly reduced.

Reduce the heat to low and return the garlic and shrimp to the pan. Season with salt, black pepper, and red pepper flakes to taste. Add the cooked pasta to the pan, tossing gently to combine. Let everything cook together for about 4 to 5 minutes, adding a couple of pats of butter, fresh parsley, and a few ladles of reserved pasta water to the sauce. If desired, adjust with a little extra lemon juice, add a drizzle of olive oil, toss once more, and serve immediately.

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Vin # 1HGCP2F48AA082989

2007 INFINITI G35
Vin # JNKBV61F47M816422

2015 KYMCO AGILITY
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Friends of Christopher Columbus (FOCC) Park

Wins 1st Place in Garden Contest

Members of the Christopher Columbus Park Horticultural Committee, winners of the 2025 Mayor's Garden Contest.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 Mayor's Garden Contest, FOCC Park Horticultural Committee. Their dedication and hard work in bringing back the original Christopher Columbus Park Rose Garden has not gone unnoticed, as this honor clearly reflects.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the sponsors, Jet Blue and Mahoney's Garden Center, thank you for participating in the mayor's 2025 Garden Contest. Since 1966, the contest has recognized gardeners who take pride in beautifying Boston with their gardening expertise and hard work.

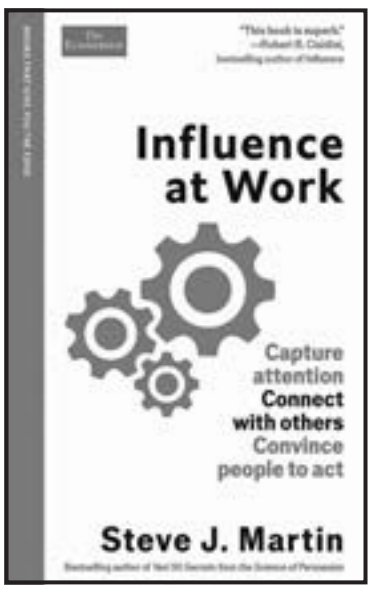
You are a wonderful organization and we all look forward to enjoying your masterful displays of horticultural splendor!

Influence at Work

BY STEVE J. MARTIN

Book Review by John Joseph Fahey

"Steve J. Martin is CEO of INFLUENCE AT WORK, a faculty director of behavioral science at Columbia University ..." And in addition to writing several other related works regarding the power of persuasion at the workplace, Martin shares with his readership a concise and easily applied program to, as the book's subtitle indicates "Capture attention Connect with others Convince people to act."



Another of the author's other books, *Yes! 50 Secrets from the Science of Persuasion* gives away the operative word in which denotes Martin's argument — namely that if one is to be successful, then influence is key and to be influential one must be persuasive. As the book states, "... to be influential requires an understanding of how the rules of influence work. Not just those mandated by logic, economics, and company policy but the unspoken rules too." Indeed, Martin's 246-page book, recently published by Pegasus Books, offers its audience a well reason and practical approach to becoming influential — and successful on the job — as well as off the job!

Throughout its three Parts, *Influence at Work* examines what Martin refers to as *The Influence Equation* — essentially three points that factor into how one achieves being influential. "The Influence Equation," writes Martin is predicated on evidence, economics and emotion. The following quote gives credence to this position: "Received wisdom suggests that the most effective way to influence others is to make an offer or proposition comprising the best evidence that the most appealing economic incentives. Reality proves that this is not always the case. Evidence and information, although crucial, isn't always enough to convince others. Economic factors, like financial incentives, are an important part too but like information are often only part of the story. Human emotions matter also. The feelings that people experience when one of the fundamental motivations of accuracy, connection and ego is triggered play a central role in what they choose to say yes to, and what they reject. This is true whether the goal is persuading a single individual, a group of people or an entire organization [sic] or country."

Martin brings this message across in a well-researched presentation — delineated by the respective aspects of the *Influence Equation* with ample anecdotal narrative.

