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Reflecting on the Fifth Anniversary of COVID-19 (Lessons, Loss and Change)

by *Pati Sartori*

March 2025 marks five years since the world, our country and our personal lives were upended by the COVID-19 pandemic. What began as an outbreak a continent away, quickly became a global crisis, leading to widespread lockdowns, economic turmoil, and an immense loss of life. The virus changed the way we live, work and interact. As we remember this anniversary, we should reflect on the lessons learned, the resilience shown and the newly paved path forward.

There is no denying the COVID-19 pandemic was unlike anything in modern history. At its peak, millions were infected, hospitals were overwhelmed, and economies suffered. Lockdowns and social distancing measures defined our daily lives, forcing businesses, schools and communities to adapt to an almost all

digital communication network. Families grieved for loved ones lost to the virus, while health-care workers battled the front lines in total exhaustion.

As the devastating effects of Covid wreaked havoc on our society, and transformed our lives, scientists worked at unprecedented speed to develop vaccines and communities banded together to support one another. The entire world changed their methods of communication, working remotely, using telemedicine and holding zoom classes to educate our students, forever altering the way we function today.

Five years later many of us, sadly not all, stand here with various perspectives on the lessons COVID-19 has taught us, such as the power of science and how quickly a vaccine can be produced, that isolation from

one another can have devastating effects for all age groups, and that the digital age of communication, learning and work is most likely here to stay.

Without a doubt the most heart wrenching aspect of this anniversary is remembering those who did not survive the pandemic. Millions of lives were senselessly lost, leaving families and communities grieving and with gaping holes that will never be filled. We learned to appreciate front line and essential workers, doctors and nurses, and the unsung heroes, who sacrificed and were all so important to our survival.

While COVID-19 no longer dominates daily life, as it did a short time ago, its impacts still linger and may never fully dissipate. Variants continue to emerge requiring consistent

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News Briefs

by *Sal Giarratani*

Mayor Wu Announces \$10 Million Affordable Housing Investment

Mayor Michele Wu recently announced that the city has invested \$10 million in federal funds toward converting 347 market-rate units to affordable apartments and has acquired The Fairlawn Estates, a collection of 12 apartment buildings in Mattapan. That investment along with private investments would bring 347 affordable units on to the market.

The mayor said she was proud of the way the city acted in restoring Fairlawn as affordable housing and added how over the past number of years due to rent hikes, many who resided there were forced out of Fairlawn, out of Mattapan and out of the City of Boston.

Market Plunges as Trump Takes Economy on a Wild Ride

Earlier this week, the Dow Jones, NASDAQ and the S&P 500 all tumbled sharply a day after President Trump declined to rule out the possibility of a potential recession as he slapped tariffs on America's three leading trading partners.

Latest news from Ontario, Premier Doug Ford of Canada's largest province has just instituted retaliatory measures (25 percent surcharge on U.S. imports). The three largest states most impacted by the 25 percent surcharge will be New York, Michigan and Minnesota. Ford stated, "We will not back down ... we need to end the tariffs and ... the chaos once and for all."

CBS Push on 60 Minutes

CBS Network has urged the FCC to reject a complaint over a 60 Minutes interview with then Vice President Kamala Harris, saying the agency has no lawful role in policing broadcast news editorial decisions. A complaint alleges the interview violates the FCC rules on "news distortion."

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Governor Healey May Hold Back Money Over MBTA Zoning Law

(Do as I Say, Not as I Do)

Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey "cannot commit" to not withholding grants from communities fighting the controversial MBTA Communities Act, requiring 177 municipalities across Greater Boston to have at least one zoning district where multifamily housing is permitted as of right. Approximately 120 cities and towns are now compliant. A number of municipalities have filed lawsuits against the Healey administration in opposition.

In a recent state budget hearing, attention was brought to the fact that Marshfield has lost access to a \$261,000 grant to dredge the North River, which also impacts Scituate, Norwell, Hanover, Pembroke and Rockland. When the Governor was asked if her administration would stop withholding previous committed state funding, the Governor refused to back down, stating "No, I cannot commit that. I think the lawsuit is without legal merit. It will be

left for the courts to decide." Healey has rescinded a \$73,000 grant for student mental needs in Middleboro and is refusing to sign a \$2.8 million MassWorks contract for commercial development infrastructure, according to town officials.

The Governor said her administration has "provided technical assistance to communities to help them work through some of this. We've said it's

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Democratic Women in Congress A Heartless Click

by *Patti Sartori*

Democratic women in Congress sure do stick together, so much so they couldn't even bring themselves to mourn with **Angel Moms** who lost their daughters under horrific circumstances. They certainly portrayed a united front against President Trump at his recent address to congress, but to do so at the expense of women who have suffered the ultimate sacrifice, losing a child in a needless and senseless manner, is nothing less than cold-hearted, proving their hearts really are made of stone.

They could not find it in themselves to applaud the

families of Laken Riley, 22, or Jocelyn Nungaray, 12, who were assaulted and murdered by undocumented criminals the Biden administration welcomed into our country. They couldn't be bothered to stand for Payton McNabb, who suffered a traumatic brain injury when she was smashed in the face with a volleyball by a biological male playing in the women's division.

These are the same group of women who wore pink into the chamber as a symbol of support for women against President Trump, who they have labeled a misogynist and

anti-woman. Not one of these so-called feminists voted in support of a Republican led bill to block transgender athletes from invading women's sports.

Jocelyn's mom, Alexis, sitting in the gallery as President Trump's guest felt "it was very cowardly for the Democrats not to stand or clap. It was very shameful. They don't stand for anything humane. They don't stand for us as citizens. It's disgraceful to us as U.S. Citizens that those are the people we have here in the House and Senate," she stated following

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



SUETONIUS, MARCELLINUS, and CLAUDIAN

This is the last issue in the entire series honoring the Latin literati. Last week we briefly examined the work of Florus, Gaius, and Apuleius, the first three greats in the Age known as the Late Empire. Today we honor the three remaining scholars.

It is probable that **SUETONIUS** was born in Rome about 69 A.D. into an equestrian family. There is very little information about his early life except that he started his career as a lawyer, and shortly thereafter became a private secretary to Emperor Hadrian (magister epistolarum). Suetonius was a scholarly man with comparable tastes and habits. He wrote in Greek as well as in Latin. His biographical works include *The Lives of the Caesars*; also brief accounts of illustrious men in literature, writings on famous courtesans and on many kings. He also wrote, on Roman antiquity, their manners, customs, feasts, clothing, and public office. Additionally, his work included the reckoning of time, nature, bodily defects, and grammar. Considering all of his writings, the lives of the Caesars (Vitae Duodecim Caesarum) has come down to us in more complete form than any other of his works. Although it overflows with scandalous anecdotes, this is the publication which gave him universal recognition. It is certainly the most celebrated today, and also the most authentic reference source for anyone who wants to write an X-rated movie.

AMMIANUS MARCEL-LINUS was born in Syria of Greek parents, was educated in Rome, served in the Roman Legions, and retired about 390 A.D.

He wrote a history of the Roman Empire in 31 books which covered the period of time from Emperor Nerva in 96 A.D., to Valens in 378 A.D. Marcellinus followed the writing style of Tacitus, and although he was a heathen, he was fair in his assessment of the Christians. Latin was not



Bust of Claudius at the Naples National Archaeological Museum

his native tongue, therefore his expression was crude and clumsy, however, he is considered to be the last Roman historian of any worthwhile importance.

CLAUDIUS CLAUDIANUS, known to us as Claudian, was born in Alexandria, moved to Rome in 395 A.D., and soon became famous. He was familiar with Greek and Latin literature, was poetically gifted, and was a master of language and meter. Most of his poems were written in praise of the Emperor Honorius, and of the notorious General Stilicho. In spite of their flattery, the poems have an important historical value. His work is of high quality and reflects important historical matter. The best work of Claudian is said to be *Raptus Proserpinae* (Rape of Proserpine). He also wrote epistles, epic, and miscellaneous poetry, and is considered to be the last important poet of this later Empire.

FINIS.

NEXT WEEK: *Mythology*

Boston's Trust Act to Undergo an Audit by the Boston City Council

The Boston City Council held a hearing this past Monday, regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the **Trust Act**, a 2024 law that is under Federal scrutiny due to the city's sanctuary status. The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice is planning to audit the implementation, enforcement, administrative compliance, and impact of the law that limits the city's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

"While across the country policies such as Boston's Trust Act come under attack, our office is choosing to seize this moment as an opportunity to demonstrate how the **Trust Act** has made Boston a safer more unified city. Not only that, but we want to identify the ways in which we can STRENGTHEN this act to ensure that we create a reality where immigrants can occupy ALL spaces and places without fear or hesitation,"

wrote the sponsor of the hearing, Councilor Julia Mejia.

