

POST-GAZETTE

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SPRING FORWARD
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

It's time to change the clocks, and while we will all lose an hour sleep as a result, it also means the long, harsh, cold dark winter is quickly fading with the mild, sunny spring within our grasp. On Sunday, March 8th, at 2:00 a.m., millions of Americans will turn their clocks ahead one hour to mark the beginning of daylight savings 2026. While many will grumble over the loss of sleep, fear not, you will find it again in November. Embrace the extra hour of daylight at the end of each day and enjoy the positives that go along with it.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Gotta Love a Smart Mattress

A 77-year-old man was alerted to a serious heart issue thanks to a warning from his smart bed. According to a recent report in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the bed apparently alerted the man to his uncharacteristically slow heartbeat, which it had been tracking from the previous night. The man cross-checked the bed's numbers with data from a smart phone and a home blood-pressure machine, confirming his heart was beating dangerously slow, a condition known as bradycardia.

Illegal Migrant Hits Three Kids in New Jersey

Three children were injured in Newark when an illegal immigrant from El Salvador on the run from ICE smashed his vehicle into law enforcement and civilian vehicles. ICE was conducting a targeted operation to arrest the suspect and were attempting to conduct a traffic stop. He rammed into several vehicles including one car containing three children who were taken to a hospital for injuries.

Following the incident, the Democratic mayor of Newark blamed ICE agents for the trail of destruction and scolded the agency for pursuing the suspect in the first place.

Austin Shooter Wore "Iran" Tee Shirt

A mass shooter showed up on 6th Street not far from Congress Avenue in Downtown Austin at Buford's Backyard Beer Garden, a popular roadhouse-style night spot. He was wearing an "Iran" tee shirt and "Property of Allah" hoodie.

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Boston Mayor Michelle Wu Unveils Participatory Budget Initiatives

Mayor Wu and the Office of Participatory Budgeting (OPB) recently announced the round two winners of the OPB initiatives, "Ideas in Action." The majority of the monies will be allocated toward immigration resources, including \$400K for an immigrant legal defense fund and \$300K to support immigrant career pathways and programming. Other projects that will receive a share of the funding; \$500K for neighborhood fresh food access, \$200K for housing stability, \$100K for an initiative to plant trees in city spaces, \$300K for workforce training centered on trades, \$250K for youth

Rank	Notes	Proposal	Funding	Lead Department
1	1723	Immigrant Legal Defense Fund	\$400,000	Office of Immigrant Advancement
2	1626	Neighborhood Fresh Food Access Initiative	\$500,000	Office of Food Justice
3	2000	Bringing the City's Assistance for Housing Stability	\$200,000	Mayor's Office of Housing
4	2001	Immigrant Career Pathways (Including Language and Employment)	\$300,000	Office of Workforce Development
5	1680	Green My Block	\$100,000	Office of Green Infrastructure
6	1681	Workforce Training Programs Focused on Trades	\$250,000	Office of Workforce Development
7	1686	Youth Financial Literacy and Employment Workshops	\$250,000	Center for Working Families
8	1687	Small Business Development Resource Program	\$150,000	Office of Small Business

financial literacy workshops, and \$150K for small business development programs.

Participatory budgeting was established following voter approval of a ballot measure

in 2021. Mayor Wu and the Boston City Council adopted the ordinance establishing the office in 2023. Each year, funding from the city's operating budget is invested in one-time, non-recurring driven projects across Boston.

According to the city's website, the process is open to all Boston residents aged 11 and older, regardless of citizenship status. Voting is available in multiple languages and accessible both on line and in person. Following a public voting period, residents selected the projects that will receive funding beginning this Spring, 2026.

ICE Detainer Request Information Denied

The Boston City Council voted down, 9-4, a request by District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn, requiring Mayor Michelle Wu to release information on federal immigration detainer requests. Flynn's 17F request would have required Wu to provide the council with specifics about ICE detained requests ignored by the Boston Police Department from January 1, 2024 to present.

Flynn says he was seeking basic information, and asking the mayor to provide "any and all communication from any federal government agency to the Boston Police Department or any city department about

detainer requests, any cooperation agreements, and/or memorandum of understanding." He also was looking for specifics relating to the number of detainer requests the city has received from ICE during that time period, the reason for the request and how Boston Police responded to it.

Councilors Gabriela Colette Zapata, Sharon Durkan, Ruthzee Loiijeune, Julia Mejia, Enrique Pepen, Henry Santana, Brian Weber, Brian Worrell and Council President Liz Breadon all voted in opposition to the 17F request, while Councilors Miniard Culpepper, John Fitzgerald, Erin Murphy

and Flynn all voted in support of the 17F request.

Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox previously submitted a report to the council stating the department ignored all 57 detainer requests issued by federal authorities last year, pointing to the Boston Trust Act, enacted in 2014 and encompasses the city's sanctuary status, prohibiting local cooperation with federal authorities on civil matters. Cox also stated that the department refused to act on all 15 civil immigration detainer requests received in 2024, although ICE claims they actually issued 198 detainer requests.

Massachusetts Governor Goes on Defensive Following President Trump's State of the Union

by Patti Sartori

Governor Maura Healey's wrath was directed straight at President Donald Trump following his State of the Union address last week, after Trump singled out Massachusetts, as well as California, Maine and Minnesota as some of the most fraudulent states in the country when it comes to EBT cards and other public benefits. "He just wants to announce things like that because it's really just a way to distract from what's really going on right now in this country, which is people can't afford to live. The cost of living is too high. And that's what the president and JD Vance and everybody in the administration

should be focused on. I'm sorry that they're not," Healey said.

President Trump mentioned the public benefits fraud in the Bay State while announcing his administration's "War on Fraud" during last week's address to congress and the American people. Vice President Vance will lead the effort. Multiple fraud schemes have been discovered in Massachusetts as well as states across the country by the U.S. Attorney Office and State Auditor Diana DiZogio's office, totaling tens of millions of dollars. Earlier this year a \$1 million SNAP fraud scheme was busted by the Feds, as

well as a \$7 million SNAP fraud scheme in December. The state auditor's office uncovered approximately \$34 million in SNAP fraud during FY 23, FY24, and FY 25.

Healey pushed back on the president's portrayal, stating "As for fraud, I mean, I take that very seriously. I prosecuted and investigated fraud cases as Massachusetts Attorney General. I have every interest, and we all do, in stopping fraud, detecting and stopping fraud. That will continue, but make no mistake about it, this is all about trying to take people's attention away from his failed policies and his failed leadership."

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



HIND, BOAR AND COW CHIPS



Fine 19th century Grand Tour Bronze of Hercules and the capture of the Ceryneian Hind after the Greek original by Lysippos. Museo Archeologico, Palermo, Italy.

We have covered the circumstances surrounding the birth of Hercules, his early education, physical training, the events, which led to the imposition of his famous labors and the first two of those ordeals.

The third labor required Hercules to capture the Ceryneian hind, a golden horned deer with hoofs of brass that roamed the forests of Attica. This beautiful animal had been dedicated to Diana, the goddess of the hunt, and was sacred to her. Consequently, it had to be captured alive and unharmed. Hercules pursued the deer for a full year before running it down. One report states that he caught it in nets while another says that he crept upon it while it slept. Following proof of capture, the animal was released unharmed.

The fourth labor required of Hercules was to capture the Erymanthian boar, a large beast that ranged over Mount Erymanthus and ravaged the territory all around north-west Arcadia. The animal was tracked into the deep snows of its mountainous territory and brought back alive to the king

who became so terrified that he hid from the hero.

The fifth labor of Hercules was a humiliating assignment. He was required to clean the stables of King Augeas in one day. The king owned vast herds of cattle, and the dung from these herds had been deposited so thickly on his land, that it was no longer able to be cultivated. Hercules made a separate deal with the king, agreeing to clean the stables in return for a payment of one tenth of the cattle.

After the contract was signed, Hercules broke through the walls of the stables and diverted a nearby river, flushing the area with its water. As was suspected, Augeas refused to honor his agreement, claiming that it was the duty of Hercules to perform the work without pay. Threatening revenge, the strong man returned to Tiryns only to find that he was doubly repaid for his cleverness when King Eurystheus, author of these labors, refused to honor this last ordeal on the grounds that it had been undertaken for hire.

NEXT WEEK:
Bird and Bull

Massachusetts Secretary of State, WILLIAM GALVIN, Seeks Historic Ninth Term



Long-time public servant William F. Galvin officially launched his campaign to remain Massachusetts Secretary of State, seeking a record setting ninth term in the statewide election scheduled for November 3, 2026. Galvin made his 2026 bid official in early February, announcing he will seek to serve through 2030. Galvin, a Democrat first elected as Secretary in 1994, is already the longest-serving statewide constitutional officer

in Massachusetts history. Over more than three decades leading the office, he has become one of the most familiar figures in state government, overseeing elections, business filings, public records and archives, and other functions of the Commonwealth.

In an era when many of these offices have seen turnover or relatively shorter tenures, Galvin's longevity has become an anomaly. As of 2026, he remains the only man serving in a statewide constitutional office, as the other major positions, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer and Auditor, are all held by women.