The reader will ascertain Martin's message as allows one to not only understand the importance of what he saying but also realize that how practical and concrete the information is. It is reasonable to suggest that as one can appreciate that certainly the use of evidence (include reliability,) economics (include incentive,) and emotion (include empathy,) play such a vital role in being persuasive on the job.

Although Martin writes for those within the setting of the job site, and with the understanding of the role of those in managerial positions (relative to the crucial role of subordinates,) one can apply the principles Martin outlines in the book — and the strategies one can employ to accomplish a position of influence.

This is a book recommended for those not only high-level positions who want to make a difference in their managerial approach but is also suggested for the reader who would like a good basic outline to affect their own management style respective to potential employment in a supervisor capacity.

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approved by the FDA as tobacco cessation products or for medical uses.

Brookline was the first to ban the sale of tobacco products to individuals born after January 1, 2000, a ban that was challenged but upheld by the state Supreme Judicial Court. Sixteen other Bay State communities have adopted similar restrictions.

End Quote

"I am here to tell you that whatever you think your dream is now, it will probably change, And that's okay."

— Conan O'Brien

BCYF Nazzaro Center
Senior Calendar

Friday, September 5

10:30 a.m. Senior Live Better in Your Body
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Forever Young (Bocce & Archery Program)
(Langone Park)

Tuesday, September 9

Election Day

Wednesday, September 10

10:30 a.m. Senior Dance Fitness

Thursday, September 11

10:00 a.m. Senior Yoga
11:00 a.m. Senior Social Hour
11:30 a.m. Cold Lunch Provided by Ethos
1:00 p.m. Senior Bingo

Friday, September 12

10:30 a.m. Senior Live Better in Your Body
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Forever Young (Bocce & Archery Program)
(Langone Park)
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, September 16

11:00 a.m. Senior Social Hour
11:30 a.m. Cold Lunch Provided by Ethos
1:00 p.m. Senior Bingo

Wednesday, September 17

10:30 a.m. Senior Dance Fitness

Thursday, September 18

10:00 a.m. Senior Yoga
11:00 a.m. Senior Social Hour
11:30 a.m. Cold Lunch Provided by Ethos
1:00 p.m. Senior Bingo
**Alzheimer's Table in Nazzaro Center Lobby*

Friday, September 19

10:30 a.m. Senior Live Better in Your Body
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Forever Young (Bocce & Archery Program)
(Langone Park)

Monday, September 22

12:00 p.m. Senior Forum
(Nazzaro Center)

Tuesday, September 23

11:00 a.m. Senior Social Hour
11:30 a.m. Cold Lunch Provided by Ethos
1:00 p.m. Senior Bingo

Wednesday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Senior Dance Fitness

Thursday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Senior Yoga
11:00 a.m. Senior Social Hour
11:30 a.m. Cold Lunch Provided by Ethos
1:00 p.m. Senior Bingo

Friday, September 26

10:30 a.m. Senior Live Better in Your Body
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Forever Young (Bocce & Archery Program)
(Langone Park)

Tuesday, September 30

11:00 a.m. Senior Social Hour
11:30 a.m. Cold Lunch Provided by Ethos
1:00 p.m. Senior Bingo

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Francis Scott Fitzgerald was born on September 24, 1896, in St. Paul, Minnesota. His namesake (and second cousin three times removed on his father's side) was Francis Scott Key, who wrote the lyrics to the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Fitzgerald's mother, Mary McQuillan, was from an Irish-Catholic family that made a small fortune in Minnesota as wholesale grocers. When Fitzgerald was 12, his father Edward, lost his job, and the family moved back to St. Paul in 1908 to live off of his mother's inheritance.

He attended St. Paul Academy. When he was 13, he saw his first piece of writing appear in print: a detective story published in the school newspaper. In 1911, when Fitzgerald was 15 years old, his parents sent him to the Newman School, a prestigious Catholic preparatory school in New Jersey. There, he met Father Sigourney Fay, who noticed his talent and encouraged him to pursue his literary ambitions.