This past December, councilors unanimously reaffirmed the **Trust Act** which prohibits Boston Police and other city departments from cooperating with ICE on civil immigration detainees. The law was enacted in 2014 and amended in 2019 to allow for cooperation in criminal matters like human trafficking, child exploitation, drugs, weapons trafficking and cybercrimes. Mayor Wu feels the **Trust Act** has made Boston a safer city, while others believe it is a violation of federal law.

Wu testified last week in Washington D.C. before a Congressional Committee on Oversight and Government Reform regarding sanctuary policies and the impacts on public safety. The mayor was peppered with questions with a few Republican lawmakers suggesting she should face federal charges by the Department of

Justice and possibly criminal prosecution.

The council's audit hearing will look at data collection, reporting mechanisms, and departmental compliance. According to the hearing order, Councilors will also check on whether "city personnel and funding are being used appropriately within the scope of municipal authority and not diverted to civil immigration enforcement. It has now been ten years since the passage of the Boston Trust Act, presenting an opportunity to review compliance and legislative intent in light of the realities of 2025, particularly as undocumented residents face heightened concerns and uncertainty."

Boston's sanctuary city status also has the federal Small Business Association (SBA) moving out of its Causeway Street office and relocating to an area that complies with federal immigration law.

Bike Lanes in Doubt

Whether it's due to community pushback or her challenger's vocal opposition, City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu is pausing installation of bike lanes amidst a 30-day review of all street changes made by her administration, including infrastructure changes from the last three years, with a focus on re-evaluating bus and bike lanes that may have negatively impacted city roads.

The point of the review is to hear from the community and assess how each bus/bike lane is functioning and identify changes that need to be made. "The goal is to make adjustments to projects

that improve functioning of roadways for all users without compromising core safety goals. We will prioritize quick changes."

Wu's decision to review bike lanes just happens to coincide with her mayoral opponent, Josh Kraft, statement that if elected he would pause all new bike lane construction. "As city wide bike infrastructure has been built out piece by piece across the last decade, our administration has had the responsibility to finish several critical links in the network to make them fully usable and safe. Many of these projects have been implemented

successfully, others have not," stated Wu in a recent memo.

The review will consider alternate proposals that the city could turn to, should a street or roadway change be found ineffective, or whether future work to fix inefficiencies can be completed with existing resources or require paid contractors. The cost for changes to replace prior city reconfiguration along with original city work and payment will be part of the review.

As of November 2024, the city built 15 miles of new protected bike lanes at approximately \$150,000 per mile or \$2,25 million dollars.

Trump's Tariffs Aiding U.S. Toy Factories

Toy makers with U.S. manufacturing facilities are overwhelmed with orders in response to President Trump's recently imposed tariffs on China and Mexico imports. MGA entertainment parent company of Bratz, LOL Surprise Dolls and Little Tykes brand manufactures toys at their Hudson, Ohio factory and will need to hire more employees to fulfill the orders of toy companies hoping to avoid the newly imposed tariffs, 20% on goods made in China and 25% on Mexico and Canadian products, resulting in a large demand toward a small group of toy manufacturers in the U.S. including 3-D printing farms that have the ability to make products domestically and for companies that traditionally manufacture overseas.

Paul Young, owner of PYE Games, operates 560 3D printers that can produce small toys in mass production, hung a "Made in the USA" banner at the New York City toy fair last week, declaring

No tariffs for U.S. made products. Simplay 3, a company that make outdoor equipment, such as sandboxes, slides and playhouses at their factory in Streetsboro, Ohio is also hiring more workers to add to its 24/7 shift operation as a result of their deal to make educational toys for a company that had previously been manufacturing overseas. "I think we'll have more business as the tariff issue ramps up," said Brian McDonald, vice-president of sales and marketing.

While the costs to produce these items will increase because U.S. labor is more expensive, starting pay in Ohio is \$17 and in China the pay is \$3 to \$4 dollars per hour. However, the cost should be offset by excluding the higher cost of shipping from China. It's not entirely a wash, the retail price may increase slightly, but it can save 4-5 weeks of transportation time and no upfront deposit on shipping.

English as the Official U.S. Language

President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order (EO) making English our official language, repealing a previous EO signed by President Clinton, which required the government, along with groups receiving federal funds, to provide language assistance to non-English speakers. A large amount of bilingualism already exists in the U.S. due to the high levels of immigration from Spanish speaking countries possibly rendering this EO more ceremonial rather than truly effective.

Still the EO is an important symbolic statement. "A nationally designated language is at the core of a unified and cohesive society, and the U.S. is strengthened by a citizenry that can freely exchange ideas in one shared language," the EO reads. The communications director for the Pro-Immigration group **United We Dream**

stated "Trump is trying to send the message that if you're not white, rich and speak English, you don't belong here. Let me be clear, immigrants are here to stay. No matter how hard Trump tries, he can't erase us."

It is believed that approximately half of the immigrants in the U.S. may be proficient English speakers. Anyone living in the U.S., not speaking or learning English is limiting themselves from educational, social and economic opportunities. Perhaps English language ability should be a criteria for a merit-based immigration system.

Presently about 1.5 billion people speak English, with approximately 400 million of those speaking it as their first language. The English language is omni-present and it's long overdue for the U.S. government to give it the respects it deserves.

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Pasquale A. "Pat" Merola



Pasquale A. "Pat" Merola, 92 of Boston's North End, passed away on March 8, 2025.

He was born in Boston, son of the late Angelo and Rosina (Gentile) Merola. Pat was the beloved husband for 65 years to the late Dolores Ann (Cataldo) Merola. Adored father of Doreen Merola of the North End, Steven Merola and his wife Jo-Ann of North Andover and Paul Merola and his wife Wen of Irvine, CA. Cherished grandfather of Steven Merola and his

wife Cara of Bradford, Anthony Merola and his husband Brian Monahan of Westwood and Stephanie Jaskot and her husband Cody of Lawrence; great-grandfather of Matthew, Michael and Marco Merola. Dear brother of the late Carmela Swafford and Alexander Merola. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Pat was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Leonard Church. At Pat's request, there will be no visiting hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113. Services concluded with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Please consider a donation to St. Leonard Church or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

For online condolences, visit: www.watermanboston.com



NORTH END / WATERFRONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Conversation with Kairos Shen, chief of planning, BPD

NEWRA - NEWNC Joint Meeting
 Tuesday, April 1st
 Nazzaro Center, 6:30-8:00 pm

The North End Waterfront Residents' Association and the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council are hosting a community meeting with Boston's Chief of Planning, Kairos Shen.

This is your opportunity to meet Chief Shen, hear about Boston's planning and development initiatives that can impact our community and ask questions.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm and join your neighbors as we examine community planning, development and climate resiliency programs.

Friends of the North End South 15th Annual Reunion

by Victor Passacantilli

The 15th annual reunion of the Friends of the North End South was held on Sunday, March 9th in Lake Worth, FL. Thanks to planning by Louie and Camille Gilardi, Diane and Gus Pesaturo, and Victor Passacantilli, the reunion was another enjoyable gathering for North End friends who spend some time in Florida during the winter.

Gus blessed our meal and gave an interesting talk on the tunnels underground in the North End. Victor read Sammy Viscione's essay "The Missing Mickies," which tell the story of mandatory Christian education for North End public school students. It brought back memories and laughter for those who attended the Michelangelo School.

Louie presented the "Gilardi Award" to Joel Raffa for answering this year's trivia question submitted by Vito Aluia.

What was the name of the pool room on Little Prince, which served as a hideout for North Enders who preferred playing pool than going to school?

The three hours passed swiftly as North Enders sat, dined and reminisced about our unique upbringing and iconic neighborhood.

Donations raised at the reunion will go this year to the North End Athletic Association (NEAA), North End Cares, and the Rita A. Di Mento Women's Clinic at the Arch Street Church fundraiser to be held on Saturday, March 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Saint Joseph's Hall on Prince Street.

Plans are already being made for the 16th reunion next year in Florida!

Answers: Mazza's



Victor and Lucille Passacantilli



Angela Passacantilli, Cecily and Nadine DeStefano



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Richie Pinabel, Paul Passacantilli, and Joel Raffa



Louie and Camille Gilardi, Frank and Theresa Sabbio



Lucille De Christoforo, Diane Pesaturo, Celeste DeMarco



Mimi Chiesa, Diane and Gus Pesaturo

Long Live Our North End!!