Potential Massachusetts Ballot Questions for 2026 Election Cycle Remain Uncertain

The University of New Hampshire's Survey Center released polling results showing 56% of respondents either somewhat or strongly support a proposed ballot question capping annual rent increases in most rental units to no more than 5% across Massachusetts. The poll also found 26% strongly or somewhat oppose the measure and 17% were neutral on the issue.

State House leaders oppose the potential ballot question capping annual rent increases along with the attempt to reduce the state's income tax rate, regardless of the fact that voters support both proposals. Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey has previously stated that she doesn't believe rent control will solve the state's housing affordability crisis. "I'm a no, because if you look at the studies, you effectively halt production. I will tell you that investors in housing have already pulled out of Massachusetts because their concerned about rent control," Healey said.

The Governor has also expressed concern over a ballot proposal to lower the state's income tax rate from 5% to 4%, with the potential to take a \$5 billion chunk out of the state budget. The poll found 58% somewhat or strongly support the tax cut. About 21% expressed opposition to the proposal and another 21% were neutral or felt unsure.

Other possible ballot questions included offering same day voter registration with 62% support, an initiative repealing the laws allowing the sale of recreational marijuana resulted in 63% opposed and 16% neutral or unsure, and a potential bill banning immigration agents from entering various spaces garnered 71% strongly supporting the legislation. The state Legislature has until May 5 to enact the petitions, otherwise petitioners must collect over 12,000 additional signatures and submit them to the Secretary of State's Office by July 1 in order for it to be part of the November 3, 2026 ballot.

Dalilah's Law Embraced by Trucking Community

President Donald Trump, during his recent State of the Union address, introduced Dalilah Coleman to the country, as she sat in the gallery, calling on Congress to pass **Dalilah's Law**. The legislation is named after the young

girl who was severely injured in a car accident caused by an illegal immigrant driving a semi-tractor trailer truck using a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Dalilah suffered traumatic brain injury and Cerebral Palsy, resulting in the need for life-long therapy and care.

"Many, if not most, illegal aliens do not speak English and cannot read even the most basic road signs. That's why tonight I'm calling on Congress to pass what we will call the Dalilah Law, barring any state from granting commercial driver's licenses to illegal aliens," President Trump stated during his address.

The Commercial Vehicle Training Association (CVTA) has fully expressed support for Dalilah's Law. "For too long

gaps in oversight, inconsistent enforcement, and exploitation of regulatory loopholes have placed American motorists at risk and undermined reputable CDL training providers. Dalilah's Law represents an important step toward restoring integrity to the system by ensuring only that properly licensed, and legally authorized drivers are operating commercial motor vehicles on our nation's highways," a CVTA spokesperson said in a written statement.

Presently, each individual state is responsible for issuing CDL's, per the U.S. Department of Transportation. Massachusetts currently offers CDL tests in English, Spanish and Portuguese, according to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV).

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

Boleslaw J. "Bill" Korman

Boleslaw J. "Bill" Korman, longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Zloty Stok, Poland, passed away on February 6, 2026. Beloved husband of the late Donna M. (Foster) Korman. Devoted father of Nicole E. Medina and her husband Dennis of West Roxbury. Loving "Zaza" of Joseph Medina and his wife Siobhan, Liam Medina and his wife Corryn, and Abigail and Elizabeth Medina. "Great-Zaza" of Joseph Medina. Dear brother of Tadeusz Korman, and the late Adela Kopper. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.



Bill built a life defined by hard work, laughter, and a deep devotion to family. He touched many lives and will be remembered with love.

Arrangements were held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre Street, West Roxbury on Tuesday, February 10th. Followed by a Funeral Mass on Wednesday, February 11 at St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury. Interment at the St. James section of St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Boleslaw's memory to the Michael Burke Foundation, 20 Marine Road, South Boston, MA 02127.

Louise M. (Salvaggi) LaRaia



Louise M. (Salvaggi) LaRaia, age 83, of Braintree, formerly of Quincy, died peacefully, Saturday, February 21, 2026 in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family. Louise was born in South Quincy, to the late Anthony E. and Mary L. (Sacchetti) Salvaggi. Raised and educated in Quincy, she was a graduate of Quincy High School, Class of 1960. She later graduated from the former Quincy Junior College as a registered nurse in 1984. Louise was a lifelong resident of Quincy and had lived in Braintree for the past four years. Louise was married to Joseph J. LaRaia, former Mayor of Quincy, for 59 wonderful years. She was very proud to have served as the first lady of her hometown and was supportive of his 22 years of elective service.

Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. LaRaia and devoted mother of Joseph A. LaRaia and his wife Debra of Plymouth, Lisa M. Stevens and her husband Mark of Braintree, and Robyn E. LaRaia of Weymouth. Loving grandmother of Justin Stevens and his wife Briana, Jessica Stevens, Ava LaRaia, and Aiden LaRaia. Dear sister of Jean Luoni and husband Kenneth of Weymouth, and Denise Lord and her husband Robert of Quincy. Sister-in-law of Robert LaRaia of Weymouth and William LaRaia, Q.F.D Ret. and his wife Diane of Quincy. Louise is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Visiting Hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, Quincy, MA. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Joseph's Church, Quincy, MA. Interment followed at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy, MA.

Donations in Louise's memory may be made to Croi Health (formerly Norwell VNA and Hospice), 120 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061.

St. Leonard Parish and St. John's School

Celebrate Family Mass



Faculty, staff, and students, along with Ann Marie Quezada, Head of St. John School in the North End, Boston, gather after a Celebratory Family Mass on Sunday, March 1, 2026.



Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street in the North End, Boston, welcomes students from St. John School as they celebrate a Family Mass. St John School will be proudly celebrating 131 years of providing a private Catholic School education.

Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street in the North End of Boston and Ann Marie Quezada,

Head of School at St. John School on Moon Street in the North End, joined with parishioners, faculty, staff, students and parents in a Celebratory Family Mass this past Sunday, March 1st.

St. John School is the only remaining Catholic School in this part of the city, They will be celebrating 131 years of providing a private Catholic School education to families and are proud of their continued commitment to their students, community and faith.

Following the Family Mass, a breakfast was enjoyed in St. Joseph Hall, located in the basement of St. Leonard Church. The delicious breakfast was sponsored by the St. Anthony Society, St. Lucy Society, and an anonymous donor. A special thank you to the owners of the Golden Goose Market, Steve and Jesse, for their generosity, and the many volunteers who work quietly in the background.

Many thanks to all who attended and participated in this joyous Mass and wonderful breakfast. It is a blessing to be a part of the St. Leonard Church and St. John School family!

New EZ Pass Stickers to Replace Transponders

As a cost saving measure, the Massachusetts Highway Administration will transition from the traditional hard plastic transponders to smaller windshield sticker tags, with an estimated expected savings of \$7.4 million annually. Massachusetts drivers will begin seeing the new form of EZ Passes beginning this month.

The new sticker tags, will be offered to customers free of charge, and will contain embedded radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology that

allows tolling equipment to read them as vehicles pass beneath highway gantries.

Highway administrator Jonathon Gulliver said the sticker includes a small embedded chip that is activated as it moves under toll readers. "It works on an RFID system, so it means it's energized as it passes underneath tolling gantries. They can read it accurately just like you can a regular transponder, and then you go on your way," Gulliver told WBZ.

Drivers who currently use the standard plastic transponders,

do not need to take any action, as their existing transponders will continue to work. The new stickers will be available to drivers who may need to replace their existing transponders. Previously, customers paid a \$20 replacement fee.

Highway official say the goal of the stickers is to reduce costs. MassDOT currently pays over \$6.50 per transponder, while the new stickers will cost approximately 55 cents, in an estimated savings of approximately \$7 plus million per year.

Reverend Thomas A. DiLorenzo

February 23, 2026

Reverend Thomas A. DiLorenzo, age 79, Senior Priest in Residence at St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Parishes in Quincy.

Fr. Tom DiLorenzo was born on September 29, 1946, in East Boston, Massachusetts, the beloved son of the late Rose (DiLorenzo) and Vincent DiLorenzo, and devoted brother of the late Anthony V. DiLorenzo. He was a loving cousin to Mary E. Campanella and her husband Joseph of Everett, and Paul T. Follo and his wife Lori of Everett, and is also survived by many much-loved cousins, extended family members, and a wide circle of friends who knew his generous heart.

After graduating from Salem State College Fr. Tom responded with generosity to the Lord and entered St. John's Seminary. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston on September 15, 1979 by Cardinal Humberto Medeiros. He served faithfully in parishes across the Archdiocese, most notably in Quincy, Peabody, and Winthrop. Under his administration, Holy Rosary Parish in Winthrop became a home for the sick, suffering, lost, broken,



outcast, zealous, and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Most recently Fr. Tom ministered with love and mercy as a Senior Priest in Residence at St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Parish in Quincy.

In 1984, he founded the radio ministry *In Season and Out of Season*, broadcasting across multiple stations nationwide and on cable outlets throughout New England.

From the kitchen of Holy Rosary, he and so many volunteers would prepare baked chicken legs, make sandwiches, and gather clothes and socks to bring the poor in greater Boston.