After graduating from the Newman School in 1913, Fitzgerald decided to stay in New Jersey to continue his artistic development at Princeton University. There, he dedicated himself to honing his craft as a writer, writing scripts for Princeton's Triangle Club, musicals as well as frequent articles for the *Princeton Tiger* humor magazine and stories for the *Nassau Literary Magazine.*

In 1917, the year the United States joined World War I, Fitzgerald dropped out of Princeton to join the Army. He wrote a novel called *The Romantic Egotist* in the weeks before reporting to duty. Although the publisher rejected the novel, the reviewer noted its originality and encouraged Fitzgerald to submit more work in the future.

Fitzgerald was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry and assigned to Camp Sheridan outside of Montgomery, Alabama. The war ended in November 1918, before Fitzgerald was ever deployed. Upon his discharge, he moved to New York City hoping to launch a career in advertising that would be lucrative enough to convince his girlfriend, Zelda Sayre, to marry him. He quit his job after only a few months, however, and returned to St. Paul

Fitzgerald published four novels during his lifetime and had been working on a fifth before his untimely death. From the start, Fitzgerald was a best-selling author to watch, though, at the time, he wasn't considered a literary equal to his contemporaries like Ernest Hemingway and William Faulkner. Today, he is considered one of the great American novelists of the 20th century.

Beginning in 1920 and continuing throughout the rest of his career, Fitzgerald supported himself financially by writing great numbers of short stories for popular publications such as *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Esquire*. Some of his most notable stories include "The Diamond as Big as the Ritz," "The Camel's Back," "The Last of the Belles," and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." In total, Fitzgerald wrote more than 160 short stories.

After completing *The Great Gatsby*, Fitzgerald's life began to unravel. Always a heavy drinker, he suffered prolonged bouts of writer's block. In 1937, Fitzgerald attempted to revive his career as a screenwriter and freelance storywriter in Hollywood. He achieved modest financial success for his efforts before his death three years later.

F. Scott Fitzgerald was married to Zelda Fitzgerald for more than 20 years. She was Fitzgerald's muse, and her likeness is prominently featured in his works including *This Side of Paradise*, *The Beautiful and Damned*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *Tender Is the Night*.

Fitzgerald met 18-year-old Zelda, the daughter of an Alabama Supreme Court judge, during his time in the U.S. Army. After a prolonged courtship, Zelda finally agreed to marry him. They were married on April 3, 1920, in New York City, just before the successful publication of his first novel, *This Side of Paradise*. In 1921, their only child, a daughter named Frances "Scottie" Fitzgerald, was born.

Beginning in the late 1920s, Zelda suffered from mental health issues. In 1930, Zelda suffered a breakdown. She spent the remaining years before her death in 1948 in and out of various health clinics.

Fitzgerald didn't live to see his wife's death. He passed away of a heart attack on December 21, 1940, at the age of 44, in Hollywood, California. Fitzgerald passed away believing himself unsuccessful, since none of his works received more than modest commercial or critical success during his lifetime.

EXTRA *Innings*

by Sal Giarratani

Natick's Joe Coleman All-Star Pitcher at 78

Joe Coleman, a right-hander who with his dad and son each won a MLB game, becoming the first to do so over three generations passed away earlier this summer. The Natick High School graduate was 78. Coleman won 142 games over 15 seasons and was an All-Star in 1972 with the Tigers, also named Joe was born in Medford and went 52-76 from 1942-1955 mainly with the Philadelphia A's, Orioles, and Tigers.

Joe Coleman was born in Boston and grew up in Natick. At the high school there he played both basketball and starred in baseball, winning 24 of 28 decisions. In 1965, he was signed by the Washington Senators for a $75,000 signing bonus, and for a time was the youngest player in the league.

In 1971, Coleman went 20-9 with a 3.15 ERA. He was third in strikeouts with 236. He went 19-14 in 1972, and in 1973, went 23-15. In his final season, he made 10 relief appearances for the 1979 We are Family Pittsburgh Pirates and in his career, he was 142-135 with a 3.70 ERA.