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Saints of the Changing Seasons

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Hello, spring! I can feel the shifting of Mother Earth all around me, humming with the thrill of rebirth. The signs of spring manifest everywhere. They are present in the sound of gurgling water as melting snow rushes down the storm drain. They are evident in the delicate white crocuses I recently saw lining the front path of someone's home. They appear in the candy-colored Easter eggs and grinning cloth bunnies that fill the seasonal departments of big-box stores. Though the weather may still oscillate between balmy temperatures and wintry cold spells — perhaps even nor'easters! — spring fever nevertheless grips my mind with all the energy of a hopping red-breasted robin. After the chilly and dark days of winter, the song of spring profoundly reverberates in our soul. The reawakening of nature and the growth of vegetation mimics the renewed energy and cheer blossoming in all living creatures. The calendar has tapped into this sense of rejuvenation and grants us two folkloric feasts that welcome spring and its accompanying beauty and promise. March 17th bursts with green to herald St. Patrick's Day. Two days later arrives St. Joseph's Day, a holiday honoring Italian heritage and commemorating one of the country's most beloved saints. Jointly, these two feasts celebrate the joy of spring and usher us into a season of hope and renewal.

Every year, I eagerly anticipate St. Patrick's Day. This holiday shines like a beacon of spring, an undeniable seasonal turning point. The very decorations of St. Patrick's Day overflow with spring imagery, from the lush green shamrocks to the

rainbows which melt into pots of gold. St. Patrick's Day holds a special significance in Boston, due to our city's love of festivities and its large Irish-American population. I celebrate most holidays with symbolic food, and St. Patrick's Day proves no exception. I bake a creamy Irish soda bread studded with plump raisins and zesty caraway seeds. The bread is accompanied by a fresh spring greens salad laden with earthy beets, tangy goat cheese, and sweet caramelized pecans. Meanwhile, my father-in-law goes the traditional route and makes an Irish boiled dinner replete with potatoes, carrots, turnips and parsnips. Sometimes he will whip up a batch of Guinness stout brownies to end the meal. These seasonal foods encourage me to live in the present, patiently waiting for and then reveling in the unhurried edible treasures of the Earth. However, there is much more to St. Patrick's Day than food. This feast day honors St. Patrick, or *San Patrizio* in Italian, a Roman-British man first brought to Ireland as an enslaved person. The most well-known legend concerning St. Patrick states that the patron saint of Ireland used a shamrock to teach people about the Holy Trinity, thus establishing this little spring plant as an enduring symbol of the holiday. St. Patrick's Day reminds me of brisk spring days when the forest appears lush and green after a rain shower, and a gossamer rainbow arches across the sky. This is a decidedly spring holiday, and as such forever lives in people's hearts for its sense of joy and hope.

Two days later, on March 19th, arrives another feast of spring that holds enormous significance for my family. It is

St. Joseph's Day, or *la Festa di San Giuseppe* in Italian. My father lovingly remembered breezy St. Joseph's Day celebrations in his mountainous hometown of Sulmona in the Abruzzo region of Italy, where the tender tree buds and the baying of lambs whispered the coming of spring. St. Joseph's Day serves as Father's Day in Italy, reflecting on the role of *San Giuseppe* as the husband of the Virgin Mary and the stepfather of Jesus. In Sicily and other regions of Italy, including many Italian-American communities, people build altars to St. Joseph loaded with bread, candles, pastries and fava beans. Fava beans form an integral part of St. Joseph's Day festivities because, during the Middle Ages, this spring crop saved the inhabitants of Sicily from a famine after they prayed to St. Joseph for help. Another delightful Italian tradition involves doing charitable actions and donating food on St. Joseph's Day, a philosophy which should be carried throughout the year. My father spent the days before this holiday scouring the woods with his friends, searching for firewood to help construct *il falò di San Giuseppe*, a giant bonfire held on the eve of the feast. These bonfires, with their abundant warmth and light that illuminates the inky night sky, symbolize the sun on its journey from winter to spring. Sometimes, people will throw an effigy into the bonfire to represent making a fresh start for spring. Of course, St. Joseph's Day has also become synonymous with *zeppole*, or fried, puffy donuts. My father loved his *zeppole* sweet and stuffed with cream, like the ones he would buy from bakeries in the North End around St. Joseph's Day. Meanwhile, my grandmother preferred savory *zeppole* made with potato. Either way, they are delicious. All of these sweet treats remind me of a holiday that instills in me a pride in my heritage and gets me excited for spring.

As two quaint and folkloric holidays approach us, we can revel in our anticipation for spring. After all, spring is not just a season; it is a resplendent manifestation of renewal, hope and optimism for the future. The greenery of St. Patrick's Day and the warm bonfires of St. Joseph's Day symbolize the essence of the spring season, calling to mind rites of purification and regrowth. Whether we admire the first crocuses and daffodils, take in the birdsong of the early morning, or enjoy Irish soda bread or *zeppole*, there are a myriad number of ways to greet the rebirth of nature. The most important thing is that we fill our season with love and optimism, always looking ahead. When we do so, we will find that springtime's sense of hope and promise is the best pot of gold there is.

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

THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

What's Happened to the American Dream of Homeownership?

When WWII ended and our troops started returning home, thanks to the G.I. Bill, many of those members of the Greatest Generation not only won the war and saved democracy but they also received the opportunity to leave those crowded urban areas they had grown up in and realize their own dreams of homeownership.

A new era for America began in the 1950s and many baby boomers like myself were living in new places only dreamed of previously. The Fifties changed lives of many forever and in a positive way. How many Boston natives ended up on the north shore or south shore because of affordable government mortgages? Suburban living wasn't the enemy, but today I think Massachusetts is trying to put the kibosh on single family homes. Government is now trying to force social engineering on homeowners. Either through new mandates and laws or through guilt.

Recently, with the MBTA Communities Act, our state lawmakers are trying to force smaller communities surrounding Boston to expand multiple housing, expanding what they call affordable new larger units and using space more efficiently whether towns want this or not. Look at Milton or more, recently, Middleboro to see this forced housing down unwilling throats. It all reminds me of the 1970s when the government instituted forced busing in their social engineering scheme. In the end, forced busing never worked.

A *Boston Globe* editorial on February 27 wondered out loud if homes really need 2-acre lots and then stated "Spoiler alert: No." The editorial was all about how great the MBTA Communities Act is because it states Massachusetts isn't producing enough housing. I guess single family homeowners are the culprits, huh? However, a letter writer to the *Boston Globe* earlier this week put things into a much better perspective. Says the writer, "Inherent to the American dream is freedom of choice. The question is this: Should people have the freedom to live on a 2-acre lot?"

Alright, I'm finally getting to my point. I just read the Revere Advocate newspaper Page One news story on local opposition to state-mandated ADUs. City elected officials and residents were both distressed to learn that the Revere ordinance on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) needs to be amended because of the existence of a state mandate allowing all ADUs to be built by right in areas where single family homes are allowed. One resident at this meeting pointed out the absurdity of this state mandate opposing it because of how much more the mandate would overbuild and over-populate local communities whether the community supported it or not.

According to how this new mandate is being implemented, an ADU could be 900 square feet or half the size of a single-family home. Does this look like an in-law apartment or does it look like two houses on one lot? Is the state in the business of simply increasing density as a positive. Is this also why the state is pushing the MBTA Communities Act which forces communities to build denser multiple housing sites simply because they have MBTA train service. I have even heard, but I'm still checking this out, Beacon Hill now calling bus stops "train stations" in lieu of actual train stations?

I say the people of Revere and their elected officials need to take a stand. Last time I looked we were a government of, for and by the people. We are about to start celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Remembering Lexington and Concord starts next month. In June, it will be Bunker Hill Day over in Charlestown.

Benjamin Franklin said it best to a passerby outside where delegates had just created our U.S. Constitution, "We have a Republic if we can keep it." Gimme and all of us our Democratic Republic back.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

The network broadcasted a portion of Harris' answer to a question on *Face the Nation* and a different one on *60 Minutes*.

Yes to Ending Taxing Tips
"Trump is right to want to get rid of taxes on tips, primarily because it's a heavy paperwork load and it generates practically no revenue," but there are "a few flies in the ointment" observes Jared Dillian at *Reason*. "Naturally people are going to try to arbitrate the system and treat actual wages as tip income," so likely "tipped occupations will explode after the tax is abolished." And tipping may decrease after tax on tips is eliminated." Still, "tipped employees" have frequently been "the target of IRS audits," since "the IRS disproportionately audits low -income taxpayers compared to high-income ones. Ending the tax on tips not only puts more money in the pockets

of service employees but also unburdens them from an onerous tax enforcement regime."

Paterson, NJ Mayor Apparently Loves Palestine
Palestine, NJ Mayor Andre Sayegh recently declared his city the "capital of Palestine" and "the fourth holiest city in the world" during the kickoff of Ramadan just weeks ago.

Sayegh was elected mayor of this New Jersey city back in 2018. The holy month started on February 28th and ends on March 29th.

End Quote
"John F. Kennedy said of Canada, 'Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies. Those whom nature hath so joined together, let no man put asunder.'"

— Rich Lowry, national newspaper columnist

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MBTA Releases Android Version of MBTA Go Mobile App

The MBTA's Official MBTA Go App Features Real-Time Rider Information Like Estimated Arrival Times and Train/Bus Tracking

The MBTA announced that its official mobile app, *MBTA Go*, is available to Android users, following the app release to Apple iPhone users in November 2024. Developed completely in-house and as the most authoritative source for MBTA information, MBTA Go aims to improve communication between the MBTA and its riders by providing real-time information for all fixed-route services in a more accessible way.

