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East Boston's Italian Heritage Parade

Makes a Welcome Return

by Patti Sartori

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu cuts a ribbon to jump start the 2026 East Boston Italian Heritage Parade with assistance from State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representatives Adrian Madaro and Jeff Turco, Parade Chairman Joe Ruggiero, Sr., Chief Marshal Phil Brangiforte along with committee members and volunteers. ***(Photo Courtesy of the City of Boston)***

It was overwhelming to see the East Boston Italian Heritage Parade, Columbus Day Parade to native East Bostonians, return to the streets after an eight-year absence. The parade's comeback was more than just a celebration; it was a joyful reminder of the neighborhood's never wavering rich Italian-American heritage, traditions, and community pride. One of the highlights was greeting so many friends and neighbors, some who continue to reside in East Boston and others who showed up to honor their roots.

For generations, Italian immigrants and their families helped shape East Boston into the vibrant community it is today. Events such as this, help keep that Italian tradition alive for future generations. Hopefully this comeback marks the beginning of a new chapter for the East Boston Italian Heritage Parade, ensuring that this important celebration continues for many years to come.

Thank you to the parade committee, Chairman Joe Ruggiero Sr., Nick Moulaison, John Zirpolo, Ann Guange, Gina Guange, Josephine Speranza Tescione, Al Mangini, Jr., Martha Hanlon, Joe Rugggiero, Jr., and Catie Ruggiero, elected officials, Mayor Michelle Wu, State Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative Adrian Madaro, District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, and Representative Jeff Turco, candidates and parade participants.

An overwhelming debt of gratitude to everyone who worked behind the scenes without any recognition to make sure the day ran smoothly, attended a fundraiser, made a donation, expressed their support and set a chair along the parade route, cheering loudly as it passed by!

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

White House Press Secretary Out After Five Days

Katie Zacharia lasted five days before getting removed from her press gig. Her window of opportunity lasted all of a 14-minute briefing. Reportedly, President Trump picked her on the fly without going through his own White House Chief of Staff first. When asked who her replacement might be, the president stated there were many people who wanted the job.

BBC's Mixed Message

The BBC is being criticized for calling the riots engulfing France "mostly peaceful," while newscasts played footage of masked looters torching cars and clashing with police officers. The UK's Paris correspondent was reporting on the French protests earlier this week after a weekend of chaos that saw more than 2,400 arrested across the nation. The mostly peaceful protest was undercut by the BBC's showing of a clip of a burning car while rioters yelled in the background. The footage also showed masked crowds fighting police and starting fires and storming a wine shop. Critics mocked the BBC reporting for underplaying the street violence.

Super Trump Pac Will Pay for Those Taxpayer Paid Ads

Trump has reversed course and now his Super Pac will pay for those TV ads promoting him that had been airing nationwide. More than $10 million in taxpayer

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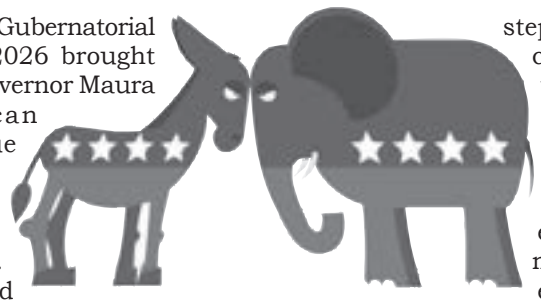
Affordability and Accountability Take Center Stage in Final Massachusetts Gubernatorial Debate

by Patti Sartori



The final Massachusetts Gubernatorial Debate on October 15, 2026 brought Democratic Incumbent Governor Maura Healey and Republican Challenger Mike Minogue face to face for one last major showdown before voters head to the polls on November 3, 2026. The debate highlighted the sharp differences between the candidates and their visions for the Commonwealth.

Affordability was a major theme throughout the evening. Minogue criticized Healey's record, arguing that high housing costs, energy bills, and the overall cost of living demand new leadership. He promoted cutting the gas tax and expanding natural gas infrastructure as ways to provide relief to residents. Healey defended her administration's efforts on housing and energy while arguing that President Donald Trump's policies have contributed to rising costs.

The candidates clashed over public safety and government accountability, including controversies involving state officials and employees. Minogue questioned Healey's leadership and oversight, while the governor defended her administration's response and highlighted steps taken to address misconduct. Immigration and the role of federal authorities also generated sharp exchanges while abortion rights provided another clear dividing line. Healey emphasized her commitment to protecting women's access to reproductive health care, while Minogue reaffirmed his personal pro-life beliefs but said he would uphold the law as governor.

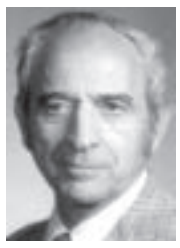
Who won the final debate? Healey defended her record and responded to Minogue's criticism, while her challenger pressed his argument that Massachusetts needs a change in leadership. Political observers suggested Healey largely maintained her position, although Minogue delivered pointed challenges on accountability and affordability.

Ultimately, the debate gave voters one final opportunity to compare the candidates before Election Day. With the cost of living, public safety, housing, energy, and reproductive rights at stake, the decision facing Massachusetts voters is whether to give Healey another term or take a chance on Minogue's promise of a different approach to governing.

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



VITRUM *(Continued)*

Lucretius is the first Roman writer to use the term "vitrum." However, Cicero had long before spoken of a substance similar to our glass that was used as a common item of merchandise. During ancient times, glass was chiefly used to make bottles, vases, cups, urns for cremated remains, and all in many different shapes and colors. Glass was also very skillfully used in making counterfeit sapphires, amethysts, carbuncles, and emeralds.

One decorative method employed by these ancients was to enclose gold leaf designs between two layers of transparent glass. They also used thick sheets of colored glass for paving floors or for wall and ceiling finishes. The excavations at Pompeii have revealed evidence of the use of flat glass for windows or for latticework screens. Mirrors were also known in antiquity, and were made from a heavy glass, covered with a thin leaf of metal at the back.

Glass was available in a variety of colors, but it was the clear, colorless variety that was most valuable at this time, and it is also noted that the art of etching upon glass was unknown to the ancients.

It is claimed that malleable glass was discovered during the reign of the Emperor Tiberius (about 25 A.D.). A story is told about a man who showed a glass vase to the emperor and then threw it to the stone floor. The vase did not break or crack, but instead was only dented like a piece of metal. The man then proceeded to hammer it back into its original shape. After numerous inquiries, the emperor was satisfied that no one else was acquainted with the secret, and the man was beheaded so that all of the precious metals would not lose their value when this new composition became generally known.

For those who haven't guessed it by this time, the punch line and moral of this story is "never lose your head over a piece of glass."

NEXT WEEK: *Church Columns*

North End Waterfront Residents Association

October Meeting

The monthly North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) Meeting was held on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. Annual election of officers for NEWRA were held, with the entire nominated slate unanimously approved. Congratulations to President Cheryl Del Greco, Vice-President Jenn Crampton, Secretary Cara Munnis, Treasurer Mary Ann D'Amato and Sergeant At Arms Ann Louise Puopolo.

District1 Community Service Officer Michael Mustacchio provided a monthly update on Boston Police Department happenings in the North End. Overall, it was another good month reassured Officer Mustacchio. Unfortunately, some issues continue, including package theft, and moped/scooter problems.

Tanya Del Rio, Commissioner of Inspectional Services Department (ISD) was slated to appear before the community group but due to a child care issue Assistant Commissioner of Constituent Services for ISD Jessica Thomas appeared in her place and addressed the issue of short-term rentals and Air B&B's. Many residents throughout the community had complaints and stories of problem properties, mainly pointing the blame to the property owners not the people renting. Thomas also touched on the ongoing rodent issues throughout the neighborhood.

Lexi Shetty, manager of communications and content for the City of Boston's 311 discussed the program and urged the community to use the app or call in with issues on a regular basis so these concerns will remain on the city's radar.

NEWRA meets each month on the second Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennet Street. Please make every effort to attend, voice your concerns, and support your neighbors.

Massachusetts Voters Face Nine Ballot Questions on November 3, 2026

by Patti Sartori

Massachusetts voters heading to the polls on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 will face an unusually lengthy ballot, with nine statewide ballot questions covering government transparency, labor rights, elections, taxes, conservation, housing, marijuana, and gun laws. These proposals could bring significant changes to how the Commonwealth operates and how its residents interact with state government. Understanding each question is important because a simple "yes" or "no" vote could affect taxpayers, and public safety policies for years to come.

Question 1: Public records and Government Transparency; A "yes" vote would make records held by the Massachusetts Legislature and governor's office subject to the state public records law, with certain exceptions. A "no" vote would leave the current exemptions in place. *The issue is government accountability and the public's right to know how elected officials conduct business.*

Question 2: Collective Bargaining for Public Defenders; A "yes" vote would allow employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, which provides legal representation to people who cannot afford attorneys, to participate in collective bargaining. A "no" vote would maintain its current rules. *The issue is worker's rights, employment conditions, and the operation of the public defense system.*

Question 3: Top Two Primary Elections; A "yes" vote would replace separate party primaries for state elections with one primary in which all candidates appear together, regardless of party. The two candidates receiving the most votes would advance to the general election. A "no" vote would retain the existing party-primary system. *The issue is whether change would encourage competition and give voters more choices, or restrict which candidates appear on the November ballot.*

Question 4: Same Day Voter Registration; A "yes" vote would allow eligible citizens to register to vote or update their registration on Election Day. A "no" vote would retain the current requirement to register at least 10 days before an election. *The issue is making voting more accessible while addressing concerns about election administration and verification.*

Question 5: State Tax Revenue Limits and Taxpayer Refunds; A "yes" vote would change how the state calculates its annual tax revenue limit, including how certain income tax revenue is counted. The proposal is intended to limit collections and affect potential taxpayer refunds when revenue exceeds the limit. A "no" vote would keep the existing calculation. *The issue is whether the state should limit tax revenue growth and return more money to taxpayers, versus preserving flexibility to fund government services.*

Question 6: Nature For All Fund; A "yes" vote would establish a dedicated fund for conservation, directing specified tax revenue from sporting goods, recreational vehicles, and golf related sales toward natural resource protection. A "no" vote would reject the new fund. *The issue is protecting parks, forests, waterways, and open spaces while considering whether earmarking revenue, limits funding available for other state priorities.*

Question 7: Minimum Lot Sizes for Single Family Homes; A "yes" vote would require municipalities to allow single family homes on qualifying residential lots at least 5,000 square feet, with required street frontage and access to public water and sewer. A "no" vote would leave existing local zoning rules in place. *The issue is expanding housing opportunities and potentially lowering barriers*

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St. Leonard Church to Celebrate All Saints Day

St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street in Boston's North End will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday November 1st, beginning with a 12-noon Mass, followed by a 1:00 p.m. procession. All parishioners, neighbors, friends and family are invited to join the local religious societies as they process through the neighborhood streets.

