

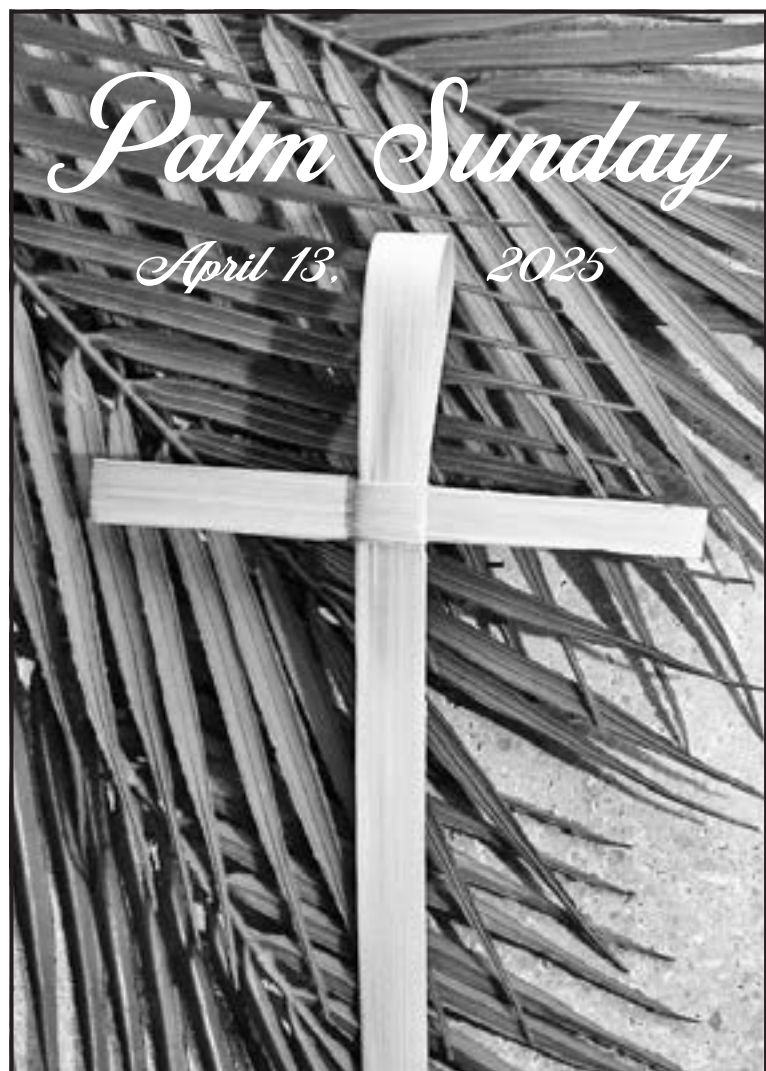
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Mayor Wu Officially Announces Re-election Bid for Second Term

by Patti Sartori

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu officially announced her re-election bid, seeking a second term as the Hub's leader. With over 1,000 attendees crammed inside the Cyclorama building in the South End, Wu declared herself to be the only reasonable option, to lead the city, given the current circumstances we face with the federal government. Supported by her husband and children, Wu took direct aim at challenger Josh Kraft and his political inexperience, stating "At a time when Boston is under attack by a federal administration that is threatened by who we are as a city, now is not the time for a mayor who needs on the job training."



Kraft wasn't the only person Wu referenced in her comments. Without naming him directly, it seemed Wu pointed to real estate developer Tom

O'Brien, who recently decided not to throw his name into the mayoral campaign. "Now is certainly not the time to hand the keys over to billionaires or developers. We've already seen what happens when millionaires and billionaires try to run a country. We don't need to see what happens when they run a city too, because this is our city and our city is not for sale," Wu declared.

The mayor did mention various initiatives and achievements her administration has had during her first term including efforts to improve housing affordability and handle climate change. She also noted the

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

London Police Storm Quaker Meeting House

Quakers in Britain are reeling after police officers forced their way into a meeting house in London and arrested activists gathered there to plan upcoming protests over the war in Gaza. On March 27th, more than 20 uniformed officers broke open the front door unannounced. They searched the building and arrested six women. In recent years, Britain has enacted new measures to crack down on protests and give police new powers. The activists were told they were being detained on suspicions of "conspiracy to cause a public nuisance." All of those arrested have been released and none have been charged.

Watchdog Inquiry on Hegseth Signalgate Role

The Pentagon has revealed that it is conducting an investigation into Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's role in Signalgate. Hegseth had sent detailed attack plans to a Signal group chat of top Trump administrative officials on March 15th that inadvertently included Jeffrey Goldberg, the Editor-in-Chief of *The Atlantic*.

According to Steven Stebbins, Pentagon Inspector General, "The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the Secretary of Defense and other DoD personnel complied with DoD policies and procedures for the use of a commercial messaging application for official business."

Vehicles Get Krispy Creamed

An Ohio driver who reportedly reached for his fallen donut while traveling along a busy roadway caused a horrible three-car crash that flattened one vehicle and sent auto parts flying across the road. The unidentified motorist dropped his donut while reaching for his coffee. Reportedly, the distracted driver allegedly veered

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Boston

REFERENDUM ABROGATIVI 8-9 GIUGNO 2025

Con i Decreti del Presidente della Repubblica del 31/03 2025, pubblicati nella Gazzetta Ufficiale, Serie Generale, n. 75, del 31/03/2025, sono stati indetti 5 referendum popolari abrogativi per: 1) *Cittadinanza italiana: Dimezzamento da 10 a 5 anni dei tempi di residenza legale in Italia dello straniero maggiorenne extracomunitario per la richiesta di concessione della cittadinanza italiana a 5 anni dei tempi di residenza legale in Italia dello straniero maggiorenne extracomunitario per la richiesta di concessione della cittadinanza italiana.* 2) *Contratto di lavoro a tutele crescenti – disciplina dei licenziamenti illegittimi: Abrogazione.* 3) *Piccole imprese – licenziamenti e relativa indennità: Abrogazione parziale.* 4) *Abrogazione parziale di norme in materia di apposizione di termine al contratto di lavoro subordinato, durata massima e condizioni per proroghe e rinnovi.* 5) *Esclusione della responsabilità solidale del committente, dell'appaltatore e del subappaltatore per infortuni subiti dal lavoratore dipendente di impresa appaltatrice o subappaltatrice, come conseguenza dei rischi specifici propri dell'attività delle imprese appaltatrici o subappaltatrici: Abrogazione.* **Chi può votare all'estero? Gli elettori iscritti all'AIRE** (Anagrafe degli Italiani Residenti all'Estero), che ricevono direttamente il plico elettorale al proprio indirizzo di residenza all'estero **Gli italiani temporaneamente all'estero** per almeno tre mesi, esclusivamente PER MOTIVI DI LAVORO, STUDIO O CURE MEDICHE, e i familiari con essi conviventi all'estero. **ATTENZIONE:** l'elettore temporaneamente all'estero deve presentare apposita richiesta al Comune italiano di residenza ENTRO IL 7 MAGGIO per ricevere il plico elettorale. **Quando si vota? In Italia** si vota domenica 8 e lunedì 9 giugno 2025. **Gli elettori all'estero votano in anticipo**, per corrispondenza. I plichi verranno spediti all'indirizzo di residenza entro il 21 MAGGIO. **ATTENZIONE:** gli elettori che **ENTRO IL 25 MAGGIO** non abbiano ancora ricevuto il plico elettorale potranno contattare il proprio ufficio consolare per ottenere il **DUPLICATO. Il voto avviene per corrispondenza.** Le schede dovranno essere rispedite al consolato seguendo attentamente le indicazioni del foglio informativo presente nel plico elettorale ed utilizzando unicamente il materiale con esso fornito. Saranno trasmesse in Italia per lo scrutinio solamente le schede votate recapitate all'ufficio consolare di riferimento **ENTRO E NON OLTRE le ore 16 locali di giovedì 5 GIUGNO. Per Maggiori informazioni scrivere a elektorale.boston@esteri.it pec con.boston@cert.esteri.it o telefonicamente al 617 722 9201 - sito www.consoston.esteri.it**

ABROGATIVE REFERENDUMS JUNE 8-9 2025

By Decrees of the President of the Republic dated March 31, 2025, published in the Official Gazette, General Series No. 75 of March 31, 2025, five abrogative referendums have been announced on the following topics: 1) *Italian citizenship: reduction from 10 to 5 years of the required period of legal residence in Italy for adult non-EU foreigners to apply for citizenship.* 2) *Employment contracts with progressive protections – rules on unlawful dismissals: repeal.* 3) *Small businesses – dismissals and related compensation: partial repeal.* 4) *Fixed-term employment contracts – partial repeal of rules regarding contract duration, maximum duration, and conditions for extensions and renewals.* 5) *Joint liability of the client, contractor, and subcontractor: repeal of the rule making them jointly responsible for accidents suffered by employees of contracting or subcontracting companies, when caused by specific risks related to the contractors' activities.* **Who can vote from abroad: Voters registered with AIRE** (Registry of Italians Residing Abroad), who will receive the ballot directly at their residence abroad. **Italians temporarily abroad** for at least three months, only for reasons of work, study, or medical care, and their cohabiting family members. **IMPORTANT:** temporarily abroad voters must submit a request to their Italian municipality of residence by May 7 in order to receive the ballot. **When to vote:** In Italy, voting will take place on Sunday, June 8, and Monday, June 9, 2025. **Voters abroad will vote earlier**, by mail. Ballots will be sent by May 21 to the address of residence. **IMPORTANT:** voters who have not received the ballot by **May 25th** should contact their this Consulate to request a duplicate. **How to vote:** Voting is by mail. Ballots must be returned to the consulate following the instructions included and using only the materials provided. Only ballots received by the **CONSULATE BY 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, WILL BE SENT TO ITALY FOR COUNTING.** For more information, contact elektorale.boston@esteri.it or con.boston@cert.esteri.it or call 617 722 9201 – website www.consoston.esteri.it

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



HEMERA, AETHER, AND CHARON



A 19th-century interpretation of Charon's crossing.