The Coleman family entered the record books when Casey Coleman pitched the Chicago Cubs to a 9-1 win over the Washington Nationals in August of 2010. He would pitch in 58 games for the Cubs Kansas City Royals from 201-14.

Eovaldi's Career-Best Season Likely Over from Injury

Right-hander Nathan Eovaldi is likely done for the season due to a rotator cuff strain. Eovaldi, 11-3 with a 1.73 ERA, had an MRI and was shut down because of soreness. The 35-year-old was caught off guard by this injury since he hasn't had any shoulder issues in his 14-year career. Eovaldi said, "Obviously, it's just frustrating given how great the season has been going ... I don't want to rule out the rest of the season but it's not looking very great."

Here is a photo taken at the Italia Unita Feast over in East Boston back in 2008. In photo is the late Joe Ligotti, aka "Guy from Boston," and Renee Scalfani standing in Central Square. Behind them can be seen the old Kelley's Square Pub location.

#4 Bobby Orr Scores Again

The *Boston Herald* recently conducted a poll asking which are the best statues in Greater Boston, and the readers have spoken loud and clear. The iconic bronze statue of the Boston Bruins Hero, based on a *Boston Herald* photo taken during the 1970 Stanley cup championship series, is often referred to as "The Goal," replicating one of the most famous photographs in sports, capturing Orr's excitement in winning the 1970 Stanley Cup.

Forty-four percent of Herald readers voted the Orr statue as their first choice, 16% chose the "Make Way for Ducklings" statue as their second pick, which recreates the duck family in Robert McCloskey's children's book, and the third choice went to the George Washington Memorial on the Boston Common with 10% of the vote.

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That means that people who work in arenas but don't make a lot of money — ushers, concession workers, custodial staffers, etc. — also have to be away from their families on "the number one family day of the year." In our opinion, they should not have to do so.

There are no really long homestands this season, the longest two spanning four games — one in early January and another starting at the end of that month and crossing into February.

Just as the Celtics open at home against Philadelphia, they will close the regular season at home against Orlando on April 12th.

Then hopefully, it is on to the playoffs once again. It is a long season if a team goes all the way. The Celtics will hold team media day in late September and if they do make it to the NBA Finals — and most everyone feels that making it to the championship round will be harder for the Celtics this season — then they will play into the middle of June.

However, one never knows as once again the journey begins.

Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Joe Bugner, Former British and European Champion
Passes Away on September 1st at the Age of 75

Only Man to Have Had Consecutive Fights with Ali and Frazier
In tribute to Joe Bugner who died on this past Labor Day, I am running this column I wrote in 2018. Joe deserves a lot more credit than he gets for his career.

Rest in Peace Joe Bugner, you are not forgotten.

Joe Bugner — Had Unique Accomplishment

Joe Bugner

Joe Bugner was born in Hungary in 1950. In 1956 during the Soviet invasion of the country his family fled to Great Britain where they settled. At school Joe excelled at sports and eventually gravitated to boxing, and after a brief amateur career he turned pro at the early age of 17. He got off to a poor start losing his first bout by a TKO in the third round.

That first loss did not discourage the young Bugner and he came back to win 18 straight, 13 by knockout. His next loss was to the more experienced American Dick Hall who won a decision over 19-year-old Joe.

Again, undaunted, Bugner would go undefeated in his next 14 fights earning himself a shot against Henry Cooper for the British Empire and European Heavyweight Titles. Bugner won by the closest of decisions that was booed by the crowd, but sportswriters were mixed on who they believed the victor was. Unfortunately for Joe, it was not only the controversy over the scoring but the fact he had ended the career of the beloved Henry Cooper that caused the public to turn on him. Being the man who dethroned "Our 'Enry" would prove a curse to him. Coupled with the fact he was not a native-born Brit he would not receive the adulation he should have gotten.

Joe winning the British and European titles from Henry Cooper.

