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## Mayor Wu Under Federal Microscope

by Patti Sartori

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu was barely back to work after appearing in front of a congressional committee regarding “Boston’s Trust Act and Sanctuary City Status” when she once again found herself under a federal microscope over the city’s alleged antisemitism. President Donald Trump’s Federal Task Force to Combat Antisemitism will be dropping by city hall to discuss Boston’s alleged failure to protect Jewish students from unlawful discrimination.

Wu has been labeled one of the most progressive and liberal mayors in America and is quickly finding herself, and Boston, home to the fourth largest Jewish community in the U.S., to be one of the Trump administrations top targets, not an envious place to be given she is in the middle of a re-election

campaign. “Too many elected officials chose not to stand up to a rising tide of antisemitism in our cities and campuses following the horrific events of October 7, 2023. Actions have consequences, inaction does too,” U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi said in a statement announcing the visit to Boston by the Federal antisemitism panel.

The task force plans to meet with city leaders, effected students, local law enforcement and community members in Boston, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago as it gathers information about alleged incidents and considers whether federal intervention is warranted. In Mayor Wu’s defense, she did order Boston Police to arrest one hundred pro-Palestinian demonstrators last year who were encamped at Emerson College

in Boylston Place Alley and was criticized by various liberal groups for doing so. “Boston has one of the most vibrant Jewish communities in America, a source of pride and strength for our city and our region, and we stand firmly against antisemitism,” Wu’s spokesperson stated.

The meetings with Wu and other city mayors were announced by the Department of Justice following the Department of Education’s warning to various colleges and universities across the country, including Boston University, Emerson College, Harvard University, Tufts University, U Mass Amherst and Wellesley College, surrounding possible enforcement actions if they do not protect Jewish students on their campuses.

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Most New Yorkers Support Civil Commitments for Mentally Ill Homeless

More than nine out of 10 NY voters (91 percent) think civil commitments for the mentally ill homeless are more compassionate than letting them live on the streets according to recent polling

### Maserati EV Gassed Out of Market?

Stellantis-owned Maserati cancelled plans for an electric version of its MC20 sports car because of expected poor demand. The MC20 Folgore had been due to debut later this year.

Launched in 2020, the 630-horsepower MC20 is made in Maserati’s hometown of Modena, northern Italy, and has a starting price around \$262,000.

### Does Pet Bonding

#### Lower Depression and Stress?

According to a study by the American Psychiatric Association, nearly 69 percent of pet owners believe their animals help reduce stress and anxiety while 69 percent also view their pets as giving unconditional love, and 66 percent say their pets are a calming presence in their everyday lives.

However, a newer study done at Trinity College suggests your pet could also negatively impact your mental health. In this study of more than 1,000 pet owners found that pet owners who feel insecure or anxious were reportedly more likely to experience depression.

### Quote to Note

“In this world, shipmates, sin that pays its way can travel freely, and without a passport; whereas Virtue, if a pauper, is stopped at all frontiers.” This quote came from the novel *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.

A somewhat friend of mine recently challenged me to use this quote and here I did. What is this quote talking about. What do you think out there? Send some me some of your thoughts to [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com)

### A Good Quote for March and St. Patrick’s Day

“Ireland is a land of poets and legends of dreamers and rebels.” — Nora Roberts

### End Quote

“For there is always Light, if only we’re brave enough to see it, if only we’re brave enough to be it.” — Amanda Gorman

## U.S. Department of Education on Chopping Block

Secretary of Education Linda McMahon announced massive layoffs within the department was the first step in accomplishing President Trump’s goal of eliminating the agency, while declaring the cuts will not affect educational programs. “This is the President’s mandate, his directive to me to clearly shut down the Department of Education (DOE). What we did today was to take the first step of eliminating what I think is bureaucratic bloat,” said McMahon.

Currently, it’s estimated that public school revenue exceeds \$18,000 per student per year, up from \$14,700 in 2013. Expenditures per pupil exceed \$15,000 a year. Overall, federal spending per pupil has doubled since the Education Department was established in 1979. Yet high school students’ scores on math and reading have not moved. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Long-Term

Trend Assessment, the largest national assessment of educational outcomes, shows almost no change in high school students’ outcomes since the 1970s.

Whatever the Department of Education has been spending their money on doesn’t seem to be working or in the best interest of its students. An increase in federal spending has supported a staff surge with school districts hiring large amounts of administrative positions and non-teaching administrative staff. As of 2010, teachers comprised only 50% of total school staff, down from 70.2% in past decades.

Having previously served in the first Trump administration as the head of the Small Business Administration (SBA), McMahon said the department is mindful of keeping good people at the DOE in place so as to not interrupt funding for educational programs. “We wanted to make sure that we

kept all of the right people, the good people, to make sure that the outward-facing program, the grants, the appropriations that come from Congress, all of that are being met and none of that’s going to fall through the cracks.”

McMahon was dismissive of American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten’s statement that President Trump is planning on “getting rid of education and taking opportunities away from kids,” instead declaring “President Trump is taking the bureaucracy out of education so that more money flows to the states. Better education is closest to the kids. We have to identify where the bloat is, because so many of the programs are really excellent. We need to make sure that the money goes to the states, and that’s what the president has said all along, if we get rid of the bureaucracy, the states will get more.”

## Schumer’s U.S. Government Shutdown Averted

Hours before a partial shutdown of federal government agencies were set to take effect, the Senate passed a stop gag government funding bill last Friday evening. A handful of Senate Democrats, led by minority leader Chuck Schumer, (D-NY) joined Republicans in a 62-38 vote, to advance the House passed GOP plan to keep the government open through September, with ten Democrats voting in support.

Every Republican, except Senator Paul Rand of Kentucky, voted in favor of the measure, along with Democratic Senators Dick Durbin of Illinois, Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer of New York, John Fetterman of Pennsylvania, Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, Gary Peters of Michigan, Brian Schatz of Hawaii, Catherine Cortez Maso of Nevada and independent Senator Angus King of Maine

banding together to move the bill forward, before it was finally passed by the full senate 54-46.

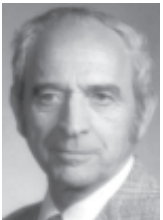
The procedural vote only came to be when a young group of Democratic congressional members, in both chambers, pushed back against Schumer’s opposition to the Republican agenda last week, only to change his mind the next day. Senate

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**Stirpe** by Prof. Edmund Turiello  
**Nostra**

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



## MYTHOLOGY

Mythology may be defined as a collection of legends or fictitious stories of a race or nation. It's also the name given to the scientific study of such myths; the myth itself, of course, being a story relating to gods or heroes. Many myths are not entirely products of imagination; some of them are slightly related to fact. The fact could have been some natural phenomena from the past or even recurring events.

The Greeks seem to have been the most creative in the development of their myths. Their gods originally represented the powers of nature, while at the same time, each was limited to specific natural phenomena, such as fire, light, moon, war, love, rain, thunder, etc. Each of these were regarded as acts of specific gods, therefore a whole cycle of myths was developed. They believed that their gods were superhuman, but required the human necessities of life (food, drink, sleep, sex, etc.). It was also believed that they had the power over nature and humans, and that all good or evil came from them, consequently, their favor could be obtained by behavior which was pleasing to them, and lost by behavior which was displeasing. Although they had normal moral weaknesses, they also possessed immortality. Ancient writers connected all of the Greek gods by creating a complete family line which was presided over by Zeus.

To the ancient Romans, the gods remained as impersonal natural forces, and these gods did little to earn the affection of



Zeus

the people or to challenge their imagination.

The gods were favored but not loved; worshiped as a duty to the state in the same spirit as they paid their taxes. In addition to the gods of the sea, earth, sky, and lower world, they also had gods of thievery, lust, typhoid fever, etc. They even erected a great number of temples to various personifications or representations such as Concord, Honor, Valor, Fidelity, Modesty, Hope, and Intelligence. During later years, their association with the Greeks made possible a systematic study of Greek mythology and its genealogy. It was then that close likenesses were identified; such as Zeus with Jupiter; Hera with Juno; Ares with Mars; Athena with Minerva, etc. During the coming weeks it will be my pleasure to present thumbnail sketches of many mythical gods and goddesses, according to one of the most simplified genealogies that my research can produce.

### NEXT ISSUE:

*A Skeleton Outline of Greek and Roman Mythology*

## MassDOT to Host Second Public Informational Meeting on Tobin Bridge Long-Term Strategic Planning Study

Thursday, April 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is pleased to announce the second public informational meeting for the Tobin Bridge Long-Term Strategic Planning Study. This initiative aims to develop and evaluate alternatives for the eventual replacement of the Tobin Bridge.

The meeting takes place on Thursday, April 10th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and Zoom participation. The session will be recorded and, along with the presentation materials, will be posted on the study's website.



During the meeting, the study team will present a review of existing conditions and discuss future conditions, which informs the development of alternatives.

For more information, please visit the study website at: <https://www.mass.gov/maurice-j-tobin-bridge-long-term-strategic-planning-study>.

## Richmond Street Bridge Construction Update

A public meeting was held last week at the Nazzaro Community Center to discuss the Richmond Street Bridge Preservation project in the North End neighborhood of Boston. The meeting was sponsored by the MassDOT. Moderating the meeting were Dan Fielding from the MassDOT Office of Legislative Affairs, the North End's own John Romano also from the MassDOT Office of Legislative Affairs along with Nick Foley of J.F. White Construction, superintendent of the project. The meeting was very informative and well run.

No disrespect intended but for those unsure of where the Richmond Street Bridge may be located, it is the piece of roadway and sidewalk on Richmond Street between Fulton Street and North Street. It abuts the dog park and sits over the Callahan Tunnel entrance, Route 1A Northbound. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project and construction schedule, impacts on parking and pedestrian access. Questions from residents and abutters in attendance were encouraged and the answers provided were quite helpful.

Construction is slated to begin in late April and run through mid-July. The first six weeks, Stage 1, will run from mid-May to late June will see full vehicular detour of Richmond Street, all parking will be restricted on Richmond Street from North

Street to Fulton Street. Pedestrian access will be maintained on one sidewalk, along with exit access from the North End Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center as well as maintaining access to RUFF Dog Park.

Stage 2 will last approximately four weeks, from Late June through mid-July. Richmond Street will remain open to vehicular traffic, pedestrian access will be maintained on one sidewalk and parking will be restricted on Richmond Street from North to Fulton Street.

Underside work will take place for twelve weeks, five days per week all overnights 9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m., with single lane closure on Route 1A, Sunday – Thursday. Topside Stage 1 work will last approximately six weeks, five days per week 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Richmond Street will be closed to through traffic, vehicles will be detoured with approximately thirty parking spaces lost.

Topside Stage 2 will run four weeks, five days per week, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., resulting in the loss of approximately thirteen parking spaces. Pest, dust, and noise control plans will be implemented by the contractor, J.F. White. Active dust monitoring will occur.

Access to the Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, RUFF Dog Park and pedestrian across the bridge will be maintained throughout all stages of the project. Please reach out to **Daniel Fielding@dot.state.ma.us** with any questions.

## Price of Parking in Boston Reaches All-time High

It's no secret that the price of parking in Boston has steadily increased over the years, but nothing can compare to the cost of a garage parking space on Beacon Hill. For a mere \$750,000 a coveted spot in the Brimmer Street neighborhood can be yours.

The valet parking space, at the Brimmer Street Garage, has been listed with Cabot & Company real estate agency for a three quarter of a million-dollar price tag. Previous spaces have sold for over \$550,000 in the same garage.

"Parking in Beacon Hill is one of the most coveted commodities in the Boston real estate market, and Brimmer Street Garage represents the gold standard. Opportunities to purchase a deeded space in this garage are incredibly rare,

making this listing an extraordinary investment for both convenience and long-term value. Having this parking spot is very valuable. There really aren't other options for people on Beacon Hill who are spending millions on homes with no parking," said Rene Rodriguez, listing agent at Cabot & Company.