Honoring All Saints Day is an opportunity for Catholics to recognize canonized saints, martyrs, and all those known and unknown who have gained the reward of heaven, serving as a reminder that living a life of faith and virtue is a call for every Christian and encourages people to follow the examples of saints.

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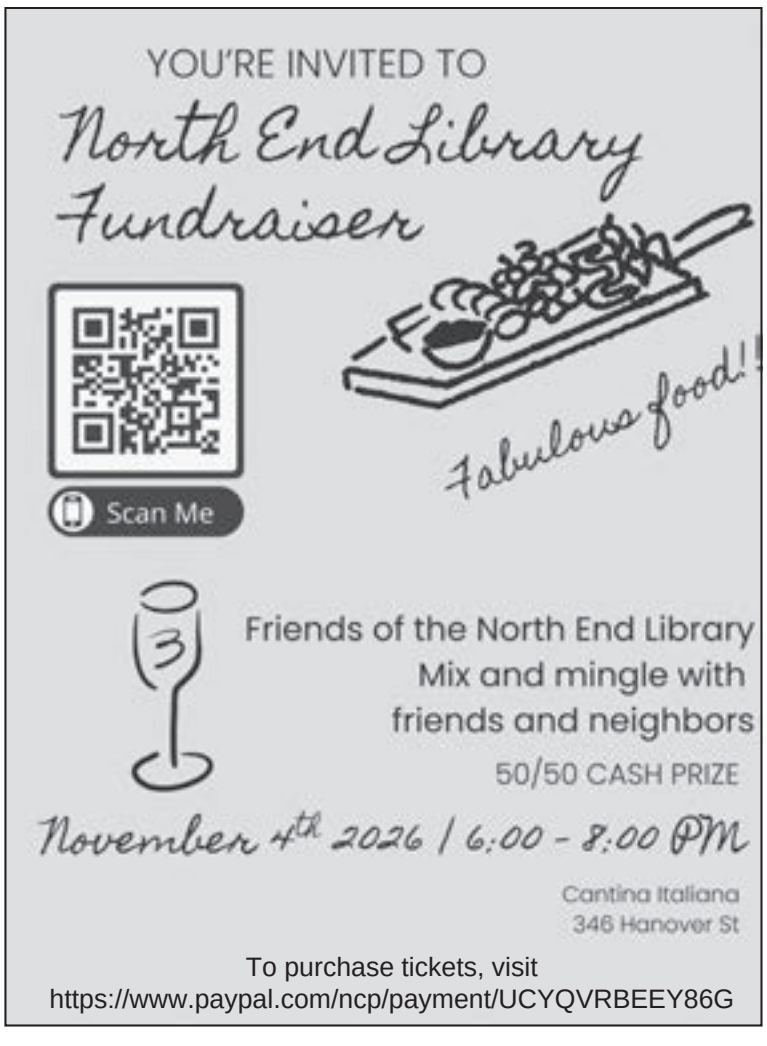

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October as Italian Heritage Month Celebrated at the State House

Adelaide Guarracino, President of C.A.S.IT announcing the 2026 Charles Capone Scholarship recipient Charlotte Zarba, Italian Language student of Winthrop High School at the State House. C.A.S.IT. strongly promotes Italian language and culture within Massachusetts communities and schools.

L-R: Andrew Reilly, Winthrop High School, ED.M, with October Italian Heritage Month 2026 Scholarship Recipient Charlotte Zarba of Winthrop High School receives C.A.S.IT. Scholarship in memory of life-long Winthrop resident Charles Capone presented by Gisella DiPaola, C.A.S.IT. Treasurer and Eagle Bank Senior Vice-President Retail Banking.

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Serata di Beneficenza

An Evening of Benefaction

L-R: Raffle Committee: Rita Pasquale, Lillian Diramio, Norma Reppucci, Olivia Scimeca, Doreen Merola; Richard Vita (President of October as Italian Heritage Month), Gisella DiPaola, Coordinator of the Fundraising Committee and Eagle Bank Senior Vice-President Retail Banking

Serata di Beneficenza was a special evening celebrating Italian heritage, creativity, and community in Boston's historic North End hosted by Italian Heritage Month and 2026 Honoree Frank DePasquale. The evening brought together supporters of Italian culture for dinner, community, and fundraising in support of Italian Heritage Month programs and other charitable efforts.

Guests enjoyed delicious appetizers, drinks and dinner at Umbria Restaurant on Hanover Street, a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, raffles and the opportunity to engage in community connections and conversation with friends and neighbors. The generosity of attendees and donors support important programs and organizations in Boston's North End. Proceeds directly benefit St. John School, the North End Historical Museum, C.A.S.IT., St. Leonard Church Peace Garden, ABCD NE/WE Neighborhood Service Center, NEMPAC, North End Cares and the North End Athletic Association (NEAA). These efforts promote education, arts, culture, historic preservation, youth development and community care.

The October Italian Heritage Month Committee of Massachusetts, in partnership with the Consulate General of Italy in Boston, promotes activities and events that celebrate Italian heritage, culture, language, education and innovation, and strengthens ties between Italy and Massachusetts. Much gratitude to Frank DePasquale for his generosity, Consul General of Italy to Boston Arnaldo Minuti, President of Italian Heritage Month Richard Vita, committee members and volunteers for delivering a delightful and successful evening.

Umberto, Umbria Manager, Frank DePasquale, and Head Chef Nello Caccioppoli

Gisella DiPaola, MC of the evening and Bianca Hoffman

Cheryl Caira OSDIA State Trustee and OSDIA National 1st Vice President Kevin Caira

Gail Salvati Orenberg, Richard Vita, Marie, Joe and Grandson Michael Salvati

L-R: St. Joseph members Jim Martorano, Eddie Summers, Mimi, State Representative Paul Donato and Ernesto Caparrotta

Johannah Malone and Julia Power, ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center

James Mitrano, Michael Colomba, Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti and Luciano Borelli

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Halloween's Frightful and Fun Journey

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

(Photo by benzoix on Magnific)

After those chilly and windblown autumnal rains that frequently mark the end of the October, the trees outside my bedroom always look particularly eerie. A few bright yellow leaves cling gingerly to slick black branches, shivering against the cool air. The thick gray clouds blanketing the sky offset the carpet of red and orange leaves strewn on the ground. On my way to work in the morning, jack-o-lanterns grin from doorsteps and cloth ghosts wave playfully from porches. At night, the ominous dark sky and whispering winds propel me indoors to my cozy home, surrounded by soft light and the scent of baked goods. Yes, the time has come for Halloween, the spookiest night of the year, when witches and ghosts and vampires depart our collective subconscious and enter the realm of the everyday world. During Halloween, nothing is what it appears to be, and the day pulsates with a mysterious, spine-tingling energy. Halloween remains one of my favorite holidays, not just because of the oh-so-welcome prevalence of chocolate, but also because it brims with a sense of wonder and possibility over all that is unknown and unexplainable. At times macabre, and often bizarre, Halloween has an equally colorful origin story. The feast as we know it today took an intriguing and complex journey across continents and ancient traditions in order to morph into the modern Halloween. With roots in a pre-Christian harvest festival and its strong association with the Catholic feasts of All Saints and All Souls, Halloween boasts a history full of fascinating twists and memorable customs.

The story of Halloween begins with the ancient Celts, who celebrated a holiday known as Samhain (pronounced sow-en, where "sow" rhymes with "cow") on November 1st, with festivities commencing on the preceding evening. Samhain was considered the first day of winter, and some scholars theorize it may have functioned as the Celtic New Year. Samhain represented a time of uncertainty and fear for the Celts: the harvest had just finished, and the cold days of winter were quickly approaching. A good harvest meant the difference between life and death for their agriculture-based society, so the Celts prayed for a successful crop. As nature itself appeared bare and barren on the blustery days of early November, Samhain retained a potent connection with death. Indeed, the Celts believed that the veil between the world of the living and that of the dead proved especially fragile on this transitional night, and that both good and bad spirits wandered the Earth during Samhain. Celts built bonfires and donned frightening costumes to deflect these spirits, and costumes continue to form an indelible part of modern Halloween. The Celts also hoped to ward off evil spirits by carving jack-o-lanterns, or hollowed turnips etched with eerie faces and illuminated by a candle inside. When Irish immigrants arrived in North America in the nineteenth century, they carried over this custom, substituting the pumpkin for turnips. Due to the fluidity between the worlds of the living and the dead, Samhain also served as an especially appropriate time for divination. Girls would toss apple peels over their shoulders in order to determine the initial of their future spouse, and people interpreted bonfires for omens concerning the harvest. Meanwhile, unsettling stories of ghosts returning to visit the living could also be found among our ancestors in ancient Rome, who held feasts to appease the *lemures,* or restless spirits, at other points of the year.