There was a Glory Night held on Wednesday, March 4, at Saint John the Baptist Church, Quincy. Father Tom lain in repose on Thursday, March 5. A Concelebrated Funeral Mass took place at Saint John the Baptist Church on Friday, March 6. The Rite of Committal followed the Funeral Mass at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Donations in Father Tom's memory may be made to In Season and Out of Season, P.O. Box 602, East Boston, MA 02128.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

It's Thyme for 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 sun-rays. 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 25th) or Midsummer (June 24th) 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!

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



The Wheel Keeps on Spinning in the Sky

If you're an old rocker like me, you should remember that song title above from way back in your life when music was really great. It is also fitting for how I have been feeling since that first snowstorm we had January 28, 2026. Life has changed since I woke up Monday morning February 26. It snowed; it really snowed. It took me all of six hours to uncover my car and see it once again. I took my time because I am not as young as I was when the Blizzard of '78 finally ended nearly 48 hours after that first snowflake hit the pavement.

Many young people today have no idea what that February 6-7, 1978 felt like. When the last flake fell, it was over 51 inches if you count the 22 inches of snow that fell on January 20, 1978. To say, we were buried in was no under-statement.

Didn't all of us forget how bad things can get around here with those several years of no snow? And now we are seeing once again how bad all

of those so-called meteorologists truly are. They all had it easy between January 2022 and January 2026 didn't they. Well, reality has returned, hasn't it?

At the moment it is Tuesday evening 6:00 p.m., and I'm still waiting for that forecasted wintery mix to show up but I look out the window and the rain hasn't yet arrived and the sidewalks once again turn white. Did they or did they not tell us we'd be getting warmer temps tomorrow maybe even reaching the speed limit on the expressway.

You all know the past few weeks in Eastie have not been easy for us, too many cars, too few parking spots and way too much snow. When I first moved to East Boston after my divorce, I had never lived there before. Oh, I had cousins when I was a little kid who moved out of Fleet Street in the North End for the suburbs across the

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Daytime Street Sweeping to Resume



For the 2026 season, street sweeping in the **North End, South End, and Beacon Hill** neighborhoods has been **DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST MARCH 16, 2026**.

All other Boston neighborhoods are scheduled to resume daytime street sweeping beginning on April 1.

Finding your car if it has been towed

The Transportation Department handles ticketing and towing for street sweeping. In most cases, private companies working for the Transportation Department tow your car for parking in violation of the street sweeping regulations.

If you know your license plate number, you can search <https://www.cityofboston.gov/towing/search/> or call the Boston Police Department at 617-343-4629 to find out which company towed your car. If you don't know your license plate number, call Boston Police at 617-343-4629, or Transportation at 617-635-3900.

Getting your car

Once you find the private tow company that has your car, you can go and pick it up. The maximum charge for involuntary towing of motor vehicles by police order or for trespass on private property is set forth in 220 C.M.R. § 272.00. Currently, the maximum rate for police-ordered or involuntary towing (from private property) is \$132.00 for towing. The storage rate for non-commercial motor vehicles is set forth in G.L. c. 159B, § 6B. Currently, the rate is \$35.00 per 24-hour period for storage. Additional charges may be assessed if additional labor is needed.

The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) monitors and regulates towing companies and can help you file a complaint against a bus, moving, or towing company. Private tow companies charge rates and collect fees in accordance with the MA Department of Public Utilities (DPU) Rates for the Towing of Motor Vehicles (220 CMR 272.00).

ABCD North End Neighborhood Service Center Hosts Valentine's Day Celebration for Neighborhood Seniors

The ABCD North End Neighborhood Service Center (NE NSC) recently hosted a festive Valentine's Day party that brought together seniors, volunteers, community partners, and local elected officials for an afternoon of connection and friendship. Loft & Vine generously sponsored the celebration, helping to make the gathering possible. Volunteers from Strada 234 played an important role in the day's success. Teri Groome and Irene Pien assisted with serving and cleanup, and Teri also serves as a member of the NE/WE NSC Advisory Board. Advisory Board member Marian O'Neil volunteered as well, along with community member David Roderick. Many hands made light work!



Senator Lydia Edwards and ABCD NE/WE NSC Director Julia Power with a guest at the Valentine's Day celebration

Director Julia Power prepared a homemade meatloaf meal with potatoes and green beans, which was enjoyed by all in attendance, with many guests asking for the recipe! NEW Health sent Maria to provide lively music on her guitar, leading seniors in a singalong of favorite oldies.

Several elected officials joined the celebration and took time to visit with and connect with constituents. Senator Lydia Edwards and her team brought pink frosted cookies to share with attendees. City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata attended with members of her staff, as did Maria Perez from Mayor Michelle Wu's Office. The North End Brownies Troop 84604 created beautiful handmade centerpieces that added cheer and charm to the event. Students from Eliot Lower School K1 also contributed by making thoughtful Valentine cards, which were warmly received by the seniors. The Strada Cares Committee



City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata helping to serve lunch

donated 35 \$5 Dunkin' gift cards that will be distributed to seniors in upcoming food bags.

The NE NSC's Valentine's Day party highlighted the importance of community partnerships, volunteer engagement, and thoughtful programming that helps neighborhood seniors feel valued and connected. The event reflected the strong community spirit that continues to define the center's work with neighborhood seniors.



Maria from NEW Health entertaining the crowd with a singalong on guitar



(L-R): Sam Peracchi (Office of City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata), Maria Perez (Office of Mayor Michelle Wu), and ABCD NE/WE NSC Director Julia Power celebrating Valentine's Day with North End seniors



A view of the crowd

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<p>Bricco Boutique Italian Cuisine 241 Hanover St. • 617.248.6800</p> <p>Maré Seafood & Oyster Bar 223 Hanover St., 3 Mechanic St. • 617.723.MARE</p> <p>Quattro Grill, Rosticceria & Pizzeria 266 Hanover St. 617.720.0444</p> <p>AquaPazza Oyster Bar & Italian Kitchen 135 Richmond St. • 857-350-3105</p>	<p>Trattoria Il Panino Boston's 1st Original Trattoria 11 Parmenter St. • 617.720.1336</p> <p>Assaggio Positano Cuisine Restaurant • Lounge 29 Prince St. Boston • 617-865-1265</p> <p>Umbria Steakhouse & mia Roof Deck 250 Hanover St. • 617-868-1265</p> <p>Dolce Italian Cafe with 33 Flavors of Tiramisu 272 Hanover St.</p>
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with a twist
Broadway Event

<p>Fratelli Italian Fine Dining 617-400-8033</p>	<p>Frank and Nick's The Italian Experience 657-770-3483</p>	<p>Giardino Breakfast & Lunch 657-770-3360</p>
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Sullivan's is Back for its' 75th Year at Castle Island



June of 1951, Dan Sullivan, Sr. opened the concession stand for the first time offering quality food at reasonable prices and our commitment to that philosophy remains the same 75 + years later.

On Saturday, February 28th, Sullivan's at Castle Island officially opened for its 75th year. Since 1951, Sully's has been a cherished gathering place for generations of families — known as a Boston landmark for its American classics and the traditions that bring people together year after year. For many Bostonians, opening day at Sullivan's Castle Island is the 'unofficial' start of spring.

Coming off an incredible 2025 season following our James Beard America's Classic Award, we enter our 75th year in Southie with gratitude and excitement. This milestone season also coincides with America's 250th anniversary and the return of the Tall Ships for Sail Boston® this summer — making 2026 a historic year for our city and for Sully's.

Opening day is always special. 75 years in South Boston truly means everything, and we cannot wait to welcome you back.

Employee Spotlight:

Chris Lane — 40 Years at Sullivan's Castle Island

This year marks Chris Lane's 40th season at Sullivan's Castle Island. 40 years of welcoming guests, 40 years of hard work, and 40 years of being part of what makes Sully's, Sully's.

Chris has been a colleague, a boss, and a friend to all who have walked through our doors. He started here as a teenager and has been with Sullivan's through it all. Season after season, he's been a steady, humble presence. Someone who shows up, works hard, and puts the success of the team above himself.

Summer of 2025, Sullivan's was proud to introduce the Chris Lane Scholarship in his honor. This scholarship was created to support team members pursuing their education and to recognize the same commitment, integrity, and work ethic that Chris demonstrates every single day. It's a small way to honor someone who has given so much to this place and to generations of employees.



Friends, Romans, Countrymen!

by Laura Carlo



(Photo by Laura Duggan)

Boston's North End; Jordan Marsh: New England's Largest Store; The Baker Chocolate Company, A Sweet History; Boston: A Historic Walking Tour. 4 books filled with so much historical research that you'd think an author would be satisfied enough to call it a career. But you'd be wrong. Not only did he write these, he has written over 80 others with another 4 in the works!

Meet Anthony Mitchell Sammarco, historian, college instructor, tour guide, and much in-demand public speaker.

Anthony was born in Boston, one of two kids born to a father of Italian descent and a mother of Irish-English descent. He told me he was curious about his ancestral history and had genetic testing done. The report said he was also 2% Mongolian. "I think that's the core of what my books try to amplify, that everyone, no matter where they're from, has something to contribute to our society." In fact, his book *Boston Immigrants* was written for his B.U. Metropolitan College students to use in his course about Boston immigration.