By Alexander Litovchenko

Last week, we discussed two of the most famous poets in ancient Greece, Homer, and Hesiod. They were responsible for giving us more information on the folklore of mythical gods and legendary heroes than all other writers combined. We identified Chaos, the yawning abyss which marked the beginning of all things. Out of Chaos came the "Primary Beings" Nyx (Night); Erebus (Primeval Darkness), and Gaea (Mother Earth).

Today, our discussion of the Primary Beings continues with Hemera (Day); "dies," or "dies civilis" as the ancients referred to it. This was the time in which the sun completed a course around the earth, including both day and night. In Athens, the civil day began with the setting of the sun, in Rome it began at midnight, and in Babylon, it began at sunrise. During the time of the Homeric poems, the natural day was divided into three parts. The first part began with sunrise and it included that whole time in which the light seemed to be getting brighter. The second was what we call mid-day, during which time the sun appeared to be standing still. The third part, of course, was the remainder of the daylight hours. Many years later, the first part was subdivided into early and late morning, while the third part was subdivided into early and late afternoon.

Hemera was followed by Aether, the pure light that is imagined to be in the highest reaches of the atmosphere, and what we now call outer space. This was considered to be the light of the gods.

Charon was also a god of the lower world, but he ruled in a much different capacity than Erebus. Charon conducted the souls of the dead across a river called "Styx" (or Acheron) by boat to the infernal regions that we imagine to be Hell or Purgatory. A fee of at least one obolus (minor value) but never more than three was extracted from each shade or ghost, as it entered the boat. A coin was generally placed under the tongue of the deceased for this purpose because the soul of any person who was not honored with a proper funeral, or was without the required fare, was not permitted to enter Charon's boat without first wandering along the shore for one hundred years.

Charon is usually represented as elderly but robust, with white bushy hair and eyes glowing like fire. He usually wore a short tunic-like garment that was stained with the dirty water and mud from the river, and he always carried a long pole or oar. The next time you visit the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican be sure to notice the lower right-hand corner of Michelangelo's *Last Judgment*. It shows Charon performing his daily duties as only the great master could have depicted.

During ancient times, the defeated gladiators were dragged from the arena by a person disguised as Charon, while in ancient Greece this same image was given the name of Charontas or Charos, and portrayed as a large black bird who carried its victims to the lower world of the dead — brrr.

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Boston Planning Department Chief Meets with North End Residents and Neighborhood Groups

At the invitation of the North End/Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA), and Neighborhood Council, the Boston Planning Department (BPD) Chief, Kairos Shen, agreed to meet with residents and association members to discuss BPD's initiatives, including planning and zoning changes that will impact the community. Given the important topic, it's no surprise that the room was fully packed, with not an empty chair to be found.

Chief Shen took the opportunity to reintroduce himself to the members and residents in attendance, noting he hadn't been to a North End/Waterfront community meeting in over a decade. He has a long history with Boston, beginning in 1993 working for the former Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) as an urban designer under Mayor Raymond Flynn's administration, where he remained for more than two decades. His focus centered on the future

of the cityscape after the completion of the Central Artery Project, including North End parks. He left the city in 2015 to teach at MIT, and was asked to return this past fall as the Chief of the BPD at the invitation of Mayor Michelle Wu.

The BPD is a new department, evolving from the old BRA into the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDS) into the current city line-item department to ensure accountability to the mayor and city council as well as oversight of its budget and priorities. As of July 1, 1025 all former departmental staff was absorbed by the BPD.

Chief Shen is set to fulfill Mayor Wu's mandate of transforming planning and zoning using three objectives. First operationalize the new department (BPD). Second, modernize development review procedures by changing a seventy plus year culture of a planning department and third reform the

zoning code. It won't be an easy task to modernize development review, with article 80 being so important, or to change the way we think about zoning by re-zoning neighborhoods. An example is the squares and streets initiative which looks at neighborhood centers and business districts as a path to create more housing units, which the city desperately needs according to Chief Shen and Mayor Wu.

As he answered numerous questions from the audience and engaged in an open dialogue Chief Shen made clear he believes in "**planning then re-zoning**" and encourages looking at the larger picture in planning rather than each area or neighborhood separately. Boston needs to accommodate new building, development and growth. His preference is "**generalized zoning**" with separate mapping of each neighborhood. What this will mean for Article 54 in the North End Zoning remains to be seen.

White Stadium Court Decision Ends Legal Battle (Community on Losing Side)

The verdict is in! It wasn't what the community had hoped for but it was exactly what the City of Boston had expected. Superior Court Judge Matthew Nestor's ruling will pave the way for the city to continue renovating White Stadium, making way for a new pro women's soccer team in the heart of Franklin Park, declaring the \$200 million dollar project does not violate Article 97, state law for parkland protections.

"Notwithstanding the testimony from nearby residents, there is simply inadequate evidence that the everyday use of the property evinces an unequivocal intent to dedicate the property as public parkland. I conclude therefore, that the stadium parcel is not protected by Article 97," wrote Judge Nestor.

A group of neighbors known as the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, based their case on the belief the city and Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP), proposed use would privatize protected parkland in violation of Article 97 of the Massachusetts state constitution. Article 97, approved in 1972 by Massachusetts voters, requires two-thirds approval from the State Legislature for uses other than for easements or land acquired for conservation purposes.

After a short trial last month, Nestor disagreed with the plaintiff's argument, rejecting that those protections apply in this case. The ruling is a huge win for Mayor Wu, who has pushed the public-private partnership as instrumental in renovating the stadium for Boston Public School (BPS) student-athletes, who will share use of the new facility.

"In a city of sports champions, this is a historic victory. A renovated White Stadium will be open and used by BPS students, coaches and community.

We thank the Superior Court for twice affirming this vital project for our students and community as a year-round facility that will inspire the next generation of Boston students," Mayor Wu said in a statement.

Jennifer Epstein controlling manager of BUSP and the owners of the National Women's Soccer League expansion team, Legacy FC, will lease the facility from the city and BPS, stated the group was "pleased to continue the revitalization of White Stadium alongside the city. Boston Public School students and the communities around Franklin Park have long deserved the type of generational investment this project delivers. We look forward to contributing to a beautiful, modern venue to be enjoyed

by everyone in the city and to playing our games in front of the best sports fans in the world."

The plaintiffs expressed their disappointment with the judge's ruling and vowed to keep fighting the project. "We're disappointed by the trial's outcome, but we're not surprised. Our community is used to seeing laws meant to protect the public get trampled when the rich and powerful see an opportunity to make money. Despite this outcome, we still believe that our community deserves an alternative to an oversized, for-profit sports and entertainment complex in Franklin Park," said Jean McGuire, plaintiff, ex-school committee member and longtime civil rights leader in a statement.

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COMMENTARY

Reconciling a Lean Budget and White Stadium

by Patti Sartori

Let me begin by stating I am by no means a fiscal expert. I do not possess a background in finance, I have never held elected office, and I would never claim any special insight as to how a major urban city, such as Boston, proposes a budget. However, I will unequivocally state that I have more than an average amount of common sense and will gladly work with those who have a different opinion or viewpoint to find common ground and a feasible solution to issues. Which may be why I cannot figure how Boston Mayor Michelle Wu will be able to assemble “as lean” a city budget as possible for the next fiscal year, 2026, given the taxpayers will be responsible for \$100 million dollars of the White Stadium renovation.

It's no secret that the Trump administration has the City of Boston under a microscope and is threatening to hold back federal funding in light of Boston's sanctuary city designation and other political reasons. In a letter to the city council, Mayor Wu cautioned, “With over \$300 million in federal funds supporting critical city services each year and with likely impacts from federal tariffs and other policy changes to the broader economy, we must exercise caution to ensure stability for our communities, preparing for worst-case scenarios while refraining from preemptive disruption of city services. This year's budget must reflect fiscal discipline to protect Boston's community and economy in the face of federal uncertainty.”

Given the possibility that Boston could lose substantial federal funding moving forward, I just can't fathom making a \$100 million dollar investment at this point in time. I do understand the mayor's desire to provide a state-of-the-art facility for the White Stadium/Franklin Park community. It's long overdue. As a Boston Public School student, I watched many high-school football games at the stadium and the condition was less than adequate even then.

What befuddles me is her refusal to consider a less expensive option, one that would be solely for Boston Public School student athletes and neighborhood residents, even in the face of consistent and harsh criticism over the growing price tag. “I know this is a hard time for our residents. Our communities are under attack, and it can, in that way, feel uncertain about why we would take such a big leap and invest such a big dollar amount into these facilities. White Stadium has been in the conversation for more than 40 years. I will not apologize for investing nearly \$100 million into this community, into black and brown communities, into our students and into the Boston Public Schools. We deserve this, and we deserve to have the opportunity that generation after generation has passed us by and has been delayed. So, it is time for us to make these investments,” the mayor stated while at a Franklin Park press conference just after a Suffolk Superior Court Judge ruled in the city's favor.

Again, Mayor's Wu's objective to offer a modern athletic facility to this community and BPS student athletes isn't in question, especially given most experts believe it can be accomplished for a quarter or a third of the proposed price tag. What defies logic is spending over \$100 million dollars to enter a joint public-private partnership given the precarious financial situation the City of Boston may soon be facing.

The community had its day in court, the judge has rendered his decision, and the mayor has made her intent and feelings quite clear, taking a victory lap after the court's decision, “In a city of sports champions, this is a historic victory,” stated Mayor Wu. Let's just hope there isn't any buyer's remorse!

Boston City Council Passes Ordinance to Tighten Traffic Rules for Food Delivery Drivers

The Boston City Council gave their stamp of approval to an ordinance submitted by Mayor Wu, cracking down on scofflaw delivery and scooter drivers ignoring traffic and roadway regulations and laws. The council passed the measure in an 11-2 vote last week approving the new local law requiring all national third-party food delivery companies, especially Uber Eats, Door Dash and Grub Hub, to obtain liability insurance for all workers under their purview, in order to receive a permit to operate in Boston. The ordinance also requires large delivery companies to provide the city with data on food delivery trips in Boston along with information documenting “unsafe and illegal operations by delivery drivers” on city roads. “This nation leading ordinance will help us make our streets safer for everyone while supporting

our local restaurants. By holding large, national delivery companies accountable and ensuring insurance coverage for delivery drivers, we will help pedestrians and drivers move around the neighborhood more safely,” Wu said in a statement.