Samhain, the pre-Christian holiday commemorating the end of the harvest and acknowledging the specter of death, received another slew of customs when it merged with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, two Catholic feasts which likewise honor the dead. As Christianity spread across Europe in the early Middle Ages, the Church eventually attached All Saints' Day to the date of November 1st in order to bring a religious context to Samhain. All Saints' Day was also known as All Hallows, and the name of the previous evening, All Hallows' Eve, transformed into the name Halloween. While All Saints' Day revered the memory of deceased saints, a new holiday situated on November 2nd, All Souls' Day, sought to honor all the faithful departed. The popular practice of trick-or-treating harkens back to All Souls' Day. During the medieval tradition of *souling*, beggars and children would traipse door to door and receive spiced cookies known as soul cakes in exchange for prayers on behalf of the household's dead. Modern Italians do celebrate Halloween with all the usual trappings of witch decorations, glowing pumpkins and haunted attractions, but All Souls' Day remains the most significant festival of the dead in that country. On *il Giorno dei Morti,* or day of the dead, Italians visit and clean graves and attend special Masses for the deceased. In villages across the countryside, grandparents whisper bone-chilling tales of lost travelers who stumble into a church service on the night of All Souls and notice that the pews are lined with the wraiths of long-gone townsfolk. In some regions, children may leave offerings of food for wandering souls on All Souls' eve and find treats the next morning. In other areas, people munch on *ossa dei morti,* or nutty spice cookies whose creepy name translates to "bones of the dead"! I vividly remember learning about *el Día de los Muertos,* or the Latin American Day of the Dead, in my middle school Spanish class and making a cinnamon-topped anise bread known as *pan de los muertos.* It seems that spooky holidays know no geographical bounds!

On Halloween, I love to honor old traditions. I keep the ancient motifs of harvest's end and the pervading sense of the unknown in my mind as I celebrate Halloween in a folksy, homey manner. A wooden wreath sporting jack-o-lanterns and black cats adorns my door. I bake a pumpkin bread swirled with a ribbon of cream cheese every year, letting the autumnal scent of the spices pervade my kitchen. After handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, I snuggle with a cup of tea on my living room couch, watching special Halloween programs with my husband. These traditions combine to make Halloween one of my favorite and most meaningful holidays. Some people may be put off by the emphasis on death, but this actually stems from the customs of olden, earth-based festivals. As withered branches howl against the dark late October nights, it is no wonder that the ancient Celts turned to matters of mortality and legends of restless ghosts at this time of the year. However, Halloween also functions as a sort of new year, emphasizing the fact that the year is a cycle, with the sun and nature soon returning. By acknowledging the mysteries of the world and their place in the dark half of the year, we can truly learn to appreciate the light.

Happy Halloween!

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

We Have Lost Our Moral Bearings

There is no doubt in my mind that we have lost our moral bearings. Where we once debated right versus wrong, today we face a choice between good and evil — and only the devil wins when evil prevails. How many of us no longer make time for God? When anything goes, nothing goes right.

Reading today's newspaper headlines confirms the world is topsy-turvy. We have witnessed immense courtroom drama recently — first with Karen Read, who barely escaped with her freedom, and now with the ongoing trial involving a young woman allegedly exploited by police officers before her tragic death at the hands of one. Reading the reports from this murder trial leaves me feeling sick and dirty. I hope justice prevails.

In Massachusetts, Democratic politicians now advocate for the right to terminate a pregnancy up to the moment of birth, claiming it is guaranteed by the state constitution. It is not. We have devalued human life, treating it as a right only when convenient. Is this what Governor Healey is suggesting? What happened to right and wrong, or our shared humanity? We seem to be in a showdown with the forces of evil around us.

Greed is winning, and we have no one to blame but ourselves. We continue to elect damaging voices to public office or, worse, stop voting altogether, allowing this atmosphere to persist. I am voting this November because failing to do so allows others to dictate who we become and what America represents. Leaving a ballot blank is a victory for our opponents.

I wish Massachusetts had a robust Republican Party, but at the moment, it does not. We need to make the best choices we can in hopes that one day we will no longer be subjugated to one party rule.

Government is our business. We can choose to run it or let it run us. The choice remains ours until further notice.

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Alfred's Sicily

by Alfred M. Zappalà

Heat-Wave House Arrest — Sicilian Style

I have lived in Sicily long enough to know what a real Sicilian summer feels like. July and August are hot, and they are supposed to be hot. You learn to adjust your life accordingly: close the shutters during the worst part of the afternoon, drink plenty of water, find the shade whenever possible and save anything unnecessary for later in the day. After all these years, I thought I had become pretty good at handling it. Then came this past summer, when for roughly twenty days the temperatures in eastern Sicily hovered between the high nineties and the low hundreds, and even the nights seemed unwilling to give us a break.

The heat would have been enough by itself, but it arrived after what had already been an interesting year. Earlier, Cyclone Harry had battered eastern Sicily and devastated much of the Riviera dei Ciclopi, the beautiful stretch of Ionian coastline where I live. Once we recovered from that, our attention turned to the annual danger of wildfires. During the last five years, we have had to evacuate our home at least twice because of approaching fires, so when summer arrives, looking toward the hills for the first sign of smoke becomes almost instinctive.

And then there is the rain — or perhaps I should say, what rain? Sicily can go for long stretches begging for water, but when it finally arrives, it sometimes comes with such force that streets can turn into rivers within minutes. Several years ago, I drove into what appeared to be an innocent puddle and discovered, much too late, that it had approximately the depth of the Pacific Rim crater. The water flooded the engine and killed my poor little car. One minute I owned an automobile; a puddle later, I owned a very large paperweight.

By the time the August heat wave arrived, I figured Sicily had already given us cyclone, flooding rain, wildfires and temperatures approaching 100 degrees. The only thing missing was pestilence. So far, we haven't had any, but I continue to keep an eye out for grasshoppers.

During those twenty days, even my house began surrendering. My refrigerator could no longer keep the refrigerator compartment properly cold, although fortunately the freezer still worked, so I began loading it with ice to help the poor machine along. Keeping the food cold became a small engineering project. Meanwhile, the air conditioner in my bedroom, which drains moisture through a hose into a bucket, was producing so much water that I had to empty the bucket three times a day. At that point I wasn't sure whether the machine was cooling my bedroom or attempting to drain Sicily.

That was when Eszter decided intervention was necessary.

"You're staying inside."

There was nothing particularly dramatic about the way she said it, which somehow made the announcement more ominous. This was not a suggestion, and it certainly wasn't the beginning of a discussion. I am an attorney, helped start a law school and spent a substantial portion of my adult life teaching people how to argue. None of those qualifications impressed Eszter. She had reviewed the evidence, reached her decision and, as far as she was concerned, the case was closed.

I was under house arrest.

Fortunately, certain essential functions of civilization still had to continue, and one of them was garbage disposal. Taking out the garbage has always been one of my jobs around the house, but during my incarceration it suddenly became a privilege of enormous importance because the garbage bins were located outside. What had once been an ordinary household chore was now my daily furlough.

I would carefully tie the bag, announce that I was going downstairs and begin what should have been a two-minute journey. Once outside, however, I saw no particular reason to hurry. I might look around the neighborhood, check the sky, enjoy a few minutes beyond the walls of my confinement and breathe whatever portion of the atmosphere wasn't trying to kill me. What could reasonably have been accomplished in two or three minutes began taking considerably longer.

It didn't take Eszter long to notice.

She wanted to know why throwing away one bag of garbage required an expedition. I explained, quite reasonably, that Sicilian garbage disposal is a complicated business. We have different bins, different categories, different days and enough regulations to require the analytical skills of a tax attorney. One does not simply march outside and recklessly dispose of a yogurt container. There are procedures to be followed.

My argument failed.

Before long, I noticed Eszter examining the garbage bag and then examining me. Hadn't I already taken out the garbage that morning? Was this particular bag actually full? How could two people suddenly be producing enough household waste to supply a small restaurant? I began to suspect that if the heat wave lasted much longer, my garbage was going to be weighed before I was permitted to leave the house.

Then the situation became considerably more serious because my daughters, Catie and Jennifer, somehow joined the operation. I don't remember whether Eszter recruited them or whether they volunteered, but suddenly three women in two countries were monitoring my movements. What had begun as house arrest had evolved into international surveillance.

The telephone became their command center. A perfectly innocent admission that I had "gone outside for a few minutes" could result in questions about where I had gone, how long I had been outside and whether I had been standing in the sun. Information also traveled through this network with remarkable speed. I had practiced law for decades, yet apparently, I had forgotten the first rule of criminal defense: when three women are investigating you, keep your mouth shut.

Then September 1st arrived, and something almost magical happened.

I have seen it before in Sicily, but it still amazes me. It was as though somebody had finally found the thermostat. After weeks when even the nights had remained brutally hot, the temperature began falling. Within days, nights that had been in the nineties slipped into the eighties and eventually settled comfortably into the seventies. Doors opened again, people returned to the streets, and my decks became places to enjoy rather than places to survive. The Ionian Sea once again looked inviting instead of like the backdrop to an enormous outdoor furnace.

My Sicily had returned.

Looking back on those twenty days, I learned a couple of things. The first is that when three women who love you independently reach the same conclusion about what you should be doing, there may be considerable strategic value in keeping your mouth shut. The second — and this is considerably more difficult for me to admit — is that perhaps Eszter, Catie and Jennifer had a point. There is a difference between surrendering your independence as you grow older and being smart enough to make an occasional adjustment. There is no particular glory in proving that you can stand outside in 100-degree heat simply because nobody can stop you.

So, I have developed a plan for next summer. When Sicily enters those final couple of weeks of July and the four weeks of August, I may exercise one of the great privileges of having two countries I call home and return to America for six weeks. I'm thinking about Lake Winnipesaukee or perhaps Hampton Beach in New Hampshire, places that carry memories of New England summers and would put me close enough to family and old friends while Sicily conducts its annual experiment in human roasting.