He was raised in Dorchester in a house from his mother's family. The Irish-English side was definitely the quieter side, in contrast to visiting his father's parents in Medford. "Those meals! Everyone would show up for homemade pasta (you'd get there and the fresh sheets holding the pasta were still on the bed). Homemade meatballs with

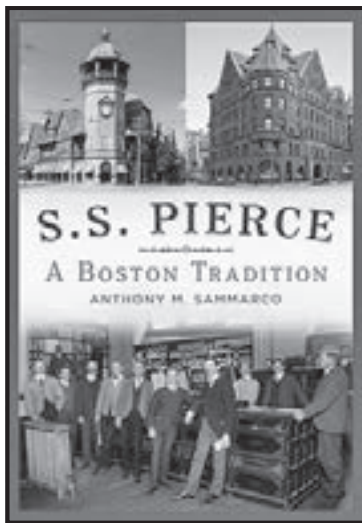
pignoli nuts and raisins. Stuffed peppers. A nut and fruit course and then pastries for dessert. A way better food experience than butter sandwiches and tapioca pudding from the other side of the family!"

He had fond memories of spending every Saturday in the North End when they would meet with his grandfather Luigi for lunch at the European Restaurant. "Then we'd go to Martignetti's (owned by relatives) for cold cuts, and to our favorite bakery at the foot of Cooper, near Thatcher, for the best bread. We'd end up eating the bread and cheeses on the way home!"

He told me that it was just expected that he and his sister would attend college. His own father had attended Harvard College, but gave it up when he enlisted during World War II. "And wouldn't you know, when he was in training, they sent him back to Harvard's Elliot House!" His father finished his education after the war, and both his parents set the bar high. His dad was the Treasurer of his company, and suggested his children consider careers in the financial side of business. His sister became an accountant, and Anthony's "day job" was to become the Treasurer for the company where he worked as well!

They were raised with the concept of "always excelling and achieving professional careers" but also of "giving back to the community." It was just understood that you not only had personal achievements to attain, but you looked for ways to contribute to the community. There wouldn't be enough column space to list all the charities and philanthropic organizations on which he has served, and still works with today.

How did he get interested in doing the historical research that has resulted in over 7 dozen books? "When I was 13, I started volunteering at the Dorchester Historical Society. That work, those surroundings,



was what got me interested in history. I not only helped raise money, I gave walking tours for the Victorian Society (and I still give walking tours of Boston), and I began writing for the *Dorchester Community News*. In the '90s I was at an ephemera show (paper collectibles) and met a man who had written a book about Rye Beach, New Hampshire. He encouraged me to contact Alan Sutton of Arcadia Publishing and within a week I had a contract!"

His first book was published in 1995, "and was mostly a mélange of historical photographs. My style has changed over the years, more historical facts, more storytelling. For example, when you say 'Beacon Hill,' people automatically think of the Boston Brahmins, the elegant brownstones. But did you know about the North Slope? The Black community? The Jewish tenements? This is the part of history that fascinates me, the things that aren't in the text books."

I was amazed to learn that he writes several books at the same time. "I have always written that way. It keeps things interesting for me." He has a book coming out later this year about an organization to which he belongs: The Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association. It was founded in 1795 by Paul Revere and a group of mechanics as an organization encouraging people to go into the trades. To this day the organization raises money for scholarships to trade schools, and even makes donations to those schools to upgrade machinery. Also in the works are *Wednesday is Prince Spaghetti Day*; *The History of the Cape Playhouse*; *Filene's, A Specialty Store*; *Sammarco's Guide to the Freedom Trail*, and at least three others.

Once the research is done and the books are written, he donates all the materials to the University of Mass/Boston. "It's important to leave all these materials for future historians. You've got to tell the stories; you've also got to preserve the history."

On March 15th his latest book will hit the market: *S.S. Pierce: A Boston Tradition*. You can find his books at shops all around the city and on-line. Meantime, if he's not writing, he may be in Italy where he travels every year to tour his favorite cities and to check back with his father's roots. "Knowledge of family history is just as important and exciting as other history lessons."

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JULY 11-16 ★ 2026



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NORTH END/WATERFRONT BRIEFING

Sail250 Boston Event organizers, presented by Meet Boston and led by Dusty Rhodes' Conventures Event Management Company, in coordination with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's Office, the Boston Police Department, Boston Transportation Department, and many other city and state departments held a community briefing on Tuesday, March 3, at the Nazzaro Community Center in the North End to share updates on the return of the Tall Ships this July.

Sail250 Boston is a major international tall ships festival arriving in Boston on Friday, July 10, 2026 and departing on Thursday, July 16, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of America's independence. The high light will be the Grand Parade of Sail on Saturday, July 11, consisting of 75 ships, from all over the world, including 20 large sail ships, and the Americo Vespucci, all led by the USS *Constitution*.

Ships will arrive in Boston Harbor and participate in opening ceremonies before docking in their respective ports along the Boston waterfront, with the main concentration centered along the South Boston/Seaport area. The key event, the Parade of Sail, will take place on Saturday, July 11 from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. Once the ships are docked safely in their ports, they will be open for public viewing until they depart on Thursday, July 10.

There are two spectacular firework events scheduled during Sail 250, with the first on the evening of Saturday, July 11 and the second on the evening of Wednesday, July 15, each beginning at 9:00 p.m. The barge will be located off of Fan Pier, with numerous viewing locations up and down the Boston Waterfront, from Charlestown to the North End/Waterfront, to East Boston, and all along the South Boston/Seaport area.

On Monday, July 13 the crew and cadets from each ship will parade through the streets of Boston, along the waterfront, beginning in the South Boston/Seaport area, to Northern Ave, onto Atlantic Ave and concluding at Christopher Columbus Park in the North End.

There is expected to be street and roadway closures along the waterfront, including Atlantic Ave and Commercial Street in the North End, with only pedestrian access in specific locations. There will be a number of checkpoints, 4 in the North End, monitored by the Boston Police Department. There is also a list of prohibited items that will not be allowed past the entry points including coolers on wheels, alcohol and other items. Folding chairs, baby strollers, will be permissible.

Visitors are strongly encouraged to walk or use public transportation (MBTA) specifically to stations near the Waterfront, North End, East Boston and Seaport area. The official Sail250 events will release and interactive map for tracking the fleet and other events as the event comes closer. For further information go to Sail250 Boston or email info@sailboston.com.

The Sail250 Boston Event is part of a nationwide Sail250 Tour celebrating 250 years of the United States, and will coincide with other 250th anniversary events including the Siege of Boston. This event is free and open to the public and is expected to be one of the largest in the city's history with the potential to draw millions of visitors over the course of the week, and well beyond \$120 million in economic impact.

GOP Polling Holds Steady with Upcoming Mid-Term Election

President Donald Trump appears to be struggling with popularity, according to a recent *ABC News/Washington Post/Ipsos* poll, but the GOP continues to hold its own among registered voters. With the mid-term election looming, polling shows Trump is facing negative ratings on a number of issues, yet Americans still are hesitant to trust Democrats over Republicans to handle the more serious issues facing the country. Voter's preference show they would be evenly split between the two parties if the election were held today.

As some Americans prepare to head to the polls for primary elections, a recent poll found Democratic and Republican House of Representative candidates are running neck and neck, 47% to 45%, almost identical to an October, 2025 report.

Following a February 2022 *ABC News/Washington Post* poll, former President Joe Biden had a 37% approval rating with voters preferring Republican candidates in the mid-terms by a 7% margin, resulting in the Republicans capturing the House. In January 2028 the same poll showed Trump with a 36% approval rating, and voters preferring the Democrats by 12 points, who then went on to win the House.

Currently, Trump's approval rating clocked in at 39%, but Americans don't trust Democrats more than Republicans to handle the country's problems, including immigration and the cost of living. It seems that voters who may not be fully on board with Trump also remain skeptical of the Democrats.



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Saint Atto of Pistoia

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Atto of Pistoia, or Saint Atto was a Catholic bishop and a professed member from the Vallumbrosan Order as well as the Bishop of Pistoia and a noted historian.

Atto was born around 1070 in Extremadura, Spain or possibly in Beja, Portugal. As a young man he went as a pilgrim to Italy, and stopped at the monastery of Vallombrosa in Tuscany where he was welcomed by the abbot. By 1100, he was a Vallombrosian monk and became Abbot in 1105. He became abbot-general around 1120. As a monk he wrote the lives of John Gualbert and Bernard degli Uberti, bishop of Parma. He also wrote about the history of the shrine of Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

In 1135, Atto was made Bishop of Pistoia, also in Tuscany. He continued to follow the rule of his order and served as visitor to the monasteries. As bishop, he managed the delicate relationship with the municipal authorities of Pistoia.

In 1145, he transferred to Pistoia from Santiago de Compostela a portion of the skull and relics of the Apostle James the Great and dedicated an altar to Saint James in the Cathedral of Saint Zeno to house them. This gave rise to a



chapel dedicated to St. James. Pilgrims soon began to come to Pistoia to honor the saint. He also built a hospital in honor of the apostle.

Atto passed away on May 22, 1153, he was Canonized on January 3, 1605. The Feast day of Saint Atto of Pistoia is May 22.