In 1979 the garage was converted into condominium making the 151 parking spaces within the garage deeded pieces of property that can be bought and sold. When the garage was initially converted spaces were being sold for \$7,500 and now neighbors are paying upwards of \$500,000 for spaces.

Many of the spaces never make it to the open market and are instead sold privately. In this case, a pair of brothers

inherited the parking space and have opted to list it on the open market. The process is similar to purchasing any other piece of real estate with the sale officially recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.

The valet space comes with a number of premium services, including refueling, car washing and other concierge requests. The garage also extends guest parking flexibility. Owners may allow anyone to utilize their unoccupied space at no charge, and additional guest parking is available, subject to a fee and based upon availability.

Oversized vehicles, including trucks of any size and light pick up vehicles are prohibited from being parked in the garage due to size and weight capacity limits of the elevators and parking constraints on the first floor.

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## Albert "Buddy" J. Mangini, Sr.

Albert J. "Buddy" Mangini, Sr. of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2025, after a long illness. He was 85 years old.

Born on July 26, 1939, to the late Albert L. and Nancy (Musto) Mangini, Buddy was a beloved father, brother, grandfather, and dedicated community leader. Buddy was the proud father of Albert Mangini, Jr., and his dear friend Martha Hanlon of Wakefield, MA, and a loving grandfather to Anthony J. Mangini and his wife Celia Mangini of Los Angeles CA. He was the cherished brother of Frederick Mangini and his wife Rosilda of Salem, NH, Joseph Mangini and his wife Margy of Missouri, Nancy Pastore and her husband John of Billerica, and MaryAnn Matarazzo and her husband Ron of Winthrop. He was also the former husband of Genevieve "Jeannie" Mangini.

A master public speaker, Buddy attended BC High School, graduating with the Class of 1957, and later studied at St. Michael's College. His commitment to service was evident through his extensive involvement in numerous organizations. A longtime member of the Kiwanis Division 14, he served as president three times and was honored as a Lieutenant Governor, receiving the prestigious Red Jacket. He was also a past president and member of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce and played a pivotal role in organizing the renowned Columbus Day Parade, a celebrated event that drew crowds from near and far. Buddy was an active member of the Sons of Italy Sempre Avanti, a board member of the K Trust, and a dedicated Knight of Columbus, 2962, Bishop Cheverus 4th Degree. His service extended to the East Boston Social Center, the YMCA, and the Salesian Boys and Girls Club, where he was a guiding presence. He also served as president of the Sacred Heart Church board in East Boston and was a committed member of the Democratic Ward Committee. Buddy's life was defined by his passion for community, his love for bringing people together, and his unwavering dedication to public service. He leaves behind a legacy of generosity, leadership, and commitment to East Boston and beyond.

Family and friends honored Buddy's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home on Wednesday, March 19, and again on Thursday morning before processing to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church for a Funeral Mass. Services concluded with Buddy being laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section. Donations in Buddy's name be made to the Salesian Boys and Girls Club of East Boston, 150 Byron Street, East Boston, MA 02128, in honor of his lifelong dedication to youth and community service.

*May He Rest in Eternal Peace.*



## North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) Monthly Meeting

(March 13, 2025)

The first order of business at the recent NEWRA meeting resulted in a slightly different report than usual. Without a doubt the North End/Waterfront is one of, if not the safest neighborhoods in the City of Boston, However there were a couple of unusual items reported by BPD Community Service Officer Frank Ciampa, including a break in of a nail salon on Commercial Street, a stolen vehicle in the area of Commercial & Richmond Street, a report of a female who felt threatened in the area of Salem and Prince Street, and a report of a large group of youth, on pedal bikes, disrupting traffic around the Lewis Wharf/Commercial Street vicinity. Although they are not typical incidents that commonly occur in the neighborhood, it's always wise to remain vigilant about your surroundings, not leave cash or valuables in the open, be extra careful about locking up vehicles and always contact 311 or 911 with any issues.

The Revere Memorial Association provided an overview of events scheduled on Friday, April 18th at the Prado, and throughout the area and waterfront, kicking off the 250th Anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution. This will be the first time ever the actions of Paul Revere, on the night of his midnight ride, will be recreated from the moment he leaves his house in North Square to his row across the harbor to Charlestown before he departs for his historic ride. For further information and details please visit The Paul Revere House, click on the calendar section link.

Also, in attendance was Corean Reynolds, Director of Nightlife Economy for the City of Boston. The focus of this agency is to strengthen the quality of life and focus on first responders and other parts of the overnight work force that keep the city running while the rest of us sleep. Most of Boston's dining establishments do not offer late night service, severely limiting

the options for those who work the overnight shifts. Reynolds noted she is working on food trucks as an alternative and is always open to suggestions and ideas.

The last speaker of the evening was a representative of the Roslindale Coalition, who spoke about the new as of right zoning changes recently implemented by the Boston Planning Department as part of The Squares and Street Zoning. The coalition fears the change of zoning will allow the current 1 to 3 story buildings to increase up to 7 to 10 stories, causing potential displacement for long time mom and pop businesses and residents, as a method to solve the housing deficit, and it's rumored to be heading towards 17 other neighborhoods within the city.

All residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting, held on the second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. The next meeting is April 10th.

## Boston City Council Designates City as Sanctuary for LGBTQ Community

In light of the recent executive orders signed by President Trump declaring the federal government would only recognize two sexes, male and female, banning transgender people from the military and barring trans women and girls from participating in women's sports at both K-12 schools and colleges, the city council passed a resolution 12-1, recognizing Boston as a sanctuary city for the LGBTQ community. Although the measure is not legally binding, it serves as a declaration offering protection for transgender and gender diverse individuals. "We're living in unprecedented times, with incredible escalation in anti-trans rhetoric and violence," said Liz Breadon, the resolution co-sponsor and first openly gay woman to sit on the council.

"Boston will not cooperate with federal or state policies that harm transgender and gender-diverse people, and remains committed to ensuring their access to healthcare, housing, education, and employment without fear and discrimination. Taxpayer-funded agencies shall not comply with federal efforts to strip resources that safeguard their rights," the resolution states.

Councilor Julia Mejia, the resolution co-sponsor noted that Boston is already under fire from Congress and the federal government over the Trust Act, which bars city police and other departments from cooperating with federal authorities on civil immigration detainees. "I understand and respect that in many cases, elected officials pass symbolic resolutions and leave it at that, but I believe this resolution

is just a first step," said Mejia. Councilor Henry Santana made it clear that he only voted in favor of the measure because of the future plans to craft an ordinance "and to actually come up with legal language and protections for the most marginalized communities, which includes our trans residents."

Councilor Ed Flynn was the sole vote in opposition to the resolution, citing a request for the definition of what a sanctuary city declaration for transgender people would mean for Boston. "I would like to learn more about what this resolution does as it relates to sanctuary cities, the Trust Act, what impact it has on city services, what role the city departments will play. I don't want to be disrespectful to anybody, but it's something I would like to have before I vote."

## Snow White and No Dwarfs

by Patti Sartori

Disney's embrace of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives may have finally pushed a bit too far with their gender ideologies, content warnings and full revamp of classic movies. The *Snow-White* movie premiere has quickly become a nightmare as Disney attempts to deal with backlash over the gutting of this classic feature.

There will be none of the typical fan-fare and red-carpet interview for the film's premier screening in Hollywood, most likely to avoid questions that Disney executives are too embarrassed to face. The star of the movie, Rachel Zegler of the recent *West Side Story* remake has been very vocal of her distaste of Donald Trump and his supporters, as well as the plot of the original 1937 *Snow White* Disney classic. "There's big focus on her love story with a guy who literally stalks her, so we didn't do it this

time. Snow White is not going to be saved by the prince. She's not going to be dreaming about true love. She's going to be dreaming about becoming the leader she knows she can be," said Zegler.

It's that type of attitude that has enraged the family of the original animator. "The original was the way it should be. The new film bears no reflection to the original story, it's so far off base, it's ridiculous. They've taken it and moved into the politics of what is woke. It must have Walt Disney asking 'What have you done'," said David Hale Hand, son of the original animator and supervising director, David Hand.

One question many people are asking is "where are the seven dwarfs?" Early public relations advertisements depicting seven average people of varying sizes and genders in place of the traditional seven dwarfs

has created quite the ruckus, including strong pushback from actor Jason Acuna, known as "Wee Man" in the *Jackass* franchise, slamming the studio saying, "You're replacing jobs that people could have as little people. It's for dwarfs. Why are you hiring Snow White and the seven average people?"

Actor Peter Dinklage, who has achondroplasia, a form of dwarfism, was annoyed that the movie seemed hypocritical in its woke efforts. "They are very proud to cast a Latina actress as Snow White, but you're still telling the Story of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Take a step back and look at what you're doing," Dinkler stated.

As cultural thinking has evolved in recent months, Disney seems to be rethinking some of their earlier DEI choices, but sadly it will not come in time to save this iconic classic.

## LETTERS POLICY

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## L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

### Savoring Spring Herbs

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Spring has blossomed before us, green and cool as a bright sprig of spearmint. The longer days fill the early evening hours with resplendent golden sunrays. Robins are now a regular sight, scampering among bushes or taking off in flight from the treetops, their red feathers flashing the joy of spring. Buds become more pronounced, seemingly smiling with anticipation at the secret leaves concealed within. The first crocuses and daffodils wave gaily in the brisk breeze. Spring places me in the mindset of regrowth and renewal, inspired by the nature that blooms and flourishes all around me. In particular, I think of the gardens that are now beginning to take form, the first tender crops sprouting from the damp, dark soil. My father, like many Italians, loved to garden and took great pride in reaping the gifts that the Earth provided. He did not bequeath me a green thumb, but he did instill in me an appreciation for all that grows and all that originates from the natural world. In the springtime, early garden plants often take the form of delicate herbs. I love cooking with herbs, as their pungent aroma wafts through my kitchen and their sharp taste provides a kick to the recipe. However, I discovered that herbs all come with their own unique folklore and superstitions. In honor of the spring and the rebirth of vegetation, let us dive into the traditional lore of some of our favorite herbs.

**Basil:** Basil, or *basilico*, is one of the best-known herbs of Italian cooking. It forms the crux of pesto, that delectable sauce hailing from the region of Genoa, typically made with crushed pesto, pine nuts and olive oil. In Italy, basil further symbolizes love, and in olden days a girl looking for a romantic partner announced her intentions by placing a pot of basil on her windowsill! However, this

fragrant herb also holds a sinister side. People in the Middle Ages thought it gave birth to scorpions. Some scholars speculate that the word "basil" shares the same root as "basilisk," a spooky legendary creature that had the body of a snake and the head of a rooster and could kill its prey with just a glance!

**Lavender:** I always thought of lavender as a pretty flower that bloomed in spring and summer, but it is actually used as a culinary herb as well! Honey made from bees that sip on lavender nectar is prized in the Mediterranean world. Lavender also forms the basis of many herbal teas. People use dried lavender buds to flavor breads, scones and chocolate, while candied lavender flowers make sweet cake decorations. In Italy, lavender is called *lavandula*. It was so prized in ancient Rome that it cost as much as a farmer's monthly wages! Its name derives from the Latin word *lavare*, or wash, because lavender was used to perfume laundry and baths.

**Parsley:** Parsley is known as *prezzemolo* in Italian. This beloved herb adds color and flavor to Italian pastas, stews and casseroles. It frequently appears as a garnish, a custom which has roots in superstition. Ancient cooks believed that parsley was an antidote to poison, and though we now know that is false, the credence lives on in the form of decorative parsley! In ancient Rome, on the other hand, parsley was often planted on graves. This custom inspired a bevy of sinister parsley lore, such as the superstitions stating that only evil people can grow parsley well, or that giving away or replanting parsley serves as an omen of death.

