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New Mass and Cass Initiatives Propped Up by House of Representatives Budget Boost

The South End, Roxbury, and Newmarket community working group has proposed a plan to get addicts off the streets, out of jail, and into recovery programs, all which would be funded via a new \$4 million dollar boost in the Massachusetts House budget, assuming the Senate provides their stamp of approval. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu joined House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz at a press conference announcing the FY27 House budget will include \$4 million to fund a number of city and state initiatives focused on homelessness, addiction, and related criminal activity at Mass and Cass.

"These practical initiatives need the right resources and we felt it was time for the Commonwealth to step up even more, and help the city financially through this upcoming year. Our commitment from the House is being made and we are confident in the city's commitment to this issue, particularly under Mayor Wu's leadership," stated Rep. Michlewitz.

The Mayor noted violent crime is down 33% year to date compared to last year, quality of life service calls are down 20%, violent crime dropped by 7%, property crime decreased by 6%, and arrests increased by 54% from 2025 compared to 2024. "Boston has made meaningful progress toward the goal of ending outdoor drug use in our neighborhoods through a sustained and coordinated effort grounded in public safety, and accountability. I am grateful to Chairman Michlewitz and Representative John Moran for their leadership in including significant funding in the House budget that would support even more of this critical work," Wu said at the press conference.

Members of the State Senate were noticeably absent from the press conference, prompting Michlewitz to note while the funding is guaranteed in the upcoming House Ways and Means budget, it may not make

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Mayor Michelle Wu

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Endless Shrimp is Back

Red Lobster is reportedly planning to revive the disastrous "endless shrimp" deal that helped push the seafood chain into bankruptcy two years ago. A limited-time version of the \$20 all you can eat shrimp offer could launch as soon as next month.

The revival of its ill-fated endless shrimp deal would mark an unexpected comeback. The permanent menu fixture caused Red Lobster to lose \$11 million in a single quarter. It was in bankruptcy from May to September 2024.

New Weight-Loss Pill Goes to Market

There is a new pillbox in the weight-loss drug war. Eli Lilly got approval from U.S. drug regulators last week. The all-clear sign sets up a battle with rival Novo Nordisk, which has been selling a pill version of its Wegovy since January. Lilly's version to be called Foundayo is expected to generate about \$21 billion in global sales by 2030.

Kidney Rx Gets Fed OK Too

The FDA has approved the expanded use of Travele Therapeutics' drug to treat a rare kidney disorder. The OK makes Filspari (sparsentan) the first drug of its kind approved to treat focal segment glomerulosclerosis, a kidney disease that scars parts of the filtering units and can lead to protein in the urine, swelling and kidney failure.

Texas Teen Dies of Caffeine in Energy Drink

The death of a rising teen beauty queen is being blamed on an "unreasonably dangerous" amount of caffeine in her energy drinks which she consumed

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The Patriots Day Parade begins at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall Plaza and ends at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Paul Revere Mall (also known as

the Prado), on Hanover Street in the North End. The parade concludes with a re-enactment by the National Lancers of Paul Revere's famous midnight

ride on the Paul Revere Mall in front of Old North Church & Historic Site. This year is the 251st anniversary of Patriots Day.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu Unveils Annual Budget

by Patti Sartori

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) is just shy of \$5 billion, a 2% increase over last year. The approximate \$100 million increase is blamed on an \$88 million spending increase for Boston Public Schools. The Boston Mayor said in a letter to the city council the budget proposal is a reflection of her administrations "deliberate and disciplined approach to protecting the services our residents and businesses rely on while investing in the long-term strength and stability of our city. This is a difficult moment, but Boston meets it from a position of durability and determination. More than a decade of triple-A bond ratings, disciplined financial stewardship, and strong reserves have positioned the city to weather this environment. Because of the work we have done together over the past several years, the

city approaches this moment from a place of stability."

Wu said the city is intentionally limiting spending this year, noting that many long-term vacant positions won't be filled. The release of this budget comes on the heels of the Wu administration attempting to close a \$48.4 million budget gap for FY26, which ends June 30. According to the city's Chief Financial Officer Ashley Groffenberger, the deficit is a result of the unexpected snow storms this past winter and increased spending on snow removal.