Food delivery platforms that violate the ordinance by continuing to accept orders and payments without a valid permit from the city will be fined \$300 per day per restaurant from which services are available or \$300 per order. The council chose not to include Councilor Durkan controversial amendment to the ordinance that would have added a 15-cent delivery fee per order to pay for the enforcement of the ordinance. Durkan was not happy with the decision to disregard the amendment and accused her colleagues of caving into wealthy companies

who lobbied against the delivery fee. Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapatta, chair of the committee that held the hearings on the ordinance, said she decided to exclude the amendment after concerns were raised that the fee may end up passed onto customers, local businesses and delivery drivers.

Both Councilors John Fitzgerald and Erin Murphy voted in opposition to the ordinance. Murphy said she was concerned about the unintended consequences and fairness of the ordinance, given it specifically targeted large delivery companies such as Uber Eats, Door Dash and Grub Hub. “This selective application raises questions about fairness and the rationale behind focusing on certain companies over others that contribute similarly to urban traffic,” Murphy stated.

Trump Says Liberation Day to Usher in American Dream

Will the Golden Age Become the Tarnished Age

President Donald Trump announced reciprocal tariffs during a recent “Make America Wealthy Again,” rose garden event, which he stated will restore the American dream and add jobs for U.S. workers. “American steel workers, auto workers, farmers and skilled craftsmen. We have a lot of them. They have really suffered gravely. They watched in anguish as foreign leaders stole our jobs; foreign cheaters have ransacked our factories. Now it's our turn to prosper, and in so doing, use trillions of dollars to reduce our taxes and pay down our national debt. And it will happen. We are finally going to be able to make America great again, greater than ever before. Jobs and factories will come roaring back into our country, and you see it happening already. We will supercharge our domestic industrial base.”

Trump referenced the European Union, explaining the U.S. will charge its nations a 20% tariff, compared to the 39%

tariff it charges the U.S. Japan will see a 24% tariff, compared to the 46% the country charges the U.S. while China will face a 34% Tariff, compared to the 67% it charges America. “For nations that treat us badly, we will calculate the combined rate of all their tariffs, nonmonetary barriers and other forms of cheating. And because we were being very kind, we will charge them approximately half of what they have been charging us. So, the tariffs will not be a full reciprocal. I could have done that. It would be tough for a lot of countries,” stated President Trump during the Rose Garden event.

Trump also spoke against “non-tariff barriers” imposed on the America. Non-tariff barriers are trade restrictions imposed by other countries on the U.S., that limit international trade using quotas or other regulations, especially on agricultural goods, such as meats and fresh produce. “For decades, the United States

slashed trade barriers on other countries, while those nations placed massive tariffs on our products and created outrageous non-monetary barriers, which in some cases were worse than monetary ones. They manipulated their currencies and imposed exorbitant taxes to disadvantage our products.” Trump said, “for more than 100 years, the U.S. was a tariff-backed nation, which provided a surge of wealth”, and added “if nations complain about the tariffs, they should set up shop in the U.S. and build your product right here in America, because then there is no tariff.”

After announcing the massive tariffs, The U.S. stock market plummeted, with one of the worst weeks in many years. “This is an economic revolution, and we will win. Hang tough, it won't be easy, but the end result will be historic,” Trump posted on Truth Social. Let's hope the pain is short lived and the rise to historic results will be fast paced.

Italian Dual Citizenship Advisory

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) has issued an advisory regarding newly placed restrictions on Italian Citizenship. The Italian government issued restrictive eligibility requirements to obtain Italian citizenship by descent, negating the previous law, which allowed anyone able to prove they had an Italian ancestor alive after March 17, 1861, to apply for Italian citizenship. The new restrictions on *jus sanguinis* (obtaining citizenship through bloodline), could be devastating to a large portion of the Italian American community and has caused confusion and anxiety. The OSDIA is committed to assisting with the potential impacts.

On March 29, 2025, Decree-Law no.36/2025 went into effect as part of an emergency measure to restrict Italian

citizenship eligibility to ease administrative burdens and delays in Italian consulates. The decree will immediately impact anyone applying for dual citizenship through the old *jus sanguinis* requirements. **To be eligible under the new law, you must have an Italian parent or grandparent born in Italy or have an Italian parent who resided in Italy for two consecutive years prior to your birth or adoption.**

According to OSDIA, Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, this measure is meant to stem the growing number of citizenship applications from those he believes have been abusing the system. “Unfortunately, over the years, there have been abuses and requests for citizenship that went a bit beyond the true interest in our country,” he said. However, many Italian American organizations are

working to ensure these restrictions do not become law.

It is important to note that the decree is provisional, or temporary, and will expire on May 27, 2025, unless voted into law, and even then, it could possibly see changes made to its language. Anyone who has submitted an application for Italian citizenship, will retain their eligibility, as long as the submission date was no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time (CET) on March 27, 2025, or if you have filed an Italian court case by 11:59 p.m. CET on March 27, 2025.

If your citizenship has already been recognized through an Italian consulate, municipality or court case, your citizenship remains valid. If you would like to make your voice heard regarding the new restrictions, use this link, Change.org to preserve the old *jus Sanguinis* laws.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Faith and Feasts for an Italian Holy Week

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

After the damp and bitterly cold early spring fog, in which every rain-drop feels like the pinprick of an ice crystal, I look forward to the promise of Easter, the premiere holiday of the season. Signs of Easter sprout around me as surely as the first



purple tulips spring from the rich soil. Marshmallow Peeps wink playfully at me as they line shop selves in brilliant hues ranging from robin's egg blue to bright tutu pink. Baskets and wreaths boast eggs dyed with bold solid colors or glittery patinas. At the mall, costumed Easter Bunnies pose for family photos with children in frilly dresses and crooked bow ties. However, as much as the coming Easter fills me with pleasant anticipation, I am reminded that the week preceding the holiday brims with its own unique customs and traditions. The week's very name, Holy Week, reveals its profound importance in the religious year. Italians call Holy Week *la Settimana Santa* and celebrate its arrival with much fanfare. The Holy Week festivities in Italy emphasize seasonal spring folklore while also paying homage to the intricate and inspiring spirituality of this period. Whether filled with displays of palm leaves or colorful eggs, Holy Week in Italy and around the world heralds the Easter holiday with the reverence, love and joy it deserves.

Holy Week begins this year on April 13th, which is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, when adoring crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches in the air. Along with its religious significance, Palm Sunday remains attuned to the seasonal beat of spring, symbolically falling during the time of the year when tree branches begin to blossom. My father grew up in the mountainous region of Abruzzo in Italy, where he would spend Palm Sunday, or *Domenica delle Palme*, collecting the olive branches that grew plentifully in the hills and fields near his home. This was the same country wilderness, laden with ancient orchards and thick forests, about which village elders whispered stories of sprites hiding under rocks and wolves darting among the trees. My father and his friends would

then bring the branches to the local parish, where the priest would bless them. This quaint sylvan ritual embodied all the pleasures of spring, such as communal outdoor excursions and metaphorical links to the themes of rebirth and spiritual awakening. Throughout Holy Week, Italians also give their homes a thorough spring cleaning in preparation for Easter and the days of visiting to follow. Holy Week ends with Good Friday, or *Venerdì Santo*, the solemn remembrance of Jesus's Crucifixion. In Italy, processions of black-robed participants set the somber and pensive atmosphere of the day. Processions that focus on the Virgin Mary are known as the *Addolorata*, a name indicative of Mary's grief and pain. Therefore, Holy Week begins in triumph but ends in tragedy, encompassing all the emotional spectrum necessary for the joy of Easter.

For me, Holy Week has always meant Easter preparations, particularly those with an emphasis on the Italian traditions of my ancestors. My parents would reserve a day, usually Holy Saturday, for decorating eggs with my brother and me. Eggs have formed an integral part of Easter celebrations since ancient times due to their rebirth symbolism: though they appear cold and sterile on the outside, they contain new life inside. I always enjoyed picking the egg dyes, and I would often choose a bright or glittery color to match the cheerful hues of the flowers growing outside my home. Easter eggs form a sweet part of Italian holiday customs as well. During Holy Week, my father would always buy a gigantic chocolate *uovo di Pasqua* (literally, "Easter egg") from a specialty shop in the North End, wrapped in pastel foil. We would patiently wait until Easter to ceremoniously break the egg open, eagerly anticipating the treats concealed within — usually candy. An Italian superstition decrees that everyone must wear at least one new piece of clothing on

Easter, again illustrating the theme of renewal central to the holiday, and as such my mom and I would often shop for a new outfit during Holy Week. When I was a child, this meant a lacy, flowery dress. Though I no longer seek out itchy dresses,

I do pick my new clothes with bright colors or a flowered pattern to reflect the spring season. Finally, my mother and I spend much of Holy Week planning our Easter menu. On Holy Saturday, I bake my traditional Italian ricotta pie to be served at the feast the next day. Therefore, I associate Holy Week with the joy and promise of an exciting holiday to come. Its customs have instilled in me an appreciation for the blooming new season of spring, for the spirituality of Easter, and for my Italian heritage as a whole.