I haven't decided exactly where I will stay, but I have established several nonnegotiable requirements. Wherever it is must have good air conditioning, plenty of shade and a swimming pool. Preferably, somebody else will also be responsible for the refrigerator.

Then, as September approaches, I'll return to Sicily just as the temperatures begin to fall. I'll sit on my deck with my coffee, look toward the Ionian Sea and congratulate myself on finally acquiring a little wisdom in my old age.

Of course, if Eszter, Catie and Jennifer discover that I've actually taken their advice, I'll never hear the end of it.

So, let's keep this between us.

Attorney Alfred M. Zappala has lived in Sicily for the past twenty years and is the author of six books about Sicily. His books are available on Amazon in Kindle and paperback editions. His latest book was released on Amazon earlier this month. Readers can reach Attorney Zappala through his website, alfredzappala.com.

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PIRANDELLO LYCEUM TO HOST Author Anthony M. Sammarco

for an Evening Celebrating "The Christmas Tree Shops"

The Pirandello Lyceum will present an evening with acclaimed author Anthony M. Sammarco on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the East Boston Branch Library, 365 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA. Sammarco will discuss his book, *"The Christmas Tree Shops,"* which chronicles the history and enduring appeal of the beloved New England retailer.

The Christmas Tree Shops was more than a retail icon — it was a destination. Its stores offered a wide assortment of seasonal decorations, home décor, housewares, food, giftware, and unexpected finds that kept bargain hunters returning.

Founded in 1970 in Yarmouth Port, MA, the store was "like walking into a closet full of surprise treasures." Customers never knew what they might discover, and word-of-mouth enthusiasm helped make the shops a distinctive Cape Cod attraction and a cherished part of New England shopping culture.

During the program, Sammarco will share the story behind the company and reflect on why generations of shoppers found it difficult to resist its bargains and one-of-a-kind assortment.

• **East Boston's Italian Heritage Parade** (Continued from Page 1)

East Boston Italian Heritage Parade Committee members gather in Suffolk Downs prior to the start of the parade.

Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy President John Romano with members of the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183 as they prepare to ride in the East Boston Italian Heritage Parade.

Honorary Chief Marshal George Gambale (middle), his brother, Alfonse (right), and Kenny McDonough (left)

Christopher Columbus George Gardner

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata and Family

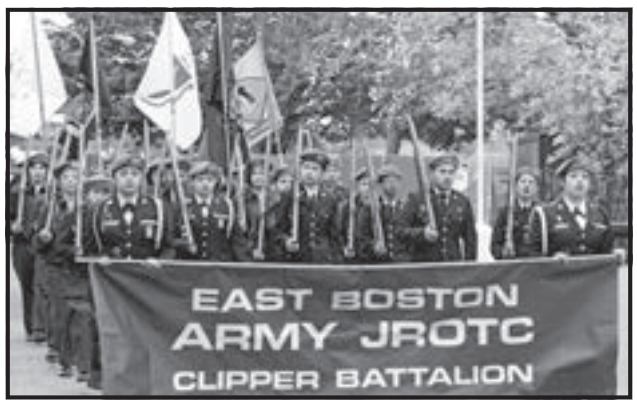
Miss Massachusetts Ashlyn Mercier

Santa Claus

Aleppo Shriners

National Lancers Ceremonial Mounted Calvary Unit ride proudly in the 2026 East Boston Italian Heritage Parade.

(L-R): Kevin Ramirez Jacqueline Brangiforte Shea and Alexandra Brangiforte proudly wave Italian Flags in honor of their dad, Chief Marshal of the Parade Phil Brangiforte



Gabriella Ribeiro and Bailey Napoli ride atop Pascal Gangi's Madonna del Soccorso float during the East Boston Italian Heritage Parade.

Boston Fire Department displays the American Flag across Meridian Street during the 2026 East Boston Italian Heritage Parade.

(Photos by Gerri Palladino)

Saint Gregory Grassi

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

He was born Pier Luigi Grassi in Castellazzo Bormida, in the Piedmont region of Italy, on December 13, 1833. At the age of 15, on November 2, 1848, he took the Franciscan habit in the Friary of Montiano, Romagna, with the name Gregory. His solemn profession was made one year later, on December 14, at which time he was then sent to Bologna to do his seminary studies, and was ordained priest on August 17, 1856 in Mirandola.

Grassi was sent to Rome for further training to prepare for his mission to China.

In 1860, Grassi was assigned to Taiyuan, China, where he was appointed Mission Promoter, Director of the mission orphanage, and choirmaster of the seminary.

On January 25, 1876, he was chosen as the Coadjutor Vicar Apostolic for the Apostolic Vicariate of Shanxi. On June 17, 1891, he assumed authority over the Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Shanxi. On September 6, 1891, he established a novitiate to provide access to Franciscan life for the Chinese of all four vicariates in Shanxi and a rest home for overworked missionaries. He was known for his humility, deep prayer life, and tireless dedication to the poor, orphans, and plague victims. He established schools, hospitals, and orphanages, winning the respect of both Christians and non-Christians.

When the short but bloody Boxer Rebellion broke out in Peking in June 1900, and the Empress Dowager Cixi issued the Imperial Decree of declaration of war against foreign powers, Grassi was urged to flee. He responded, "Ever since I was twelve, I have desired and also asked God for martyrdom. Now that this longed-for hour has come, must I run away?

His life ended in martyrdom during the Boxer Rebellion, a violent anti-foreign and anti-Christian uprising. In July, 1900, the local governor ordered the arrest of all missionaries. Refusing to flee or abandon his flock, Bishop Grassi was arrested alongside other Franciscan friars, nuns, and native lay Catholics. On July 9, 1900, he was publicly executed by beheading in Taiyuan.

At the beginning of July, the Provincial Governor of Shanxi, Yuxian, ordered the arrest of the European missionaries in the province. These killings are known as the Taiyuan massacre.

Grassi and his companions were beatified on November 24, 1946, by Pope Pius XII and later canonized on October 1, 2000, by Pope John Paul II as part of the 120 Martyrs of China. The Feast day of Saint Gregory Grassi is July 9.

City of Revere Hosts
ITALIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

It may not have been a parade heading down Broadway Revere, but the city's Italian Heritage Celebration held on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at the VFW in Beachmont, was a full out extravaganza. Under the guidance of City Councilor Angela Guarino Sawaya it far surpassed the traditional flag raising at City Hall. The hall not only overflowed with red, white and green decorations but was at capacity with proud Italian-American attendees.

An abundance of food was generously donated by many local restaurants, including Volare, Floramo's, DeMaino's, S&L Subs, Prince Pizzeria in Saugus, Avellino's in Medford, Caffe Avellino in Swampscott, Nick's Bistro in Revere and Winthrop, Manny's Bakery, Valsos Table, Toretta's Bakery, New Deal Fruit, Kelly's Roast Beef, Chocolaffee, Luigi's Pizza, Baked & Beguiled, as well as donations from Rockland Trust on Broadway in Revere, Jim Mercurio, Michael Zaccaria, Annemarie Lara Pizziferri, John Kingston & Angela Guarino-Sawaya.

The evening was hosted by Steve Morabito and Councilor Guarino-Sawaya. Featured entertainment was provided by The One & Only Boston Guido, Food Personality Stevie "The Wicked Snackah" D'Amato, DeJa'Vu Band, Vincenzo Amara, Alex the Violinist and dancers from the Studio Dance Complex.

Special guest speakers and invited dignitaries were Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti, President of Italian Heritage Month Richard Vita, Revere Mayor Patrick O'Keefe, State Representatives Jeff Turco and Jessica Giannino, as well as Revere City Council Vice-President Angela Guarino-Sawaya. Local Developer Jamie Russo generously donated a $5,000 scholarship in memory of his parents, to be chosen at a later date and will be awarded to a Revere High School student studying Italian language. Also honored with a special award for her commitment to maintaining her Italian heritage, traditions, values, strong work ethic and pride was AnneMarie Lara Pizziferri.

Mayor of Revere Patrick Keefe addresses a capacity crowd at the VFW in Beachmont, celebrating Italian Heritage Month 2026.

Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti receives a resolution from Revere City Councilor Angela Guarino Sawaya, during Revere's Italian Heritage Month celebration, recognizing his commitment to strengthening the relationship between the United States and Italy.

(L-R): Steve Morabito, Danielle Zaccaria, Revere City Councilor Angela Guarino Sawaya, and Corrie O'Neil at the Revere Celebrates October as Italian Heritage Month Extravaganza.

Members of Revere's Finest, led by Police Chief Maria LaVita, assist with the 2026 Italian Heritage Celebration.

WINTER HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE ST FRANCIS HOUSE

THE NORTH END FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS HOUSE WILL BE PARTNERING AGAIN THIS YEAR WITH GREENWAY REALTY GROUP FOR THE ANNUAL WINTER HAT AND GLOVE COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS.

THE DRIVE WILL BEGIN **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND** AND RUN THROUGH **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH.**

WE ARE COLLECTING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BRAND-NEW WINTER HATS AND GLOVES. NO USED ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. IF YOU CANNOT GET TO A STORE, YOU MAY DROP OFF A CASH DONATION WITH OLIVIA, AND WE WILL PURCHASE THE ITEMS FOR YOU.

ALL ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE **GREENWAY REALTY GROUP OFFICE, 169 SALEM STREET.**

THE NORTH END FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS HOUSE AND THE GREENWAY REALTY GROUP THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS KEEP WARM!

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The Post-Gazette accepts memorials throughout the year.