**Rosemary:** When I think of rosemary, I think of my mother flavoring chicken or fish with this woody, piney herb. It is also delicious baked into

biscuits and breads like focaccia. As William Shakespeare noted in *Hamlet*, rosemary symbolizes remembrance. It was once scattered atop caskets to ensure that funeral mourners would always remember the dead. The herb known as *rosmarino* in Italian also formed part of medieval brides' wedding bouquets, and as such became a token of love. Folklore also attributes rosemary with the power to repel the evil eye and frighten away malicious spirits.

**Sage:** I am in love with the classic Italian combination of savory pumpkin and sage, or *salvia*. You might say that whoever thought of this delectable flavor profile was wise indeed, and you would be right! The herb sage is associated with wisdom, which is why we call intelligent people *sages*. Supposedly, bringing a pot of flowering sage indoors invites bad luck, so people would make sure to pick sage before it bloomed. A girl who picks sage on St. Mark's Day (April 25<sup>th</sup>) or Midsummer (June 24<sup>th</sup>) will dream of her future spouse, while eating sage in May promoted longevity.

**Thyme:** Thyme, or *timo* in Italian, is a popular herb with which to season soups, stews and pastas. It also tastes wonderful mixed with lemon. This little herb carried a load of significance in the ancient world. The ancient Greeks burned thyme in their temples, believing that its aroma would imbue people with courage. In ancient Rome, it was used to purify rooms. By the Middle Ages, thyme had become synonymous with preventing nightmares and, when given as a gift, inspiring courage in knights. Like many other herbs, thyme was associated with the supernatural and as such was strewn onto coffins to assure a safe passage to the otherworld.

And there you have it — six well-known herbs and their associated folklore. I hope that the traditions and customs attached to these herbs will inspire you to use them in your cooking and, furthermore, to learn about the way people in times past related to the gifts produced by the Earth. After all, spring is about honoring the rebirth of nature, and delicious herbed goods provide us with a delectable way to do so!

*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



### The Night James Brown Saved Boston Concert Returning to Boston on April 5th

The electrifying energy of James Brown will soon again light up the City of Boston through another great performance by Tony Wilson known to the music industry as "the Young James Brown." I first met Tony six years ago as he was preparing to do something he called "The 50th Anniversary of The Night James Brown Saved Boston Concert." Since then, Tony and I have been BFFs. Tony just informed me the concert is returning this April 5th over to Prince Hall in Grove Hall, Roxbury from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The event is usual free of charge.

For those too young, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968. I was 19 years old at the time. He was in Georgia helping to lend his voice to a city sanitation strike by workers. He was killed standing on a hotel balcony on that day. Violence erupts following that event across the nation. The following night James Brown was scheduled to do a concert date at Boston Garden the following evening. Brown was thinking of cancelling that show but both Boston City Councilor Tom Atkins and newly sworn-in Mayor Keven H. White were concerned about the show getting cancelled and eventually persuaded Brown to keep the show on in hopes of lowering tensions across Boston itself. The show went on as scheduled. Some 16,000 showed up to hear it live and WGBH Channel 2 broadcast the concert live on TV too. While other cities saw massive violence, Boston stayed calm and much of the credit was given to this James Brown concert and the leadership of folks like Atkins and White.

This concert dating back to 1968 played a pivotal role in calming tensions and unrest during a very turbulent moment in Boston history. As Tony Wilson says, "We want to continue to honor not just the music played inside Boston Garden but the input James Brown had on Boston and the nation."

As I stated above I was still only 19 and one month shy of my 20th birthday. I still very much remember that 1968 concert packed full with screaming young people cheering on the music of The Godfather of Soul and I remembered watching the concert live on WGBH Channel 2 in Boston. Our city stayed calm and forced us all to stand together during a time of great uncertainty. We still live in uncertainty today and we can't go back to the past, but over at Prince Hall in Grove Hall on April 5th we can come together listening to Tony Wilson bringing the electricity back into both Grove Hall and our very spirits too.



Tony Wilson known to the music industry as "the Young James Brown"

## Everett City Council Votes "No Confidence" in Mayor Carlos DeMaria

Everett's mayor, Carlos DeMaria, holding a tight rein on the top office for the past 17 years, has been accused of improperly pocketing \$180,000 in bonuses and attempting to hide it. The Everett City Council unanimously voted "No Confidence" last Monday evening through a resolution stating DeMaria has violated state ethics laws.

The Office of Inspector General received a hotline tip regarding DeMaria's bonuses back in 2022. According to the independent state organization, Mayor DeMaria should only have been paid \$40,000 in longevity payments between 2016 and 2021 but it's alleged that he has received closer to \$220,000.

The Everett City Council is demanding DeMaria repay \$180,000 in alleged overpaid bonuses he may have received over a five-year period. Inspector General Jeffrey Shapiro is pointing responsibility at Everett's chief financial officer for allegedly burying the payments in the budget to keep city councilors from noticing.

Mayor DeMaria was not present at the council meeting vote, but issued a statement through his attorney that he will not return the money until he receives "due process" and an opportunity to challenge the findings. "On March 4th, the City Council referred multiple resolutions to my administration. I am in receipt of those resolutions and will be working with members of Everett's city government to present recommendations that address the resolution in a manner that prioritizes the best interest of the city of Everett," said DeMaria in a statement.

The council believes the mayor should step down because public trust has been broken. A vote to use \$150,000 to proceed with an independent audit of city spending dating back to 2016 was also passed by the council. Despite the vote of "No Confidence," DeMaria promised to continue working for the people of Everett. "Even if I have to do it on my own, I will continue fighting alongside you to make our city a better place to live, work, and raise a family," DeMaria said in a statement.

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## Boston City Council Ruthzee Louijeune's "Cocoa Hour" at Cafe Ducali



President of the Boston City Council Ruthzee Louijeune hosted a "cocoa hour" in partnership with Cafe Ducali on February 25th. The Council President met with constituents to discuss issues regarding environmental resiliency, zoning approvals, supporting restaurant owners, keeping immigrant communities safe, keeping streets cleaned, among others.

"It was great meeting with residents in the North End to talk about issues they care about and recurring concerns in the neighborhood. I'm also grateful to Rep. Michlewitz for attending and for his work in the district. I want North End residents to know that my office is open and available to them for big and small questions."

## 35 Years Later: The Unsolved Mystery of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Heist

On March 18, 1990, in the early hours after the St. Patrick's Day celebrations ended two men dressed as Boston police officers talked their way into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, leaving approximately eighty-one minutes later with thirteen irreplaceable works of art, including pieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Degas and Manet. Thirty-five years later, the theft remains the world's largest unsolved art heist, valued at an estimated five hundred million dollars.



At approximately 1:24 a.m., two men approached the museum's side entrance and informed the security guard on duty that they were responding to a disturbance. Upon gaining entrance, the thieves

overpowered the guards and bound them with duct tape. The thieves then moved stealthily through the museum cutting priceless painting and works of art from their frames, before

disappearing into the night. The frames of the missing painting still hang empty in the museum as a haunting reminder of the loss.

Despite a ten-million-dollar reward, the case remains unsolved. Over the years, numerous tips have been reported, leads have been followed, and multiple persons of interest have been identified, but none have ever been formally charged. The museum, the FBI and private investigators continue to chase leads, but the whereabouts of the stolen art remains unknown.

As the 35th anniversary of the heist approached and passed, authorities remain hopeful that the renewed attention and public interest will reignite efforts to recover the missing art. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is keeping the faith that these painting may still be intact somewhere and that one day these masterpieces will return to their rightful place.

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## East Boston Central Catholic School Carson Scholarship Award



East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) is very excited to announce that Alyson Rozzi has been named as a 2025 Carson Scholar.

The Carson Scholars Fund was founded in 1994 by world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Benjamin S. Carson and his wife to motivate and reward academic excellence in young people.

Recipients must be nominated by several educators. However, only one student may be recommended from an individual school annually. The candidates

must epitomize the highest level of academic excellence with a minimum GPA of 3.75 while displaying leadership and humanitarian qualities through community service and social justice efforts.

Alyson Rozzi was selected as a nominee through a rigorous application process at East Boston Central Catholic in the fall. Qualified students from grades 4-8 were asked to complete an essay explaining why he/she should be named to represent EBCCS. Alyson was chosen by the five-person inner-school panel because of her high academic achievement, integrity, civic and social responsibility.

Moving on the national level becomes extremely competitive. The Carson Scholarship is highly selective open to scholars from across all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

### ABOUT ALYSON ROZZI

Alyson started at East Boston Central Catholic School in preschool and has been an active member of the school community since day one. She actively participates in the school choir and sports clubs, as well as, attends Taekwondo classes outside of school. She currently serves as a captain in Bosco House as part of the EBCCS Middle School House program, where students learn to take on leadership roles, as well as, participate in community building activities in and around the school such as volunteering at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen every month.

Alyson is now the third EBCCS student to win this prestigious award. Gabrielle Ribeiro won in 2015 and Dante Minacapilli won in 2021.

### ABOUT EBCCS

EBCCS was established in 1974 as the first multi-parish collaborative elementary school in the Archdiocese of Boston. The school currently serves students from Pre-K through Grade 8 from East Boston and the surrounding communities.

EBCCS is committed to guiding our students to become a spiritual person, a whole person, a loving person, a responsible person and a hope-filled person. We provide an education that is formed through faith, sustained by family, and enriched by wisdom. Upon graduation our students are inspired to achieve and empowered to serve.

Enrollment for 2025-26 school year is now open. Please visit the school website at EBCCS.org to learn more and rediscover excellence for your child.

Congratulations Aly!



# REVOLUTION'S *EDGE*


Friday, April 18, 2025, 6:30PM  
Paul Revere Mall, Boston's North End  
*Free and Open to the Public*

April 18, 2025 will mark the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's famous "two if by sea" lantern signal in Old North Church's steeple. To celebrate this momentous anniversary, Old North Illuminated will stage a free reading of the hit play *Revolution's Edge* behind Old North Church on Paul Revere Mall. Written by Patrick Gabridge and produced by Plays in Place, *Revolution's Edge* is a gripping historical drama that ran at Old North Church in the summers of 2023 and 2024. The play garnered critical acclaim and press coverage from the Associated Press, WBUR's Radio Boston, and WGBH's Boston Public Radio.

The event will be held outdoors on Paul Revere Mall, a public and accessible space. In the event of rain, the reading will move next door to St. Stephen's Church. Guests will be greeted with live music before brief speaking remarks welcome the crowd and introduce the 45-minute costumed read of *Revolution's Edge*. Most audience members will stand, but space will be held for wheelchair and companion seating. Old North's lanterns will light up soon after the play's conclusion, at the beginning of the reenactment of Revere's row across the Charles River.

No tickets are required, but be sure to add the event to your calendar!






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## Virtual Public Meeting

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Planning Department is continuing to work on the Long Wharf Coastal Flood Resilience Planning and Feasibility Study. This workshop will present alternative designs to the broader community and seek feedback on the proposed options. We will invite input on how the proposed resilient design alternatives could best contribute to open space priorities, improved amenities and water-dependent uses, as well as protection of cultural assets and critical infrastructure on Long Wharf. This engagement will enable us to seek feedback on the proposed schemes as we pursue the final stages of the project, including report publication and planning for permitting and implementation.

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# Pirandello Lyceum Announces

## I Migliori Award Recipients

The Pirandello Lyceum has announced the recipients of the 2025 I Migliori in Mens et Gesta, The Best in Mind and Deeds, Awards. This year will mark the 40th anniversary of the Pirandello Lyceum's I Migliori Awards which recognize outstanding Americans of Italian descent who have made important contributions to their profession, to society, and to the Italian American community. Boston Magazine has called the I Migliori Award the most prestigious honor a person of Italian American descent may receive.

**THE 2025 HONOREES ARE**  
**Brigadier General Richard Cipro**  
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**Author Marianne Leone**  
**Dr. Joy Cavagnaro**  
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**Author Nino Ricci**



The Honorees will receive the **I Migliori Award** at the **Annual Awards Dinner, Saturday Afternoon, April 12th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., at Spinelli's Banquet Hall in Peabody, MA.** The **Master of Ceremonies will be Cheryl Fiandaca**, the chief investigative reporter for the I-Team at WBZ-TV.