The city is also facing a \$53 million projected deficit for Boston Public Schools in the current fiscal year and a proposed \$1.72 billion budget for the upcoming FY27, representing \$88 million or a 5.4% increase over last year's spending.

On a call with reporters, Mayor Wu referenced specific factors relating to the increasing financial challenges, including increasing health insurance costs for city employees, which is expected to increase by more than \$97 million this year. She also noted the end of the federal American Rescue Plan Act funding has required the city to slash funding for many small business and non-profit grant programs that fill vacant store fronts and expand cultural programming. Another major challenge Wu mentioned is post-pandemic office vacancies across the city and commercial property budgetary revenue.

Officials in the Wu administration said they do not anticipate an increased use of the city's \$1 billion reserve fund to

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



HERCULES AND THE HELLHOUND

Most readers recall that mythology identifies the nether worlds or land of the dead in three distinct categories. “Elysium” or the “Elysian Fields” (our heaven) was the place where chaste, moral, righteous, or virtuous people went after death, and where there was complete happiness, paradise, and ideal bliss. Vergil represented it as a region blessed with perpetual spring, beautiful flowers, pleasantly shaded groves, and never-failing fountains. We think of it as Washington, D.C.

Tartarus (our Hell) was a place beneath the earth, as far below as Elysium was above. It was closed by iron gates, and occupancy was reserved as the abode of the damned. These were the people who had incurred the wrath of the gods, and in so doing, became subject to divine vengeance.

Lastly, of course, there was Hades (our Purgatory), in the depths of the earth, with its wide open doors. This was the place where all dead souls went while awaiting judgment and commitment to the upper or lower world. Hades was usually represented as a place and also a person. As a place, it was a grove of barren willows, veiled in darkness or clouds where the sun never shone. The ground was covered with asphodel, a dreary plant of the lily family that was often planted on graves. The entrance to this place called Hades was guarded by a dog named “Cerberus,” a terrible monster with three heads, a tail of three serpents, and a body bristling with vipers.



The Last Judgment (Italian: *Il Giudizio Universale*), Michelangelo, 1536-1541, Sistine Chapel, Vatican City

He was friendly to all who entered, but if anyone tried to escape, he would seize that person and hold him fast.

As a person, Hades god of this underworld ruled a servant named Charon. He was the mythological ferryman from antiquity who conducted the souls of the dead in a boat across the river Acheron. Ancient poets have represented Charon as a stern and robust old man, with eyes glowing like flame, white bushy hair, dingy clothes that were stained with the muck of the river, and holding a long pole, which he used to propel the boat.

Probably the most interesting portrayal of this subject is in the lower right-hand corner of Michelangelo's *Last*

Judgment on the wall of the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City. This painting (fresco) is considered to be the largest and most comprehensive fresco in the world. It shows that terrifying moment at the end of the world when the remorseful condemned are being drawn down to the depths of the lower world by taloned demons. Then there is Charon the boatman, forcing the reluctant souls to disembark, while other demons are pulling them off the boat with grappling irons. Finally, Hades the ruler of this infernal region is standing in the extreme lower right-hand corner with a serpent coiled around his waist.

The last task demanded of Hercules was to bring up Cerberus from Hades, probably the most difficult of all his labors. Guided by Mercury and possibly Minerva, Hercules descended into the underworld. After some minor incidents involving the occupants, Hercules confronted Hades and demanded that he be permitted to carry off Cerberus. One account says that Hades agreed, if Hercules could do so without harming the dog. Another report tells how Hercules wounded Hades, forcing him to retreat to Mt. Olympus for treatment. Nevertheless, Hercules dragged the hellhound to daylight and presented him to the king who was the author of all these labors. Hercules was told from a safe distance, to take the dog back to Hades, thus completing all of the labors that were imposed upon him.

NEXT WEEK:

The End of a Legend

Department of Justice Law Suit Seeking Massachusetts Voter Rolls is Dismissed

by Patti Sartori

U.S. District Court Judge Leo Sorokin, nominated to the Federal Bench in 2013 by President Obama, has dismissed a lawsuit against Massachusetts Secretary of State Bill Galvin. The Department of Justice (DOJ), under former U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi, filed a suit requesting Bay State voter rolls, as part of the Trump administrations quest to clear federal elections of potential voter fraud.