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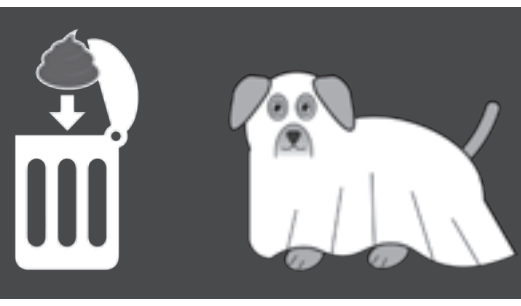
PET WASTE IS NOT A TREAT FOR OUR WATERWAYS!

Polluted waterways? Now thats scary!
Pet waste discarded on the street or in catch basins carries harmful bacteria straight into the waterways we rely on for recreation. Proper disposal of pet waste protects the environment and our waterways from contamination.

Remember to "Scoop the Poop" and dispose of pet waste in the trash.



WE ARE ALL CONNECTED
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Boston Water and Sewer Commission

VIDEO VIEWS
by Bob Morello
... more than meets the eye

THE MORNING SHOW
(4-DVD) CJ Ent./Fifth Season

The Morning Show, starring Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon, explores the cut-throat world of morning news and the lives of the people who help America wake up in the morning. In season three, the future of the network is thrown into question and loyalties are pushed to the brink when a tech titan takes and interest in their fictional network, UBA. Unexpected alliances form, private truths are weaponized, and everyone is forced to confront their core values both in and out of the newsroom. All ten episodes from Apple TV+ are featured on this 4-disc set.

ELIJAH PEEL *(DVD)*
Pinnacle Peak

From executive producers Willie and Korie Robertson. When a heart attack forces addicted rock star Elijah Peel to face his past, an encounter with a terminally ill girl inspires a painful, redemptive journey to save his life and soul. Starring Robert Malcolm Cumming, Kevin Sorbo and Evelyn Kite in this moving film inspired by a true story.

CITIZEN VIGILANTE
(Blu-ray) Quiver Dist.

A man takes justice into his own hands, hunting down criminals. His vigilante crusade turns him into a social media sensation while putting him at odds with law enforcement and drawing the attention of dangerous enemies.

SEX AND THE EMPEROR
(Blu-ray) 88 Films

Sex and the Emperor is a lavish and provocative entry in Hong Kong's cinema, blending historical drama, erotic spectacle, and darkly comic intrigue into a decadent portrait of power and excess within the imperial court. The film dives headfirst into the hedonistic underbelly of palace life, where politics, desire, and cruelty intertwine behind closed doors. Told through the perspective of Li, a palace servant who secretly retains his manhood despite posing as a eunuch, he becomes an indispensable tool of the emperor's whims. Li finds himself caught between survival and complicity in a world ruled by unchecked authority, as the film reveals a court driven as much by lust and manipulation, as by power and control.

EVERYONE CALLS ME MIKE
(DVD) IndiePix Films

Sailing the world aboard their blue schooner, Jean, Isabelle, and Isabelle's young son Damien stop in Djibouti to repair a broken engine. There they meet Mike; a resourceful taxi driver who helps them track down a hard-to-find part. As their search drags on, Mike asks to join them on the next leg of their journey. Jean is reluctant, but with the dangerous Gulf of Aden ahead, an extra pair of hands could be useful. When they set sail for the Seychelles, Mike comes aboard. After several days at sea, a Somali fishing vessel approaches. The fishermen reveal themselves to be pirates and seize the schooner, taking the crew hostage. Then, without warning, Mike pulls out a gun and kills the pirates' leader, saving the family. The immediate danger is over, but the boat's radio has been destroyed, and land is still days away. Alone on the open ocean, Jean and Isabelle find themselves trapped with a man they barely know.

THE HAUNTED COP SHOP
(Blu-ray) 88 Films

The Haunted Cop Shop is set in a police precinct that was previously a hangout for Japanese soldiers during the war, the spirits of those who died there are restless, and looking for living victims. It's up to slacker cops Jacky Cheung and Ricky Hui to silence the unquiet dead once more. As the hauntings escalate, it becomes clear that surviving the night will require more than courage — it will take luck, ingenuity, and a willingness to embrace the absurd. The film is wildly entertaining horror-comedy that blends supernatural chills with slapstick humor and irreverent genre mashups.

THIS OLD MAN *(Blu-ray)*
Ruby Max Ent.

This Old Man follows a drifter lost in a bitter winter storm, the drifter encounters an eerie Old Man rocking silently in the snow, clad in a WWII coat. The Old Man, clutching bizarre self-portraits wordlessly leads the drifter to a dilapidated, frozen hotel. With night falling and no other options, the drifter follows the spectral figure into the ruins, where ghosts make themselves known to those who are made of flesh and bones. Inside, behind a wall, the drifter discovers the Old Man's skeleton slumped in a rocking chair, draped in the dust-covered remains of the same WWII coat, and in his lap the bundle of drawings. The drifter realized the Old Man had walled himself in years ago, in the final stages of his life.

THE INNER VOICE
(Blu-ray) Ruby Max Ent.

Johnny Penn, a struggling Indie filmmaker, finally gets his big break through Leon Spickle, an unscrupulous, flamboyant producer with an unsavory past. To fund the production of his "B" movie, Spickle convinces Johnny to secretly "borrow" money from the bank account he shares with his girlfriend. The gamble backfires when Leon vanishes with the money, leaving Johnny's career and relationship in ruins. Ultimately, Johnny must seek redemption and a second chance with the help of an unlikely ally.

MAGICK MTN.
(DVD) Cleopatra Venom

Lord Mmorke, a tepid and ghoulish narrator, walks us through 3 separate fables all intersecting in a realm beyond the tangible. Rituals and retellings about a Deathrock squatter jailed by a sadistic psychiatrist, and the evils of regret, a pair of criminal plumbers plunging further towards hell's grips and the beer-soaked leather of the Sunset Strip, and an architects ambition built on the shaky bedrock of the Devil's promise. What begins as a tale, ends in a spell cast upon unsuspecting characters and audiences alike.

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

RESTAURANT NITE FUNDRAISER AT LA SIESTA RESTAURANTE

The fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, November 4, starting at 4:30 p.m., in support of the Winthrop Council on Aging. Proceeds will help fund programming and trips at the DeLeo Senior Center, with 10% of all dine-in, take-out, and bar purchases going to the Friends of WCOA. For more information, please call 617-846-8538.

IN MEMORY OF TIM JANUS

Tim Janus, one of the world's highest-ranked competitive eaters, recently passed away in Boston at age 49. Over his career, his achievements included consuming 4 pounds of tiramisu in 6 minutes, 10.5 pounds of ramen in 8 minutes, and 7.7 pounds of boneless buffalo wings in 12 minutes. He found his passion in competitive eating, often noting that it was never just about the food or the cash winnings, but rather "about the adventure."

We all have our callings in life. Janus had his tiramisu, ramen, hot dogs, cannolis, and Marshmallow Peeps, setting records that still stand today. It is sad that he passed away so young, but he truly seemed to enjoy his life scarfing down food in record time. To each his own.

HARBORING CREATIVITY

Stop by the ICA Watershed and East Boston Shipyard on November 7-8 from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., for an art exhibit and sale featuring local East Boston artists. You can meet the artists on Saturday, November 7, at a reception from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Admission is free.

CHUBBY CHECKER BACK AT THE TOPSFIELD FAIR BANDSTAND

Did you make it to the Topsfield Fair on Friday, October 9, to catch Chubby Checker on stage for the first time in four years? He remains a living legend, especially to all of us baby boomers still kicking around.

NEWS FROM SACRED HEART PARISH

The next monthly East Boston Community Dinner will take place in the church hall on Wednesday, November 11, from 5:00 p.m-7:00 p.m. Additionally, the annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 14, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PIGEONS ARE PUBLIC ENEMY #1

The MBTA is trying to rid pigeons away from MBTA stations. Pigeons often known as flying rats have been a persistent problem going back at least to my childhood. Now the T brass is working on a plan system-wide making this number 2 problem its number 1 priority. We shall see. The T admits to already trapping over 300 pigeons and other "nuisance birds" with no plans for killing any of them. Afterall, we are a woke culture today. Other ideas up for grabs are renting falcons. Not just any falcons, but one programmed to just scare pigeons away from MBTA property without eating them.

Hey, this idea is far better than the one the MBTA used at such stations as the old Sullivan Square station where they unsuccessfully tried blocking off the station's upper levels. They then put up a wired net above the buses and patrons below. The end result was viewing untold numbers of dead pigeons above. Looked horrible from below as some kids started counting all the dead birds.

In the end, I think the pigeons are going to win out again.

See you next week.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

funds have been running since September. These ads on cable and network TV were paid through a $20 million contract using funds from Department of Homeland Security.

Kennedy Vs. Pol Renaming

U.S. Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) called for a new rule to ensure that politicians can't have buildings named after them until they are dead. "You can't spend public money to promote yourself," Kennedy just told *Face the Nation* this past Sunday when asked about President Trump's use of government dollars for a politically tinged ad campaign. He added, I also think that we ought to have a rule that no politician can have a building named after him while he's alive."

Vlad Eyers "Old World Order"?

Russian President Vladimir Putin appears to be pushing a trilateral meeting with both President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping to negotiate an end to the war in Ukraine and some think he may have bigger plans too. Some think he wants to do a replay of the 1945 Yalta Summit in which divided Europe and created spheres of influence after WWII.

Fatal Inattention

A mom of seven was fatally struck by a train on her morning run in Arizona, likely because she was in her "own world" filming herself while wearing noise-cancelling headphones, according to her family.

The 47-year-old runner had started filming her morning run as part of a health kick that coincided with her getting baptized. She shared her last clip telling everyone she was taking running seriously. She gives a peace sign to a passing train blasting its horn before being hit by another train going in the opposite direction. End of story.

End Quote

"A plane flying from Dubai to Israel was diverted after an altercation between the pilot and co-pilot."