Fiandaca is an award-winning broadcast journalist who joined WBZ-TV from the former NBC affiliate in Boston.

Family and friends of the Honorees are encouraged to attend. The dinner tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds from the event benefit the Pirandello Scholarship Fund. Reservations for the I Migliori Awards Dinner may be made by sending checks payable to the Pirandello Lyceum and sent to James Pinzino, Treasurer, Pirandello Lyceum, P.O. Box 227, Marlborough, MA 01751.

For additional information, contact Pirandello Lyceum President Dr. Domenic Amara at 617-913-6842 / [domamara@aol.com](mailto:domamara@aol.com)

## Grow an Abundant Harvest of Peppers this Season

by Melinda Myers

Whether you garden on an acre or a balcony, there's always room for peppers. Grow them in a vegetable garden, container, or with your flowers. The colorful fruit of many varieties makes them a decorative addition to any garden.

For those that like it hot, get to know the Scoville scale. This system rates the relative hotness of peppers with bell peppers rating 0, jalapeno at 2,500 to 5,000, cayenne rated 30,000 to 50,000, and habanero receiving the superhot 100,000 to 300,000 Scoville Heat Units (SHU). This scale can help you determine which hot pepper is best for you. For those who like really hot peppers, the Ghost pepper averages about 1 million SHU, Carolina Reaper averages 1.6 million SHU and Pepper X measures 2.7 million SHU.

Whether you grow sweet or hot peppers, proper care from planting to harvest will yield the best flavor and an abundant harvest. Grow peppers in a sunny location with moist, well-drained soil. Add several inches of organic matter into the top 8 to 12" of soil, if gardening in poorly drained clay soil or fast draining sandy or rocky soils. This compost improves drainage and increases the water holding ability of fast draining soils. This is also a good time to add a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer.

Peppers, like its cousins, tomatoes and eggplants, like it warm. Wait for the soil to warm to 60° degrees, about two weeks after the last spring frost. Colder temperatures in the 40's can stunt and damage your transplants.

You can jump start the season with the help of cloches, wall-owaters, and floating row covers. These protect your plants from frost and cooler temperatures, which are often common at the start of the season. Use them to keep plants warm and help shorten the time to harvest.

Plant peppers 18 to 20 inches apart depending on the variety. Check the tag for mature size and recommended spacing. Make the most of your available space by planting in wide rows. Stagger rows within the bed, allowing just enough room for plants to reach their full size. Design pathways to allow for easy access to all the plants within the wide row.



**Peppers can be grown in container gardens or the ground.**  
*(Photo courtesy of All-America Selections)*

Grow a few peppers in containers alone or mix them with herbs and flowers. A 2-to-3-gallon pot is perfect for a pepper plant and its smaller companions. Check the soil moisture daily and water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry.

Make sure pepper plants growing in the ground receive about an inch of water each week. Supplement rainfall as needed, applying water to the soil surface using a watering wand, soaker hose or drip irrigation. Spread a layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic material over the soil surface to conserve moisture, keep roots cool as temperatures soar, and help suppress weeds.

Once the fruit forms, you may need to add fertilizer. Let the plants' growth and fertilizer directions be your guide.

Peppers grow and produce best when day temperatures are 70 to 80 degrees and night temperatures are 60 to 70 degrees. Hot peppers seem to tolerate the

heat better than sweet varieties. Cold, heat, and drought are the most common causes of blossom drop, misshapen fruit, and a poor harvest. Night temperatures over 90 degrees and under 55 degrees can cause blossoms to drop. Continue providing proper care and wait for better weather for flowering and fruiting.

With proper care throughout the season and a bit of cooperation from the weather, you are sure to enjoy an abundant harvest.

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](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



# Ieri e Oggi

## Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

### Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was the second of two daughters born to William Edward and Frances Nightingale. (William Edward's original surname was Shore; he changed his name to Nightingale after inheriting his great-uncle's estate in 1815). After returning from Italy to England in 1821, the Nightingales had a comfortable lifestyle, dividing their time between two homes, Lea Hurst in Derbyshire, located in central England, and Embley Park in Hampshire, located in south-central England.



Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, was born in Florence, Italy, on May 12, 1820, she was named of the city of her birth. Florence learned mathematics, language, philosophy and religion (all subjects that later influenced her work) from her father.

Florence from childhood loved God and the Bible. According to her, on the seventh of February 1837, while she was walking in a garden, she heard the voice of God, which was call her to a specific mission.

Florence in 1844 decided to work at the hospital but her parents were opposed to this idea. In July 1850, she went to Germany and France and worked as a volunteer in hospitals. Then in 1853, she returned to London and worked as a manager in the hospital that was called institute of the Sick Women.

In 1854, Britain, France and Turkey started a war with Russia known as the Crimean war. In September in one of the struggles in Alma, Russia was defeated but England had a lot of casualties. There was a lack of medical facilities and high mortality in British military camps. Sydney Herbert, the minister of war, was a friend of Florence; so, she took the advantage and in 1854 with 38 nurses went to a military camp of British soldiers, located on the outskirts of Constantinople. Florence noticed that health status in these camps was devastating. Injured soldiers were left on the floor and the few doctors desperately were trying to manage patients with basic facilities, in dirty environment. Florence used her mathematical knowledge, and recorded the mortality rate in the hospital. Statistics showed that in every thousand injured soldiers, six hundred were dying because of communicable and infectious diseases.

The Florence interventions were simple. She tried to provide a clean environment. She provided medical equipment, clean water and fruits. With this work the mortality rate decreased from 60% to 42% and then to 2.2%.

Florence was like a mother for soldiers. She visited patients' camps every night. Her great work attracted the attentions in England. She also used her fame and succeeded to attract the support of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and Prime Minister Lord Palmerston. Florence asked them to have permission to do an official investigation of the military hospitals. The request was granted and the Royal Institute of research on the health of the military established. She was a great humanitarian and scientific figure. Nightingale was also a well-known statistician.

Florence in 1860 established Nightingale Nursing School as the first nursing school in the world. With the establishment of this school, she changed nursing to a respectful profession.

Florence Nightingale in the last years of her life was suffering from a disease, which she acquired during her service in Crimea. She wrote many books and reports, mostly in the field of nursing. One of these books, *Notes on Nursing* was published in 1860 that is the first book in nursing education. She insisted on the importance of building trusting relationships with patients. Nightingale believed that nurses' presence with a patient is a key stone for making a professional communication. Empathy with patients and making a common experience in moving toward health has been validated by Florence Nightingale. Florence services were the first efforts to relieve suffering during war. She passed away on August 13, 1910 at the age of ninety.

# Saint Winibald

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Winibald's father was a West Saxon nobleman, Richard the Pilgrim and his mother was Wuna of Wessex. His brother was Willibald. With his father and brother he made a pilgrimage to Rome around the year 721. His father passed away in Rome, they fell ill, possibly with malaria, although it could have been the Black Plague. Once recovered, Willibald continued to the Holy Land, while Winibald, who from his childhood did not have a strong constitution, remained at Rome, to recover and study. In 730, Winibald returned to England and engaged a third brother and several amongst his kindred and acquaintance to accompany him in his journey back to Rome to begin a monastic life there.



and had become a monk at Monte Cassino. Boniface recruited both nephews for the German mission. After Winibald was ordained, he was sent to Eichstätt. His uncle Boniface received a promise that, Winibald after his ordination, would go to Germany. Winibald arrived in Thuringia on November 30, 740. He was placed in charge

of seven churches, including one at Erfurt.

Winibald established a monastery in Schwanfeld, but in 742 transferred it to Heidenheim, where the brothers founded a double monastery for the training of priests and as a center of learning. Winibald became the first abbot.

Winibald took part in the Concilium Germanicum in 742, and directed Frankish King Pepin's donation to Fulda in 753. In 762, he joined the League of Attigny, a confraternity of prayer established by Chrodegang, Archbishop of Metz. All this the saint accomplished in spite of continual illness, which prevented him from ending his life at Monte Cassino as he had hoped. Winibald passed away at Heidenheim on December 18, 761. The Feast day of Saint Winibald is December 18th.

## The East Boston Chamber of Commerce Commemorates the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, 2025

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce placed a display of American flags to commemorate the upcoming International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, 2025 at the Daniel H Solari Square outside the Chamber of Commerce office at 464 Bremen Street.



worldwide attention. This event involved police opening fire and killing 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against

the apartheid "pass laws" on March 21, 1960. The day aims to remind people of racial discrimination's negative consequences. It also encourages people to remember their obligation and determination to combat racial discrimination. The UN called on the international community to increase its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination when it proclaimed the day as a UN Day of Observance. The UN continues its work to fight against all forms of racial intolerance.

## Three Glasses of Green Tea Daily Goes Along Way for Your Health

According to the National Institute of Health (NIH) an estimated 6.7 million people in the U.S. live with Alzheimer's dementia, with the possibility of this number increasing to almost 14 million over the upcoming decades. While socialization and mental stimulation are lifestyle choices that could lower your risk of dementia, other recent research suggests drinking green tea, especially three or more glasses each day, may dramatically lower your risk.

A Japanese study found that older adults who regularly consume green tea have fewer cerebral white matter lesions, a prime cause of cognitive decline and dementia. Researchers asked 9,000 adults to fill out a questionnaire about their coffee and tea intake and then used brain scans to analyze their date.

While there was no solid evidence that coffee intake

could prevent cognitive decline, their results did lead them to conclude that drinking green

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**DESCRIPTION:**  
 The proposed project at 123 North Washington Street is part of the Office to Residential Conversion Program. The Proponent (Copper Mill North End, LLC) is proposing to convert the existing five story office building to residential use. The proposed building will have 45 units and ground floor retail.

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## ANN SWEETEN – STILL (CD) Orange Band Records

*Still* is a pristinely produced contemporary instrumental piano album by Ann Sweeten, in collaboration with Will Ackerman, Tom Eaton and Imaginary Road Studios. *Still* is another breathtaking album from Sweeten, full of lush, sweeping orchestral accompaniments, both majestic and lofty, combined with Sweeten's effortless classic technique, creating an overall melodic euphoria, bold passionate and uplifting. The cycles of seasons, hence the cycle of life, is apparent in the titles themselves and this cycle will still be, always and forever. The excellent track list shines via: "Distant Clouds," "Whispers Of Spring," the title track "Still," "Ebony Light," and the focus track "Waiting For Fireflies." Second half happening have, "Heaven's Stardust," "The River Bleeds The Sky," "The Crossing," "Autumnal Breeze," and the finale "When Winter Comes." Deeply moving piano music, a remedy for any negative emotions you may be feeling!

## SALSA DE LA BAHIA VOL. 3: RENEGADE QUEENS – (2-CD) Patois Records

With the first two volumes of *Salsa de la Bahia*, arranger and trombone maestro Wayne Wallace and filmmaker Rita Hargrave provided a detailed history of the San Francisco Bay Area's vibrant and oft-overlooked Latin jazz scene. The albums make a powerful case that the region has nurtured a treasure trove of artists drawing on a singular blend of influences from across the Caribbean and Latin America. The double album *Salsa de la Bahia Vol. 3: Renegade Queens* shines a bright and necessary spotlight on the women who muscled their way into this scene with a combination of talent, commitment, imagination and moxie, changing the face of Latin jazz and related idioms.