Judge Sorokin tossed the lawsuit on the grounds it “offered no factual justification,” which is a mandatory prerequisite under a federal statute implemented in 1960. “This case is one of more than two dozen brought by the United States against election officials seeking production of statewide voter registration lists. The United States complaint fails for the simple reason that the Attorney General’s demand did not comply with Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1960, the statute on which it purports to rely. Simply, the state requires a statement of why the Attorney General demands production of the requested records — and, as conveyed by the statute’s use of the definite article, the statement must be ‘the’ factual basis, and not just a conceivable or possible basis. For this reason the case is dismissed,” the justice wrote in his ruling.

The Trump administration initiated a federal probe into potential state voter fraud, sending letters to 40 States demanding they provide full electronic files, including

information regarding registered voters identified as ineligible to vote due to being illegal or having a felony conviction. The administration said it requested the information to rule out voter fraud and ensure election integrity. The federal government had specifically requested voters full names, dates of birth, residential addresses, state driver’s license numbers, or the final four digits of Social Security numbers.

This is just one of a number of rulings in which federal court judges have ruled against the Trump administration’s request to obtain voter information from individual states. Similar rulings have been made in Oregon, California, Michigan, and Georgia. A few of these states are appealing the cases.

Galvin and Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell are thrilled with the judge’s ruling, “I am very pleased that the court has recognized that the Department of Justice’s demand for unfettered access to personal data was completely without any stated basis or purpose. Private voter information should never be the subject of a fishing expedition. Today’s ruling is a decisive win for Massachusetts voters and the rule of law. The privacy of our voters is not up for negotiation, and I will continue to defend the integrity and security of our elections from the Trump administration’s cruel and harmful agenda,” Galvin and Campbell wrote in a joint statement.

Changes are Coming for Massachusetts Cannabis Laws

The Massachusetts State Legislature unanimously passed “An Act Modernizing the Commonwealth Cannabis Laws” last week, a bill that will alter how marijuana is regulated in the Bay State. The newly passed legislation, changes the structure of the state’s Cannabis Control Commission (CCC), changes rules regarding licenses for business owners and doubles the amount of pot an adult is allowed to buy or

possess. The bill will become law if Governor Maura Healey signs it.

The current commission, chaired by Shannon O’Brien, is made up of 5 members, with 3 appointed by the governor, and 1 each from the treasurer and attorney general. All will be removed once the bill becomes law, with the 3 new members all appointed by the governor. The new bill also allows cannabis business owners to hold

six licenses instead of three and creates a delinquent list of cannabis businesses that have failed to pay their debts to other cannabis businesses, preventing them from doing business with others until their debts are paid off.

The biggest change would be the increase in the amount of pot someone in Massachusetts can buy or possess for recreational use from one ounce to two ounces. For anyone under 21 years of age, caught illegally possessing marijuana, they would need to have at least three ounces instead of two to be subjected to a civil penalty or participation in a drug awareness program.

ST. JUDE AND ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

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Record Breaking Sales for WORLD CUP TRAIN TICKETS

Even in the face of 4x’s an average Commuter Rail ticket, sales for transit tickets to World Cup soccer matches broke “all previous special event train ticket sales records” on the first day available, the MBTA announced last week, with over 17,000 rail tickets sold for the first five World Cup matches. That is just shy of \$1.4 million in a day.



“The 2026 World Cup is no ordinary event, and we are privileged to have the opportunity to welcome all to experience Massachusetts. The tremendous demand during the first day of Boston Stadium Train ticket sales demonstrates that we needed to think out of the box to safely deliver unprecedented train service, carrying fans both near and far to World Cup matches,” MBTA General Manager Phillip End stated.

The Boston Stadium Train mTickets allows visitors to travel between South Station and Foxboro for matches, as well as unlimited travel across the entire Commuter Rail network on match days. Gillette Stadium, home to the 6x Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots in Foxboro Massachusetts, has been temporarily renamed Boston Stadium for the World Cup matches, is set to host seven of the soccer matches between June 13 and July 9. Over 2 million international visitors are expected to visit Massachusetts throughout the tournament.

Tickets for the first 5 matches will remain on sale for \$80, 4x’s the average \$20 rail ticket price for a Patriots game. Train passes for Round 32 and Quarter-Final matches will be available closer to the match dates, according to the MBTA. A same day ticket to one of the matches is required to purchase one of the Boston Stadium Train tickets. T officials say the transit option is “one of the easiest, most predictable, most affordable ways to get to and from Boston Stadium.”