Bugner was only 21 when he defeated Cooper and by that time, he had already beaten such known heavyweights as Jack O'Halloran, George Johnson, Chuck Wepner, Brian London, and Eduardo Corletti.

Joe defended the European title against Jurgen Blin but lost all his titles in his next bout against Jack Bodell. Bugner was criticized for not fighting hard enough to beat the veteran, a cry that would be heard throughout his career. There is a reason many believe Joe would often back off in a fight.

In a fight earlier in his career he defeated a fighter by the name of Ulric Regis by decision. Regis collapsed after the bout and later died from a brain injury. An autopsy ruled the death was from a preexisting medical condition, but the memory of that tragedy buried in his subconscious, would cause him to hold back in fights.

After the loss to Bodell, Joe came back winning ten of his next eleven fights while also regaining the European Title. This would pave the way for him to fight former champ Muhammad Ali in 1973. That year would prove to be a pretty amazing one for Bugner and it is what made him unique.

He began the year with a victory over Rudi Lubbers and then traveled to Las Vegas to take on Ali. You may remember this bout as the one where Ali wore a robe into the ring that was given to him by Elvis Presley emblazoned in jewels with the words People's Champ. At a party given days before the fight Joe met Elvis Presley and asked him if he could get a robe as well seeing that he was also a champion. When Elvis responded by saying "You're no champion" Bugner told the King to "Stuff it" and walked out.

Joe Bugner drives Ali back in their first encounter.

Joe went into the Ali fight an 8 to 1 underdog but gave a very good account of himself while losing a 12-round decision. You would think it would have been time for a rest, but not for the hard-working Bugner.

In his very next fight less than five months later he took on former champ Joe Frazier in England. In the tenth round Frazier dropped Joe with a left hook, but Bugner arose and hurt the former champ near the end of the round. While the decision was not in doubt, Frazier knew he was in a fight and looked the worse for wear at the end. Joe Bugner left the ring with his head held high last night. He also left going down in history as the only man to fight Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali in back-to-back fights.

Bugner lands a solid right on Joe Frazier.

Amazingly, Joe was not done fighting in 1973. He would close out the year with wins over Giuseppe Ros and the hard punching Mac Foster. He would continue winning bouts and earn a rematch with Ali who had by now regained the heavyweight crown. The fight took place on June 6, 1975 in Kuala Lumpur. Bugner was disappointing in this match fighting from a mostly defensive stance while losing a one-sided decision. This performance further fueled the anti-Bugner sentiment in England where it seemed he just could not get any respect from the fans.

At the age of just 25 he had gone the distance with Ali twice and Joe Frazier once. Taking the two former champs in the space of a few months was a truly remarkable feat, but one that is largely forgotten.

After the second loss to Ali, Bugner seemed to lose motivation. He continued fighting but at a much less hectic schedule. In many of his fights from this point on he did not appear to have the drive to again earn a title shot.

In 1986 he moved to Australia where he continued fighting as well as acting in movies. There was talk of him fighting Mike Tyson, but in 1987 after being stopped by Frank Bruno he retired. He was 37 years old at time.

He made a comeback in 1995 and won the Australian Heavyweight Title. He was victorious in 8 of his last 9 bouts before retiring for good at the age of 50 in 1999.

Joe Bugner is rarely mentioned when talk turns to the heavyweights of the 1970s, but he should not be forgotten. He had a stand-up European style and possessed a very decent left jab. He could put together combinations when he wanted to. He ended his career with a very respectable record of 69 wins (41 by knockout), 13 losses, and 1 draw. He was only stopped on four occasions.

Joe should be remembered as the only man to step in the ring with Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier in consecutive bouts. The fact that he did this within a few short months of each other is truly amazing, and for this Joe Bugner deserves respect.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss

The 2025-2026 regular season schedule for the Boston Celtics has been published and once again it features quite a few of the scenarios that have been unpopular with NBA players over the years.