"The MBTA has been improving the experience of riders by running more reliable service, renovating stations, fixing track infrastructure, and communicating information more quickly," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "The MBTA Go mobile app for Android users is one more step in our quest to give customers what they need to get where they are going. Tools like MBTA Go help the public make decisions about their trips, giving them more control over their travel decisions."

"We're pleased to now offer a companion MBTA Go app

for Android users," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "Riders deserve quality and accurate real-time information to plan their journeys, and this app is just one more component of our wider effort to continuously improve communications. MBTA Go is a great, free mobile tool for riders to plan their travels, and we hope the public continues to let us know of new features they'd like to see that can make the app even better. Public feedback continues to be critical as we develop rider-centered tools that improve the customer experience like MBTA Go."

MBTA Go assists riders as they navigate their trips with features that include:

- Get real-time updates, including estimated train/bus arrival times, live tracking as vehicles approach a stop, and estimated time to rider's destination
- View a user-friendly MBTA map that allows riders to click to see available services and transfers at each stop and station

- Find out if there is a closure on your route with clear alerts and map indicators

- Access in eight languages: English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and French

MBTA Go has been downloaded by more than 57,000 users. The MBTA's Technology Innovation Department expects to share app version updates approximately every four-to-six weeks with new features. Updates to come include details about approaching vehicles, like-live crowding updates, and a Trip Planner that provides Waze- or Google Map-like route recommendations. Nearly half of the feedback received from users so far have been requests for more features.

More than 4,000 MBTA riders piloted MBTA Go during the beta test period that began in July 2024. User feedback and human-centered design continue to directly influence the development team's work as they work to improve the tool.

MassGOP Monthly Update ...

Back in February, the Democratic supermajority and the Healey-Driscoll Administration chose to further the migrant crisis. The MassGOP, alongside Republican legislators in the House and Senate, strongly opposed any additional funding for what has become a full-blown humanitarian crisis — demanding meaningful reform instead.

Democrats ended up voting to spend another \$425 million of taxpayer money to sustain and expand the migrant crisis — rejecting every Republican

effort to bring accountability and common sense to the process. Minority Leader Senator Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) proposed an amendment requiring universal background checks for individuals seeking Emergency Assistance (EA) housing, closing a loophole that allows applicants from outside Massachusetts — and even outside the country — to bypass meaningful vetting, yet Democrats blocked it.

Sen. Peter Durant (R-Spencer) introduced another amendment to prioritize homeless

Massachusetts residents over newly arrived migrants, ensuring those who have paid into the system receive first access to taxpayer-funded services.

However, Democrats rejected that too. By voting to pass this supplemental budget without meaningful reform, Governor Healey and the Democratic supermajority have doubled down on wasteful spending, ignored public safety concerns, and disrespected hardworking taxpayers — all to appease the most extreme factions of their base.

New North End Community Center Construction Update ...

It was standing room only at last week's North End Community Center Construction meeting with all age groups represented. The center is set to be built adjacent to the Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street, abutting the Coast Guard Base, with the main entrance on Commercial Street. The current Nazzaro Center footprint on North Bennet Street is 28,000 square feet while the new community center will be a four-story building, ADA compliant with an elevator, approximately 50,000 to 54,000 square feet of space, and comes with an estimated price tag of \$65 million dollars. City of Boston officials provided the group a thorough overview of the proposed plan and construction timeline and impacts.

The current schematic design stands at 50% and is slated to offer a variety of programming for youth, teens, elderly, an after-school program, studio fitness, cardio, yoga, a weight room, arts and crafts, flexible space and a full-size

gymnasium. The team is still tweaking the overall project and adjustments may still be made and considered.

A major area of concern was the proposed pool renovation. New mechanical equipment and pipes will be installed along with brand new changing rooms. The city draft design calls for a zero-entry pool area in combination with a family & lap pool component, although all plans are still preliminary. However, the new design offers a smaller multi-purpose pool compared to what presently exists. The community was very vocal in their concern and disappointment in this proposal. While they are thrilled that the pool will receive improvements, they definitely do not want the size of the pool to decrease, and they made it known.

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz noted that this was the first time he had heard the pool details, as it hasn't been part of past discussions. He suggested finalizing the community center details first, then regrouping and addressing

the pool renovation. The city representatives reiterated nothing is set in stone. Construction on the project is tentatively slated to begin in fall of 2025, with an estimated completion date of Spring, 2028. The pool would be out of commission and unavailable to the community for two summers, 2026 and 2027.

Any renovations and reprogramming of the current Nazzaro Community Center will be addressed as an entirely different project, possibly in the fall of 2025. The city will continue to communicate with the community concerning the new community center and pool and will hold a follow up meeting in late spring or early summer to address resident's concerns.

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In the true spirit of charity. For the sin against the Sacredness of Life, from conception until natural death,
**To console our Lord and our Lady
at Madonna Queen National Shrine**

WHEN: 9:00 am, Good Friday, April 18, 2025
WHERE: Madonna Queen National Shrine, 150 Orient Ave., E. Boston
WHO: Anyone who wishes to pray for the end of abortion
HOW: Peacefully and prayerfully. Please bring rosaries rather than signs
WHAT: What can you do to help? Tell a friend, put this notice in church bulletin and pray for us.

CONTACT:
Sebastian Martelli 617-893-7777 or 617-846-9077

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DeFilippo Playground Cleanup

Saturday, April 5
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DeFilippo Playground ("the Gassy")
Hosted by
Friends of DeFilippo Playground

Meet your neighbors and help beautify the North End and get it ready for spring!

Civic Organizing | Community Engagement

Happy 95th Birthday Emilia



North End resident Emilia Cataldo recently celebrated her 95th birthday surrounded by her adorable great-grandchildren and many other family members.

North End Residents Running for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge Team *Raising Funds for Cancer Research at Dana-Farber*

On April 21st, six, North End, Boston, Massachusetts residents are running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 129th Boston Marathon®.

- Eric De Lauriers
- Sean Munnis
- Maggie Sakellarios
- Nora Sullivan
- Kaitlyn Thorogood
- Emily Tina

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$8.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 36th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge

team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$132 million for the Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family

and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

Invitational runners — runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber have a minimum fundraising commitment of \$10,000.

Own entry runners — runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/marathonchallenge. On Twitter: [#RunDFMC](https://twitter.com/RunDFMC).

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI24D0451DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ANA DeSOUZA MEIRA LEWIS
vs.
JUSTIN M. LEWIS

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: Ana D. Meira Lewis, 110 Lawrence Street, Medford, MA 02155 your answer, if any, on or before April 09, 2025. 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: February 26, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/14/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI25C0249CA
In the Matter of
ANALISA PROVINCHAIN
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Analisa Prochain of Dracut, MA, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Analisa Encarnacion

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 April 08, 2025. 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: March 11, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 03/14/2025

Atlantic Works Gallery

80 Border Street, East Boston, MA

TWO PAINTERS / DOS PINTORES

Artists: Diane Teubner and Renato Viganego

Show Dates: April 4 - 26, 2025

Opening Reception: April 5th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Third Thursday Reception: April 17th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

For its April exhibition, the Atlantic Works Gallery (AWG) invites the public to **Two Painters / Dos pintores**, showing work by two AWG artists, Diane Teubner and Renato Viganego.

Using the warp and weft of the grid, and the sequencing and rhythmic interplay of blocks of color and lines, **Diane Teubner** continues her exploration of the visual and felt sense of interval and measure, time and space, within and across paintings.

Renato Viganego studies the human figure of nature as a way of understanding the



Title: **CELES-TIAL**, Artist: **Renato Viganego**, Medium: **Acrylic on canvas**

difficult and the complicated. In his meticulously crafted paintings, clear and concise, every line, plane, and volume come together to offer a beautifully balanced chromatic vision.

Two Painters / Dos pintores runs April 4 - April 26, 2025 at the Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, East Boston, MA, open 2:00-6:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays.

The opening reception is on April 5th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., and the Third Thursday reception is on April 17th, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

For details, please visit atlanticworks.org.

The Atlantic Works Gallery is a collaborative space for art and ideas.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after April 07, 2025 by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

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Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information

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Run dates: 03/14, 03/21, 03/28/2025

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The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI25P0248GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of
JOSHUA KWEEDOR
of Groton, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Nichole J. Duffany of Dracut, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Joshua Kweedor** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Nichole J. Duffany of Dracut, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **March 27, 2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 27, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/14/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. MI20P3623GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Resignation or
Petition for Removal
of Guardianship of a Minor

In the interests of
AUBREY WALTON
of Cambridge, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by **Rosalind D. Walton** on 01/29/24 will be held 04/23/25 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801, Courtroom 4.