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Robert "Bobby D" DeCristoforo



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Shepard of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV and President Donald Trump Take Opposing Views on Iranian Conflict

by Patti Sartori

Tension surrounding the ongoing Iranian conflict not only has global implications but has also sparked disagreement between two influential figures; Pope Leo XIV and U.S. President Donald Trump. Their opposing perspectives reflect a sharper and broader divide between advocacy for peace and the need for international and domestic security, but must always make room for mutual respect and communication.



From the Vatican's standpoint, Pope Leo has emphasized the consequences of war on human life and in remarks last Sunday, without ever naming Trump specifically, his holiness called for restraint, urging world leaders to prioritize diplomacy over military escalation. His message is one of long-standing catholic sentiment; the sanctity of human life, the moral responsibility to avoid unnecessary suffering, and the importance of global unity. It is believed that he has deep concern over civilian casualties.

In contrast, President Trump has taken a more assertive U.S. stance, with comments over the conflict underscoring the need for strength, resolve and deterrence, arguing strong and unwavering action is necessary to protect America. Trump has framed his narrative on

prioritizing national security, strategic dominance, and a willingness to directly confront adversaries when diplomacy fails.

The disagreement plays out philosophically rather than via political ideology. Pope Leo's approach is more theological and humanitarian focused, while Trump's is more of a security first stance. Despite the differences, both are rooted in a desire to prevent further harm, one through peace the other through strength.

Finding common ground between the opposing views may be a challenge, but should not be considered impossible. Both leaders must respect the others' belief and opinion. Communication between the two, preferably directly rather than through intermediaries, could result in shared goals, reduce civilian suffering and encourage international cooperation. Even divided leaders can find common ground when the stakes are high and they share the same goal.

The disagreement between the two leaders is not merely a difference of opinion and will require strategic thinking and mutual respect on both sides if a balanced path forward is to be forged, one that values both peace and security in an equitable and fair manner, even in the face of a complex world.

Kamala Harris Seriously Considers Running for President in 2028

During a recent appearance at the National Action Network's annual convention, former Vice-President Kamala Harris responded to a question from Reverend Al Sharpton asking if she was going to run again for President of the United States in the 2028 Democratic Primary. Harris made clear she is seriously considering throwing her hat in the ring, "I am thinking about it. I served four years being a heartbeat away from the presidency of the United States. I spent countless hours in my West Wing office footsteps away from the Oval Office. I spent countless hours in the Oval Office and the situation room. I know what the job is, and I know what it requires. I am thinking about it in the context of who and where and how can the best job be done for the American people. That's



how I am thinking about it. I'll keep you posted." Harris was the first black female vice-president and the 2024 Democratic Presidential nominee in 2024. Harris has made mention on a number of occasions the possibility of

another presidential bid, has recently set up a political action committee, and has begun traveling across the U.S. to support Democrats, especially across the Southern part of the country.

Harris is just one of many Democratic politicians who have expressed interest and are testing the waters in the 2028 presidential race, including Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, former U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, Maryland Governor Wes Moore, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, Representative Ro Khanna of California, and Arizona Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego. The presidential primary season won't begin until after the upcoming 2026 mid-term elections in November.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Spring, Sweet and Scrumptious

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The Food Network now regularly runs a competition show with the no-nonsense title of *Spring Baking Championship*. An early commercial for this program began with a voiceover narration asking: "So, what exactly is spring baking?" followed by images of people decorating cupcakes to resemble flowers. The question struck a chord with me because, while I am an avid baker who makes treats all year long, I particularly associate baking with the season of autumn. The cool weather and dusky nights seem appropriate for an evening spent in the honeyed glow of a kitchen, feeling the warmth radiating from the oven. Moreover, fall offers a bounty of ingredients suitable for baking, from tart apples to juicy pears to sharp, spicy ginger. However, autumn is far from my thoughts as I enjoy the beautiful springtime. Everything gets me excited, from the days when the thermometer reaches upwards of seventy degrees to the buds growing bigger and greener on the tips of tree branches. I am also getting excited for the new baking opportunities spring offers. Fresh, seasonal ingredients and inspiration from Italy make for a valuable and fun baking experience during the spring.