*Renegade Queens* captures the accelerating impact of female players on the Bay Area scene with a series of thrilling performances. Both discs open with new music showcasing a brilliant cross-section of women players. Arranged by Wallace, "We Were Born to Drum" is a surging big band mambo featuring vocals by Christelle Durandy. Featured throughout the anthology are, saxophonist/flutist Mary Fetting, percussionist Michaëlle Goerlitz, and the mother and daughter tandem of vocalist Sandy and vocalist/trombonist Natalie Cressman. The second disc opens with "La Mensajera," a new Wallace salsa number that showcases the instrumental prowess of veteran improvisers. Some of the highlights include, vivacious Afro-Colombian vocalist Xiomara Torres, featured on "Me Quedo Contigo" ("I Will Stay With You"). The richly orchestrated salsa dura arrangement by vibraphonist Dan Neville effectively supports an artist who has drawn international attention to the unique folkloric

culture of Colombia's Pacific coast.

"La Lagrima" (The Tear) is a traditional song from Venezuela's Caribbean island of Margarita delivered by the singular, Caracas-born vocalist Maria Marquez, as her throaty cello tone caresses the ballad, *Princesa De La Naturaleza* (Nature's Princess). The lapidary arrangement features rhythms and percussion instruments by Venezuelan percussion master Gustavo Ovalles and the cuatro of Jackeline Rago, who's played a key role introducing Venezuelan rhythms to the Bay Area scene. The projects earliest piece is "Cosmo" by The Blazing Redheads. Composed and arranged by the dynamic percussionist and trap drummer Michealle Goerlitz, the sambating "Cosmo" came out on 1991s *Crazed Women* and features a particularly charged flute solo by Donna Viscuso. Some three decades later, the femmeton of La Doña (aka Cecilia Cassandra Peña-Góvea) has earned national attention, including Barack Obama listing her song "Penas con Pan" on his playlist. In something of a programmatic coup, *Renegade Queens* features the title track of her much-anticipated 2023 release, *Can't Eat Clout*. In many ways, La Doña speaks to the challenges faced by all the renegade queens.

## MACKENZIE CARPENTER – HEY COUNTRY QUEEN (CD) Valory Music Co.

Mackenzie Carpenter makes her full-length debut with *Hey Country Queen*, out now via The Valory Music Co. Co-writing all 13 tracks, this bold and personal project highlights Mackenzie's inherent ability to blend fun-loving humor with deep, full-hearted sincerity. One listen of the baker's dozen of songs on this album, and you will come back for more, time after time. Carpenter has a way with a song that makes you easily identify with her lyrics, giving you the feel that you have lived this emotion yourself. Though *Hey Country Queen* marks the first full-length album of Mackenzie's young career, she has been solidifying her reputation as a gifted songwriter for years. With standout cuts like Megan Moroney's "I'm Not Pretty," "Indifferent," "28th of June" and Lily Rose's No. 1 hit "Villain," Carpenter has long been celebrated for her clever lyricism. Recently featured on coveted lists like *MusicRow's* Next Big Thing Artists Class Of 2025, she unleashes the full extent of her talent throughout *Hey Country Queen*. Whether she's laying down a stadium-sized anthem or a heart-melting ballad, the rising singer/songwriter proves the enormous power in uncovering your messiest emotions. The complete *Hey Country Queen* track list contains: "Dozen Red Flags," "Boots On," "Only Girl," "I Wish You Would (featuring Midland)," "Don't Mess With Exes," "Gone Fishing," "Red Wine Blue," "Jesus, I'm Jealous," "Sound Of A Heartbreak," "Cowgirl Like Me," "Guys Like You," "The Other Side," and "Country Queen."

## 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

### CHUCK SCHUMER DID THE RIGHT THING

Lately Democrats have become so unpopular that more Americans believe aliens are living among us than agree with the Democratic Party and hotheads like AOC. According to recent surveys, Democrats lag behind lawyers, used car salesmen and undertakers. Progressives are madder than hell at U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer who as Senate Minority Leader decided not to block passage of a GOP budget bill which would have led mostly to a government shutdown.

Schumer and nine other Democrats decided not to block the bill's passage saying a shutdown would have hurt Americans and hurt the party. Schumer made the right call. Progressives calling for Schumer's ouster of his Senate leadership position just don't get it and apparently never will.

### CAUGHT UP WITH THE FLYNNs RECENTLY



Cathy and former Mayor Ray Flynn

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

While attending one of many Irish events recently — March is full of them — I caught up with former Mayor Ray Flynn and his lovely wife Cathy sitting at a table awaiting a good Irish breakfast over at a Southie eatery. They're both still looking pretty good. We could use a good mayor like him again.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT DICK VAN DYKE STILL LIVES?

Retired actor Dick Van Dyke is alive and well at age 99 and has authored a book *Keep Moving: And Other Tips and Truths About Living Well Longer*, recently said, "You have to keep the 'Bang bang' in your Chitty Chitty." I have to tell you I will continue to bang bang my chitty chits for as long as possible. Yuk, yuk, yuk as Curly might have said.

### SACRED HEART COMMUNITY DINNER

The Sacred Heart Parish's monthly community dinner will be happening on Wednesday, April 9th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., in the church hall on Paris Street in East Boston. All are welcome to this monthly free meal for the community at large.

### ONCE AGAIN SAVE THIS DATE

Abraham Lincoln Post 11 GAR Memorial Hall is proud to announce an upcoming gala at the newly restored Memorial Hall, one of Charlestown's most historic buildings.

The event is scheduled for Friday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m. For event details and tickets, visit [AbrahamLincolnPost11.com](http://AbrahamLincolnPost11.com).

### WHICH CAME FIRST, THE HOT DOG OR THE ROLL?

It appears from a quick look at history that German



Sal Giarratani with Ayla Thornton, legislative director for State Senator Sal DiDomenico

Recently, I met up with Ayla Thornton twice. First at a Logan EV Truck event in East Boston in February and again at a St. Patrick's Day Party in Charlestown on March 7th. Ayla is currently a legislative director for Sen. Sal DiDomenico at the State House.

immigrants in the 19th century invented both the hamburger and the hot dog. However, until someone discovered the hamburger bun and the hot dog roll, America went through a messy time period. As a retired sausage guy at Quincy Market, I can tell you it was hard enough for my late-night patrons trying to hold together their menu choices even with rolls and buns. Imagine them getting their hands burned just trying to eat a sausage, dog or steak and cheese sans rolls or buns.

### MY TAKE ON PET BONDING

If you haven't read my *News Briefs* column in this newspaper today, you might like to read data from that recent study on pet owners. When I read the findings in that 2023 study, I had to laugh. My cat Smokey is a nice cat but not a great one. He really doesn't help me with stress at all. In fact, Smokey drives me batty at times. Smokey isn't at all like my old cat Nica who I had for 12 years. She knew all the rules. A great cat. Smokey not so much.

### POISONOUS THIN MINTS?

The Girl Scouts were sued recently by consumers over the alleged presence of "heavy metals" and pesticides in their thin mints and other cookies. A proposed class action lawsuit was filed last week in federal court in Brooklyn against the 113-year-old nonprofit and the cookies' licensed producers.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
The Probate and Family Court Department  
Middlesex, S.S. Division  
Docket No. MI25P1084PO  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
REMOVAL OF A TRUSTEE  
and APPOINTMENT OF  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE  
To all persons interested in **Giragosian Family 2022 Irrevocable Trust**, a petition has been presented by **Paul G. Giragosian of Arlington, MA** to said Court praying that the Court remove the current trustee, **Michael Giragosian of Merritt Island, FL**, and that **John Giragosian of Medford, MA** be appointed as successor trustee(s) without sureties on his/her bond.  
If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on **March 31st, 2025**.  
Witness, Hon. Terri L. Klug-Cafazzo, Esquire,  
First Justice of said Court,  
this 3rd day of March 2025.  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court  
Run date: 03/21/2025

It cited a December 2024 study commissioned by GMO Science and Moms Across America that tested samples of 25 cookies from three states. Girl Scouts addressed the study in a February 6th blog post. They said that heavy metals occur naturally in the soil, with trace amounts not a safety issue, while glyphosate is found "nearly everywhere" in the food chain.

I just ate a box of thin mints two weeks ago and I was wondering why I wanted to listen to heavy metal on my car radio. Now, maybe I know why?

### TWO BIG COUNTRY MUSIC BIRTHDAYS COMING IN APRIL

The month of April is right around the corner and country music has two big birthdays to celebrate in the upcoming month. April 7th will be Bobby Bare's 90th birthday. His big hits include "500 Hundred Away from Home," also, on April 29th, Willie Nelson will be celebrating his 92nd birthday. I love one of his latest tunes "The Last Leaf on the Tree". At my age, I'm already thinking about those leaves on the tree myself.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300  
Docket No. SU23D1337DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
JOHAN SEBASTIAN BUILES CUARTAS  
vs.  
MAYRA ALEJANDRA GUTIERREZ MARIN  
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 **Johan Sebastian Builes Cuartas, 16 Quarry Ln., #4112, Malden, MA 02148** your answer, if any, on or before **May 01, 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 07, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate  
Run date: 03/21/2025



# Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Easter is on Sunday, April the 20<sup>th</sup> this year, a month away and I have a couple more stories that correspond to that time of year. The first story includes Sal Meli, the friend from East Boston that I traveled the world with when we were young and single. The other subject is Babbonnonno, who was in his 90s when the forthcoming events took place.

It was the spring of 1970 (55 years ago) and Easter was at the end of March that year, I believe on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Mom was putting together a list of who would be celebrating with us, and asked me about Sal Meli. Sal's parents had recently retired from their jobs, given up their East Boston apartment and moved back to Sal's father's hometown of Canicati, a suburb of Agrigento, Sicily. Mom asked if Sal might want to spend Easter with us, and when I asked him he said that he would.

This was also a point in time when Babbonnonno was about 95 or 96 and was a new resident at the Columbus Nursing Home, then located on Saratoga Street in East Boston. He reached a point in his mid-90s when he needed more help or attention than any one person could provide, and so, the decision was made to move him to a nursing home.

After Nanna died, he lived with us until my folks headed for Belmont. My grandfather was never happy there: nowhere to buy a copy of *Il Progresso*, nowhere to buy a copy of the *Post-Gazette*, and no storefront social clubs where he could discuss politics and all things Italian, in Italian. He was lost. Dad and my uncles found him an apartment back in East Boston near Maverick Square, and within a few days, there was the missing smile on Babbonnonno's ancient face. He struck up a friendship with an Irish widow who lived next door and as she put it, "I'll look after Michael." I don't know how they communicated. The woman (I think her name was Maureen) spoke English with a thick Irish brogue, and Babbonnonno spoke fractured English. Somehow, they understood each other. Babbonnonno was happy until Maureen passed away and he headed downhill from there, to the point he needed someone to care for him, and he headed to the Columbus Nursing Home.

Mom made out the guest list for Easter. It included Aunt Mary, my father's sister who had been widowed in the early 60s, her son, my late cousin Jim Dello Russo, Babbonnonno, my

Godfather, Uncle Nick, his wife, Aunt Dorothy, and Sal Meli.

Once the preparations were underway, Easter week arrived. There wasn't much music for freelance musicians during Lent unless you had a steady job playing at a nightclub, a ballroom, a restaurant or a hotel lounge. This meant that Dad helped Mom get things ready for Easter Sunday. When March 29<sup>th</sup> finally arrived, my job was to pick up Babbonnonno and Sal Meli. There was no reason for Sal to drive to Belmont from East Boston, as I had to go to Eastie to pick up Babbonnonno, anyway.

I decided to pick up Sal first, knowing that if I needed help with Babbonnonno, my grandfather knew him and could communicate in Italian with him if it was necessary. Sal was a bit morose due to his folks moving back to Italy and his latest lady friend, a Brazilian bomb shell, breaking off their relationship. Actually, his girlfriend was pushing for a wedding ring and Sal wanted to stay single, so off she went. Anyway, I picked him up first and we headed to the nursing home, about five minutes from where he lived. Babbonnonno was ready and waiting impatiently. When I asked him what was wrong, he complained that he had been ready for hours. When I reminded him that I was to pick him up at 1:00 p.m., he looked at his watch, swore under his breath in Italian and handed me his coat. I helped him put it on, after which he donned his fedora, fixed the brim, looked down at the spit-shine on his shoes and was ready to head out. He was dressed with a suit and tie and looked the part of a Boston businessman ready to head to work.