— NY Times report, October 14

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 09D3274

MARIE MAHONEY, Plaintiff(s)
v.
RYAN MAHONEY, Defendant(s)

To the above-named Defendant(s) **Ryan Mahoney**

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff seeking a Complaint for **Modification**.

You are required to serve upon **Marie Mahoney** or attorney for Plaintiff(s) **Marie Mahoney** whose address is 6 Witherbee Terr, Mailbox 11, Marlborough, MA 01752 your answer on or before **11th day of November 2026**.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed with the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at **370 Jackson St., 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.

Witness, **TERRI KLUG-CAFAZZO, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 30th day of September, 2026**.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court

Run date: 10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. SU26P1979EA

Estate of
MICHAEL J. WASHINGTON

Date of Death: June 26, 2026

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ina C. Washington** of **Boston, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ina C. Washington of **Boston, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **October 24, 2026 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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Vin# L5AB2LDE5TWB00231

2017 TAOTAO CY50-E, BLUE
Vin# L9NTEACX5H1353791

2025 ZHILONG Q-MAX, BLUE
Vin# HZ2TCDMNXS1000880

2025 ZHILONG ST, BLACK
Vin# HZ2TBCNF6S1014571

2025 ZHILONG TANK, RED
Vin# HZ2TCDL41S1003546

Run dates: 10/09, 10/16, 10/23/2026

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance

We're in the middle of football season. I'm basically a baseball fan, but will watch and enjoy a Patriot's game. My sons have asked me why I didn't play football in high school. I have given them excuses: I had to work at the Seville Theater, I had too much homework, and the practice field was too far away from East Boston. These were all good and viable excuses, but there was another reason that I didn't share with my sons. I was thrown off the English High School football team by Bill Stuart, the head coach, because of carrying two duffle bags, one with my equipment and the other with submarine sandwiches.

The problem started out when I was a sophomore at EHS. I had graduated from the Joseph H. Barnes Junior High School when it was the middle school for my neighborhood. While attending the school I discovered that the cafeteria food was an affront to my taste buds. My only recourse was to bring food from home, and most of us with last names ending in vowels did just that. When I got to English High, I discovered that their cafeteria food was worse than what I had experienced at the Barnes. I brought my own lunch in a brown bag to counter this but became aware that even the "American kids" were complaining about the lack of quality and taste of the school's cafeteria food.

I decided to go into business for myself and save the taste buds of my classmates. On the way home, I stopped in at Santoro's Submarine Shop in Central Square, East Boston. The sub shop was within walking distance of the Seville Theater, and I often bought my lunch there. American subs were forty cents and Italian sixty cents. (This was a long time ago) I knew the manager and day crew as they often waited on me or my fellow ushers from the theater. I worked out a deal through the manager. If I were to buy 100 subs at a time, I could receive a discount. American subs would cost me 25 cents instead of 40, and Italian, 45 cents instead of 60. Doing a little math and being a bit greedy, I figured that if I were to buy 100 subs and doubled the price selling to my fellow students, I could make a tidy profit every time I supplied them with good food.

I had made it as an offensive and defensive tackle on the junior varsity squad and was issued a duffle bag and all of the equipment and the uniform which would enable me to represent English High School. A day or two later, I asked the coach's assistant for another duffle bag, claiming mine smelled badly and had holes in several locations. Without any problem, I was issued a second bag. This one was to be filled with Santoro subs, not football equipment. The arrangements would be made the day before and early the next morning, someone would be at the sub shop with the 100 subs for me to pick up. At first, I concentrated on the American subs. One hundred of them would cost me 25 dollars. At school, I sold them out of my duffle bag for 50 cents apiece making 100% profit on every one. I could only do this during my lunch time, but there were three lunches at English in those days. I found two enterprising individuals who would sell the subs during their lunches and gave them $5.00 each for helping me out.

If there were any subs left over, I would sell them at football practice and never headed home with any leftovers. After about a week of conducting business out of a football duffle bag, Dad and Babbononno heard me on the phone with a friend. Our conversation was my bragging about my new business. After I hung up, I was grilled by both my father and grandfather about my illegal food supply. They were skeptical of the goings on and were worried about the outcome. They didn't have long to wait. About a month later, I was called to the front office to speak with the principal. Mr. McInerney had been a naval officer and had me standing at attention while being interrogated about my underground business. He commented on how the lunch profits had been reduced due to my selling sandwiches. I told him that the food was so bad that everyone was complaining and I decided to do something about it. He complimented me on operating on the behalf of the welfare of my fellow students, but I was "busted," as he put it.

That afternoon, I was dropped from the football team and had to turn in my duffle bag that contained my uniform and equipment. I was also told to return the second duffle bag that I used to transport the 100 submarine sandwiches that helped put English High School's cafeteria in the red. After a few days, I was called back to the principal's office. I was told that the administration had been lenient with me by not suspending me from school, but why was I still selling subs to my fellow students. I told the principal that I was out of business and had no idea who had picked up my idea and run with it.

The principal, the assistant principal and the head of guidance all patrolled the three lunches for the next few days until the culprit was caught. This time they suspended the individual. I guess I was lucky. If I ever went home and told my father, Babbononno or the ladies in my family that I had been suspended, I might not have lived to tell about it.

Even though I was out of business and off the football team, I believed in self-preservation, even at an early age. I would walk to Central Square early in the morning, buy a half dozen subs, put them in a large lunch bag, and the lunch bag in my gym bag, and have a tasty lunch for myself and any of my close friends (especially from East Boston and the North End) who didn't want to deal with the horrid school food that English High's cafeteria served us.

I never went back to playing football. I hated to disappoint Dad as this was his favorite sport. I, on the other hand, loved (and still do) the game of baseball. I am a "dyed in the wool" Red Sox fan. I worked at the Seville Theater and couldn't join English's baseball squad. I did play for the CYO League and the American Legion League in East Boston and also played in college for 4 years, and was good enough to try out for Cincinnati's minor league teams. Thanks to Coach Sullivan at Boston State, I got a shot at pro baseball. I was a good second baseman, but there were three Reds infielders in front of me who were great: Dave Concepcion, Joe Gordon and Pete Rose. I was good; they were great. That was it. Playing double A ball paid $50 a game. I figured I could make more money playing bass violin and bass guitar than baseball and stuck with music for the next 65 or so years.

A decade later, I found out why I didn't get suspended from English High when I was caught trying to put the cafeteria out of business. Dad was an administrator in the Boston School Department during the day and I think that fact might have enabled me to be saved. Who knows; it was a long time ago.

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Docket No. MI26C0816CA

In the matter of:
AZER ALEXANDER SAROTIC, JR.

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Azer Alexander Sarotic, Jr.** of **Melrose, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Azer Alexander Sarotic-Gonzalez**.

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 November 18, 2026. 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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 21, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 10/23/2026

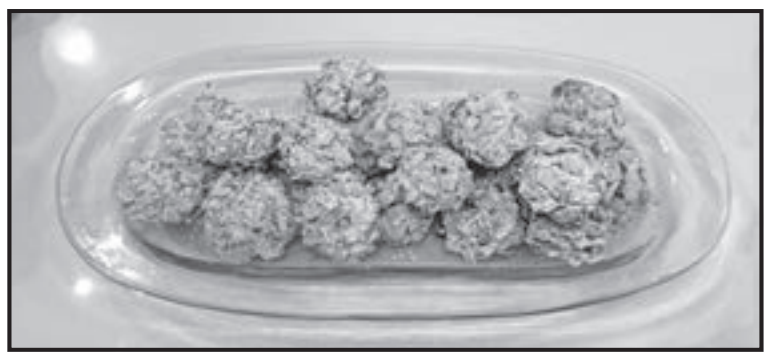
by Marianna Bisignano

As we continue to celebrate National Italian American Heritage Month, I would like to honor the Ferrero family and all they have accomplished through three generations. Beginning in 1946 in a small family pastry shop in Alba, Italy, brothers Pietro and Giovanni Ferrero combined their gifts for creating sweets and building a business, laying the foundation for Pietro's son, Michele, to bring Ferrero to the world. From that little shop, the company grew across Europe, North and South America, Africa, Australia and Southeast Asia. Still family-owned and now in its third generation, Ferrero is one of the world's largest sweet-packaged food companies, with over 35 much-loved brands, including Nutella, Ferrero Rocher and Kinder. In 2025, they purchased WK Kellogg Co, adding the familiar Kellogg's Corn Flakes to their brands. While Italy has its own cornflake brands, like Vitabella and Sapore di Sole, Kellogg's is also used by Italian bakers for its crunch. So, perhaps we will see even more cornflake-inspired confections now coming from the motherland!

In honor of the Ferrero family and their incredible achievements, I am sharing my family's version of Italy's own Rose del Deserto, a much-loved cookie that made its way from family kitchens to pastry shops throughout Italy. These cookies are tender inside, with a golden, crunchy outer cornflake coating. I hope you enjoy them as much as we continue to!

NONNA'S ROSE DEL DESERTO BISCOTTI

Nonna's Desert Rose Cookies



½ cup unsalted butter, softened
¾ cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
2 to 2 ½ cups 00 or all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder (or ½ packet Paneangeli Lievito)
¼ teaspoon salt
1 packet vanillina or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¾ cup chocolate chips
¾ cup raisins
2 cups cornflakes

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat softened butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, beating well until fully incorporated.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add dry ingredients to the wet mixture, using 2 cups of flour to start and adding a little more only if needed. The dough should be sticky but hold its shape.

Fold in chocolate chips, raisins, or both and mix together evenly.

Place cornflakes in a shallow dish. Using two teaspoons or a small cookie scoop, drop portions of dough into the cornflakes and gently roll so the flakes adhere on all sides.

Arrange cookies on the prepared baking sheet, leaving space between each.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until lightly golden.

Allow to cool, then generously dust with confectioners' sugar.

Store between layers of wax paper in a cookie tin to keep the outsides crisp and the insides soft..