Holy Week is a profound and multifaceted period of the year. It revels in the springtime and the resurgence of nature all around us, from the flowers fluttering proudly in the sunlight to the bunnies munching on the fresh green grass. It grants us an opportunity to enjoy the warm spring weather and to find peace and reflection in the spiritual traditions of the pre-Easter season. In Italy, people honor Holy Week by engaging in symbolic rituals like collecting olive branches on Palm Sunday, cleaning their homes, and decorating eggs. No matter which customs we take to heart, we should celebrate them in a way that expresses gratitude toward nature and the cycle of the year. Easter, after all, is the supreme holiday of hope and rebirth, and Holy Week encapsulates that feeling. Holy Week teaches us that if we live in harmony with nature and with respect for the ways of our ancestors, we will find a strength inside us brighter than any spring sun.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI25C0395CA
In the Matter of
NICHOLAS MICHAEL KERR
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PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Nicholas Michael Kerr of Groton, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Dylan Nicholas Kerr.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 28, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court
Date: March 31, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

The Republican Party Seems on the Road to Perdition and Ruin

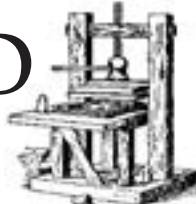
A recent *New York Post* editorial pointed out clearly that House Republicans can often be their own worst enemies. With some very important pieces of legislation coming down the GOP pike, one wonders why U.S. Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, R-Florida, would want to shut down all action on the House floor at such an important time as so much legislation needs passage to fix important issues. Now, our government grinds to a halt over maternity leave?

This piece of legislation is, of course, important, but why right now? Is this the hill that Luna wants to die on? Of course, every House Democrat voted to force a vote to gum up the works supporting her stance. Democrats love how Republicans keep getting in their own way and tripping over each other.

You know, for the longest time I was a registered Democrat who voted Democrat. Then, I became a Republican and voted Republican. I now say pox on houses. I now choose to be a registered unenrolled voter and pick my candidates very carefully.

While, D.C. Republicans look foolish much too often, at least they are not as bad as the MassGOP who are totally hapless. This lack of leadership has made Massachusetts the bluest of blue states and there is little hope up here in the Cradle of Liberty. As D.C. goes, so goes Massachusetts. As Massachusetts goes, so goes the nation's capital. I have little choice but to continue to vote for the best candidates on the ballot regardless of party affiliation. Remember, we are all Americans first.

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NEMPAC Student Musicians Break Fundraising Record at Performathon!

Raising Thousands for Free Programs and Tuition-Assistance

With the intrepid support of our student and faculty performers, local businesses, sponsors, and donors, the **North End Music & Performing Arts Center's (NEMPAC's) annual Performathon raised \$31,326 this past Saturday.** With the goal of advancing equal access to high-quality music and performing arts educational programs, these funds will go directly to underwriting tuition assistance for students of all ages and abilities.

Performathon featured 119 NEMPAC student performers, including adult students, all working collectively to raise money to support access to education for their peers. This year, 554 students are receiving free or discounted tuition at 13 locations in the North End, Charlestown, and South End of Boston neighborhoods.

Returning for its third year at the Boston Public Market, this day-long fundraiser included individual singers, and instrumentalists, as well as student ensembles representing NEMPAC's Boston Public School partners, including the Eliot K-8 Innovation School, and the cast of *Annie Jr.* who rehearse at Charlestown Working Theater.

The event also honored instructor **Jaime Castellanos's 10 years of commitment as a NEMPAC faculty member.** Jaime began her tenure in the Fall of 2015 as a private voice and piano instructor. Since



then, she has grown her studio, piloted the Adult Keyboard program, and music directs the Fall Holiday Show and the Spring Musical.

Additionally, we had the great opportunity to partner with our friends at Loop Lab, who helped facilitate the livestream this year with better video and sound capability than we have been able to offer in the past. Ensuring our events are as accessible as possible is core to NEMPAC's mission and values, and in the case of Performathon, having this live stream allows friends and family around the country to see their loved ones perform and participate in this event.

Thank you to this year's Performathon 2025 sponsors, including Platinum Sponsor: Seven Hills Pasta Co., and Silver Sponsors: North End Athletic Association, Chairman

of House Ways & Means and State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Rita Pagliuca, Andrea Waldstein, and Knights of Columbus Ausonia Council 1513.

To learn more about the Performathon and to make a donation to this campaign, please go to: <https://givebutter.com/performathon2025>



Piano Instructor Jaime Castellanos and student Kirby Miller

(Photos by Ben Rose Photography)

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL USA OF BOSTON April 12, 17 & 26, 2025



Enjoy the local premieres of three recent, critically-acclaimed Italian films at the 2025 Italian Film Festival USA of Boston. Films shown in Italian with English subtitles at Boston College (BC), Boston University (BU) and Cinema Salem. Sponsored by the Consulate General of Italy in Boston and the Comitato degli Italiani all'estero Boston. National Sponsor: Your Italian Passport. Cultural Partner: Italian Cultural Institute of New York. In collaboration with BC Romance Languages and Literatures, BU Romance Studies and Salem State University World Languages and Cultures. Admission is FREE. For further information, visit www.italianfilmfests.org



GLORIA!
Saturday, April 12 • 7:00 pm • BC Stokes Hall Auditorium S195
Director, Margherita Vicario, Drama, 2024, 106 min.
Film Sponsor: Consulate General of Italy in Boston
Late 1700s. Teresa is a maid in a religious institution for girls near Venice where residents are musically trained by a stern chapel master. One day, a local craftsman gifts the Institute a modern and immediately distrusted instrument: a piano! Teresa begins to explore the keys, unlocking her musical talents and attracting the attention of all.



THE TIME IT TAKES • IL TEMPO CHE CI VUOLE
Thursday, April 17 • 7:00 pm • BU Law School Auditorium
Director, Francesca Comencini, Drama, 2024, 110 min.
Film Sponsor: Comitato degli Italiani all'estero Boston
During the 1970s, a filmmaker immerses his daughter in the magic of cinema, where chaos meets fantasy. The father is Luigi Comencini, the famous film director, who is on the set of his film *Pinocchio*; the daughter is his third child, Francesca, who is determined to become a director herself. A deep bond is created that will sustain them through good and bad.



THERE'S STILL TOMORROW • C'È ANCORA DOMANI
Saturday, April 26 • 12:00 pm • Cinema Salem
Director, Paola Cortellesi, Drama, 2023, 118 min.
In post-war Rome, Delia is resigned to her traditional role of wife and mother. Her husband is the undisputed master of the family. Delia sees her daughter's engagement as a chance for Marcella to avoid the same fate. Everything suddenly changes when a mysterious letter arrives and fires up Delia's courage to wish for a better life, and not only for herself. One of the top box-office hits in Italian cinema!



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- Work in collaboration with the North End Youth Organization (NEYO) Board of Directors (Council) and Boston Centers for Youth & Families' (BCYF) Nazzaro site Director to create a plan outlining strategic goals and initiatives for the Council's summer camp.
- Overseeing the day-to-day operations of summer camp for kids ages six (6) to ten (10) years old.
- Coordinates daily activities for program participants.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience working with children ages six (6) to ten (10) preferably urban children in an after-school program, school or similar environment.
- Experience and a demonstrated ability to supervise teen staff and organize daily activities.
- Ability to communicate and work effectively with children and families.
- Ability to deal with complicated and delicate issues, as well as, capability to develop a logical approach to solving such issues.

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April 27, 2025 | 12:00-5:00PM

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Food, Sweets, Vendors, and Raffles at Gizio Club (226 North St)

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St. Joseph Society in Boston's North End Celebrates St. Joseph's Table

Prelude to St. Joseph Society 100-year Celebration



Traditional St. Joseph Table display, highlighting Easter breads in the shape of a cross and staff, with a sleeping St. Joseph surrounded by lilies

St. Joseph's celebration doesn't just take place on his feast day, March 19th. It begins weeks prior, as we travel to our favorite bakeries for the delicious zeppole, and continues even after, as we honor him with an annual St. Joseph's table, "Tavola di San Giuseppe." This Sicilian tradition is celebrated annually, honoring St. Joseph, the patron saint of families, fathers, carpenters and laborers, and the protector of the Catholic Church, with a feast-like table decorated with symbolic foods, especially breads, and a focus on sharing with those in need.

Once again, following a celebratory mass offered by St. Leonard Church Pastor, Father Michael Della Penna, the St. Joseph's Society in Boston's North End, laid out a traditional St. Joseph's table and celebration, aptly in St. Joseph's Hall in the basement of St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street, while inducting new members into their century old organization.

Legend says the tradition began during a period of drought and famine, when Sicilians prayed to



Acting St. Joseph Society President Eddie Summers, St. Joseph Society Member Jim McCall, President of the St. Joseph Society Board of Directors Ernesto Caparotta and Treasurer of the St. Joseph Society Maurizio Caparotta

St. Joseph for relief. When the rains came and the crops were harvested, they prepared a table of food as a sign of gratitude. A statue of St. Joseph is placed on an elevated tier, often surrounded by lilies, which are associated with his purity. The table is filled with a variety of foods, many with symbolic meaning.

Breads are baked in symbolic shapes, such as crosses and staffs, representing the Holy Family. Fava beans, sardines, fish, oranges, lemons and various sweets, including zeppole and sfingi are typically included. The food is meant to be shared with friends, family and most importantly, with those in need. The St. Joseph Society members did an amazing job in providing a feast and for maintaining this sacred tradition.

This is the society's 100th anniversary, and will be hosting a Centennial Feast on July 25th, 26th and 27th.



Newly inducted members of the St. Joseph Society
(Photos by Charles Rachal)

The Art of Letting Go

Featuring Elsa Campbell and Daniel Gaviani

For its May exhibition, the Atlantic Works Gallery (AWG) invites the public to **The Art of Letting Go**, showing work by two AWG artists, Elsa Campbell and Daniel Gaviani. Letting go is not about losing, it's about release. It's the moment you exhale after holding your breath for too long. It's the acceptance that change is natural, and that chaos can be art.

Elsa Campbell's series **The Beautiful Unknown**, is a response to anxiety and fear of the unknown. A color palette based on nature offsets the intense and powerful marks providing visceral relief. The second series **Seen and Unseen**, obliquely references landscape and language by alternating mark making and obliteration of marks to create layers that are revealed and obscured.



Daniel Gaviani blends color and form in a way that is both deliberate and free. Faces shift, perspectives blur, and the paintings pick up their own personality. By letting go and accepting non-deliberate outcomes, each painting became a practice of spontaneity, and even more important, acceptance.

The Art of Letting Go runs May 3 - 31, 2025 at the Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, East Boston, MA, open 2:00-6:00 pm, Fridays and Saturdays. The opening reception is on May 3, from 3:00-6:00 pm, the Third Thursday reception is on May 15, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and the closing reception is on May 31, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. For details, visit atlanticworks.org.