Once outside, Babbonnonno looked around and asked, "Wayza da Cadillac?" I told him that I had traded the Caddy for an Imperial. He then asked, "Dis new carra is gooda won like da Cadillac?" I told him that it was even better than a Cadillac. He then asked, "Dis Imperiale, itza gudda da top you pusha down?" I answered yes, that it was a convertible, and he came back with, "Den, pusha da top down, pleeza."

Once the top was down, Babbonnonno ordered Sal to get in the back seat. He then sat in front ready to ride shotgun, and then asked, "Dis Imperiale gudda da seatza whata go up and downa?" When I said that I could raise or lower the seats, he ordered me to raise his seat up as high as it would go. (Babbonnonno was only 4' 11" tall; the raised seat made him look a lot taller.)

Once I was ready to drive off, he looked at his watch, then told me to drive slowly to Orient Heights Square and take a right onto Bennington Street and head south toward Day Square. His next command was, "Anna you driva slow." We were soon near Moore Street where St. Mary Star of the Sea Church is located, and he asked me to take a right and stop in front of the church. He had timed our arrival with the end of the Italian Mass. As the old Italian ladies exited the church, Babbonnonno waved at them, tipped his hat and yelled out, "Buona Pasqua, Buona Pasqua," (Happy Easter) to one and all.

Once we left the area, I had to put the top back up. It was March and still very cold, but I could tell from the actions of my grandfather that he still had that spark in him that made him who he was all his life.

He spent the day sitting at the dinner table at my folks Belmont house, enjoying the dinner my mother had prepared for Easter, and I knew that spark was still there as the holiday dinner was winding down. When it was time for an after-dinner drink, Babbonnonno asked, "Jenny, you gudda suma Frengia cognac?" I answered that I had a bottle of French cognac hidden away somewhere. He then asked, "You giva me liddle bit?" I said I would and he added, "Widda Frengia Cognac, I needa cigarro Cubano." I obliged him once more, gave him one of my Cuban cigars, cut the tip off and handed it to my smiling grandfather. He dipped the chewing end into the glass of cognac, put it in his mouth and waited for me to light the other end. After I did, he puffed the cigar, sipped the cognac, sat back and sighed as if he was in heaven. This is the memory I have of Babbonnonno's last year or two on Earth. He made it into his 98<sup>th</sup> year and then closed his eyes one day and that was it. He's gone, Sal's gone and the Imperial is long gone, but the memories ... they live on and on ...

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

## LEGAL NOTICE

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10-U Commerce Way  
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A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Saya Benxiu Chu-Shore of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Tai Benxiu Chu-Shore  
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 09, 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 CFAZZO,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: March 12, 2025  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 03/21/2025



by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

During Pasqua (Easter), one of the most beloved traditional sweets you'll find in Italy — particularly in Sicily and throughout the southern regions of Puglia, Calabria, and Campania — are taralli dolci, or sweet taralli. Unlike the savory taralli you might be familiar with, these are delicate, tender confections, somewhere between a cookie and a biscuit. They are lightly flavored with lemon, vanilla, or anise, glazed with a glossy sugar icing, and shaped into rings or figure-eights — symbols of infinity and renewal, perfectly suited to the Easter celebration.

In Sicily, these treats are known as Taralli Dolce Siciliani. Traditionally prepared for the Feast of All Saints, they are now a year-round staple in Sicilian bakeries and pastry shops. Countless variations of this recipe exist, with the oldest versions calling for anise seeds and ammoniaca per dolci (ammonia for cakes), a classic leavening agent with a strong odor that disappears in the baking process. My Nonna sometimes included anise seeds, but she always avoided using ammonia due to its smell, relying instead on the familiar Italian baking powder sachets.

This recipe for Soft Lemon-Glazed Sicilian Taralli or Taralli Siciliani Morbidi Glassati al Limone is one of my personal favorites and has become a cherished part of our family's Easter dessert table. I hope you and your family will enjoy them as much as we always have!

## SOFT LEMON-GLAZED SICILIAN TARALLI Taralli Siciliani Morbidi Glassati al Limone



### Dough Ingredients:

500 g all-purpose flour (about 4 cups)  
120 g lard or vegetable shortening (a generous ½ cup)  
1½ teaspoons baking powder (or 1 sachet Italian baking powder)  
120 g sugar (½ cup plus 1 tablespoon)  
100 ml milk (a little less than ½ cup)  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Zest of 1 lemon  
1 teaspoon anise seeds (optional)  
Pinch of salt

### Dough Instructions:

On a clean work surface or in a large bowl, place the flour and add lard. Use your fingers to rub together until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs or sand. Add baking powder and mix. Make a well in the center; add eggs, vanilla, lemon zest, and salt. Begin mixing with your hands, gradually adding the milk until a smooth, soft dough forms. Knead until smooth, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Divide dough into pieces of 50–60 g (about golf-ball size), roll into ropes, fold in half, twist, and join ends to form a circle. Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet, spacing them apart. Bake for 20–25 minutes or until lightly golden.

### Cold Lemon Glaze Ingredients:

250 g confectioners' sugar (about 2 cups)  
25 ml water (about 1 ½ tablespoons)  
Juice of 1 to 2 lemons (adjust to taste and consistency)

### Glaze Instructions:

In a bowl, combine the confectioners' sugar and water. Add the juice of 1 lemon and mix well until smooth. If the glaze is too thick, slowly add more lemon juice a little at a time until you reach a pourable consistency. Dip the cooled Tarallo cookies into the glaze, coating them evenly. Place on a wire rack to dry, allowing the glaze to set.

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

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## Oneloa Beach: Tropical Dreams



### Molokini

During my brief stay in west Maui, I spotted at least three mongooses. Those aren't good statistics for an invasive species in an island ecosystem. Like the cane toad was imported from the Americas to control insects in Australia, so the mongoose was brought over from India to the cane fields of Hawaii to exterminate rats. Both species failed in their intended mission and instead created a biological nightmare in their host countries; the mongooses devastating indigenous bird species far more than it made a dent in rat populations.

The impact was made more significant that all the sightings were during my drive to Oneloa Beach, an inviting paradox of a place, curiously calming as it is popular, small as it is expansive. A place that can only exist in a closed environment like Mākena State Park. This is the ecosystem at stake.

In less than a week, I visited the beach three times, that is how much it encapsulated for

me everything I went to Hawaii for. It tells even more about the unique experience it offers. In many ways, Oneloa Beach is what you make of it. If your idea of a tropical getaway is simply to bask in the sun and take in the soothing sound of the waves, you could easily spend hours on the sand taking in the surrounding beauty. You can also swim.

About a week before leaving for Hawaii this past January I spoke to colleagues experienced in travel to the Hawaiian islands and the much of the talk was a promise that I would love it. The one word of caution was the strength of the current. I found it a warning not to be taken lightly. Once crossing the entrance to Mākena State Park and making your way through the shaded sandy paths to the beach, a sign warns swimmers and surfers that Oneloa has the reputation as the most dangerous beach for spinal injuries due to a combination of the speed of the waves throughout Hawaii (35mph compared to 15mph in Florida and 20 mph in

California) and the unpredictable short break waves.

I had to swim. I could not be in Hawaii and ignore the allure of its crystal blue water. The quintessential experience of Hawaii, after all, is for the waves. As with most places that bare a reputation for danger three things proved essential. Take warnings seriously, use common sense and, the one most often overlooked, know your own limits.

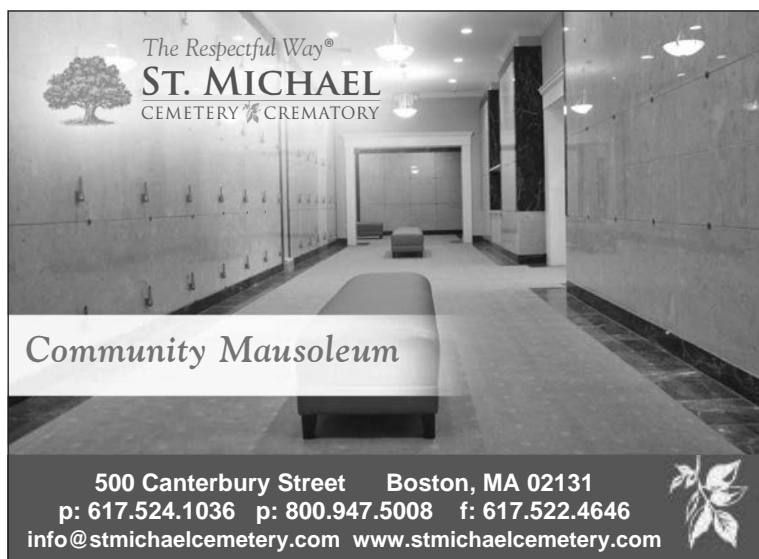
Once in the water I realized how quickly the water runs deep. With the rapidity it pulled the sand from under me in the current, the Pacific itself made recognition easy for me, marking clearly how deep into the waters I was willing to swim and how high the waves I could take. As in all places in which we are guests of nature, visiting on nature's terms and taking nature's instructions makes for the most rewarding experience.

Ultimately, I decided to experience both the exhilaration offered by the waves and the tranquility of the beach. In Oneloa one can take in the natural harmony of the tropics at once. Even the more courageous swimmers (and I saw a few breath-stroking their way from one end of the beach to the other with admirable determination) work with the environment. In the distance one can see the crater of Molokini laying in the waters like a majestic green monarch. In the right season at least, Oneloa is one place I can almost guarantee spotting humpback whales; on each visit I spotted them in the distance if only by the massive tail.

Oneloa Beach was for me the heart of west Maui and everything I thought Hawaii would be. It is a place where nature invites you on her own account and shows you everything it can be, everything it can offer you, and everything it can teach you. A microcosm of a world worth saving.



Makena State Park



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## • Government Shutdown (Continued from Page 1)

Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) chastised Schumer for his lack of action and non-diligence in this matter last Summer while he was leading the senate. "Last summer, the Appropriations Committee reported out 11 of its 12 bills with bipartisan support. Six of those bills passed out of the committee unanimously. But month after month, Leader Schumer found something more important to do than fund the government. And not one, not one of those 11 bipartisan bills ever came to the floor," exclaimed Thune.

The bill is a continuing resolution that will essentially extend fiscal year 2024 spending levels through the start of the 2026 fiscal year is backed by President Trump. As part of the measure, defense spending will receive a \$6 billion dollar increase from fiscal year 2024, non-defense discretionary spending will decrease by \$13 billion from the previous fiscal year, and Immigration and Customs

Enforcement (ICE) will also get a small increase to almost \$10 million dollars from the previous year's spending, to help carry out Trump's mass deportations.

Senate Democrats found a way to join together in voting for a House passed continuing resolution, even in the face of Schumer's initial opposition, even going as far as voicing their defiance publicly. "Any party should never shut the government down. It is a gift for the Republicans if Democrats block the House passed bill. It wasn't that long ago we were lecturing that you can never shut the government down, so that's kind of inconsistent" stated Fetterman while criticizing Schumer's resistance.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### WALTHAM DISTRICT COURT

38 Linden Street,  
Waltham, MA 02452

A Complaint was filed in the Waltham District Court on February 21, 2025 as Civil Action to seek possession of (list vehicle).

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Witness, **HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 11, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 03/21/2025

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI25C0348CA  
In the Matter of  
**THULIO FONSECA DONELAS**  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Thulio Fonseca Donelas** of, requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Thulio Fonseca Donelas**

**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: 03/21/2025

## 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. SU25D0435DR  
SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
**EDITH PEREZ GODOY**  
VS.  
**RENE O. MATUTE LOPEZ**

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Separate Support requesting that the Court establish that such living apart from the defendant is for justifiable cause.