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: March 12, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/14/2025

Saint Jean-Louis Bonnard

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Jean Louis was the fifth child of Gabriel Bonnard and Anne Bonnier's six children. He was born on March 18, 1824. He was baptized that very day, in the Church of Saint Christot-en-Jarez (Loire, France). The family was very Christian. Evenings were spent reading and chatting. "I want to be a priest," declared Jean-Louis at five years of age. His parents detected an early vocation. Years went by, and Jean-Louis' plan did not change. The family was elated at the prospect of having one of the children become a priest, After a collegiate course at Saint-Jodard, he entered the seminary of Lyon. He left at the age of 22, to complete



his theological studies at the Seminary of the Foreign Missions in Paris.

From Nantes, where he was ordained, he ailed for the

missions of Western Tongking (northern Vietnam) and reached there in May, 1850. In 1851, he was put in charge of two parishes there. At the time, proselytization was banned in Vietnam.

On March 21, 1852, he was arrested and cast into prison. Sentence of death was pronounced against him and was executed immediately upon receipt of its confirmation by Emperor Tu Duc (May 1, 1852). His remains were thrown into the river, but recovered by Christians and sent by them to the Seminary of Foreign Missions.

The Feast day of Saint Jean Louis Bonnard is May 1st.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Frederick Law Olmsted



Frederick Law Olmsted was an American landscape architect, journalist, social critic, and public administrator. He is considered to be the father of landscape architecture in the United States.

Frederick Law Olmsted was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on April 26, 1822. His father, John Olmsted, was a successful businessman who took a lively interest in nature, people, and places. Frederick Law and his younger brother, John Hull Olmsted, also showed this interest. His mother, Charlotte Law Olmsted, passed away before his fourth birthday in 1826.

His father remarried in 1827 to Mary Ann Bull, who shared her husband's love of nature. Their children were Charlotte, Mary, Owen, Bertha, Ada, and Albert Olmsted. The Olmsted ancestors arrived in the early 1600s from Essex, England.

When Frederick was almost ready to enter Yale College a Sumac poisoning weakened his eyes, so he abandoned college plans. After working as an apprentice seaman, merchant, and journalist, he settled on a 125-acre farm in January 1848 on the south shore of Staten Island, and he renamed it from Akerly Homestead to Tosomock Farm.

On June 13, 1859, Olmsted married Mary Cleveland (Perkins) Olmsted, the widow of his brother John, who died in 1857. Daniel Fawcett Tiemann, the mayor of New York, officiated the wedding. Olmsted adopted Mary's three children and also had two children of their own.

Olmsted was famous for co-designing many well-known urban parks with his partner Calvert Vaux. Olmsted and Vaux's first project was Central Park in New York City, which led to many other urban park designs.

In 1883, Olmsted established the preeminent landscape architectural firm in the United States. They designed campuses and other projects throughout the United States and Canada. Together, these works totaled 355. He helped design some of the most famous parks in America including Central Park in New York, the Emerald Necklace series of connecting parks in Boston, and Yosemite National Park.

His landscape architecture and planning consultancy firm of the late 19th-century was carried on and expanded by his sons, Frederick Jr., and John C., under the name Olmsted Brothers.

In recognition of his services during the Civil War, Olmsted was elected a Third Class member of the Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States on May 2, 1888.

In 1895, senility forced Olmsted to retire. By 1898, he moved to Belmont, Massachusetts, and took up residence as a patient at the McLean Hospital, for whose grounds he had submitted a design which was never executed. He remained there until he died in 1903.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI24P5440GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
GABY M. HERRERA PEREZ
of Ayer, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/15/2024 by Veronica Perez-Velasquez of Ayer, MA will be held 04/23/2025 09:00 AM
Review Hearing
Located Lowell Justice Center
Courtroom 11
370 Jackson Street
Lowell, MA
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- 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.
- Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: February 12, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/14/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Docket No. SU21P1578EA
In the Matter of
JANET PANCIOTTO
Also Known As:
JANET M. PANCIOTTO

Date of Death - September 13, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by Paul A. Panciocco of Stoughton, MA requesting allowance of the First and Final account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 March 27, 2025.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 27, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

Run date: 03/14/2025

Garden Longer with Less Muscle Strain and Fatigue

by Melinda Myers

That first full day in the garden may find you tired, sunburned, and stiff. Whether you are a young or young-at-heart gardener, include some strategies to help extend your enjoyment and reduce fatigue and muscle strain so you can keep gardening longer each day and for years to come.

No matter your age, it's important to protect your joints when gardening. Use a kneeler pad or knee pads to protect your knees. Knee pads secured to your legs allow you to conveniently and comfortably protect your knees as you move from one garden bed to another.

If you need help kneeling, consider a garden kneeler with handles. The handles provide needed support when kneeling and standing up. The ones that can be flipped over and used as a garden bench provide double the benefit. The seating position reduces bending and helps minimize the need to kneel.

Elevating your garden can also help. It is a great way to save space and eliminate the need to bend when planting, weeding, and harvesting. Elevated gardens and raised beds also offer a place to garden where planting space is limited or nonexistent. You'll enjoy planting and harvesting with minimal weeding needed. Just be sure to monitor soil moisture and water as needed. Use self-watering containers, add irrigation or employ water-extending products to help lengthen the time between watering.

Further expand planting options by dressing up walls, fences, and more with vertical gardens. Monitor soil moisture in wall-mounted gardens regularly as many have limited soil that dries out quickly.



Kneeler pads provide comfort and protection for knees. (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Clean and sharpen your tools, including pruning equipment, digging and weeding tools. This allows you to make cuts more easily and dig into the soil and weed with less effort.

Consider investing in ergonomic tools designed for comfort to help prolong your time in the garden. Select lightweight tools with non-slip comfortable grip handles aligned to keep your wrist extension straight, which helps reduce muscle strain.

Use pruners with ratcheting, compound, or Dual Link action for more cutting power with less effort. You'll be able to spend more time pruning with less muscle strain and fatigue. Consider investing in shovels with an anti-skid plate above the blade, providing more foot support for more digging power. Or retrofit an existing shovel with a commercially available anti-skid foot plate.

Don't overlook the importance of protecting your hands as well

when gardening. Quality gardening gloves provide support and protection when digging, planting, pruning, and more.

Start with some preseason training. Every gardener knows gardening is a workout and often involves different motions and muscles than other exercises. Always warm up your muscles and do a bit of stretching before getting out in the garden.

Enlist the help of wheeled carts and wagons to move plants, mulch, soil, and other heavy loads. Don't be afraid to break heavy loads into smaller batches or ask for help. You'll spare your muscles and probably save time in the long run.

Wear a pair of safety glasses to protect your eyes and don't forget the sunscreen. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water.

Preseason planning and preparation can help reduce muscle strain as the garden season begins. You'll boost your enjoyment and be able to garden longer.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, Revised Edition*, and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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**TOMMY BOY -
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(4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray/
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Paramount Home
Entertainment**

Celebrate 30 years of gut-busting laughs with the 90s classic *Tommy Boy*, starring "Saturday Night Live" alumni Chris Farley and David Spade, in one of cinema's funniest on-screen pairings as two drastically different personalities on a hellish road trip to save a family's auto parts business, resulting in one disastrously funny consequence after another. Produced by Lorne Michaels and directed by Peter Segal, *Tommy Boy* scored with audiences when it debuted in 1995 and continues to attract new fans three decades later, arriving for the first time on 4K Ultra HD, on March 25th, 2025 from Paramount Home Entertainment. This larger-than-life comedy features Rob Lowe, Bo Derek, and Brian Dennehy. Presented in 4K Ultra HD in a 4K/Blu-ray Combo and in this Limited-Edition SteelBook, both of which include hours of legacy bonus content and access to a Digital copy of the film.

**JOSEPH CAMPBELL AND
THE POWER OF MYTH WITH
BILL MOYERS**

(Blu-ray) Film Movement

In this landmark 1988 PBS series, *The Power of Myth*, mythologist and storyteller Joseph Campbell joins acclaimed journalist Bill Moyers to explore what enduring myths can tell us about our lives. In each of six episodes recorded at Skywalker Ranch and New York's American Museum of Natural History - "The Hero's Adventure," "The Message of the Myth," "The First Storytellers," "Sacrifice and Bliss," "Love and the Goddess," and "Masks of Eternity" - Moyers and Campbell focus on a character or theme found in cultural and religious mythologies. In conversations that span millennia and cover the far reaches of the globe, the two discuss how myths are clues to the spiritual core of human nature, while touching on such diverse topics as religion, folklore and pop culture. Released shortly after Campbell's death on October 30, 1987, *The Power of Myth* was one of the most popular TV series in the history of public television, and continues to inspire new audiences. Film Movement has released the landmark series in special, extras-laden set on Blu-ray (2 Discs).