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



Marathon Daffodil at Christopher Columbus Park



We're honored to again line the trellis with more than 200 potted daffodils on Friday, April 11th. They will remain there through the conclusion of the Marathon on Monday, April 21st. The non-profit **Marathon Daffodils** oversees the distribution of more than 5,000 of the beautiful potted flowers across the city "to inspire hope, fortify rebirth, and spotlight the resilience of all Bostonians and Americans."

After 3:00 p.m., on Monday, FOCCP volunteers will take some of the potted plants to a local nursing home and to others who could use a smile. We will also invite passersby to take one after the marathon.

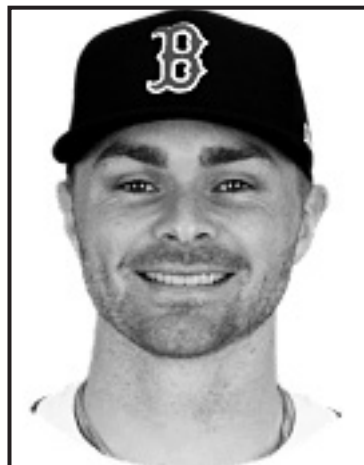
Local Jocks Shine

Every young athlete dreams of playing on the national stage, especially for a hometown team or in front of family and friends. For two local young men, dream has become reality. Marc Gatcomb, a Woburn native and current New York Islander, and Middleborough's own Sean Newcomb and Red Sox starting pitcher, have not had the easiest path to their success, but neither did they ever give up.



Marc Gatcomb

Gatcomb's first multi-point game with the Islanders. "Everyone dreams of playing in the NHL. Being part of a moment like this and being able to contribute to a 4-1 win for our team, especially two huge points for us, it's cool. It's definitely something I'll remember for the rest of my life. A special day," said Gatcomb after the game.



Sean Newcomb

There were no guarantees the left-hander would get here when he signed his minor league deal with the Sox in January. "Coming into camp being a non-roster, I kind of had to grind to get here. I kind of had a feeling, the way my spring was going and the way things were lined up, but it's just kind of surreal. I'm about to go check out the field and see it from a different side." Newcomb stated.

The first game at Fenway is special for any player on his first Red Sox opening day roster, but for a local kid and life-long fan, taking the mound to pitch is more than a dream come true!

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

The Boston Tea Party



The Boston Tea Party was a political protest that occurred on December 16, 1773, at Griffin's Wharf in Boston, Massachusetts.

The event was initiated by Sons of Liberty activists and took place in escalating hostilities between Britain and American Patriots, who opposed British colonial governing practices.

Tea Act of May 10, 1773, which allowed the East India Company to sell tea from China in the colonies without paying taxes apart from those imposed by the Townshend Acts. The Sons of Liberty strongly opposed the Townshend Act which they saw as a violation of their rights as Englishmen to "no taxation without representation."

Disguised as Native Americans the night of December 16, 1773, Sons of Liberty activists boarded the *Dartmouth*, a British ship that had docked in Boston carrying a shipment of East India Company tea, and tossed 342 chests of the tea into Boston Harbor.

Nine days later, on December 25, at the Philadelphia Tea Party, American patriots similarly protested the arrival of a British tea shipment, which arrived aboard the British ship *Polly*. While the Philadelphia patriot activists did not destroy the tea, they sent the ship back to England without unloading it.

Parliament responded in 1774 with the Intolerable Acts, or Coercive Acts, which, among other provisions, ended local self-government in Massachusetts and closed Boston's commerce. Colonists throughout the Thirteen Colonies responded to the Intolerable Acts with additional acts of protest, and by convening the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia, which petitioned the British monarch for repeal of the acts and coordinated colonial resistance to them, culminating in the October 1774 Continental Association.

The Boston Tea party marked a critical moment in the history of the American Revolution as an act of colonial defiance against British rule.

Saint Richard of Chichester

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Richard was born in 1197 at Wyche, Worcestershire, England. He was educated at, Paris, and Bologna, Italy. At Oxford, he studied under the famous Robert Grosseteste and became friends with St. Edmund Rich. He earned a doctorate in law from the University of Bologna. He was appointed chancellor of Oxford in 1235 and then chancellor to Edmund Rich, who by now was archbishop of Canterbury. After accompanying Edmund into retirement at the Cistercian abbey of Pontigny, France, he departed the community upon Edmund's death, taught at the Dominican house in Orkans, and was ordained there in 1243.

Upon going home to England, he was named chancellor to Edmund's successor, St. Boniface of Savoy. When King Henry III appointed



Ralph Neville to the see of Chichester in 1244, Boniface declared the nomination invalid and named Richard to the post, which caused an uproar in the kingdom. Finally, in 1245, Pope Innocent IV found in Richard's favor, but Richard was prevented from entering his palace by Henry. Only after the king was threatened with excommunication was Richard able to take up his duties. He insisted upon strict adherence to discipline among the clergy, aided the poor, and fearlessly denounced the corruption and vices of the royal court.

He passed away at Dover, in a home for poor priests, while delivering a plea for a crusade. Richard was canonized in 1262, and his tomb became a popular shrine noted for its miracles until the Reformation in England. The Feast day of Saint Richard of Chichester is April 3rd.

WorldCast25 Environmental Seminars

Coming Soon

Joe Pontoriero, a student at Seton Hall Prep in West Orange, NJ, knows its crunch time in the project he began back in the fall of 2024. That's when he volunteered to — essentially — produce, direct and narrate WorldCast25. This project is a global seminar on environmental studies for high school students across the globe who report on significant problems in their local areas.

With the March 31st deadline passed for submissions Pontoriero has now received the 12 video tapes from schools around the world and now is in the process of viewing, editing, and producing what is expected to be two full length feature films. Says Joe, "I'm energized. I have been anticipating the creative work and I am ready to construct a truly unique viewing experience for our global audience."

The excitement and commitment come from knowing that WorldCast25's primary value is in informing students about problems beyond their own sphere of activities, while at the same time doing in-depth research on their own local issues of international concern. Through the work, Joe envisions that interesting contacts can be developed and even friendships can be made.



Joe Pontoriero

The program content is varied, imaginative, and often unusual. For example, students in the Serra Negra chapter of Rotary Interact will present on Brazil's Other Rainforest, The Atlantic Forest and its spring water ecosystem. Students in Barcelona have created a satirical film in which humans have to navigate in a world filled with plastic refuse. The Marconi School in New York City has produced high level research on the microplastics problem and from Addis Ababa WorldCast25 discusses Agricultural Production in Food

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WorldCast25 is the 5th in a series of environmental seminar broadcasts. The 2022 version was Zoom cast live across many time zones. "25 WILL BE BROADCAST IN TWO PARTS. PART I WILL AIR ON MAY 15TH AT 9:00 A.M. EASTERN U.S. TIME. PART II WILL AIR ON THE 22ND AT SAME TIME. TO ACCESS THE YOU TUBE CHANNEL GO TO THE YOU TUBE HOME PAGE AND ENTER @worldCast25. After the initial broadcast, the films can be accessed any time thereafter.

The Silvio Laccetti Foundation is partnering with the New York Consulate's Education Office on this year's program. The two parties are planning a permanent WorldCast station on You Tube for 2026 and thereafter. Postings from any and all schools may be made in the future, subject to guidelines. It is anticipated that Union City High School in New Jersey will serve as the reception center for material and as the broadcast site.



In Loving Memory of

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RYAN HURD – MIDWEST ROCK & ROLL (CD)

Big Machine Records

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Ryan Hurd released his sophomore album, *Midwest Rock & Roll*, via Big Machine Records. Injecting vivid stories of Rust-Belt rebellion and romantic wreckage with a gut punch of Country grunge, the 12 tracks co-written by Hurd, finds the Michigan native standing tall as a power chord-purist who’s still very much in love with the place that made him. His first full-length project since 2021’s *Pelago*, Hurd shares a vivid sonic timestamp of his own coming of age with the edgy, soul-baring confessions of *Midwest Rock & Roll*. With more than 1 billion global streams as an artist, Hurd’s gritty set emerges from an intricate web of influence — both internal and external. Raised on indie and alt-rock, as well as classic American song craft and mainstream Country radio, the rising star first found success as a songwriter, penning tracks for Tim McGraw (“Last Turn Home”), Rascal Flatts (“Payback”), and more. He’s since gone on to score No. 1 hits for Luke Bryan (“Sunrise, Sunburn, Sunset,” “Waves”), Blake Shelton (“Lonely Tonight”) and more, plus the 7x Platinum

anthem “Heartless” by Diplo and Morgan Wallen. A cinematic snapshot of heartland dreamers, caught in a grayscale-gilded cage and driven by love, the striking scenes and roaring vocals add new language to the Country lexicon. With *Midwest Rock & Roll*’s heavy-hitting mix of dusky, down-tuned tones, the hearts-on-fire set remains true to its title. The 12-track album includes previously released songs: “Midwest Rock & Roll” (which recently earned an AIMP Nashville Award nomination for Publisher Pick Of The Year), “Go To Bed Sober (featuring Sasha Alex Sloan),” “This Party Sucks” and “Die For It.” Additional tracks include: “Single In The Same Town,” “Lighthouse,” “Youth,” “All Night Long Days,” “Funerals,” “California 1972,” “Paul,” and “The Last Song I’ll Ever Write.”