Citrus: Spring is a wonderful time to use up the last of the citrus fruits left over from winter. Moreover, citrus is a staple in Italian cooking, due to the abundant lemon and orange groves that dot the landscape of southern Italy and the islands. The zest of lemons (*limone*) and oranges (*arancia*) flavored the many Italian desserts lining the tables of bridal showers and weddings I remember all my life, from soft-baked, glazed cookies, to the waffle-like biscuits known as *pizzelle*. I love to use citrus in recipes like creamy lemon bars

and orange-scented cakes. For Easter, I made a classic Italian ricotta pie accentuated by both lemon and orange peels. In short, citrus desserts are a great way to bid goodbye to the cold weather and welcome spring!

Tropical: As the days get warmer and the summer is so near I can practically smell sunscreen and sand, my mind wanders to the flavors of the tropics. I happen to love banana bread, a trait I inherited from my father. Moist, spongy banana breads are an easy recipe to make and offer a quick, healthy breakfast or snack option. One of my other favorite desserts has to be pineapple upside down cake. An impressive finale to any spring meal, these cakes blend the delectable taste of pineapple along with a sweet caramelized topping. Of course, on days when you feel that only an all-inclusive plethora of tropical fruits will satiate your desire for summer, try baking up a Hummingbird Cake. This recipe incorporates bananas, pineapples and coconut, finished off with a velvety cream cheese frosting! You could also take a cue from the Italians and snack on kiwifruit whenever you want a taste of the tropics. A perennially popular fruit there, Italy produces more kiwis than any other country!

Strawberries: Strawberries are a harbinger of spring. Whenever I see these ruby-red gems lining the produce shelves of supermarkets, I know that spring has arrived. I love baking with strawberries because of their versatility. My mother once made a strawberry and white chocolate tiramisu for my father's birthday, a summery twist on a classic Italian dessert. Strawberries are also delectable on cakes, pies, cheesecakes and quick breads. When I went to Italy, I remained impressed at all the innovative uses for

strawberries (*fragole*) in Italian desserts. Italians often drizzle strawberry sauces over baked custards known as panna cotta, or else serve the strawberries in tall, elegant glasses marinated with balsamic vinegar for a savory-sweet contrast. As an essential crop of spring, do not be afraid to experiment with strawberries, as they nearly always guarantee a foolproof dessert!

Rhubarb: Rhubarb is my new favorite spring ingredient with which to bake. An odd, red stalk that resembles celery, cooked rhubarb tastes like a cross between a strawberry and an apple. Its tartness perfectly blends with sweet desserts. I have found so many rhubarb recipes that I would like to try, ranging from strawberry-rhubarb pies to rhubarb chutneys served over lemon-ricotta pancakes — my mother and I once made this latter recipe, and we could not get enough! My favorite rhubarb recipe, however, is one for a moist rhubarb cake with a cinnamon crumb topping that my father-in-law gave me. I prepare this cake for my May Day celebrations now.

Baking in the springtime is a wonderful experience. Using seasonal ingredients connects us to Mother Earth, which is now blossoming with new life. Sweet desserts made with citrus, tropical fruits, strawberries and rhubarb can serve as lovely finishes to picnics and open-air dinners spent luxuriating in the beautiful spring weather and in the company of nature. Moreover, spring baking offers us the opportunity to engage in the recipes of our Italian ancestors, honoring the food of our heritage and applying our own innovation and creativity to it. This spring, head to the market and pick up the freshest ingredients available ... and from there, happy baking!

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Springtime is Finally Starting to Close in on Us

This year to date has been quite interesting. Most of winter was pretty good except for about 5 weeks between late January and February when we got buried in snow. As bad as it was, it was still much better than the Winter of 2015, when we were continually snowed upon. It was also much better than the Blizzard of '78, which I lived through at a much younger age. However, whether it was yesterday or today, whether it was East Boston or Charlestown, the one commodity we still don't have enough of is empty parking spaces in our crowded neighborhoods it seems. At times, we all own multiple motor vehicles.

Oh, and cars bring up pump prices of late. In East Boston, the Boston neighborhood with the highest pump prices, prices have reached and continue to reach four bucks a gallon. I remember back on February 28 when the war in Iran began, the price was \$2.69. Well, now we're paying about \$1.20 more per gallon.