In 1337, the body of Saint Atto was found inside the Church of San Giovanni in Corte and from there moved to the Cathedral of San Zeno in Tuscany, Italy. From the middle of the seventeenth century, up to the beginning of the nineteenth century, on the day of June 21, in his honor, the so-called "fires of Sant'Atto" were held in the Piazza del Duomo.

Post-Gazette Newspaper Visits Eliot School in the North End



Ms. Corrigan's 8th Grade Eliot School Class with Pamela Donnaruma, Editor and Publisher of the *Post-Gazette* newspaper in the North End of Boston, following a Community Spotlight Series question and answer forum.

The publisher and editor of the *Post-Gazette* newspaper, Pamela Donnaruma, was honored to receive an invitation from Avelina Fabbo and her 8th grade classmates as part of their *Community Spotlight Series*. In this project students identify individuals in their community whose important contributions often go unrecognized. Upon making a selection, the students then conduct background research, develop thoughtful interview questions, and practice essential communication skills such as maintaining eye contact, asking follow-up questions, and engaging in meaningful dialogue.

"It was a wonderful opportunity and experience meeting and speaking with the students from Ms. Corrigan's class. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to highlight the importance a newspaper provides to a community and its readers. The students kept me on my toes with their insightful questions and I was quite impressed with their attentiveness and maturity. I truly hope they enjoyed our interaction as much as I



A welcome graphic is displayed as part of the Eliot School's Community Spotlight Series, with invited guest, Pamela Donnaruma, Editor & Publisher of the weekly *Post-Gazette* newspaper, in Boston's North End neighborhood.

did, and I am looking forward to their visiting the *Post-Gazette* office," stated Pamela.

Pamela is the 3rd generation to oversee her family's 130-year-old weekly newspaper. Formerly *LaGazetta del Massachusetts*, originally printed entirely in Italian, the

Post-Gazette transitioned to English as the years progressed, as Italians assimilated and embraced American culture and language. The newspaper has been based in the North End of Boston since its inception, and enjoys subscribers from all over the United States.

National Meatball Day Celebrated on March 9, 2026



For so many, the aroma of meatballs frying early Sunday mornings and later simmering slowly in a much-anticipated gravy, brings to mind an array of beautiful memories. To Italians, National Meatball Day stands as a tribute to one of the world's most beloved comfort foods. From classic recipes to modern twists, to frying vs. plopping straight into the gravy, meatballs bind people together through flavor, tradition and creativity.

With roots tracing back to Italy, meatballs have evolved across cultures, appearing in everything from spaghetti dinners to soups and sandwiches. In communities in and around Boston, family-owned restaurants and home kitchens alike proudly serve their own signature versions, often passed down through generations.

National Meatball Day is the perfect excuse to revisit a favorite recipe, try a new restaurant, or gather loved ones around the table. Whether made with beef, pork or other ingredients, meatballs remain a symbol of comfort, memories and shared meals. As March 9 rolls around, food lovers are encouraged to celebrate by savoring this timeless dish and honoring traditions behind it. After all, few foods capture warmth and nostalgia quite like a well-made meatball.

HELPING OTHERS IN NEED DURING LENT

The Rita A. DiMento Women's Clinic at Arch Street Church

3/21
8AM TO 4:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S HALL



WHAT: We will be collecting items needed by our most vulnerable members of our society, homeless women. Items we will be collecting: ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.

- Women's Sweatpants
- Leggings
- Sports bras
- New or gently worn women's sneakers
- T-shirts
- Rain Jackets
- Women's underwear (XS-XL)
- Women's zip-up sweatshirts
- Backpacks
- Individual sunblock packets
- Fanny packs
- Body wipes
- Small bug sprays
- \$10 Dunkin' or McDonald's gift cards
- \$10 CVS gift cards

*Gift cards used to incentivize goals and/or medical tests, also allow use of a restroom.

We will also be collecting SPARE CHANGE!!!!!!

Join our St. Leonard parish community, Fr. Michael Della Penna, and JJ Romano Family & Ausonia Council Knights of Columbus #1333, and all our helpers at the 5pm Mass following this act of love. The Second Collection will be dedicated to this mission.

LETTERS POLICY

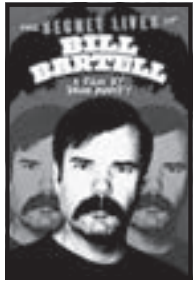
The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor

- Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address, and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.
- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
- This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
- Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published. Submission by the deadline does not guarantee publication.

Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor, The Post-Gazette, P.O. Box 130135, Boston, MA 02113



THE SECRET LIVES OF BILL BARTELL (Blu-ray) We Got Power Films



Bill Bartell was a musician, band manager, record label owner, police officer, rodeo bull rider, an attention-seeking recluse, and the ultimate fan-boy. He led an exceedingly compartmentalized life, keeping a tight lid on his background, his occupations, relationships and sexuality, hiding the jarring conflicts from everyone. The whole of his life was an enigma and maintaining it took a toll. From forming his band White Flag in the early 1980s to starting his own record company (Gasatanka Records), Bill was relentless. His ability to side up to his idols (from original LA Punk Scene to arena Metal) was astonishing, as was his indelible influence on his heroes. Friend and sometime bandmate to Sean Lennon, Pat Smear, Kurt Cobain, Thurston Moore, KISS, Iron Maiden, Ronnie Barnett, Jeff and Steve McDonald, Drew Barrymore, The Melvins, Shonen Knife, Brian Wilson, Quentin Tarantino and countless others, Bill was the conduit through which many relationships were established and successful careers launched. It was Bill that introduced Billy Idol to Kiss' manager Bill Aucoin who fostered Billy's solo career. In 1981, Bill's friend Steve Harris asked what his band, Iron Maiden, should name their new EP, a live recording from their Japanese tour. 'Maiden Japan,' Bill replied. Harris pronounced him a genius and the band went with Bill's suggestion. Through extensive archival footage and interviews, Bill's friends and collaborators compare notes on what they knew and what Bill kept hidden from them, ruminating on the causes of his secrecy. This film unravels, reveals and ultimately, deepens the mystery of who Bill was and what secrets he took with him when his life came to a sad and unexpected close. *The Secret Lives of Bill Bartell* is the story of the Punk Rock Zelig, in this film by David Markey.

SHE SHOOTS STRAIGHT (Blu-ray) 88 Films



Joyce Godenzi stars in this violent action classic about a newlywed police officer who battles a Vietnamese gang whilst also trying to impress her new in-laws! Inspector Mina is a career-focused officer who has just married her supervisor (Tony Leung Ka-fai, who himself comes from a family of dedicated police officers. Her new sisters-in-law (including Carina Lau) are a little jealous that Mina outranks them, but when a gang of violent Vietnamese criminals (led by the always excellent Yuen Wah) target the family, the sisters unite into a lethal force of vengeance. *She Shoots Straight* is another slice of top-tier Hong Kong action, newly restored in 2K and making its debut on Blu-ray!

MEL BROOKS' SPACEBALLS: THE ANIMATED SERIES (2DVD) MVD Rewind Collection



From a galaxy not so far away come these hilarious animated adventures based on Mel Brooks' 1987 comedy 'Spaceballs' - the greatest sci-fi spoof of all time! Join Yogurt, President Skroob, Lone Starr, Barf, Princess Vespa and the dastardly, dorky Dark Helmet for a blast of interstellar insanity! Directed and voiced by comic genius Mel Brooks and featuring voices from the film's original stars Daphna Zuniga and Joan Rivers, *Spaceballs: The Animated Series* pokes fun at everything under the sun, from pop culture and politics to megahit movies and more! Set your lasers on stunningly funny for all 13 hilarious episodes (PLUS, the 2-part pilot episode) and *May the Schwartz Be With You!*

DUEL TO DEATH (Blu-ray) 88 Films



Every ten years, a duel is held between the finest Japanese and Chinese martial artists to determine whose Swordsmanship is superior. During the Ming Dynasty, as the next duel approaches, the chosen candidates are caught in the middle of a battle between Ninjas and Shaolin monks. Only a *Duel to the Death* will settle the countries' conflicts and stop the bloodshed.

Known for his classic film, *A Chinese Ghost Story*, as well as for directing Tsui Hark's the *Swordsmen* saga, this debut feature from director Ching Siu-tung is filled with dazzling visuals and astonishing martial arts choreography (also by Ching Siu-tung, who would later choreograph the action sequences for Zhang Yimou's acclaimed wuxia triptych; *Hero*, *House of Flying Daggers*, and *Curse of the Golden Flower*), *Duel to the Death* comes to Blu-Ray for the first time in the USA from a brand new 2K restoration.

HELTER SKELTER (Blu-ray) 88 Films



Top model and fashion idol Lilico (Erika Sawajiri) is used to being the center of attention — the living epicenter of her own universe and of a multimedia-saturated hyper-reality in which everything is airbrushed and color-adjusted to perfection. When she begins to suffer traumatic side effects from her repeated illegal cosmetic surgery sessions, she finds fame comes at a cost, as she is plunged into a nightmarish world where her sense of self-image and identity begins to fracture. This lurid body horror, based on a manga by Kyoko Okazaki and directed by critically acclaimed photographer and filmmaker Mika Ninagawa (*Sakuran*), is a candy-colored nightmare, presenting both an assault to the senses and to the picture-perfect world of the fashion and advertising.