SEXTET – PITCH, RHYTHM AND CONSCIOUSNESS (CD)

Reva Records

Pitch and rhythm are fundamental building blocks of music, but what about the third element in the name of the ever-growing improvisational ensemble Pitch, Rhythm and Consciousness? For the band’s co-founders, tenor saxophonist Tony Jones and violinist Charlie Burnham, consciousness is perhaps the most essential, if elusive, factor in creating harmonious sounds in the moment. Nowhere has the band’s spiritual consciousness been more evident than on its stirring new album, *Sextet*. Out April 22, 2025, the session deviated somewhat from the group’s past dedication, drawing inspiration from a variety of wisdom traditions — Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Taoist, Hindu, etc. Jones and Burnham invited drummer Kenny Wollesen, to join them in the studio to record PRC’s 2011 debut, *Trio*. In 2019 they regrouped with cellist Marika Hughes for their follow-up, *Quartet*. Expanding once again, *Sextet* adds tenor saxophonist Jessica Jones and bassist Rashaan Carter. The tender, yearning “I Shall Not Want,” which opens the album, gives a soulful spin to the King James Bible’s 23rd Psalm, to swarm of the uneasy “The Beginning of the Universe” illustrates the origin story from the Tao Te Ching. Jessica Jones’ “Psalm for a Shared Tomorrow” takes its melody from Jewish liturgy, while Nasheet Waits’ “Kush,” could suggest marijuana or the ancient Nubian kingdom. “Prepare a Refuge,” which closes the album, sets verses of the Buddhist Dhammapada scriptures to end the album on a note of hope and seeking in the face of uncertainty. *Sextet* is also graced by the ebullient improvisations that are the band’s trademark — a dancing dialogue between Burnham and Wollesen “Tiny Little Inkling,” Wollesen’s mysterious, booming solo “Shadow Box,” Hughes’ elegant, droning “This Herein Goes Nowhere,” and the gentle weaving of the Jones’ two tenors on “Fundamental Blue.”

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 HONORED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCIL



Pastor Bruce Wall Global Ministries Christian Church in Dorchester delivered the invocation at last week’s Boston City Council meeting. For over 30 years, Pastor Wall has been a pillar of the Codman Square community, demonstrating unwavering dedication to making Boston a better place. His leadership and commitment continue to inspire us all.

WE’RE COMING UP ON PATRIOTS’ DAY

Paul Revere will be riding over the bridge from the North End where he will take a short rest on his way to Lexington to warn everyone that the Regulars are coming. I go to this event every year over at City Square Park. This year it will all happen again on Monday, April 21st. Revere will arrive on horseback around 10:15 a.m., give or take a few minutes depending on the traffic not encountered back in 1775. Families always get there early with their little children.

KUDOS TO THE CITY OF REVERE HONORING OUR VETERANS

Recently, the City of Revere once again honored all the veterans in our midst. This time it just happened on March 29th, which is known as Vietnam Veterans Day marking the end of the Vietnam War when the last of our U.S. troops left Nam on March 29, 1975. We owe so much to our veterans for their service. That war itself lasted far too long and caused far too much division among us. It has been 50 years since 1975 but many still carry their wounds, visible and invisible, to this day.

Thank you to all of our Revere political officials who remember sacrifices that were made in our past for all of us still here today. **HOW DID I COME UP WITH THIS COLUMN’S TITLE** Once, while traveling millions of light years on the other side of our universe, where nothing seemed as it was, I saw our planet in the midst of infinity and wondered how we all survive the nonsense verse of life ... HOLD IT. This all sounds like nonsense, right?

Back to reality now, if what we have today is reality or makes any sense. Back in my college days, I read Lewis Carroll and loved how he wrote, his style as we would say. The story about “the Walrus and the Carpenter” was classic Victorian nonsense verse. It featured a talking walrus and shoe-wearing oysters and it subtly critiques entitlement, abuse of power and greed.

I kind of thought that nonsense verse was talking about this, that and the other thing. I talk events you should go see,

I talk about how I feel about something, I call out stupidity when I see it. All quite amusing and in between it all, I keep you up to date on how to understand things and enjoy your life around what sometimes looks like insanity.

This column is not philosophical, not meant to be a political statement of sorts. I just try to keep you up to date on what is happening all around us, events we might wish to attend, maybe a good movie out there or TV show. Whatever. Sometimes it can be silly stuff or necessary knowledge imparted. I don’t think like a walrus, I’ve never talked about shoes and ships, or sealing wax, kings and cabbages and I know that pigs have no wings.

When you read my column, hopefully you get news that you can use, you get events you can sit down and enjoy, perhaps I just inform you about how I view the political scene or maybe you enjoy when I kind of rant about something or someone. I never expect anyone to always agree with me and I do hope when you don’t that you send an email my way.

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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Estefany P. Andino, 96 West Street, Lowell, MA 01850** your answer, if any, on or before **May 06, 2025**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 25, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/11/2025

Bottom Line: When I was young, I wrote to please my readers, now I write to please myself. Remember that old maximum, “To thine own self be true.” I am about to hit another birthday in May and may I say, I love where I stand today. Awake, alive, and alert. The best is always in the future. I am glad where I was but happy to still be on this road of mine. And still a tiny, tiny crazy after all these years as Paul Simon sang.

PINK VINYL AT BIANCHI’S SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

If you’re looking for something fun to do this weekend, you could get yourself over to Bianchi’s on Revere Beach because Boston’s Best Band Pink Vinyl will go on stage at 7:00 p.m., for a night of great music. They have quickly become my favorite local band. Dom Petrosino, an electrifying guitarist is back again. We all remember him from Take Me Down and before that from the legendary Beauwolf band. If Dom Petrosino ever gets involved with another band, I think it should be called “Evolution,” his bands keep changing and evolving all the time but the great music never disappears. You better find yourself down at Bianchi’s.

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In the Matter of
ASHLEY LAUREN DUNBAR
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Ashley Lauren Dunbar of Sudbury, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Ashley Dunbar Natova.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 28, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court
Date: March 31, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 04/11/2025

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was young, Dad played mostly Jewish functions during Lent. Catholics weren't allowed to marry during the Lenten season unless the man was in the military and on the verge of being deployed. As a matter of fact, most Christian social functions came to a halt during the 40 days before Easter. Dad quite often worked for Jewish bandleaders during the year. First, let me explain his position in the music business before I go on. At this point in his life, he was what might be called a freelance musician, an instrumentalist who works for any band leader who might call. He was well versed in all types of ethnic music as well as knowing the bass parts to thousands of American songs, past and present. His knowledge combined with his talent allowed him to be one of Boston's best and busiest bass players, constantly in demand.

There was a point in time, I think I was about 10, so it had to be in the late '40s and Dad and a trumpet player named Barney Mould, put a band together. If Dad booked in an event, it was Johnny Christie and his Orchestra. If Barney booked in an affair, it was Barney Mould and his Orchestra ... same men ... same music stands with removable fronts and same two leaders. If it was a Jewish affair, Barney would lead. If it was a Christian or Italian event, Dad would lead. If it was neither, it was the flip of a coin.

It was during Lent, and Passover was falling about the same time, therefore, there wasn't much work. Dad and Barney planned to meet to go over things and the way they anticipated them picking up after the holidays, and to organize the men for the post-holiday jobs they already had booked. On one of these meetings between Barney and Dad, I and Babbononno went along with him. Babbononno was long retired by this point in time, but he liked to be around musicians and the music scene for old time's sake.

Barney had informed Dad that they were meeting at his mother's house due to the fact he had to pick up his kids who were with their grandmother. Barney had two kids, Mirna and Marty. Marty was about my age, Mirna was older. As a result, when we arrived at Barney's mother's place, Marty and I went off on our own to play while our fathers talked business. At one point, Marty and I headed to the room where the two men were going over the books and once we walked in, they switched to another language so we couldn't understand. As a kid, I had learned Italian just listening to my parents speak to Nanna and Babbononno. Babbononno usually spoke to me in Italian when we were in the house. Nanna spoke to me in English most all of the time. Babbononno was literate in both Italian and English, but spoke fractured English. Nanna who was illiterate in both Italian and English, spoke English with only a slight accent and had a better command of the spoken language

than Babbononno. She could think in English. My grandfather couldn't, and had to mentally translate everything from Italian to English before he spoke. I've discovered, over the years, that many people born outside the U.S. and the non-English speaking world, were in the same boat.

When Dad and Barney switched to another language to prevent the kids from understanding, I thought it was a dialect of Italian I didn't understand. So, I whispered to Babbononno and asked him if he understood. He said, "Quella lingua non e Italiana, penso che e Iuda." (That language is not Italian, I think it is Jewish) Later, after we arrived home, I asked my mother if Dad spoke Jewish, and she said that he did, and if I wanted to know more, I would have to call Dad's sister, Aunt Mary. Well, I called Aunt Mary and she explained how both she and Dad had learned Yiddish as kids. It seems that the part of East Boston's Chelsea Street that they came from when she and my father were kids was a mix of Italian and Jewish. Grandma Christoforo was sick a lot and to ease things, the lady next door, once school was out for the day, would take Aunt Mary and my father into her house along with her own kids and give them milk and cookies. She was from Russia and spoke only Russian and Yiddish. Yiddish is a form of German which was the common language between European Jews whose primary languages might have been Russian, German, Polish, etc. ... When they arrived in the U.S. from the various European countries they lived in, (about the same time as the Italians, beginning in the 1880s) they used Yiddish to communicate with one another. Once I found this out from Aunt Mary, I told Babbononno, and he was satisfied.

Getting back to when we were at Barney's mother's house. I discovered something about Jewish people, like Italians, if you're in their house, you're going to eat. Barney's mother who was sitting us kids and Babbononno while her son and my father talked business, said something about essen. I didn't know what the word meant and Barney's son, Marty, whispered to me, "Bubbie said that we're going to eat." Barney's mother had made about a dozen hamburgers and we being ravenous young kids, dug in. After the first bite or two, the grandmother asked us what we would like to drink. Each of the kids said, "tonic," as did Babbononno. (Tonic is soda to people not from Boston) I smiled and said, "Bobby, I would like a glass of milk." Everyone except Babbononno looked at me with shock on their faces and they all gasped. This was a Kosher house, and according to their dietary laws, you can't mix meat with dairy products. The Mould kids tried to explain this to me, and at the same time, their grandmother tried to explain that her name wasn't Bobby. The word Bubbie in Jewish means grandma.

Well, I ate my burger without cheese (a dairy product) and with a glass of what the kids called Dr. Pepper, something I had never heard of up to that point. After lunch, we kids were back at what we had been doing before lunch. Babbononno and Barney's mother seemed to hit off and talked about their families and what things were like before coming to America. I don't know if they understood each other because Barney's mother had a thick Jewish accent and Babbononno spoke fractured English.