Grant him/her custody of the child(ren).  
Order a suitable amount for support of the plaintiff and minor child(ren).  
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 **Edith Perez Godoy, 309 Meridian St., Apt. 1, Boston, MA 02128** your answer, if any, on or before **May 02, 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. BRIAN J. DUNN**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 11, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate  
Run date: 03/21/2025

## LEGAL NOTICE

### 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 14, 2025** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

**2013 INFINITI G37**  
Vin # JN1CV6ARXDM352101

**2007 MERCEDES BENZ S-CLASS**  
Vin # WDDNG86X07A103157

**2017 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**  
Vin # 5NPD74LF4HH067591

**2005 HONDA ODYSSEY**  
Vin # 5FNRL38445B417184

**2004 HONDA PILOT**  
Vin # 2HKYF18104H616200

**2009 NISSAN MURANO**  
Vin # JN8AZ18W79W151845

**2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO**  
Vin # 2GCEK19V031385539

**2008 HONDA ODYSSEY**  
Vin # 5FNRL38448B412684

**2004 FORD F150**  
Vin # 1FTPW14584FA36286

**2012 SUBARU IMPREZA**  
Vin # JF1GPAD60CH219048

**2012 KIA FORTE**  
Vin # KNAFU4A26C5635329

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only.  
Please email for specific information  
[info@todiscotowing.com](mailto:info@todiscotowing.com)

Run dates: 03/21, 03/28, 04/04/2025

## 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. MI25C0246CA  
In the Matter of  
**SHAUN BRADLEY MARCUS**  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Shaun Bradley Marcus** of Devens, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Schyanne Aurora Marcus**

**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 May 02, 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: 03/21/2025



LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 24W1073
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
LUIS A. MENDES, Plaintiff(s)
v.
KARYN P. GARTHE, Defendant(s)
To the above named Defendant(s) Karyn P. Garthe
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Luis A. Mendes seeking a Complaint for Custody/Support/Parenting Time.
You are required to serve upon Luis A. Mendes or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 520 Fletcher Street, Lowell, MA 01854 your answer on or before 29th day of April 2025.
Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of March 18th, 2025.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
Run date: 03/21/2025

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. MI25P1069EA
Estate of
ROBERT J. STEVENS
Also Known As:
ROBERT STEVENS,
ROBERT JOSEPH STEVENS
Date of Death: December 04, 2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Cynthia A. Ciccarelli of Chelmsford, 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 Cynthia A. Ciccarelli of Chelmsford, 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 10, 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 13, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/21/2025

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 24th, 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 FORD ESCAPE VIN: # 1FMCU9EG0AKC43840
2007 KIA SPECTRA VIN: # KNAFE162875005693
2008 HONDA CIVIC VIN: # 2HGFA16528H356149
1999 JEEP CHEROKEE VIN: # 1J4FF68S4XL643147
2008 SUBARU FORESTER VIN: # JF1SG63658H732845
2005 TOYOTA PRIUS VIN: # JTDKB20UX53034034
2010 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN: # 1N4AL21E97C152987
2000 MERCEDES ECLASS VIN: # WDBJF65J8YB159290
2007 HONDA CIVIC VIN: # 1HGFA16587L061302
2004 JEEP G CHEROKEE VIN: # 1J4GW48S54C254344
2009 HONDA CRV VIN: # 5J6RE48339L056535
2013 TOYOTA YARIS VIN: # JTDKTUD30DD552124
2006 HONDA ACCORD VIN: # 1HGCM56706A131551
2005 TOYOTA COROLLA VIN: # 1NXBR32E25Z465707
2006 HONDA CIVIC VIN: # 2HGFA165X6H524035
2003 FORD E-SERIES VIN: # 1FDSE35L43HA46091
2008 INFINTI G35 VIN: # JNKBV61F98M257628
2006 SCION XA VIN: # JTKKT624060161369
2009 VOLKSWAGON PASSAT VIN: # WVWJK73C79P029951
2008 JEEP G. CHEROKEE VIN: # 1J8HR58238C240383
1999 HONDA CIVIC VIN: # 2HGJE4647XH105533
2006 VOLVO XC90 VIN: # YV4CZ592761253157
2007 NISSAN TITAN VIN: # 1N6AA06B07N201109
2008 VOLKSWAGON GTI VIN: # WVWVF71K68W083804
2002 HONDA CRV VIN: # SHSRD78882U000341
2002 VOLVO S60 VIN: # YV1RH58D822170709
2008 INFINTI EX35 VIN: # JNKAJ09F68M350762
2012 VOLKSWAGON JETTA VIN: # 3VWDP7AJ2CM354114
2013 FORD ESCAPE VIN: # 1FMCU9GX9DUC18716
2007 ACURA RDX VIN: # 5J8TB18557A017640
2008 TOYOTA PRIUS VIN: # JTDKB20U287773363
Vehicles are being stored at D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc. and may be viewed by appointment only.
Signed
D & G Towing
Run dates: 03/07, 03/14, 03/21/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on March 22, 2025 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:
2012 NISSAN MAXIMA, SILVER VIN # 1N4AA5AP6CC807125
2012 CHEVROLET EXPRESS, WHITE VIN # 1GCWGFCA3C1155928
2009 HONDA ACCORD, BLACK VIN # 1HGCP26489A167486
2016 TOYOTA AVALON, BLACK VIN # 4T1BK1EB2GJ208043
2006 HONDA CIVIC, WHITE VIN # 2HGFG128X6H530187
2006 FORD F-150, SILVER VIN # 1FTRX14W36NA36347
2018 FORD FOCUS, WHITE VIN # 1FADP3K20JL206986
2005 MERCEDES-BENZ SLK-CLASS, BLACK VIN # WDBWK56F75F041063
2012 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE, SILVER VIN # 1GNKVGED4CJ204689
2007 BMW 335xi, SILVER VIN # WBAVD53597A009215
2005 TOYOTA CAMRY, GRAY VIN # 4T1BE30KX5U576395
1982 VOLKSWAGEN CABRIOLET, RED VIN # WVWCA0153CK002905
1997 RKP CHALLENGER MOTORHOME, WHITE VIN # 4CH7HF421SM001138
2021 ZHWEKI MOPED, BLACK LT421NAAXMZ000506
2018 KYMCO AGILITY, BLACK VIN # LC2U6A032JC000210
2015 YAMAHA SCOOTER, BLUE VIN # RKRSA43ABCA103112
2011 KYMCO SUPER 8, RED VIN # LC2U9A047BC100353
2013 BASHAN MOPED, BLUE VIN # LHJTLBBN0DB004455
2013 YAMAHA XC50, BEIGE VIN # RKRSA47AXDA012242
2014 YAMAHA ZUMA, RED VIN # RKRSA43A1EA119848
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Run dates: 03/07, 03/14, 03/21/2025



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Giolito Once Again Not Ready for Season's Start

A bit of disconcerting news out of Fort Myers: Red Sox pitcher Lucas Giolito will be starting the season on the injured list with a low-grade hamstring strain, leaving the club down one starter to open the season. He recently underwent an MRI and told the press the results came back as expected revealing the strain.

Despite the news, Giolito stayed optimistic when speaking with reporters and told them he's hoping his season won't be significantly disrupted and that he would be "taking it day by day (and) do what they tell me to do."

Never Knew How Good the Wall Street Journal Sports Coverage Was

On Wednesday, March 12th, I read a great sports story by Jared Diamond in the Wall Street Journal concerning the pitching velocity problem. Yankees ace Gerrit Cole has become the latest starting pitcher to suffer a season-ending elbow injury, part of a worrisome trend that is so easy to explain yet looks almost impossible to fix.

According to Diamond, "By now, this sort of seismic injury should come as no surprise. Baseball has been ravaged by an epidemic of arm injuries for more than a decade and there's no sign of ... slowing down." Pitchers we all know are now throwing harder and harder and faster and faster. Did you know that in 2008, only 214 pitchers threw at 100mph but that by 2024, the number of pitchers doing that escalated to more than 3,000.

If you are a real baseball fan concerned about all these arm injuries, you should go online and check out Jared Diamond's full-page commentary for yourself. Great reading there.

Oldest Living Ballplayer Dead at 100

Art Schallock, a left-handed pitcher who in 1951 replaced Mickey Mantle on the Yankees' roster and had been the oldest

living major leaguer, has passed away. He was 100 and had celebrated his 100th birthday last spring. He was living at an assisted living facility. According to his family, "He passed away peacefully in his loving care facility at the age of 100. He would have been 101 in April."

When the Yankees optioned Mantle then 19 years old, to Triple A in 1951, Schallock was brought up to the majors at 27 years old. He made his debut on the mound on July 16, 1951 against the Tigers in Detroit and pitched 2.2 innings, then earned his first win one month later against the Senators. He also won three World Series rings from 1951-53.

In five big league seasons mostly with New York before finishing with the Orioles in 1955. Career wise he went 6-7 with a 4.02 ERA. His age didn't set a record, Negro League pitcher Si Simmons of the 1926b New York Lincoln Giants lived to 111. Another ex-Yankees pitcher Red Hoff reached 107.

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. MI24D4029DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
LEVENIA FURUSA MAVINGIRE vs. AMON MAVINGIRE
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: Levenia Furusa Mavingire, 161 East Meadow Road, Lowell, MA 01854 your answer, if any, on or before April 15, 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: March 05, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/21/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

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 March 31, 2025 by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.
2009 GMC ACADIA Vin #1GKEV23D09J198768
2013 MERCEDES BENZ GL-CLASS Vin #4JGDF7CE2DA257110
2000 JEEP WRANGLER Vin #1J4FA59S7YP726427
2007 ACURA RL Vin #JH4KB16607C002004
2011 SUBARU OUTBACK Vin #4S4BRDLC0B2338058
2008 MAZDA MAZDA3 Vin #JM1BK32G281879425
2007 ACURA MDX Vin #2HNYD28277H549980
2006 FORD F250 Vin #1FTSF312748CC2781
2010 FORD F150 Vin #1FTEX1EW8AFA39468
2008 PONTIAC G6 Vin #1G2ZF57B384218131
2005 FORD E350 Vin #1FTSS34S15HB45685
2015 FORD FIESTA Vin #3FADP4BJ7FM122487
2008 NISSAN ALTIMA Vin #1N4AL21E98N487771
2021 TOYOTA CAMRY Vin #4T1C11AK5MU529874
2017 HYUNDAI SONATA Vin #5NPE34AF8HH460772
2009 DODGE CHARGER Vin #2B3LA43V19H597291
2015 BMW M3 Vin #WBS3C9C5XFP804900
2011 NISSAN MURANO Vin #JN8AZ1MW2BW165647
2012 SUBARU IMPREZA Vin #JF1GJAD63CH019475
2012 DODGE CHARGER Vin #2C3CDXBG5CH219447
2021 YONGFU YN50QT Vin #LL0TCAPH0MG004638
2005 HONDA CIVIC Vin #2HGES16505H597115
2008 ACURA RDX Vin #5J8TB18298A005482
2008 INFINTI EX35 Vin #JNKAJ09F68M351362
2008 HONDA CIVIC Vin #2HGFG21588H700725
2022 ZHEJIANG RYA Vin #LEHTCB15XNR602409
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information info@todiscotowing.com
Run dates: 03/07, 03/14, 03/21/2025

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. MI25C0337CA
In the Matter of
LUKA JAIR CAHILL-OLIVEIRA BONFANTI
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Luka Jair Cahill-Oliveira Bonfanti of Holliston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Luka Jair Oliveira Bonfanti
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 04, 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 07, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 03/21/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

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.
2016 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE Vin #1GNKVFKD2GJ232253
2006 DODGE CARAVAN Vin # 1D4GP24R96B625124
2009 NISSAN SENTRA Vin # 3N1AB61E19L680568
2009 HONDA CIVIC Vin # 2HGFA16599H542126
2012 INFINTI M37 Vin # JN1BY1ARXCM393784
2002 GMC ENVOY Vin # 1GKET16S926109265
2008 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER Vin # JTEEW44A982016725
2008 CHEVROLET AVEO Vin # KL1TD666X8B232581
2005 HONDA PILOT Vin # 5FNYP18575B049406
2002 TOYOTA AVALON Vin # 4T1BF28B32U261686
2008 FORD EDGE Vin # 2FMDK48C68BA71081
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information info@todiscotowing.com
Run dates: 03/14, 03/21, 03/28/2025

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. MI24D1218DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
DEXI M. NAVARRO SANDOVAL vs. PABLO NAVARRO
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: Dexi M. Navarro Sandoval, 23 Indian Leap St., 1st Floor, Indian Orchard, MA 01151 your answer, if any, on or before April 15, 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: March 05, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/21/2025



# Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

When Boxing Was Up Close and Personal

REVIEW

## Cleveland Arena

### Ohio's Professional Boxing Mecca 1937-1973

By Jerry Fitch Arcadia Publishing

It's hard to believe today in this age of pay-per-view boxing, but there was a time when people would actually go on a regular basis to a local venue to watch live in-person boxing matches. Most cities, and even smaller municipalities had places where fights were held frequently. The 1930s and 1940s were really the heyday for well attended local fight cards.