I remember when Trump said, the hike won't be for long. I knew that wasn't true. The price of gas shoots up into space at the speed of sound. The price declines like a sloth crossing a street.

The war is going well, is it? I thought there weren't going to be any more forever wars? As a Vietnam-era member of the USAF, it seems to me like things never really changed that much. Geography changes, and the names of world leaders too,

but the narrative continues on always waiting for the next boot to fall.

As someone who changed my voting status to Unenrolled, I did the right thing. Both the Democrats and Republicans are totally useless. The midterms are coming up and it does look like when all is said and done, nothing really was said and done.

Looks like the Republicans are blowing up their chances in the midterms, and it does appear the House and Senate will fall to the Democrats...not that they deserve it. The war in Iran hasn't turned out so well, something I thought back on February 28.

I voted for Donald Trump three times but not for this. Republicans are always their own worst enemies; they constantly try to kill each other up on Capitol Hill. Democrats stick together like glue.

Now, could things get worse, you say? I say yes. Exhibit A. Our president just sent out an image on Truth Social showing him to resemble Jesus Christ healing a dying person in bed. He reacted by saying the image wasn't of Jesus, but just a doctor at a bedside. But what with the halos and bright rays all around Trump? I never saw a doctor who looked like that, have you?

No wonder we're all going "Tui se Paz." Well who knows maybe next week will improve things but whatever you do, don't hold your breath waiting for that to happen.

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BRADLEY ELEMENTARY Hosts "A Night of Possibility" Gala IN EAST BOSTON



Bradley School Instructional Coach Mackenzie Powers, State Representative Adrian Madaro, and Principal Claire Carney

The Manassah E. Bradley Elementary School hosted its annual fundraising gala, "A Night of Possibility," on Thursday, April 9, at the Reel House overlooking Boston Harbor.

More than 170 guests attended the event to celebrate Bradley Elementary's recent recognition as the 2025 School on the Move and 2024 Distinguished School and to support continued programming at the school. Families, school administrators, Boston Public Schools staff, and community leaders gathered for an evening that featured cocktail bites, signature drinks, a silent auction, and raffles.

State Representative Adrian Madaro and Instructional Coach McKenzie Powers energized guests to participate in the auction and raffle, helping raise funds to benefit the school.

"This event reflects the strength of our school community and the shared commitment to our students' success," said Principal Claire Carney. "We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support shown by everyone who attended."

The school extended special thanks to its event partners and contributors, including Reel House East Boston, DJ Juan

of OXO Events and Jessica of Blue Butterfly Photography, as well as the organizing committee, Christine Doherty, Keeley Fanuele, Suleima Chan, Lisa Capogreco, Diana Munera, Bridget Heigelmann, Jordan Zimmerman, Kacthary Sanclemente, Jenny Sanabria and Adrian Madaro whose efforts made the evening possible.

Bradley Elementary also recognized the many local businesses and organizations that supported the gala through sponsorships and donations, helping ensure the event's success:

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Avelina Fabbo Barrasso Receives Young Adult Writing Program Fellowship



Congratulations to North End Native, Avelina Fabbo Barrasso, an Eliot School 8th grader and aspiring author, on being selected as one of just 20 fellows from over 100 applicants nationwide, for the Young Adult Writing Program or YAWP's Summer Teen Writing Fellowship at GrubStreet Center for Creative Writing, the nation's leading and largest center for creative writing for over 25 years. This highly competitive program immerses high school students in creative writing and publishing over eight weeks, including workshops with published authors, meetings with literary agents and editors, and visits to cultural sites such as the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA). Avelina dedicated significant effort to refining her application piece and applied alongside high school students from across the country. She looks forward to the opportunity to further develop her creative writing skills through this fellowship. Avelina is the first student from the Eliot School to be accepted into this prestigious program.

Her proud parents are Rosina Fabbo of the North End and Paul J. Barrasso of Revere.

Congratulations Amazing Author!



Friends, Romans, Countrymen!

by Laura Carlo

This April 30th to May 3rd, Worcester's Polar Park welcomes the 4th annual National Baseball Poetry Festival. It celebrates our national pastime in original poetry submitted by the public, in the city where childhood favorite *Casey at the Bat* was written by Ernest Lawrence Thayer. The Festival includes everything from open mic events, to workshops, to 2 WooSox games. All the brainchild of a man whose path to poetry may surprise you.