When it was time to leave, Babbononno thanked Barney's mother by saying, "Signora Bobby, tanka you so mucha forra niza day." No one had the heart to tell him her name wasn't Bobbie, and that Bubbie meant grandma in Yiddish.

On the way home, Dad tried to explain more about the cultural differences between Jewish people and Christians, but with my stomach filled with burgers, I fell asleep. I think Babbononno did, too.

Dad and Barney would remain active partners until one unfortunate day when Barney had a stroke and became incapacitated. He would drop out of the music business as a result, but he and Dad would remain friends for the rest of their lives.

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Docket No. MI25C0435CA
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**DEAN PAUL TZANNOS
DREW GEORGE TZANNOS
GRACE STELLA ANNE TZANNOS**
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Dean Paul Tzannos of Waltham, MA, Drew George Tzannos, Grace Stella Anne Tzannos requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Dean Paul Fedele, Drew George Fedele, Grace Stella Anne Fedele**
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by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

Across Southern Italy, the tradition of baking sweet bread or cookies with eggs has been a cherished Easter custom for centuries, with each region adding its own unique touch to the festive treat. In Sicily, Pupa cu l'ova or Cuddura is shaped into dolls for girls and roosters or baskets for boys, traditionally gifted to children during Pasqua. In Abruzzo and Molise, the Pupa e Cavallo follows a similar tradition, with intricately designed dolls and horses delighting young celebrants. Puglia's Scarcelle, crafted into doves, baskets, lambs, or donuts, are adorned with colorful sprinkles or royal icing and traditionally given to children to enjoy at Easter breakfast. These regional specialties honor faith, family, and the joy of the season.

Though before my time, I grew up hearing stories of how, every Easter, my great-grandmother in Sicily lovingly prepared beautifully decorated Cuddura. In earlier times, these treats were made from leftover bread dough, but over the years, the recipe evolved into a more delicate shortcrust pastry. Nonna Catherine's version was flavored with anise, and each Pasqua, she gifted one to every grandchild. Over the years, I've experimented with different variations of these delightful cookies with eggs, and today, I'm sharing a cherished recipe for Scarcelle from Puglia — one of my favorites. I hope you'll join me this Easter in celebrating and preserving this beautiful Southern Italian tradition!

APULIAN SCARCELLE
Southern Italian Easter Cookies with Eggs



- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup seed oil (Sunflower)
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 teaspoons baking powder (or sachet of Italian baking Powder Sachet)
- Zest of 1 organic lemon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 to 8 hard-boiled eggs

For the egg wash & decoration:
1 egg yolk
Splash of milk
Nonpareils, colored sugar, or sprinkles

Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a mixing bowl, combine sugar, oil, and milk. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well.

Sift in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add lemon zest and knead until a soft dough forms.

To make the egg wash, whisk together the egg yolk and a splash of milk.

Divide the dough into portions and roll into ropes. Braid the ropes and shape them into small nests or baskets. Place a hard-boiled egg in the center of each basket. Roll small ropes of dough and make a cross over the egg to secure. Brush generously with the egg wash and decorate with nonpareils, colored sugar, or sprinkles.

Bake for about 20 minutes or until golden brown.

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

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DICK'S HOUSE OF SPORT

Donates Sports Equipment to North End Athletic Association (NEAA) & Runs Free Baseball Clinics



DICK'S House of Sport on 760 Boylston Street, Boston has once again partnered with the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) to provide free sporting equipment to the neighborhood youth athletic association.



"Since opening one of its' amazing House of Sport stores in Boston, DICK'S has provided an amazing amount of new equipment to our program," stated NEAA Sports Coordinator John Romano. "We are extremely grateful for their continued support and partnership."

This year, in addition to their equipment donation, DICK'S House of Sport took it another step forward by offering free time in the Flag Ship Store on Boylston Street Batting Cage for the NEAA. This past weekend the store hosted the program's Girls Softball team for batting in the indoor cage for a free two-hour session on Saturday March 22nd. On Sunday, March 23rd, DICK'S also provided 2 sessions split in various ages for the leagues Majors and Minors baseball program. Staff from DICK'S helped the kids with skills, drills and time in the cage as well. DICK'S House of Sport also provided an exclusive 20% off coupon for merchandise for 4 days as part of the "NEAA Weekend" to all members of the organization and their family.



• Mayor Wu's Re-election Bid (Continued from Page 1)

current stability in the Boston Public Schools, after years of "revolving door" instability. She touted her redesign of the city's planning department, the three free MBTA bus routes in place through February 2026 and the city's AAA bond rating.

The mayor seemed slightly fixated on her challenger Josh Kraft, especially focusing on his family's business interests in and around Boston. The city is attempting to work out a community mitigation agreement with the challenger's father, Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, regarding a proposed plan to build a professional soccer stadium in Everett and soften the traffic impacts it would place on the neighboring Charlestown community. Josh Kraft said he would recuse himself from matters surrounding the proposed soccer stadium. "Boston doesn't need a mayor who has to recuse himself from conflicts of interest. We need a mayor whose only interest is Boston," Wu countered.

For her part in taking on the Trump Administration's executive orders and border czar Tom Honan, Wu has found herself in the national spotlight, defending and making no excuses for Boston's sanctuary city status and its impacts on public safety. "Boston has record low homicides each year in my administration, and now we're the safest major city in the country. Boston will never back down from Kings, not from bullies and not from naysayers who want to take us backwards," Wu stated during her re-election campaign announcement.

Wu urged voters to stick with her and let her continue the work that she promised when she was first elected, "Over the next four years, it will get harder before it gets easier for our families. I am asking for your vote, and I am asking for your support because we have more work to do, and Boston needs a mayor that fights for them."

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

into oncoming traffic and side-swiped one car before plowing into a second car.

Bannon Reporter Gets the Boot from the Press

White House correspondent Natalie Winters was denied membership into the National Press Club, one of DC's most prestigious social clubs for journalists. She currently is a co-host of *Steve Bannon's War Room Battleground* podcast. After getting turned down for membership, Winters said the group's name should be changed to the "National Propaganda Club."

Make West Virginia Healthy Again?

Governor Patrick Morrisey of West Virginia recently signed a bill that would prohibit West Virginia residents on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits from purchasing soda drinks with the benefits.

Mom, 75, Charged in 1970 Baby Slay

A Louisiana mom has been charged with murdering her baby back in 1970 after claiming the baby fell out of his crib, but police authorities arrested her last week with second-degree murder charges in the 1970 death of her 16-month-old baby.

At the time, the then 20-year-old claimed her son fractured his skull falling from his crib, but a cold-case investigation launched in 2022 ruled it a homicide. The baby was found with bruises as well as bite and burn marks. After uncovering new evidence, she was booked at the county jail on a \$950,000 bond.

End Quote

"If the engine is made in Canada, the brakes in Mexico, and the wheels in the U.S.A., what would the tariff be?"

— Anonymous

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of Guardianship of a Minor

In the interests of
AYALIHA MACIAS
of Lowell, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Denise Rodriguez on 02/27/2025 will be held 05/20/2025 11:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 370 Jackson Street, 6th Floor, Courtroom 14, Lowell, MA 01852
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- 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: April 08, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/11/2025

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NOAH K. ORTIZ
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Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at **171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970**, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after **April 28, 2025** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

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 - 2009 HYUNDAI SONATA**
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Vin # JN8AF5MV1DT208886
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Docket No. MI25P1626EA

Estate of

RICHARD C. O'REILLY

Date of Death: January 22, 2024

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Catherine A. Izzo** of **Watertown, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Catherine A. Izzo of **Watertown, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Run date: 04/11/2025

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Estate of

MARIA ANNA PRESUTTI

Also Known As:

MARIA A. PRESUTTI

Date of Death: January 25, 2025

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Annemari Korte** of **Watertown, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Annemari Korte of **Watertown, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Run date: 04/11/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI25C0409CA

In the Matter of

DOYUL JIN

CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Doyul Jin** of **Wayland, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Louis Doyul Jin**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **April 28, 2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: March 31, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/11/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Division
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU25P0464EA

Estate of

CLEOPHUS G. BYNOE

Also Known As:

CLEO BYNOE, CLEOPHUS BYNOE

Date of Death: June 11, 2024

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Latoya I. Jones** of **Martinez, GA**.

Latoya I. Jones of **Martinez, GA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Run date: 04/11/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at **171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970**, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after **April 21, 2025** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

- 2001 TOYOTA COROLLA**
Vin # 2T1BR12E51C505701
- 2007 ACURA TSX**
Vin # JH4CL96867C000565
- 2010 HONDA ACCORD**
Vin # 1HGCP2F36AA179406
- 2021 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE**
Vin # 1C4RJFAG2MC779506
- 2009 NISSAN VERSA**
Vin # 3N1CC11E89L475502
- 2011 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA**
Vin # 3VWDX7AJ8BM367412
- 2006 HYUNDAI SONATA**
Vin # 5NPEU46F46H121882
- 2005 FORD F150**
Vin # 1FTPW14555FB00365
- 2024 BAODIAO 9 LINES**
Vin # L2BB9NCC6RB110127
- 2012 SUBARU IMPREZA**
Vin # JF1GV7F61CG015578
- 2015 HONDA ACCORD**
Vin # 1HGCR2F3XFA088575
- 2005 TOYOTA SIENNA**
Vin # 5TDZA22C45S230152

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information info@todiscotowing.com
Run dates: 03/28, 04/04, 04/11/2025



EXTRA Innings

by *Sal Giarratani*

They are Just the Plain Athletics for the Next Three Seasons

The Athletics were forced to leave Oakland after the last season. They are still in limbo and must spend the next three seasons playing out in West Sacramento, CA until their new stadium is finished in Las Vegas. The team doesn't wish to be called the Sacramento Athletics, so going forward until the moving trucks take the team to Nevada, they will only be called The Athletics. Wanna bet how much money any baseball gear for the plain Athletics will be worth in the future? By the way, the first game for the team this year at Sutter Health Park drew 12,119 fans. Sounds like last year's attendance in

Oakland when fans began boycotting those home games.