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

REV. BRUCE WALL, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AT CITY HALL, AS ONE OF BOSTON'S COMMUNITY BUILDERS



Rev. Bruce Wall and City Councilor Edward Flynn

I have known Rev. Bruce Wall forever, it seems. He has always been a voice for Boston's Black community. For years he had a community radio show when he was recognized as a voice to be heard in the halls of government. Back in the '80s into the '90s, he had the ear of both Mayors Ray Flynn and Tom Menino. He listened to them and they listened to him. He was well respected in the Codman Square Dorchester Community.

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. MI25C1146CA
In the matter of:
MARILENE RIVAS-CHAVEZ
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Marilene Rivas-Chavez of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Gavilan Radames Rivas-Chavez.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 18, 2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 18, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 03/06/2026

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Docket No. MI25C1190CA
In the matter of:
GLEICE KELLY DOS SANTOS LAGE
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Gleice Kelly Dos Santos Lage of Wakefield, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Glaicy Kelly Dos Santos Lage.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 26, 2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 26, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 03/06/2026

The Boston City Council honored a number of important figures in Boston's Black community including Wall as part of the Black History Month celebration.

NORTH END MUSEUM EXHIBIT PRESENTATION

The recent North End Museum presentation held at the North End Branch Library on February 18 was a tremendous success, drawing a standing-room-only crowd. We were delighted to share our plans for the upcoming exhibits with everyone in attendance. Tom Damigella guided the audience through a virtual tour of our future North End Museum.

The enthusiastic response from attendees has only increased our excitement and eagerness for the grand opening, which we anticipate will take place in June.

HERE'S AN ODD QUOTE FROM CHUCK SCHUMER LAST FRIDAY:

"They failed to get the votes to avoid a shutdown." He's admitting that the Dem's default position in the budget process is to shut down the federal government unless they get what they want. Whatever happened to the idea that a government shutdown is to be avoided at all costs? He seems perfectly comfortable with the idea that shutdowns are simply part of the process and is willing to go there every time he doesn't get what he wants. We're entering a cycle of budget impasses and shutdowns with no end in sight. It's a terrible way to govern. They're putting politics above responsibility. It's an embarrassment.

— Sean Flaherty, Charlestown

IF DEMOCRATS WIN THE MIDTERMS WE ARE ALL IN TROUBLE

At the moment our nation's future is hanging in balance. I have little faith in either party up on Capitol Hill. More and

more often, they are both useless. Both are more concerned with holding onto power rather than fixing things. Happy Birthday America. Our founding fathers must all be rolling over in their graves.

If Democrats win the House in 2026, it will be gridlock and obstructionism all the way. With Schumer and Jeffries in charge nothing positive will happen until 2028 and the next presidential election. If the Democrats somehow win in '28 it means back to the Obama-Biden future. A big OUCH for America.

MASS GOP REMAINS A JOKE, DOESN'T IT?

Governor Maura Healey is running for re-election and as checkered as her term has been with the SNAP scandal, affordable housing and public transit, she still looks like a shoo-in for re-election. Her Republican opponents are all seemingly trashing each other over nonsense issues like buying convention delegates are on the road to political perdition, aren't they? Mike Minogue, Brian Shortleeve and Mike Kennealy? All three look like the Three Stooges, don't they? As for John Deaton, running again for U.S. Senate? It doesn't matter if he's up against Eddie Markey or Seth Moulton. Both of them are losers but either of those two clowns can beat Deaton or, as I call him, the fourth stooge.

ROD STEWART ON HIS "ONE LAST TOUR" AT MOHEGAN SUN

On Friday, March 13, Rod Stewart will be playing at Mohegan Sun. This tour began last year and has been extended into 2026. It's his farewell to all of his fans. At 81, he's decided to end his amazing career that began in 1962. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available at mohegansun.com.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was the end of February, 1949, and radio ads abounded with Washington's birthday sales at car agencies. Dad was in the market for a new car. He had been driving a 1937 Plymouth since 1938. He had bought it from the mailman about the time I was born and it had served him through World War II and for four post-war years. By the late winter of '49 it was all beat up. The rear bumper had rusted off, all four fenders had been dented, the upholstery was worn out, the trunk lid didn't lock and when Dad hit a bump, that lid would wave at the vehicle behind him. In other words, it was time for the car to retire.

Dad dragged Babbononno and me with him to search for something new. He had never purchased a new car in his life. The Plymouth and every other car he ever bought in his life had been previously owned. Music had been good to Dad and he could now afford (within reason) a new car. We ventured to just about every Ford, Plymouth and Chevrolet dealer within the Boston area to hunt. The first stop was on Commonwealth Avenue. Beginning with Fuller's Cadillac/Oldsmobile building, which was diagonally across from the BU Bridge (Cottage Farm Bridge back then), both sides of the street were lined with car dealerships. Dad checked the prices of the low priced three, the name that was given to Plymouth, Chevy and Ford back then, but wasn't satisfied with any of them. As we headed to where Commonwealth Avenue splits to the left and Brighton Avenue begins, there was a showroom with cars in the window that I liked. Dad informed me that it was a Packard agency and he couldn't afford anything they had to sell. When Babbononno asked the price of cars, Dad quoted him numbers from high to low, depending on the make. Babbononno thought he was crazy. He thought a minute and told Dad that if he bought a house, the next day it would be worth more than he paid for it, but if he bought a car, the next day it would be worth less. Dad agreed, but told my grandfather that he needed a car for work. Babbononno just shrugged and said under his breath, "Questo generazione e pazzo." (This generation is crazy.)

Not finding anything in downtown Boston, we headed to agencies Dad knew of in other parts of the city. Again, nothing turned him on, so we headed home. Just as we pulled up in front of the house on Eutaw Street, Dad notices a brand new

1949 black Chevy fastback sitting across the street. Once out of the car, Dad walked across to look at it. I could tell by the look on his face that he loved it. He called Babbononno and me over to check it out. Just then, the owner came out of the house where the car was parked. His name was Tony Patti. He was the manager of the Savarese Cheese Company and a friendly neighbor. Immediately, Dad started asking him questions about the car and he told us where he bought it and how much he paid for it. When Babbononno heard that the price was over \$1,000, he mumbled, "Un' altro pazzo americano." (Another crazy American.)

Dad looked under the hood, in the trunk, and checked out the interior of the car and loved it. Tony had to leave, but gave Dad the name of the agency and the salesman's name. The agency was five minutes away, Reese Chevrolet in the Day Square neighborhood of East Boston. The three of us climbed back in Dad's '37 Plymouth and headed to Day Square. Once there, we entered the showroom and Dad asked for the salesman whose name was given to him by our neighbor. When the man arrived, Dad introduced himself and told the man that he had seen his friend Tony's new car and was interested in one for himself. The man had an identical model and we all jumped in to road test it. Dad headed back to Eutaw Street and stopped at the house, telling the salesman that he had to fit a bass violin in the car. If it fit, they would talk about price. Dad went in the house and came out with his bass.

Now, basses come in several sizes. Most bass violins made today are what they call ¾ size. Dad's was very old and full size, bigger than most. Due to the fastback design of the car, the bass didn't fit. Dad was upset until the salesman told him that regular two or four-door designs might work as they had more headroom in the back than the fastback. We headed back to Reese Chevrolet and Dad looked at a two-door coupe that was black, with all the extras, full sized hub caps, white walls tires, radio, heater and a tan marbled steering wheel, plus, a chrome hood ornament was part red plastic that lit up when the lights were turned on. His eyes lit up and the dealer's plate was taken off the fastback, placed on the coupe and off we went back to Eutaw Street. We all got out in front of the house and Dad again went in to get his bass and tried it in the car. This time, it fit with

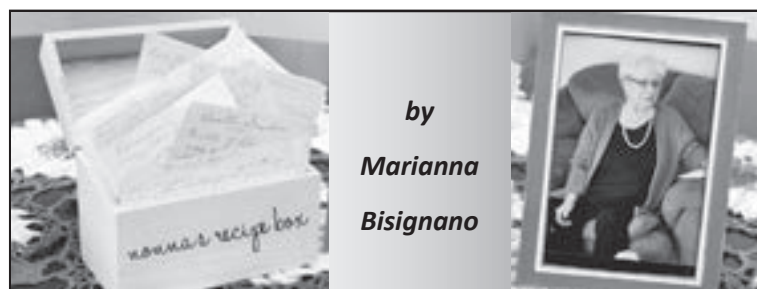
room to spare. Back in the house with the bass ... back in the car for a return trip to the agency, and at that point Dad and the salesman began talking money.