In the 1950s, with the advent of television and with most homes having a TV set, the smaller fight clubs were being hurt. Not only were fights being broadcast up to four times a night weekly, but there were plenty of other popular television programs that had people hooked. This alternative also cut into other entertainment business such as movie theaters and nightclubs, but I would argue boxing was hit the hardest.



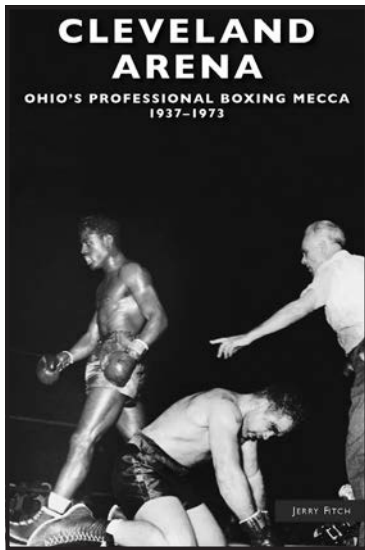
Author Jerry Fitch between Jimmy Bivins and Sandy Saddler

One by one the smaller clubs started to disappear. Not only was the lack of paying customers causing a problem, but the people promoting the televised fights were moving fighters along quickly in order to keep their fight schedules filled. This resulted in many boxers being put in over their heads early in their careers, resulting in their never being able to develop to their full potential.

The lack of local venues also meant less opportunities for those just starting out to find work. Because of this, many boxing gyms disappeared as well. The lack of gyms resulted in their being fewer and fewer boxers able to move up into the professional ranks. This shortage would eventually take its toll on the televised fights. The weekly TV fight cards started to be cut.

Today, boxing is run more as an entertainment industry, or perhaps more in line with something like professional wrestling. It is driven by social media and marketing experts. Fans will pay to watch hyped up fights on pay-per-view, but most don't follow closely the careers of the participants, especially from their early careers. They are sold on the hype. The sizzle, not the steak.

Reading boxing historian Jerry Fitch's book *Cleveland Arena: Ohio's Professional Boxing Mecca 1937-1973*, brings us back to that time when fight fans could buy a reasonably priced ticket to see highly talented fighters compete. Undercards would often showcase local up and comers while the semi-final and main events would consist of solid pros in competitive contests.



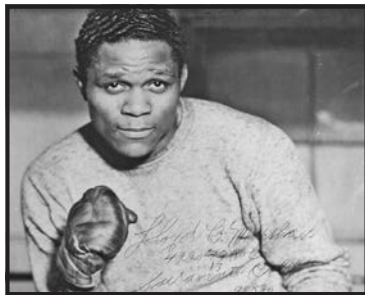
Book Cover

The Cleveland Arena with a seating capacity of 14,000 for boxing was one of those places. It was in operation for 36 years, and the rise and decline of boxing is mirrored in its history.

Mr. Fitch has compiled a complete listing of every card that took place in this storied location. In this beautiful book he has supplemented his listings and brief commentaries on these cards with an incredible collection of photographs of the fights and fighters who fought there. The photos are from the author's personal collection as well as from the archive of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Many of these photos will be new to long time fight fans, and are to be treasured.

The list of great and near great fighters who fought at the Arena is endless. There are also some interesting things to note. In particular, Jake LaMotta fought there four times but had only one win, that being in his final fight at the venue.

In the 1930s when the Arena was first in operation, had you been attending shows you would have gotten to see Henry Armstrong make three title defenses.

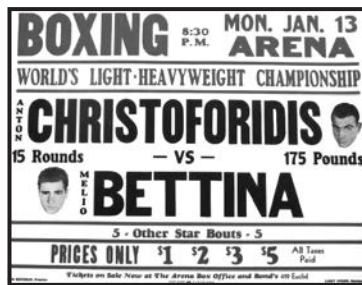


Great Fighter Lloyd Marshall who fought at The Cleveland Arena

The Cleveland Arena really hit its stride in the first half of the 1940s. From 1940 to 1944, all-time great Jimmy Bivins headlined 23 cards. Others to step into the ring during this period were Tami Mauriello, Lloyd Marshall, Ezzard Charles, Abe Simon, Billy Soose, and Joey Maxim to name just a few. It is staggering to think that if you lived in the Cleveland area at that time you could have purchased a reasonably priced ticket to see this remarkable talent in person.

Mr. Fitch chronicles this history with precision along with the affection he has for the sport that he has followed since he was very young. Over his lifetime he has met just about every noted boxer as well as becoming close friends with many, most notably Jimmy Bivins.

The book takes us on a thrilling ride, with the excitement of those early years leading to the sadness of seeing the local boxing scene start to fade in the 1960s, with only 11 shows being promoted in that decade. That was quite a drop from the 37 shows held in the 1950s. This decline was not confined to Cleveland. It was happening all over the country. Fight fans attending Cleveland Arena fight cards still got their money's worth in those final years as they saw cards headlined by the likes of George Chuvalo, Zora Folley, Joey Giardello, and Doyle Baird.



Poster from 1941. Note the ticket prices for a world title fight

1973 saw the last of the promotions at the Cleveland Arena. Local boxing was on its last legs by then, and there was no stopping the inevitable. The remaining cards headlined some future contenders and champions such as George Foreman, Ken Norton, along with former champs Floyd Patterson, Emile Griffith, and Ernie Terrell. Boston boxing fans may also remember that one of our own, Mike Pusateri traveled to Cleveland to beat local favorite Doyle Baird. Baird came back to defeat Iron Mike in two rematches. All three were very exciting fights.

Jerry Fitch's history of the Cleveland Arena is a must have for any boxing library. The historical information is invaluable, and the photos are something to be treasured. This is not a volume to remain on the shelf, but one to be left out where it can be perused over and over. While dipping into it you can close your eyes at times and hear the roar of the crowd and smell the cigar smoke that was ever present in those days gone by. It was quite different from sitting on your sofa watching fights on a big screen TV.

While Jerry has worked tirelessly to bring those days back to us, I think I would add a final line to this volume; "You had to be there!"

Copies of the book may be purchased directly from Jerry Fitch. His email is [Jerryfitch1946@gmail.com](mailto:Jerryfitch1946@gmail.com)

## HOOPS and HOCKEY IN THE HUB

by Richard Preiss



It has been a long time and maybe that is because it has been the only time.

The singular moment when a college team from Massachusetts won the NCAA Division One men's basketball national championship.

One has to go back quite a long way — and only the most senior among us can recall with any clarity that exciting time. A time without television, little radio coverage but a fair amount in the print edition newspapers of the era,

Yes, it was the early spring of 1947 when Holy Cross captured the title by defeating the City College of New York (CCNY) in the national championship game that was played in the original Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The Crusaders came home to a parade through the streets of Worcester. It was so inspiring they almost did it again in 1948, advancing to the Final Four before losing to Kentucky in the semifinals.

When Holy Cross won the title in the early years of the tournament the event was less than a decade old—having started in 1939. The Crusaders had to defeat three opponents to capture the crown.

The Final Four teams comprised half of the tournament field. That's right. There were only eight teams in the very slimmed down version in those early years. That meant that when the tourney started it opened with the quarterfinals with the four survivors advancing to what we would call the Final Four in modern times.

There were only two regionals — an East Regional and a West Regional. The East Regional was played in Madison Square Garden while the West Regional was played in Kansas City, Missouri. Holy Cross, CCNY, Navy and Wisconsin comprised the East while Oklahoma, Texas, Oregon State and Wyoming made up the West. The winners of the four opening round games (two from the East, another two from the West) advanced to the Final Four.

Because of the limited field, the tournament was much shorter in duration, lasting only seven days. When Holy Cross defeated CCNY it was only March 25th, just about the time the first round of the tournament concludes in contemporary times.

The tournament years for Holy Cross also marked the time that future basketball Hall of Famer Bob Cousy was with the Crusaders, having arrived from New York City in the fall of 1946.

Cousy, of course, would go on to a stellar career with the Celtics while one of his teammates — Joe Mullaney — would later coach the Los Angeles Lakers.

Both the 1947 and 1948 teams were coached by Alvin Fred "Doggie" Julian, an iconic figure in New England sports who led not only Holy Cross but later went on to coach both Dartmouth and the Boston Celtics.

Holy Cross finished that 1946-1947 regular season with an excellent 24-3 record. The Crusaders defeated Navy 55-47 in the opening round, swamped CCNY 60-45 in the semifinals and then won the championship by defeating Oklahoma 58-47.

The next season (1947-1948) was nearly a repeat of the first, with HC knocking off Michigan 63-45 in the quarterfinals before losing to Kentucky 60-52 in the semifinals. The Crusaders were victorious in what was then called the third-place game, winning 60-54 over Kansas State while Kentucky defeated Baylor for the championship.

HC next made the tournament in the spring of 1950 after going on a 26-game winning streak during that 1949-1950 regular season. It was Bob Cousy's senior year and while he was named as a consensus first team All American, the Crusaders lost to North Carolina State in the opening round of the tournament, bringing Cousy's collegiate career to a conclusion. CCNY—the team that HC had defeated in 1947—won the event.

That would be the last time a team from Massachusetts would make the Final Four until 1996 when UMass, coached by John Calipari, lost to Kentucky 81-74 on the opening night. The result of all the games UMass played in the tournament that spring were later vacated because of what the NCAA determined was UMass star Marcus Camby's acceptance of improper gifts from two sports agents. Thus, the UMass official record for the 1995-1996 season was reduced to 31.

**THE BRUINS ARE GETTING SLIMMED DOWN** — How else to think of the chances of the Black and Gold earning one of the two wild card berths available to teams in the Eastern Conference?

As this was written the Bruins were several points away from earning one of those two positions. The trouble was that four other teams were ahead of them in the chase. Thus, the B's have to put together an impressive winning record in the remaining games while hoping that the teams ahead of them get very cold.

The chances of those two eventualities occurring are minute — so much so that one statistics site indicated (as of St. Patrick's Day) that the B's had only a 2.4 percent chance of making the playoffs.

With a five-game road trip on the schedule to close out March, the challenge seems even more daunting. Still, stranger things have happened. Would it be a Miracle on Ice if the B's got in under the wire?

**OPENING DAY** — Honest we tried. We scrolled and scrolled down and down past the news about March Madness, the NBA, the NHL plus the upcoming NFL Draft until finally we found it. The Dodgers had beaten the Cubs to open the 2025 baseball season.

The trouble was the opener was played in Japan with the first pitch at 6:10 in the morning Eastern Time. Make that 5:10 in the Chicago area and 3:10 in the Los Angeles region.

We wonder how many people knew or even cared, given that it was lost in a forest of other sports information that overwhelmed it — in addition to the inconvenient times. It was a situation that led to vastly diminished audiences back in the U.S. We feel so sorry for baseball, the King of Sports back in mid-20th century America. How will its long-term future play out?