War on the "Spartans"

A Long Island school district is being sued over claims its new mascot, a Spartan, is "a symbol of white supremacy." William King Moss III, a parent and NAACP leader, says the school district's decision to swap its Native American mascot for an ancient Greek warrior is offensive to women and people of color.

Stated Moss, "This symbol sends the message that enslaving indigenous people and excluding women from the military are acceptable." Moss has filed suit this month and is representing himself, arguing the new school mascot not only violates civil rights and the state constitutional protections but also sends the wrong message to the school's students. He further contends the Spartan mascots are "racially problematic" and a "symbol of white supremacy."

Moss reportedly has upset the Greek community within this school district. One Greek pastor added, "That is ignorant. Sparta was far more progressive than he (knows)."

Another Player Banned Over PEDs

Braves outfielder Jurickson Profar has been suspended for 80 games without pay for performance-enhancing drug use. Major League Baseball last week

announced that this player tested positive for Chorionic Gonadotropin in violation of the league's joint drug prevention and treatment program.

Guerrero, Blue Jays Ink Up \$500 Million, 14-Year Deal

Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., and the Blue Jays have just agreed to a \$500 MILLION, 14-YEAR pact, that will begin in 2026 and will remove him from next year's off-season free-agent market. It looks like the Jays have their first baseman until...2040? God willing that is. He just turned 26 this past March, and already has 160 homers, 511 RBIs with a career .277 average.

Remember the Big Bad Bruins? Well Now They're Just Plain Bad!

As of April 8th, the Boston Bruins have fallen on hard times. This team now has the most losses in the Eastern Conference. They own the worst record in the Atlantic Division and are just one loss away from tying the also once great Philadelphia Flyers. We now have gone back into the NHL time machine to the 1965-66 pre-Bobby Orr Bruins.

Red Sox

April No-Hitter History

On April 4, 2001, in his first game with the Red Sox, Japanese star Hideo Nomo threw a no-hitter against the Orioles. It was only the second game of the season. Nomo had previously thrown a no-hitter for the Dodgers back in 1996 and is only the fourth pitcher to record no-hitters in both leagues. He had a nickname to, the tornado, for his twisting windup. He retired in 2008 after 12 seasons and seven teams.

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Docket No. MI24D2258DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
IVONE BALDEZ THARION
vs.
WANDERSON THARION BALDEZ

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Michael S. Szymanski, Jr., Esq., Attorney Michael S. Szymanski, 234 Copeland St., Suite 230, Quincy, MA 02160** your answer, if any, on or before **May 15, 2025**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: April 03, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 04/11/2025

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI23P0478GD

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

In the interests of

JYZAVIER ORTIZ

of **Lowell, MA**

Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- 1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by **Denise Rodriguez** on **02/27/2025** will be held **05/20/2025 11:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **370 Jackson Street, 6th Floor, Courtroom 14, Lowell, MA 01852**
- 2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- 3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- 4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: April 08, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 04/11/2025

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Docket No. MI25P1556EA

Estate of

CAROL A. NEALON

Date of Death: June 12, 2024

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Andrew J. Nealon** of **Belmont, MA** and **Lisa A. Harrington** of **Belmont, 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 **Andrew J. Nealon** of **Belmont, MA** and **Lisa A. Harrington** of **Belmont, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 29, 2025.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: April 01, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 04/11/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Docket No. SU25P0414GD

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

In the interests of
CARLOS JOSE PACHECO-ORTIZ
of **Boston, 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 **02/25/2025** by **Sindy Margarita Pacheco-Ortiz** of **Boston, MA** will be held **04/29/2025 10:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Edward Brooke Courthouse, Probation Dept., 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114.**
- 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 filing 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: February 26, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Run date: 04/11/2025

Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Boxing Celebrities



Josephine Baker and Joe Louis in Paris, 1950



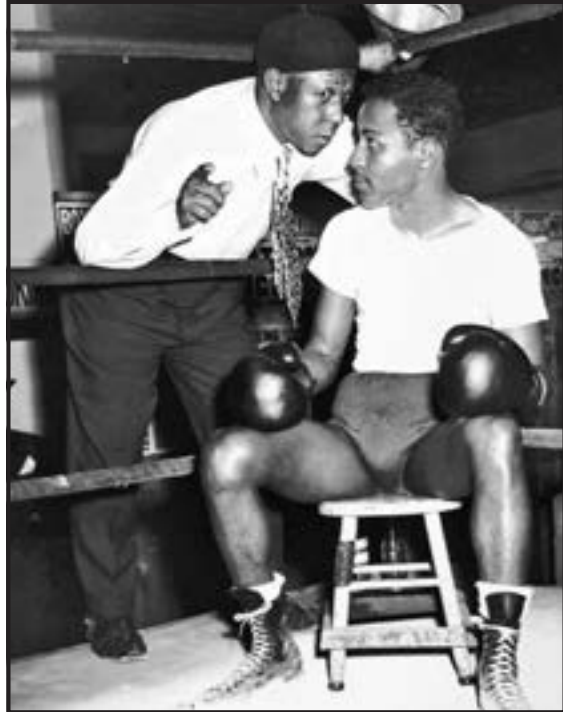
Mickey Walker with silent movie star Harry Langdon



Tami Mauriello celebrates with Frank Sinatra after defeating Lee Savold in 1943



Groucho Marx and Rocky Marciano



Stepin Fetchit giving advice to Honey Boy Bratton



Sammy Angott taking on The Ritz Brothers



King George VI at a youth boxing tournament, 1938



Boston Pops Conductor Arthur Fiedler holds the bag for Rocky Castellani

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



JOE MAZZULLA—THE PILOT OF THE PRINCES OF THE PARQUET IS ALSO A PERSON OF PIETY — Once more the calendar comes around and it is time for Holy Week, scheduled for April 13th-20th this year. But it is also a special time for one NBA head coach who stands in the glare of the media so very often but (perhaps surprising to many) also leads a life of piety.

He walks the same streets as you and I while also appearing in our homes via television or streaming on an almost nightly basis during the NBA regular season and playoffs.

He is Joe Mazzulla, the head coach of the Boston Celtics, who has been described in some media reports as a devout Catholic.

That short description, when used, is often the only mention of that aspect of Mazzulla's life outside of basketball. And if it is mentioned at all, it usually appears near the end of stories. But Mazzulla has a long history of embracing his faith.

As a teenager, he played for Bishop Hendricken High School in Rhode Island, making the varsity as a freshman and winning three consecutive state championships (2004, 2005 and 2006) during the four years he was there. In that 2006 state championship game he hit the winning shot with just seconds remaining. He was also a member of the track and field team, competing in the 400-meter event.

He went on to West Virginia University where the Mountaineers beat both collegiate powerhouses Duke and Kentucky during his years there. He coached at some small colleges, even serving as an assistant with the Maine Celtics, the G-League affiliate of the team on Causeway Street. Eventually, he joined the Boston Celtics in 2019 and stepped into the head job when Ime Udoka was suspended and later dismissed in 2022. He led the C's to Banner 18 last season — at age 35 the youngest coach to win an NBA championship since Boston's Bill Russell accomplished the feat in 1968 at age 34. He and his team will enter the 2025 playoffs with expectations from ownership and fans at a super high level.

But for Joe Mazzulla there is no higher level than his faith. For you see, not only does Mazzulla attend Mass, he actually has a chapel in his residence where he and his wife Camai begin each day and conclude it each evening.

There is a photograph of the chapel online. It features a small altar, with a set of kneelers in front of it. There is an image of the Blessed Mother on one wall with a crucifix, holy water, votive candles and various icons also displayed within the sacred space.

Fans who are seated some distance away from the Celtics bench may not see it but the coach typically wears a small gold cross pinned to his shirt. He is a collector of rosaries. "They kind of tell you a story of where you were at," Mazzulla told Joseph Bukuras of the Catholic News Agency (CNA) in a story published last June. Among his favorites is one that a video indicated "was made out of floorboards from the basketball arena."

It was a gift made out of a small portion of the floor from the original Boston Garden which closed in 1995.

In the chapel there is also a photograph of the coach and the Rev. Marcel Taillon taken at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. The priest was the chaplain at Bishop Hendricksen when Mazzulla was a student there from 2002 to 2006.

He sums up his thoughts on Mazzulla by offering this reflection: "His faith life, his family life and his deep gratitude for all he has received makes his life a response rather than a job."

While in the Holy Land in 2023, Mazzulla told CNA that he and his family "stopped at a mountainside near the Kidron Valley and you could see a path between the mountains. During the time (of the bible) the only way Jesus could have gotten from Jericho to Jerusalem was through this valley. Most people (when they win) go to Disney World or whatever but I think the Holy Land is the most important place to go back to and recenter yourself."

Mazzulla likes to get to the Garden early on the days of home games. Thus very few people ever witness one of the components of his pregame ritual: making his way around the perimeter of the court, his mind completely set on meditation; while fingering the beads of the rosary he holds in one hand.

"I like to do a prayer walk around the court at the Garden," stated Mazzulla to CNA. "So I get there between 11 and 12 and do a 20-minute walk around the court." That time span, by the way, is about the length of time it takes for a person to complete one five-decade recitation of the rosary.

He indicated that the rosary "ties together three of the most important things in my life which are the job that I have with the Celtics, my faith and the tradition of the Celtics."

Back in November, 2022 Prince William and Princess Kate Middleton from the United Kingdom visited Boston and took in a Celtics game, sitting in front row seats just a short distance from the Celtics bench.

Asked in a postgame interview if he had met with "the royal family" Mazzulla responded: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph?" When the interviewer clarified that the question referred to members of the British royal family, Mazzulla responded "Oh no, I did not. I'm only familiar with one royal family. I don't know too much about that (other) one."

In closing we would like to make a suggestion for your viewing during Holy Week. It is about how Holy Week is observed and celebrated in Europe. The program lasts about 55 minutes and highlights the traditions from several nations—with Italy getting a good share of time. Go to "Rick Steves' European Easter" and enjoy the documentary.

May you, your family and your friends have a blessed Easter.