QUACKSER FORTUNE

(Blu-ray)

VCI Entertainment

A comedy of the human spirit about a highly independent young Irishman who triumphs over conformity. Reminiscent of 'Harold & Maude' and 'Start the Revolution Without Me,' this gentle comedy is the story of a man out of step with this world, marching to the beat of his own drum. *Quackser Fortune* (Gene Wilder) earns his living by following the horse-drawn delivery wagons of Dublin, scooping up the droppings and selling it as fertilizer. Margot Kidder is the

American exchange student who finds herself drawn to this unlearned, but not unknowing man.

TRICK OR TREAT

(4K Ultra HD) Synapse Films

Rock 'n' roll will never die, in this 1980s cult favorite, *Trick or Treat*, that stars Marc Price as Eddie Weinbauer, a teenage outcast who idolizes Sammi Curr (Tony Fields), a heavy metal superstar. After Sammi dies a violent death, his spirit returns to help Eddie get even with his high school tormentors. In doing so, Sammi begins to gain control over Eddie's life, and brings him deeper into the world of the occult. When Eddie realizes that he has become the tool of Sammi's vengeance, he attempts to stop him, and the horrifying events that follow, leave no one unscathed. Featuring special appearances by Gene Simmons and Ozzy Osbourne, *Trick or Treat* marked the directorial debut of veteran actor Charles Martin Smith, and features a legendary soundtrack by Fastway, an English hard rock band formed in 1982 by former Motorhead guitarist "Fast" Eddie Clarke and former UFO bassist Pete Way. Red Shirt Home Video and Synapse Films present this heavy metal horror classic in an all-new 4K Ultra HD restoration presented in Dolby Vision, with a head-banging surround sound mix, and loaded with hours of supplemental material including multiple commentary tracks and a feature-length video retrospective! No false metal!

**100 TEARS -
DIRECTOR'S CUT**

(Blu-ray) Uearthed Films

After being accused of crimes he did not commit, a lonely circus performer exacts his revenge on those who unjustly condemned him. The acts sparks something inside of him, which he cannot stop and now, years late, his inner-demons have truly surfaced. Part urban legend, part tabloid sensationalism... he is now an unstoppable murderous juggernaut, fueled only by hate. Going to the circus will never be the same!

**EATING MISS CAMPBELL
(Blu-ray) Troma Films**

Eating Miss Campbell is a high school horror/comedy with a ravenous appetite for the grotesque. Beth Conner (Lyndsey Craine) is a vegan-Goth introvert who attends an elite high school in England. She emerges from her shell when a new teacher Miss Campbell (Lala Barlow) arrives on campus. Their affair triggers Beth to develop a new appetite. The new Beth is eager to win the school's celebrated "All You Can Eat Massacre" contest that has a very unique first prize. Can she devour everything to achieve her dream? *Eating Miss Campbell* turns a dark comic light on posh academia, cannibalism, school violence, child predators, alternate realities, and horror movies. The bonus features include an audio commentary, a *Making Of* documentary, deleted scenes, outtakes, a Gore Reel, cast interviews, and behind the scenes footage and more.

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

**SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER
FALSE ALARM FROM
HAKEEM JEFFRIES**

"House Republicans want to take a chainsaw to Medicaid. Extreme MAGA Republicans will slash and burn health care coverage for millions of hardworking Americans to fund trillions in tax cuts to billionaires and wealthy corporations."

The above quote from House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries was included in a fundraising pitch from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee just the other day. It was the usual doom and gloom from Democrats at the U.S. Capitol. The Democrats in Washington D.C. are getting really nervous about their growing irrelevance. They will say or do anything to take money out of your pocket either through taxes or it seems fundraising appeals too.

Can I tell you something, who is really listening to their endless alarms over what Trump and the GOP want to do to America. By now most of us have turned their warning off in our heads. We don't hear them no matter how loudly they scream at us. It reminds me of those car alarms that go off constantly and nobody cares unless it's their own cars.

**FROM SAL'S INBOX
WE GOT MAIL**

Michelle Wu is positioning the city of Boston as safe because of the fact that it has been deemed a sanctuary city. Illegal immigrants can matriculate here and not fear for their arrest and return to their country of origin. Therefore, they are free to contact the police when they witness a crime. The police follow up on these contacts from illegals and somehow magically stop crimes from being committed. Therefore, reported crime declines. Do I have this right?

This appears to be her only point of fact regarding public safety and illegal immigration. There are several problems with this argument but the one that stands out to me is that this belief that Boston is safer because illegals are safer here is not based on any firm data. Wu has never offered any statistics to bolster her claim that illegal immigrants contact the police at all. Lacking data, this is nothing more than a typical Wu talking point.

It reminds me of the argument she made as a city councilor when she proposed a fee on resident parking permits. She claimed, without any supporting data, that a certain percentage of residents would be unlikely to fork over \$25 or \$50 a year for a resident parking permit. Therefore, she concluded, there would be more room for bike lanes to be built in Boston neighborhoods. When I called her out on it, she admitted that there was no data to support her proposal. It was just a thought she had! I'd like to see the numbers regarding illegals making contact with the police before I conclude that a sanctuary city is a safer city.

— Sean Flaherty, Charlestown
**WONDER IF HIS SON
HAS A FATHER'S DAY CARD
FOR HIM THIS YEAR?**

Recently, the ex-Mr. Jennifer

Lopez went on *Access Hollywood* to seemingly rag about his son, 13-year-old Samuel. According to Affleck, his son wanted to mooch off the old man asking for a pair of Dior Air Jordans. "That's what happens when you tell a m*****ker they have to mow the lawn. All of a sudden, they don't want those shoes," stated Affleck, "I'm like 'Man, you don't need \$1,000 shoes.' He's like, 'We have the money.' I'm like, 'I have the money, you're broke.'"

**ROSSETTI-COWAN
SENIOR CENTER
UPCOMING NEWS**

The City of Revere's Department of Elder Affairs is always getting things done for the city's older population. If you wish to join up for the senior center and attend their many events, go to revere.org/department/elder-affairs. Next month, you should put this on your calendar. There is going to be a SPRING FLING on Wednesday, April 16th from 11:00 a.m. until 2 p.m., over at St. Anthony's Church. Entertainment by Stevie Ray, catering by Nick's Bistro, raffles, cake, and ice cream too. Members only \$15.

BUZZY SPRING MARKET

I went to this last year and it is coming back again on Saturday, March 29th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Shop 30 plus women-owned businesses from all over a Greater Boston. This is a free event. Stuff to buy. People to talk to. Fun for all ages. Where? Springhill Suites Marriott at Revere Beach.

**ANTHONY PARZIALE
ANNOUNCES FOR
REVERE CITY COUNCIL**

Anthony Parziale has just announced he will be running for an at-large seat on the Revere City Council. As Parziale stated, "This is not my campaign; it's our movement. Together, we will ensure every Revere resident has a seat at the table and a real opportunity to thrive." He will be kicking off his campaign on March 27th from

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI19D1452DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ROBIN M. SMITH
vs.
KEVIN M. SMITH

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: Tami M. Dristiliaris, Esq., Law Offices of Tami M. Dristiliaris, LLC, 101 Broadway Rd., Suite 22, Dracut, MA 01826 your answer, if any, on or before April 10, 2025. 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: February 27, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/14/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI25D0431DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
PAMELA S. LIMA FARIA
vs.
PEDRO H. LIMA FARIA

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: Pamela S. Lima Faria, 126 Beaver Street, Apt. 99, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer, if any, on or before April 10, 2025. 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: February 27, 2025

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6:00-8:00 p.m., at Sand Bar on Revere Beach.

**A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME
IF YOU'RE NOT IN IT**

I so love listening to the sound of Luther Vandross and miss that voice of his since his premature passing at 58 years old from complications due to diabetes. He died much too soon with so many more songs to sing that have now gone unsung. There's a new documentary out. Comes now *Luther: Never Too Much* on the great Luther Vandross. Mariah Carey called him "a once in a lifetime talent." Jamie Foxx said of him, "He could sing about furniture and make women swoon."

It is now streaming on HBO Max.

**COMING TO BOSTON
LATER THIS MONTH**

Based in California, Gaelic Storm has been on the road again and again and again since forming in 1995. Fans love this band's unique musical selections, from pure Irish and Celtic traditional music to country, bluegrass and more. As Brian Lacey says, "You have to see us live. We are the true working-men band."

The band will be performing live at the Wilbur Theater on Thursday, March 27th. For tickets, go to TheWilbur.com.

BOTTOMING OUT HERE

I love reading newspaper comic strips. My two favorites back in my kid days were *Blondie* and *Mutt and Jeff*. Today, I enjoy *Garfield*, *Charlie Brown* and *The Duplex*. The two of them, the guy and his dog in *Duplex*, have been lying on top of the duplex's roof forever contemplating the meaning of life and all kinds of other nonsense. The latest the other day had the two of them conversing. The guy talking with his dog says, "They say no two snowflakes are alike." The dog asks, "Who says that?" and the guy responds, "They." The dog then says, "Who's they?" The only answer the guy could give was "They who say things." This strip reminded me of a quote from Oscar Wilde, "Most people just exist, that's all."

Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Ash Wednesday took place on March 5th. In the Christian religions, it is the beginning of Lent, the forty days before Easter. In the Catholic traditions, a celebration is held during the week that precedes Ash Wednesday. The French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian cultures go overboard making merry before the solemn days that follow. The French call the festivities, Mardi Gras, the Spanish and Portuguese, Carnival, and the Italians Carnivale. The celebrations are party time for the folks who participate, and in the past, I have been one of those folks experiencing the festivities in cities like New Orleans, Rio de Janeiro, Caracas, Venezuela, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and as a musician, Boston. MA

The famous New York restaurant, Mamma Leone's opened in Boston back in December 1972, on the first floor of a parking garage located above the Mass Pike, just off Copley Square. After the Leone family sold the original restaurant located in New York's theater district, the corporation that bought it decided to expand and Boston was one of the locations. Just before lent in the early spring of 1973, the management decided to offer Carnivale entertainment at the Boston restaurant and called Uncle Nick, who at that point in time, was the vice president of the musicians' union in Boston. They wanted four small bands to stroll among the tables of diners during the week that preceded Lent. My uncle put the whole thing together due to a business meeting with the executives of the Boston operation. He then called for a meeting at his office with the 20 musicians who would be part of the 4 bands and everything was laid out in detail.

Uncle Nick, himself would lead the first band of 5 who would be dressed like chefs: checkered pants, white shirts, white aprons, and tall white chef's hats. The other three bands would be dressed with black pants, white shirts, red white and green sashes around our waists and caps with Italian flags on the front. I was to lead a novelty band. It included an accordionist, a musician playing washboard, Dad playing washtub bass and yours truly playing kazoo and a toy friscaletto, a plastic flute with a push pull handle that gave the instrument its tones. Another band would be led by a guitar player and a fourth by a violinist. Each of the bands would feature Italian music ranging from excerpts from opera (only Italian, of course) to Neapolitan street songs. We were to stroll in consecutive order at given intervals and serenade the diners while they ate. We began about a week before Ash Wednesday and things worked out rather well. There were a couple of changes made to instrumentation and personnel, but nothing major.

As part of the contract, we were to be fed, seeing that most of the playing surrounded the late afternoon-early

evening hours. Uncle Nick made arrangements with the management that a lower-level room be set up as a dressing room with tables in place for a buffet-style dinner. When we were on our breaks, we could choose what we wanted for dinner and help ourselves. Each afternoon, the buffet table was set up for us with everything from antipasti, pasta courses, meat and fish courses, vegetables, salads and an assortment of Italian pastries. An urn of coffee and an assortment of sodas accompanied the food. Uncle Nick was happy with this type of treatment partly because this wasn't often the case and partly because we were being paid a very handsome sum, way over union scale.

There was one problem, though. The food was awful. Although it was Italian in appearance the taste left a lot to be desired. After the second day of employment, we all complained to Uncle Nick. He hadn't tried anything except the coffee. On the third night, after listening to everyone in the bands complain, he sampled the dinner offerings. My band was on a break at the same time that he sampled the food and I could tell by the look on his face that he was in agreement with us ... bad tasting food.

That evening, after the restaurant closed to the public, Uncle Nick had a meeting with the management. They wanted more entertainment and he agreed to provide it. He also mentioned the food which they assured him was the same as they were serving to the public. When I drove my uncle home, he told me about his meeting and their reaction to his comments about the food. He didn't want to push the issue in fear that he would insult them. After listening to my uncle detail their responses, I came up with a possible solution. He liked my idea and decided to present it to the head chef. The next day, when we arrived at the restaurant, he told the head chef that the food was too heavy for the musicians and they couldn't perform as well as they should. He asked if they could eliminate the pasta, meat and fish dishes and substitute cold cuts and sliced bread instead. He explained it that way, adding that the bands could make sandwiches and partake of the already served salads which might be better on their stomachs when they performed. Phrased that way, the kitchen staff was more than happy to accommodate us especially after Uncle Nick slipped the head chef a twenty-dollar bill.

That night, some friends arrived at the restaurant to partake of the food and Carnivale entertainment. Most of them complained to me before they left. They loved the entertainment and hated the food. Considering they were mostly Italian; I thought about how everyone loves their own gravy better than anyone else's and let it go at that without saying anything. The next night, some friends — fellow teachers

— came in for dinner. They were African American and loved the entertainment but complained about the food. This time I spoke to Uncle Nick about it on the way home.

Uncle Nick had another business meeting with the management at the end of the week. They told him that their patrons loved the music and Mardi Gras festivities. He thanked them assuring them that it would continue for the forth coming last week of the Carnival season. They then asked him why he had requested a change of menu for the musicians. As diplomatically as he could, he tried to tell them about the complaints surrounding their food. The head man gave my uncle every excuse he could about how large the portions were and how well the waiters served each course. He decided not to push the issue as the man didn't seem like the type who could handle constructive criticism very well. On the way home that night, we talked about the complaints my friends had and he added in that several of his friends who had eaten at the restaurant had the same complaints. The verdict was in ... the food was not good.

Well, we finished performing on the Tuesday night before Ash Wednesday and the job came to an end. After that week, they had Uncle Nick book a small group to stroll during the weekend dinner hours, but that was short lived. Mamma Leone's went out of business. I guess the New York corporate executives couldn't run a good Italian restaurant in Boston. Thank God for the many places in the North End like La Summa, Lucia's and Filippo's, etc. ...

God Bless America

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI25C0290CA
In the Matter of
RANIA SHAKIL SHEIKH
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Rania Shakil Sheikh of Cambridge, MA, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Rania Wahid
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 March 31, 2025. 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: March 03, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 03/14/2025

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by
Marianna Bisignano

The rich tradition of *Zeppole di San Giuseppe* traces back to the ancient Kingdom of Naples, with its origins often attributed to religious communities such as the nuns of San Gregorio Armeno, Croce di Lucca, and dello Splendore. The first recorded recipe appeared in 1837, written by Neapolitan culinary expert Ippolito Cavalcanti. Puglia and Campania have long embraced this beloved pastry, each adding distinct regional touches to their preparation. Beyond these regions, *zeppole* are a fixed element of the celebrations of *San Giuseppe* and Father's Day in Calabria, Sicily and across much of Southern Italy.

Growing up, in my family, St. Joseph's Day was never complete without *zeppole* and as I grew older, it remained the same. Every March 19th my mother would arrive at my door, pastry box in hand, making sure we each had one of these golden, custard-filled delights to enjoy in honor of *San Giuseppe*. *Buona festa di San Giuseppe!*

ZEPPOLE di SAN GIUSEPPE al FORNO Baked St. Joseph's Zeppole



Crema Pasticcera (Pastry Cream)

4 egg yolks (80g or about 4 large yolks)
250g granulated sugar (1 ¼ cups)
500ml whole milk (2 cups)
100g all-purpose flour (¾ cup)
Peel of 1 organic lemon
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
¼ tsp salt

In a large bowl, beat egg yolks and sugar until pale and creamy. Add milk and sift in flour, mixing until smooth. Add lemon peel and transfer to a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir constantly until the mixture thickens. Remove from heat. Discard the lemon peel, then stir in vanilla extract and salt. Transfer to a bowl, cover with plastic wrap (press against the surface to prevent a skin from forming), and cool. Refrigerate if making ahead.

Zeppole Shells

250ml water (1 cup)
200g unsalted butter (14 tbsp)
5g salt (1 tsp)
250g all-purpose flour (2 cups)
6 large or 7 medium eggs

Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large saucepan, heat water, butter, and salt until boiling. Add flour all at once, stirring vigorously until the dough forms a ball and pulls away from the sides. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition until smooth. Transfer the dough into a piping bag fitted with a star tip. Pipe 3-inch circles (two layers high) onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool completely on the baking sheet.

Assembling the Zeppole

Prepared Crema Pasticcera
Confectioners' sugar, for dusting
Jar of Amarena cherries (2-3 per zeppole)

Fill a piping bag with Crema Pasticcera (use a star tip). Slice each zeppole in half horizontally and pipe cream inside. Pipe another swirl of cream on top of the zeppole. Dust with confectioners' sugar and top with 2-3 Amarena cherries. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com

• Reflecting on COVID (Continued from Page 1)

vigilance, health policies and scientific research are evolving looking for better responses to future potential pandemics.

As we mark this solemn anniversary, we do so with a mixture of sorrow and hope. We remember the pain and hardship of that time, but we also acknowledge the progress made and how much we learned.

perceive what life was like during the lock downs. I recall my grandparents explaining what it is was like to live through the Great Depression and other tough times our country faced,

I personally will forever be grateful that I and my family survived, I will never forget those we lost, and I will continue to pray that the world never suffers and faces a similar fate.