The two men bargained back and forth with no one agreeing on a price. Dad thanked the salesman for his time and we began to exit the agency. We were half way out the door and were called back. Dad's last offer would be accepted and we went back in for Dad to sign the paperwork. Part of the deal was that they didn't want Dad's car in trade. The salesman told him that it was just this side of junk (which it was) and they couldn't get rid of it unless they called a junkyard. We drove home in the old Plymouth with Dad now owning two cars. The next day, I went with him as a neighbor drove him to pick up the new Chevy. Talk about luck ... once we were back on Eutaw Street and out of the new car, a young man walking by asked Dad if he knew who owned the Plymouth with-out any plates on it. Dad told him that he did. The young man told him that he was a professional racer and was interested in the car for a demolition derby. That's the type of event where participants drive old beat-up cars and bang them into each other. The last one running is the winner.

Dad and the young man talked for a few minutes and Dad sold the Plymouth for \$75.00. He then asked me to clean out anything of value from the old car and put it in the trunk of the new Chevy and then handed the keys to the young man. The next day, the Plymouth was gone. At dinner that night, Babbononno asked Dad how much he paid for the new car and Dad told him it was \$1,200.00. Babbononno shook his head and mumbled something again about crazy Americans. Mom tried to tell him about the price of cars but she couldn't change his mind about crazy people.

That car lasted us until 1954, a point in time when Dad fell in love with the new Chevy line and bought a four-door powder blue and white Bel Aire. (The bass fit.) I think this was the point in time that I fell in love with cars, a feeling I still have today. On the last weekend of this past September, I was involved in two car shows, the Weston on a Saturday and the Boston Cup on Sunday. Among the show cars at both events were a '49 and a '54 Chevy. When I saw them I thought back to Dad's cars of old and all the fun we had with them.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



by
Marianna
Bisignano

In Italian homes, every Nonna has her own way of making a *Torta Ciambella*. These traditional ring cakes are typically made with simple ingredients such as flour, eggs, sugar, milk, butter or oil, and a bit of leavening, and the flavor and texture varies from kitchen to kitchen. Some Nonna's favor bright citrus notes of lemon or orange, others keep it classic with vanilla, and some even add the delicate perfume of anise. These cakes may be baked in a bundt or tube pan, while many still prefer the old-fashioned ring molds that have been used for generations.

My own Nonna made countless versions of this beloved Italian cake over the years, lemon, orange, vanilla, marble, chocolate, even pistachio. Sometimes she even enriched the batter with ricotta, sour cream, or yogurt, and every single one was delicious in its own way. The version I'm sharing today is the one she prepared during the Pasqua or Easter season, a recipe she claimed had been passed down through generations. This Easter Ring Cake is delicately flavored with anise, and once baked and iced, its taste reminds me of sweet Easter *Taralli*. It's a bit different from the everyday *Torta Ciambella*, but perfect to enjoy with a hot espresso or cappuccino while celebrating the season!

EASTER RING CAKE *Torta Ciambella Di Pasqua*



- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 cup oil (I use sunflower)
- 1 cup whole milk, warmed (not hot)
- 3 tablespoons anise extract
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 packet of Paneangeli Lievito or 2 teaspoons baking powder

- Icing:**
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
 - 2 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 4 to 8 tablespoons whole milk
 - 1 ½ to 2 teaspoons anise extract

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a ciambella, bundt, or tube pan. In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs and sugar until fluffy. Add oil, warm milk and extract, blend well. Sift in flour and baking powder, mix until smooth. Add mixture to the prepared pan and bake in a preheated oven for 50-60 minutes. Cool well.

To make icing: Place confectioners' sugar in a large mixing bowl. Add butter and extract, then gradually add in milk (more for a thicker icing, less for a thinner version). Ice cake and sprinkle with colored nonpareils.

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

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Boston on Marginal Street in East Boston, the Boston Police Foundation and the dedicated police officers, cadets and volunteers from the Boston Police Department Area A-7, free skating lessons are available, on a first come first serve basis.

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"Should I let go?"

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

A newspaper photo shows Ndiaga Diagne sprawled on the sidewalk outside the club with his latex gloves and bloody hoodie. He opened fire

at patrons inside the beer garden in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 1, killing two and wounding 14 others before police took him out.

Law enforcement officials suspect his rampage may have been in reaction to the U.S./Israeli airstrikes against Iran. Police also confirmed a Quran was found in his SUV after the shootings.

Diagne arrived in the United States on March 13, 2000 on a tourist visa during the Clinton Administration and became a lawful permanent resident when he married a U.S. citizen in June 2006.

St. Theresa Society Celebrates St. Joseph Table

St. Theresa Society is sponsoring a St. Joseph Table gathering in honor of the St. Joseph holy day on March 19 at the Sacred Heart Church community center from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

End Quote

"The liberal media says the midterms will be a referendum on the economy or Donald Trump's personality. On Tuesday, February 24 (State of the Union speech), the president made it a referendum on national pride. Do you stand for Americans or don't you?" Democrats sat.

— Adam B. Coleman,
founder of
Wrong Speak Publishing

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Katsushika Hokusai

Katsushika Hokusai was a prolific Ukiyo-e painter and printmaker of the Edo period (today Tokyo, Japan) famous for the masterpiece *Great Wave of Kanagawa* and the series *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*. Renowned for his innovation, landscapes, and use of Prussian blue, he changed his artist name over 30 times and created over 30,000 works, deeply influencing Impressionism.

Hokusai's date of birth is unclear, but is believed to be October 31, 1760. He was born into an artisan family, in Edo, the capital (Tokyo today) of the ruling Tokugawa shogunate. His childhood name was Tokitarō. It is believed his father was Nakajima Ise, a mirror-maker for the shōgun. Hokusai began painting around the age of six, perhaps learning from his father, whose work included the painting of designs around mirrors.

By age 14, he was apprenticed as a woodblock carver and later studied under Ukiyo-e master Katsukawa Shunshō.

After leaving the Katsukawa school, he studied various styles, including European techniques, to develop his own approach. His most famous work, *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji* and *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*, secured his fame internationally. Hokusai produced sketchbooks, paintings, and prints for over 70 years, his work heavily influenced 19th-century European painters, including Monet, Cassatt, and Degas. Hokusai passed away in 1849 at the age of 88 leaving behind a legacy of innovation.



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Docket No. SU26P0271EA

Estate of
JOSE ARNULFO MANCIA HERNANDEZ

Date of Death: April 2, 2024

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Giberto Hernandez of Chelsea, 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: **Giberto Hernandez of Chelsea, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 02, 2026.

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

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Witness, HON. JANINE D. RIVERS,
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Date: March 03, 2026

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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Docket No. MI26P0878EA

Estate of
PAULINE FRANCES MCGANN

Also known as:

PAULINE F. MCGANN

Date of Death: December 13, 2025

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Kathleen M. Senior of Waltham, 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: **Kathleen M. Senior of Waltham, 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 03/25/2026.

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 25, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/06/2026

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Docket No. MI26P0724EA

Estate of
MARGARET W. ROSSITER

Date of Death: August 03, 2025

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

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

The Petitioner requests that: **Rachel Maines of Ithaca, NY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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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 03/26/2026.

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

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 26, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/06/2026

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Vin #1C4NJDEB9ED699178

2021 DAIX PMZ50-19

Vin #L37MMGFV7MZ030123

2000 KAWASAKI NINJA 250R

Vin #JKAEXMF19YA072128

2012 CHEVROLET CRUZE

Vin #1G1PC5SH8C7337381

2024 ZHILONG ST

Vin #HZ2TBCNF2R1009930

1998 MERCEDES BENZ SLK-CLASS

Vin #WDBKK47F7WF037376

2008 HONDA RIDGELINE

Vin #2HJYK16588H538373

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Vin #JNKBV61E98M214396

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1999 FORD F350

Vin #1FDWF36S4XEE61195

2025 TOYOTA RAV4

Vin #JTMRFV3SD297774

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2008 HONDA CIVIC, BLACK

2HGFG12698H533793

2012 MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS, WHITE

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2009 FORD FOCUS, BLUE

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2015 TOYOTA COROLLA, RED

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2003 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, BEIGE

1LNHM81W73Y672826

2021 YAMAHA DIRT BIKE, BLUE

JYACJ26C4MA007391

2025 ZHILONG ST, BLACK

HZ2TBCNF0S1016008

2025 ZHILONG ST, BLACK

HZ2TBCNF5S1014741

2024 ZHILONG ST, RED

HZ2TBCNF8R1009432

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• Thinking Out Loud

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harbor to the Maverick Projects. I remember when my dad took the family over to see them on the old ferry. Two cents apiece each way. Didn't look much like suburban living to me.

When I moved to Eastie, I knew all about the unwritten rules on parking spot savers. I used to live in Charlestown. Same congested neighborhood. Too many cars, two few spots to park your vehicle. Over the years, mayors always tell folks they can only use space savers for two days but what if the city doesn't clear the snow properly as is the usual case. I admit to using space savers longer than two days. Had no choice.

The rules about saving spots for yourself state it can't go on forever. Most folks know when to take those cones or chairs or whatever back into their cellars. Seems today many newbies think if you get whacked with lots of snow in late January that you can claim your spot near your house until Easter time. You can't. Oh, and during the time you can save your spot, no one should ever remove that saver and place your own car in the spot. Something bad might happen.

Listen up, back 40 or 50 years ago, most of us were less civilized than we are today. Today most of us are far more civilized. When someone recently moved their vehicle right into the parking space I dug out for my Nissan, I let them know clearly that they were (blank)holes. When I message, I use a very large font. Back in the Seventies when I was 20-something we were all so much worse. Actions spoke louder than words back then if you get my snowdrift.