Those are the infamous back-to-back games that call on teams to play two games on consecutive nights without the benefit of a day of rest in between.

Furthermore, most involve overnight travel from the site of the first game to the location of the second, often meaning after midnight arrival at hotels when one counts the amount of time involving ground transportation from the airport.

Only one of the consecutive game sequences does not call for the Celtics to travel. That will be on January 9th and 10th when the C's face Toronto on a Friday at the Garden and then come back to the parquet on Saturday to take on San Antonio.

That, however, is the only one of 12 such double combinations on the schedule. All the rest involve travel between games, increasing the possibilities of players engaging in the second game while not fully rested.

And don't forget, teams that travel from west to east for the second game face the possibility of losing one or more hours of rest because of a time zone change. That won't affect the Celtics this year since the only time they will cross time zones in a back-to-back situation will be when they play the Brooklyn Nets on January 23rd and then fly west to meet Chicago on January 24th, gaining an hour in the process.

When one thinks about it, the various occasions when teams do play two consecutive games in a row is no small matter. Some 24 games will be played under these conditions by the Celtics across the entire 82-game regular season schedule.

And that is a rather significant percentage since some 29 percent of the regular season games will be played under such scenarios. Thus, how a team fares in the back-to-backs can have a consequential effect on how it finishes in the standings — with possible playoff positions at stake.

The Celtics regular season opener and home opener will take place on October 22nd when the C's host the Philadelphia 76ers at the Garden. Two nights later the Green and White travel to New York for a rematch with the archrival New York Knicks — the team that eliminated them in the second round of the playoffs last season.

The first time the Knicks will appear in the Garden will be on December 2nd. After that one will have to wait since New York will not return to Causeway Street until April 9th. The two teams will also face each other in Madison Square Garden on January 9th.

December 5th should be a big night in the Hub since the Los Angeles Lakers will be in town on that date to face the Celtics in the latest renewal of their historic rivalry. The two teams will also play in Los Angeles on January 22nd.

The Los Angeles Clippers will be the official hosts of NBA All-Star Weekend with the festivities taking place at the Intuit Dome in Englewood, California during the weekend of February 13th-15th.

It will be the seventh All-Star Weekend to be held in the Los Angeles metropolitan area and the fourth hosted by the Clippers. It will also be the first one to be held in Inglewood since 1963.

Which brings us to a sad point when it comes to Boston sports. You see, the late Celtics original owner Walter Brown was instrumental in backing the idea of the NBA having an in-season All-Star Game. While a number of NBA executives were nervous that such a game would not be a success at the gate, Brown pledged to underwrite all expenses, if necessary.

That turned out not to be needed since the first game (won by the East 111-94 over the West) proved to be a huge success, drawing over 10,000 fans to the Garden on March 2, 1951. That was much higher than the average league-wide attendance of around 3,500 for regular season games at the time.

In fact, it was so successful that the second All-Star Game in 1952 was also played at the Garden with the East winning again, 108-91. Once again, more than 10,000 fans came to see the best players for the 1951-1952 season. And one player from that 1952 game is still with us. Bob Cousy turned 97 on August 9th.

But since that second All-Star Game (February 11,1952) there has never been another one in Boston. This coming February will mark 64 years since the NBA All-Stars last gathered in the Hub.

We do not know why. After all, the concept of having an NBA All-Star Game in the first place became a reality here. The first two games were played here.

We think a return is way overdue, especially since it all started here.

We hope that the new ownership group of the Celtics will impress upon NBA leadership the need to correct this oversight — hopefully in the near future.

This season's All-Star break comes once again in February and will give the Celtics a 10-day rest from competition. The break will also occur during the NHL shutdown for the Olympics, meaning the month of February will be light on pro sports activity in the Garden compared to most other years.

There are several four-game road trips plus a five-game one starting right after Christmas. The Celtics are not scheduled to play on Christmas for the first time since 2015. To which we say good. It was former Celtics player (and later coach) Chris Ford who once observed when he was bench boss that "Christmas is the number one family day of the year."

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