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with Daniel A. DiCenso

Forgotten America, Route 66: The Grand Canyon and the Hero of the Road

"In the Grand Canyon, Arizona has a natural wonder which is in kind absolutely unparalleled throughout the rest of the world. I want to ask you to keep this great wonder of nature as it now is. I hope you will not have a building of any kind, not a summer cottage, a hotel or anything else, to mar the wonderful grandeur, the sublimity, the great loneliness and beauty of the canyon. Leave it as it is. You cannot improve on it. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it."
— President Theodore Roosevelt, May 1903

Overlook

Only a handful of experiences in my life have equaled my first sight of the Grand Canyon. In its quite hazy majesty, it offers an experience so overpowering, so larger than life, so humbling and so mesmerizing that no structure, however beautiful, can parallel its beauty.

There is something uniquely personal about America's natural wonders partly because they have played such a big part in our collective story since the oral traditions of our First Nations to the first European settlements to the expansion west and, in turn, our story has been written in our landscape.

When I first arrived at the South Rim and saw nature's work spread out before me, I was awe-struck not only by the spectacular vista but also by how many stories it has seen and since contained throughout the ages.

Walking the Canyon is a journey, but never an exhausting one. Every step, every mile brings you forward to another vista. However, as I began following a trail set up charting the geological evolution of the Grand Canyon in relation to an average lifespan a light rain began and I opted for a tour bus with option hop-off stops along lookout stations on the way.

Landscape

Finally, we reached Hermit's Rest, a stop built for prospectors in 1914 with the use of local stones and wood. This stop for wary travelers was the idea and design of Mary Jane Colter as an addition to the Santa Fe Railroad's Hermit's Rim Road, a response to Bright Angel Trail which was charging a toll for wayfarers.

It dawned on me, learning this, how much of Route 66 and its surroundings was created and built by innovators filling the needs of their fellow citizens. If the road was initially built to expedite travel to the West Coast, much of what made it iconic was designed by artists, entrepreneurs and dreamers to quench curiosity, serve other travelers and essentially build the largest living memorial to our national heritage. It's almost ironic, then, that Route 66 itself, the guardian of our culture, has not until recently been afforded the same consideration.

Brook

With trees

Fittingly, though, my last stop on my journey through Route 66 was Seligman. The city prides itself as the birthplace of the Mother Road but it is also where its new lease on life began. Here in 1987, Angel Delgadillo, a great visionary and the true savior of America's Highway, established the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona. The mission of the association, restoring historic markers throughout Arizona along the road, soon spread to every state traversed by Route 66. Born in 1927, Delgadillo can be said to have been raised by the road. Born in a house along the newly constructed road, Route 66 played an important role in the Delgadillo family from early on. Some of his earliest childhood memories were of the Okies passing through the road by his house on their journey to the promised lands of California and then the return of G.I.'s after the war hoping to begin a new life on the Coast. In 1950 he opened a barbershop and established his livelihood on the road he had always called home.

Canyon

Eventually, he would see the decline of the road with the coming on I-40 and the loss of memories that came with it.

"At first it was so sad, and then I got so angry. Everybody just forgot about us," Delgadillo once said. But his grief turned to action and the very continued existence of Route 66 is a result of his call to action. At 99 years of age, Mr. Delgadillo is still a presence on the road though his family now runs much of the business. Still, a trip through Route 66 would not be complete without a stop honoring the Delgadillo family and so I made a stop at Delgadillo's Snow Cap Drive-In, a popular ice cream and sno-cone stand opened by Angel's late brother Juan in 1953. I was much pleased to find that the current staff of the stand continues the tradition of Juan's peculiar sense of humor. On my visit, for instance, a server wore a badge identifying him as the janitor and when customers, probably assuming it was some mistake, were invited to take a closer look at the badge, water would squirt out from behind the tag.

Seligman would be the last stop before reaching the end of my journey, Las Vegas. This I won't write about since I covered Vegas in a series of articles a few years ago after celebrating my 40th there. Besides, Seligman is the best place to end any series on Route 66. Here the road began, here an ambitious young man built a business during the road's heyday, here that same young man saw the road he had always called home begin to die. But here is where that now older man brought it back to life to enthrall new generations of travelers. If the story of Angel Delgadillo is the story of Route 66, Route 66 is in many ways the story of America, a tale of innovation and courage, of hard work and challenges, of dreams and losses and, ultimately, of rebirth.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

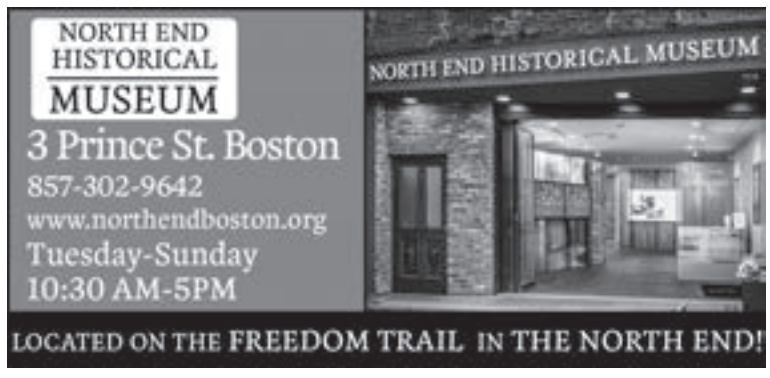
by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

The island of Murano located in the Venetian Lagoon just a short ride from the city of Venice, is world-renowned for its centuries-old tradition of glassmaking. Originally a cluster of small islands linked by bridges, Murano's history changed forever in 1291 when Pietro Gradenigo, the "Doge" ruling Venice during those years, ordering all glassmakers to move their furnaces to the island to protect Venice's wooden buildings from devastating fires.

This forced relocation, inadvertently created a highly concentrated hub of innovation and artisan secrets. Glass production was already part of the economy of the island, but following the decision of the Doge, all glass masters settled exclusively in Murano. For centuries, Murano glassmakers held a virtual monopoly on high-quality glassmaking, developing technologies like cristallo (clear glass) and milk glass.

The artisans were treated like royalty on the island but were strictly forbidden from leaving the Republic to prevent their lucrative trade secrets from spreading across Europe. Despite this obligation, the glass masters were nonetheless considered equal to the aristocrats and enjoyed many privileges, including the right to marry the daughters of the Patricians.

The island of Murano was bustling with master glassmakers, servants and "serventini" (trainees): where, thanks to craftsmanship, extraordinary skills and experimentation, Murano glass art was able to evolve. Thanks to this never-ending evolution, today the island still retains its role of a world-renowned glassmaking centre.



• **Ballot Questions** (Continued from Page 2)

to homeownership versus preserving local control over zoning and development.

Question 8: Recreational Marijuana Sales; A "yes" vote would repeal laws permitting the sale and home cultivation of recreational marijuana, while changing the penalties for possession. Limited possession would remain subject to the proposal's specified rules. A "no" vote would retain the current recreational marijuana framework. *The issue is public health and safety concerns versus personal freedom, jobs, and the future of the state's legal cannabis industry.*

Question 9: The 2024 Massachusetts Gun Law; Unlike the first 8 questions, this is a referendum on an existing law. A "yes" vote would keep the 2024 firearm legislation in place, including provisions involving firearm registration, certain weapons, safety requirements, and extreme risk protection orders. A "no" vote would repeal that legislation. *The issue is gun violence prevention and public safety versus Second Amendment rights and concerns about the scope of firearm regulation.*

Why these questions matter: The nine questions raise some of the most important policy debates facing Massachusetts. Questions 1 and 4 address government transparency and voting access. Questions 5 and 6 concern the use of taxpayer revenue. Questions 3 and 7 could reshape elections and housing development, while Questions 2, 8, and 9 address labor rights, marijuana policy, and firearm regulation.

Voters should look beyond campaign slogans and understand what each question would actually change. These decisions are about more than political arguments. They could affect household finances, local communities, public services, and individual rights across Massachusetts.

Do Not Miss the opportunity to Vote and be Heard on Tuesday, November 3, 2026!

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Docket No. MI25D0709DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

BRENDA COLON
vs.
JEAN G. OCAMPO

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: **Brenda Colon, 357 High St., Lowell, MA 01852** your answer, if any, on or before **November 11, 2026**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 30, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/23/2026

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Docket No. MI26P1112GD

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of
JOSIAH K. ALVAREZ
of **Lowell, MA**
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **03/09/2026** by **Carmen Baez** of Lowell, MA will be held **11/03/2026 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Lowell Justice Center Courtroom 14 370 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852**
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
   1. File the original with the Court and
   2. Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
4. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
5. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form (MPC 263). Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

Date: August 11, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI26P5214EA

Estate of
THERESA ANNE CHOUINARD
Also known as:
THERESA CHOUINARD

Date of Death: December 09, 2025

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Philip Lentoni** of **Framingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Philip Lentoni** of **Framingham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/05/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 08, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/23/2026

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Docket No. MI26P5110EA

Estate of
IRENE C. MORRIS

Date of Death: June 01, 2026

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Marcia C. Morris** of **Boston, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Marcia C. Morris** of **Boston, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/06/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 09, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/23/2026

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Docket No. MI26P5263EA

Estate of
NUNZIO ANTHONY IOZZA
Also known as:
NUNZIO IOZZA

Date of Death: December 27, 2018

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **John Iozza, Jr.** of **Medford, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **John Iozza, Jr.** of **Medford, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/12/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 15, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/23/2026

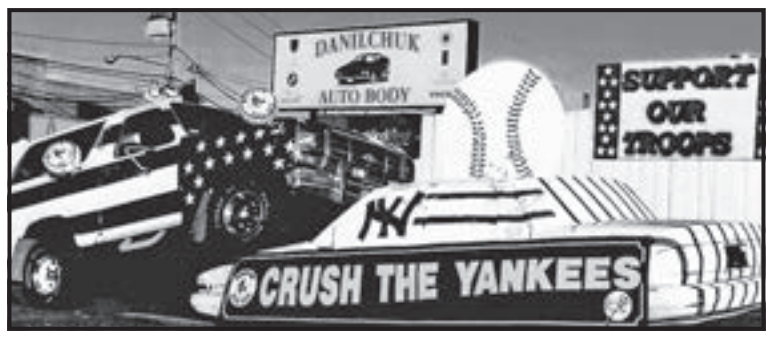
EXTRA *Innings*

by Sal Giarratani

Street Art by Dunilchuk

If you're reading this either Thursday or Friday, I will have you know I'm getting my old Nissan back this afternoon Wednesday after a short in-patient stay. My car was struck by a tractor trailer crossing the Neponset Bridge between Dorchester and Quincy.