Oh, so listen up City Hall. You gotta do a much better job than what we all saw over the past five weeks. Don't lecture us about saving spots, clear the snow. Do your job. Oh, wait a minute, BREAKING NEWS. It's 7:00 p.m. and the snow is finally mixing over to rain. Will the temperature reach 50 degrees we shall see.

Also, can I say something to Mayor Wu? The next time some staffer from City Hall suggests you do a photo op holding a shovel and pushing snow around with a smile on your face, Just Say No. It looked stupid and only made the rest of us looking at the photo mad as hell. No one shovels and smiles at the same time NEVER. NEVER, NEVER!

Well, I have enough work for one late evening on my laptop. Hopefully tomorrow will indeed be nice and warm with lots of snow melting away just like the Wicked Witch of the East or is that West? I hate snow and hope the two storms are all we will get but one can never be too sure. Bring on those April showers and those May flowers. Did I say I HATE SNOW?

I have lots of family who left Massachusetts years ago. They are a safe distance away from the snow in places like Fort Myers, FL, Austin, TX, South Carolina, etc. Yet here I stay. I wish I could say I love having four seasons but I could do quite well with three out of four throwing winter to the curb. My cousin in South Carolina thanked me for emailing that great snowy photo to her. Nice to see snow in an email. No shoveling required.



by Sal Giarratani

Quote to Note



"Everything is so political, we're athletes, we're so proud to represent the U.S."

— Team USA hockey player

Jack Hughes

Verlander Returns to Detroit but is There a Tiger Still Awake in His Tank?

Justin Verlander used to be a great starting pitcher. He was right up there with Jack Morris and Mickey Lolich in Tigers history; but nowadays not so much. He's apparently still worth \$13 million on a one-year contract. He just turned 43 last month and is looking to rebound from a 4-11 year with the Giants. I'm thinking going back to his first big league team could be a perfect ending to it too.

Max Scherzer Goes to the Blue Jays for \$3 Million One-Year Deal

Max Scherzer is returning to the Jays on a one-year deal. Chump change, but I'd take \$3 million in the blink of an eye. At 41, he's still worth it, I think. Last season, he was 5-5 with a

5.19 ERA in 17 starts and 65 innings pitched. Back in the old days, he would have been lounging around at the beach somewhere warm.

The same goes for Verlander in the piece above this one.

Braves Extends Sale's Contract



Lefty Chris Sale and the Braves agreed on a contract adding \$27 million for 2027. In 2024, his first season with the Braves he won the NL Cy Young Award. Since joining the Braves rotation he has gone 25-8 with a 2.46 ERA in 49 starts. The Red Sox traded Sales away in December 2023 for an infielder whose name I can't remember. Doesn't matter, I was glad Boston traded him and still am.

Coming Real Soon

I am currently working on two pieces, one on Wilbur Wood and another on Bill Mazerowski. Wood began his pitching career as a fastball pitcher for the Red Sox before turning into a knuckleballer for the White Sox after being traded to Chicago. Maz was a great long-term infielder with the Pirates in the '50s and '60s.

He was the hero in the 1960 World Series against the Yankees. It took a whole 7 games and Maz ended up a big winner. His homer still to this day is the only walk-off homer in World Series history. Both pieces are coming soon.

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Docket No. MI26P0802EA

Estate of
CATHERINE MARIE GALLANT

Also known as:

CATHERINE GALLANT, CATHERINE M. GALLANT

Date of Death: January 01, 2026

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **James P. Gallant of Arlington, 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: **James P. Gallant of Arlington, 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 03/26/2026.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 26, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/06/2026

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Docket No. MI26P0965GD

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

In the interests of

KAYLANI M. TUCKER

of Dracut, MA

Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/02/2026 by **Niely S. Restrepo** of Dracut, MA will be held 03/20/2026 8:30 AM

Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 370 Jackson St., 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852, Courtroom 8

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

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

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

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

Date: March 02, 2026

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/06/2026

Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Action in Boston Rings

Photos from Fights Held in the Hub



Joe DeNucci (Right) battles Larry Carney over 10 Rounds. Joe pulled out a Split Decision win in an exciting fight.



Bob Benoit (Right) on the attack against George Holden. Bob won an Eight Round Decision.



Tony Petronelli (Left) defends his North American Junior Welterweight Title by Decision over 12 Rounds.



Bob Pastor (Right) wins a decision over Tony Shucco.



Norman Hayes (Right) gets the win over Jake LaMotta by Decision after 10 Rounds.



Joe Louis makes his 12th title defense stopping Al McCoy who was unable to Answer the Bell for the 6th Round. 1940.



In a non-title fight, Sugar Ray Robinson (Left) kayos Bob Young in the Second Round. 1959.



Paul Pender (Right) defends his Middleweight Title with a Fifteen Round Decision over Sugar Ray Robinson, the man from whom he won the title.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



The timing appeared to be set. NBC TV had learned that there was a strong possibility that Jayson Tatum would make his long-awaited return to the Celtics lineup on March 1 against the Philadelphia 76ers.

Acting on that possibility, the network shifted the start time for the Sunday game to 8:00 p.m., a move designed to give the contest maximum exposure across the country.

However, what had been thought of as a real possibility did not turn out to evolve into a reality. At some point after the scheduling change had been announced the Celtics indicated that Tatum would not play, dashing the hopes of the network's executives and on-air broadcasters.

But how would the void be filled? By someone many fans probably had not paid much attention to during the season — particularly those in other markets across America. For one night at least, he would become a household name in America, a sports hero overseas because of his international background and a "savior" for the NBC network.

Yes, Neemias Queta, a rather quiet center, would save the night for the network as he would proceed to have the best game of his career while leading the Celtics to a 114-98 over Philadelphia before a full house at the TD Garden.

Queta, who grew up in Portugal, had 27 points plus 17 rebounds. He scored eight crucial points in the final four minutes after the 76ers had pulled to within four points. That enabled the C's to take a commanding 111-98 lead as time wound down.

Team leader Jaylen Brown also had 27 tallies and Derrick White added 21 but it was Queta who was the overall star that night. He scored 16 points and added 10 rebounds in the first half alone.

The performance highlighted a key characteristic of this year's Celtics team: diversified scoring from a variety of players, any one of which is capable of having a strong game during any matchup on the schedule. Queta is averaging just over 10 points per game but his career high 27 came on national television before a maximum audience.

It is this aspect of the current Celtics team that we like the most. That anyone can step up on a given night — in this case it was Queta who fulfilled that role.

As for Tatum not playing that night, this was an example of what we wrote about recently. That his presence this year would take the focus off the cohesive aspect of the current Celtics team in favor of outsized coverage of a single individual.

NBC switched the game to a prime time start because its executives thought that Tatum would play. Instead, they got to cover a complete team effort with one "average" player having a standout performance that amounted to the best game of his professional career. And that saved the night for NBC.

Neemias Esdras Barbosa Queta was born in Portugal on

July 13, 1999. He started playing basketball when he was 10 and later came to the United States to play for Utah State University.

As a 7-1 center Queta was a specialist at blocking shots in college. Over the course of his freshman season he swatted away a whopping 84 attempted shots by opponents. Two years later he blocked 97.

He spent three years at Utah State before declaring for the 2021 NBA Draft. He was drafted in the second round (39th overall) by the Sacramento Kings.

The Celtics got to know him quite well during that summer of 2021 since he was a member of Sacramento's Summer League team that beat the C's in a one-sided 100-67 victory in the championship game.

It was Sacramento's first championship in the Summer League since 2014.

During his first year in the NBA his two-way contract with Sacramento saw him play for Sacramento's G-League affiliate as well as with the Kings. He saw action in 15 NBA games with the Kings in his role as a bench player. The next season, because of COVID, he played only five games for the Kings.

The Celtics signed him off waivers in September 2023. Dividing his time between Boston's affiliate (Maine Celtics) and the C's on Causeway Street, Queta played in 28 regular season games for Boston. He averaged 5.5 points and 4.4 rebounds over that span.

He also saw action in three playoff games as the C's went on to claim Banner 18. He received a championship ring during the ceremony held in October, 2024 that kicked off the 2024-2025 season.

During that season that followed the title run, he continued to be a contributor off the bench, playing in 62 regular season games while averaging 5.0 points and 3.8 rebounds.

With all the players that departed during the summer of 2025, he became the team's starting center with 56 games started through March 1 of this year.

You have to have a level of appreciation and gratitude for how hard he has worked," noted Celtics head coach Joe Mazzulla. He has been here a number of years. The process of what he has gone through to earn what he has got is what I care about. He has taken on the ownership and responsibility and he cares about working hard and understanding what he does for us and for our team."

The C's now have fewer than 20 games left in the regular season that ends with a pair of home games next month — April 10 against the New Orleans Pelicans and April 12 against the Orlando Magic.

From there it is on to the playoffs. The Celtics should be seeded high following what many thought back in October would be a pedestrian middle of the road regular season at best.

The team has surpassed all expectations. The reward is the upcoming 2026 NBA Playoffs.