• Democratic Women in Congress (Continued from Page 1)

the President's congressional speech.

Nungaray also noted that she has "met and spoken with President Trump several times and he was very caring and compassionate."

who yelled "say her name," with Biden finally calling her Lincoln.

It seems the American people stand with the President. A CBS Poll found that 79% of people who watched the speech approved and thought he was Presidential.

• Gov. Healey MBTA Zoning Laws

(Continued from Page 1)

not a one size fits all. Recently, there were communities that weren't in compliance that now have made steps toward compliance, and we've said, "Let the funds go through because you're on track."

This is a clear case of Do as I say, Not as I do, given that Healey has joined Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell in pushing back against President Trump's efforts to undo DEI policies in Bay State schools.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle(s) on March 17th, 2025 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

- 2010 TOYOTA CAMRY VIN# 4T1BK3EK4AU099622
2014 SUBARU XV VIN# JF2GPACC5E8338641
2018 AUDI A3 VIN# WAUJ8GFF4J1065931
2018 TOYOTA COROLLA VIN# 2T1BURHE8JC049519

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Division

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU25P0451EA

Estate of CAROL MITRO Also Known As: CAROL A. MITRO, CAROL ANN MITRO, CAROL ANNE MITRO

Date of Death: January 04, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner John J. Soter of Wayland, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John J. Soter of Wayland, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25P1045EA

Estate of RUTH O. LEWIS Also Known As: RUTH LEWIS

Date of Death: September 21, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Adam M. Ostrow of Lexington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Adam M. Ostrow of Lexington, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25P1169EA

Estate of RENEE MICHELLE HURLEY Date of Death: December 28, 2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dianne M. Gillis of Wakefield, 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 Dianne M. Gillis of Wakefield, 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 April 03, 2025.

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: March 06, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 03/14/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25P0874EA

Estate of LUIGI BUFFONE Date of Death: July 16, 2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary Anne Buffone of Newton, 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 Mary Anne Buffone of Newton, 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 March 27, 2025.

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: February 27, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 03/14/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU25P0512EA

Estate of BEVERLY F. ABBOTT Date of Death: October 13, 2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joanne Bellizeare of Scotch Plains, NJ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Joanne Bellizeare of Scotch Plains, NJ be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate 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 April 04, 2025.

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. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 07, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate Run date: 03/14/2025

2025 Boston Red Sox Schedule. Includes weekly game grids for March/April, May, June, July, August, and September, listing opponents, times, and home/away status.

Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Happy Birthday

Jack Johnson

Defensive Master was Born on March 31, 1878



If Jack Johnson's defensive skills in the ring had been transferable to his becoming a criminal trial lawyer, he never would have lost a case. Out of all the heavyweight champions, Jack was arguably the one with



the finest skills when it came to not getting hit. He was the master of the parry and feinting. In a record encompassing 76 fights over 34 years Jack was stopped just six times. It should be remembered that of those six stoppages, five were either at the beginning or end of his career, his first stoppage coming in just his fourth fight.

On February 25, 1901, in only his eleventh fight he was



kayoad by the far more experienced Joe Choynski. Choynski not only had the advantage in time spent in the ring having had 68 fights at the time, but he was also considered one of the hardest punchers in history. The young Johnson always credited that fight as the time he learned his defensive skills. It turned out he and Joe were jailed for over a week after the fight. Boxing was illegal at the time and the place they partook in their match. The jailer liked boxing and allowed the two to spar on a daily basis. It was during those sessions that Johnson became Choynski's pupil, you might even say protege.

The lessons learned that week served Jack well as he went on to win the heavyweight title. He has also gone down as one of the greatest of all-time.

Jack would not be stopped again until Jess Willard kayoad



him while taking the title from Johnson in 1915. Johnson claims to have taken a dive in that fight, but most boxing experts do not believe that to be true.

Johnson continued fighting until 1931. He did not lose by stoppage again until 1926 when he was 48 years old. His final two stoppage losses both occurred when he was fifty years old. One of those was to the formidable Bearcat Wright who was 31 years old at the time, an age advantage of 19 years. In that fight Johnson was holding his own but got caught with a punch to the solar plexus that knocked the wind out him.

I have selected some photos of Jack in his retirement years. They show a man healthy, alert, and without a mark on his face. All are testaments to his uncanny ability in avoiding punches.

Jack was still boxing exhibitions up until his death at the age of 68 in 1946. Fast driving was one of his pleasures, and he died in an automobile accident.

He was truly one for the ages.



HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



DID BRAD MARCHAND REALLY WANT TO BE A BRUIN?

— If you really examine the official transcript of the March 7th press conference that Bruins GM Don Sweeney had with reporters, it shed a bit of light on what transpired in the days leading up to the transaction that saw the Bruins captain dealt to the Florida Panthers.

Many feel that the Bruins simply traded away their captain. But that simply is not true. Marchand had an offer but chose to decline it.

How else to interpret Sweeney's comments when he was asked what it finally came down to.

External forces apparently played a large role in what Sweeney called a "time gap." That could refer to the then impending trade deadline of March 7th and the thus external pressure to complete a deal by that time with duration of contract and amount of salary determined. Whatever those were, in the end, the ball (or in this case, the puck) was in the possession of Marchand and his representatives.

The Bruins offer apparently did not measure up following extensive negotiations and thus they chose not to accept it.

The Bruins desired a settled situation by the deadline and when it did not happen they took the step of dealing Marchand away, since he would be a free agent as of June 30th and thus eligible to sign with any team.

Could Brad Marchand still have been a Bruin as you read this? Of course. All he had to do was to sign the offer provided to him by the B's and he would have continued to play in Boston and be the captain of the team.

He chose not to do that. Thus, it was his decision to not sign up again that set in motion what eventually played out. If Brad Marchand had really, really wanted to remain with the Bruins all he had to do is sign his renewal contract.

He didn't. And when he returned to Boston on March 11th as a member of the Panthers, he talked about the possibility of moving his family to Florida. One wonders if all of this is worth leaving friends, neighbors and teammates — plus having children leave schools they are familiar with and all the friends they have grown up with.

Marchand apparently is earning an average of \$7 million per season as his current eight-year deal comes to a close.

But, you see, there are social costs associated with such moves and they are not always for the best.

The Red Sox experienced this within the last few years when two top candidates for front office positions declined to be interviewed because they did not want to uproot their families.

All that glitters may not really be gold but may be tarnished in some ways by the social costs involved.

And yet, if Brad really wants to be a Bruin, there is still a way

he could be back on Causeway Street in the fall. His current contract expires on June 30th. Thus, come July 1st he will be free to negotiate with any of the 32 teams in the National Hockey League — including the Bruins.

Yes, that means if either Brad or the Bruins can manage to budge on their respective stances concerning the proposed contract, the B's captain could be headed north come summer.

Until June 30th, though, Florida now has the exclusive rights to negotiate with Marchand. If the two parties can reach a deal, Brad will become a Panther for a much longer period of time.

In addition, the price of the transaction for Florida's end appeared to be a bit low. It is a conditional draft pick which could turn into a first-round selection in a future year if Florida advances through the first two rounds of the 2025 playoffs or if Marchand plays in at least 50 percent of Florida's 2025 playoff games.

Florida GM Bill Zito was delighted to have Marchand aboard for the upcoming playoffs. "We think he has some more gas left in the tank," proclaimed Zito to *NHL.com*. "He is a dynamic player. He is multifaceted whether it is his skills, his speed, his hockey sense or his will to win. We are looking forward to adding him to the mix. I think he will fit in."

Sweeney did accommodate one of Marchand's requests — to be traded to a top team. And thus the Bruins star wound up going to the Panthers, the defending Stanley Cup champions who seem poised to have a lengthy run in the 2025 playoffs.

They are also a current nemesis of the B's, having eliminated them in the first round of the 2023 playoffs after Boston had compiled an NHL record of 65 regular season victories.

Then in 2024, Florida banished the B's in the second round en route to their march to the Stanley Cup Championship.

And right now, the Panthers are positioned to earn a top berth in the Cup seedings, currently battling the Toronto Maple Leafs for the lead in the Eastern Conference.

Of course, this is hockey, not basketball. That means that any of the 16 teams that get into the playoffs has a legitimate chance of winning — or losing.

In 2019 eighth-seeded Columbus eliminated top seeded Tampa in a first-round sweep, despite Tampa having just won a then-record 62 regular season games. And, of course, the regular season record producing Bruins fell to eighth seed Florida in 2023, in a series that went seven games.

So, as the Bruins continue to battle several teams for one of the two wild card spots available to Eastern Conference teams all is not lost. Make it through the narrow doorway and a whole new world of possibilities will open for the spring of 2025.