While waiting in their office on Addison Street, I noticed a treasure trove of old photos taken over the years outside their property along Route 1A. Mostly, I remember all those faux car crash scenes hyping up the Boston Red Sox or even Patriots in the past postseasons.



One undated photo when we faced the Yankees in the postseason (could a been 2004) and the other a piece of artwork from the Boston Red Sox winning the 2013 World Series.

• **Hoops and Hockey** (Continued from Page 12)

additional instructions on how to bat, then provide it. The same for designated hitters. If a player no longer feels that he can run the 90 feet between bases fast enough then have him consult a running coach who can give him instructions on how to perhaps increase his speed. The abilities to run fast and field a baseball are important elements of baseball. The designated hitter rule was originally proposed during Babe Ruth's time to keep the aging star in the game. It got shot down then but finally was accepted decades later.

One potential change — If a player is taken out of a baseball game, that player should be able to reenter the game again. To have players removed from a game (with no possibility of returning) because of minor injuries or the way they played in a certain inning is a huge penalty. It is unrealistic.

One proposal that we read about many years ago would have baseball and perhaps other pro leagues that have lengthy regular seasons divide the season into two halves.

After the first half of the season, the second half would begin with entirely new standings. The concept, of course, would be to have the

winners of each half play each other for the championship.

There were a lot of possibilities here that were not discussed (such as what happens if the same team wins both halves — for starters). But we thought it was an interesting concept to give all teams needing a "second life" over the course of a long season.

Whatever.

But enjoy the NBA regular season whatever it brings. And it should bring a lot to us with Tatum on the Celtics and Brown plus LeBron with Philadelphia — all three playing in the same Eastern Division of the Atlantic Conference.

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Boston Legacy FC Leave Their Mark at Gillette

by Angela Cornacchio

Bianca St-Georges of the Boston Legacy, pictured with the ball put on a footskills show in front of the dedicated 13,892 fans who withstood the weather and showed their appreciation for women's professional soccer in the city.

USWNT Royalty and Local Hanson, MA legend Sam Mewis alongside General Manager of Boston Legacy FC, Domènec Guasch were all smiles closing the season with a win.

The NWSL's (National Women's Soccer League) newest expansion team closed out their last home match of their inaugural 2026 season at Gillette Stadium securing a 2-1 win over Racing Louisville.

Pre-game the local press had an opportunity to get personal with the ladies behind the Legacy. Jennifer Epstein, Controlling Owner of Boston Legacy FC, and Jennifer van Dijk, Team President met with media, sharing their reflections on the 2026 season and what success looks like for the Boston Legacy FC two years from now.

The match's theme for the evening was "fan appreciation night." The dedicated zones, the tailgating were all packed! Just as kickoff was about to commence Mother Nature made her appearance with dangerous weather and attendees were asked to leave their seats, take cover under awnings.

Already gearing up for a late night with the scheduled gametime of 8:00 pm, about an hour later the referees allowed play to take place. If the Boston Legacy needed a reminder, they are now part of one of the greatest sports cities and fandoms in the world, they received it. 13,892 fans, Governor Maura Healey, UWNST star and local Hanson, MA native Sam Mewis, and other local celebrities took to their seats to watch the Legacy leave their mark on Gillette Stadium.

Boston delivered by getting right down to business. Amanda Gutierres wasted no time making an impact, opening the scoring in the ninth minute off a cross from Bianca St-Georges. The goal marked her 10th of the season. Racing Louisville responded in the 22nd minute when Kayla Fischer capitalized on a defensive mistake to level the match at 1–1. But Boston came out determined after halftime. In the 51st minute, Deja Davis headed home the game-winner from a Sarah Schupansky delivery, recording her first career NWSL goal.

Following the match was a post-game press conference with players Sammy Smith, a Massachusetts native who grew up playing for Whitman-Hanson Regional High School and Boston College sat alongside Annie Karich, who became Boston Legacy FC's first ever announced player signing in July 2025. They both shared their reflections on the 2026 season; the hometown fans what success looks like for Boston Legacy FC in 2027.

Following was Head Coach Filipa Patão who was straight to the point on what they could improve on and what worked in their 2-1 win over Louisville. She spoke briefly about 2027 and the focus going into the remaining two games left of the NWSL year.

A night of resilience, history, and a glimpse of what's ahead for Boston Legacy FC. Their first season may not have brought a playoff appearance, but the team's momentum offers plenty to build on heading into 2027.

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(Left) Jennifer van Dijk, Team President (right) Jennifer Epstein, Controlling Owner of Boston Legacy FC met with media before the match to give their outlook on the 2026 season and what success looks like moving forward.

NE Surf Soccer Club attended the fan appreciation night, and U-14 Navy player Bella De Oliveira got an opportunity to meet her icon and the evening's goal scorer, Amanda Gutierres

Post game select season ticket holders and a mini fan were given an opportunity to meet and greet with the Legacy players.

(Photos by Angela Cornacchio)

HOOPS and HOCKEY IN THE HUB

by Richard Preiss

Commencements have always been interesting. They represent the start of a process or activity that will hopefully lead to a successful conclusion at some point in the future.

That is why graduation is sometimes called commencement. It can represent the start of one's life endeavors that hopefully will lead to a meaningful span of activity that culminates to a fulfilling conclusion to a career that spans several decades.

This is, in a way, commencement week throughout the NBA with a host of season opening games and home opening contests taking place throughout the league.

However, unlike an academic commencement that often marks the start of a vocation, these are often forgotten about as the season progresses.

Near the end of a season a team is often said to have finished first or near the top of the league or conference because of the way it played in the latter stages of the season, an almost complete relegation to oblivion of those games that marked the start of things several months earlier.

The fact that the Celtics lost to the Pistons on opening night in Detroit will be completely forgotten about within a couple of weeks.

And should the Celtics miss out on a higher standing in the Eastern Conference by a game or two at the end of the regular season come April, it will be how they played in the closing couple of weeks that will be referenced.

That is even though the results of all 82 games going all the way back to October are what mattered — not just a closing group of games at the end in April.

That is why we tend to call this opening group of games the Forgotten Ten — played so very early in the season but completely out of mind by the time the regular season concludes.

Should the Celtics miss a higher seeding for the post season playoffs by a game or two come April, it will be setbacks that occurred in April that will be cited, overlooking any others that occurred either earlier in the season or especially at its commencement.

So, these opening contests are important, perhaps just as important as the games that will be well-remembered come April.

One way to make them a bit more remembered than they are is to give them a renewed emphasis. And that is precisely what NBA Commissioner Adam Silver is attempting to with his introduction of the NBA Cup Tournament that is contested in the fall as part of the league regular season.

Starting on October 30 — less than two weeks after the start of the regular season — all 30 teams that have been randomly drawn into groups of five within their conference will begin play — using 2025-2026 regular season won-loss records as a seeding standard.

Each team will play four games on designated Cup Nights with eight teams advancing to a Knockout Round, followed by quarterfinals and semifinals. The championship game will be played in Indianapolis on December 11.

The New York Knicks won the 2005 Cup and followed that up by winning the 2026 NBA Championship. Is the team from Gotham getting ready for a three-peat? We will find out this fall.

Of course, the Cup is not going to dislodge football as the top spectator sport in the fall.

Interestingly, though, is the fact that the opening games of the Cup come not only on a football weekend but on a big baseball weekend as well (games six and seven of the World Series are scheduled for Oct. 30-31).

Early season NHL hockey is still in a more traditional mode — with no special games scheduled. However, in this area there is one big hockey event scheduled — the retirement ceremony for veteran Bruins player Patrice Bergeron that is set for December 1.

Hockey was starting to compete with football by playing its initial outdoor game on New Year's Day — perhaps with the hope of pulling some fans away from watching the football bowl games. But now it is threatened to be overwhelmed once an enlarged college football playoff system is instituted in the coming years.

Thinking about overtime in NHL hockey, we always thought it had the perfect solution for tie games — a point for each team following an appropriate overtime.

We contrast that with the totally artificial placement of how the placing a runner on second base is done in baseball. If the powers that be that run baseball feel threatened by the specter of having some games run 15-16 innings (or longer) all they have to do is convert their standings to a point system.

If a game is tied after nine innings, each team gets a point in the standings. At that juncture they can leave it that way (as hockey did for decades) or play an extra inning or two to see if one team wins and gets the third point. A number of adult recreational baseball leagues in the Boston area have adopted this system.

This often heads off "called because of darkness" conclusions but does award at least a point to each team for playing the game.

Playing an extra inning or two for a potential tie-breaking point could remain an option — depending on league policy.

We feel that Major League Baseball should actively consider adopting the NHL point system (two points for a win after nine innings, one for a tie with the possibility of awarding a third point to the winner of a short tiebreaker (either 10 or 11 innings). All nine players would be on the field and no runners would be artificially placed on bases. If things remained tied after 11 innings, then things remained tied.

Nothing is perfect in this world but that would certainly be better than what MLB has now — artificially placed runners that hopefully lead to a contrived conclusion.

We also feel that all pitchers active in a game should take their turn at bat. They are major league players. If they need

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