Meet Steven H. Biondolillo, founder of Biondolillo Associates LLC (biondolillo.com) of Boston and Wellesley, a leading developer of branded special-event fundraising programs. He's also a much in-demand keynote speaker, college lecturer, published poet, National Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee, a former BC wrestling coach, a board member of countless non-profits, and the list goes on. His list of achievements will amaze (and exhaust) you, but prepare to be wowed by his backstory.

Mr. Biondolillo was born in New York to a Jewish mom and a dad of Sicilian descent, both of whom had difficult upbringings of their own. For example, his father was sent to reform school when he was in the 8th grade, at a time when they were more like prisons. Despite his father's tough youth, Steven remembers him as the "most loving and protective parent." He proudly shares that his father was a "tremendous athlete," a boxer who went by the name Tony Marino (no relation to the 1930s boxer with the same name). There's an amazing film clip online of a 1947 match in which his father wins during the NYC Golden Gloves. Steven credits his father's natural athleticism with nurturing his own athletic skills. Even though he was just a little boy, Steven remembers fondly his father coaching him in many sports.

"I'm 6, my brother is 5, and our sister is just 7-weeks old, and our dad dies. Mom is left to take care of us and a half-sister



Steven H. Biondolillo, founder of Biondolillo Associates, LLC

from her earlier marriage. We sank into poverty. One of my dad's brothers would check on us from time to time and leave a little money to help, but we were pretty much on our own."

A short time later his mother met a lawyer who urged her to send her sons to Girard College, an elite Pennsylvania boarding school for "fatherless boys." The orphanage was founded in 1831 from an endowment left by merchant and banker Stephen Girard, the wealthiest man in America when he died. Their mom agreed and the boys became wards of Philadelphia's Orphan Court.

While some kids had a hard time adjusting to a new school and routines, Steven took to it right away. The key was his athletic ability which let him fit in. He did so well there that by graduation he was class Salutatorian, Student Body President, won 3 of the top 4 awards, and was the only Division-1 athlete in 3 sports: soccer, wrestling and baseball!

He won a full scholarship to BU where he studied with poet and literary critic Helen Vendler. Although he took a break from sports, he did well there academically, becoming the student commencement speaker. He accepted a 1-year

scholarship to the University of Grenoble, followed by 3 years at McGill in Montreal. He produced a film there that was so well received McGill said he could submit that instead of a thesis! He also went back to wrestling at McGill. Shortly after, he represented Canada at the World Maccabi Games and won a silver medal!

After grad school he accepted a position at the North End Union. They got a \$9,000 grant to clean up the local parks and Steven created the "Grime Fighting Program." It gave underprivileged teens summer jobs complete with t-shirts and protective gear, and a promise of citywide end-of-summer games that included the "100-meter Push Broom," and the "15-meter Shovel-Carry!" It was such a success that the idea expanded to 22 major cities within 5 years. And it attracted the attention of some other non-profits that reached out to him about creating fundraisers for their causes. A new career was born!

In 1984, Mr. Biondolillo coined the phrase "signature marketing event." Among his team's innovations are the "flagship sponsorship model where 'if we capture your heart we know you're with us' and inviting workplace involvement in charity fundraising. It's one thing to get individuals to donate, but having a CEO get behind employee teams for walkathons expanded the involvement model. In 1985 we had the world's first \$1-million walkathon for Boston's 'Walk for Hunger,' with hundreds of mentions in the press, more than any other fundraiser! That prompted a call from the American Cancer Society which needed help with their annual walk. We created a full-blown educational model for them. By the way, our model built them into the largest private sector cancer research vehicle." Many other "firsts" from the company include a film & video festival for kids, a holiday ornament campaign, and a CEO-driven academic mentoring program. Fundraisers developed by Biondolillo have raised more than \$2-billion!

Looking ahead, he says he dreams of creating more private schools like Girard College to give orphaned or disadvantaged kids a great education and the right start in life. He also described himself as "obsessed" with stopping the diminishing of the arts & humanities in our society, and to that end he has other poetry projects in the works. For now, he is working on the upcoming National Baseball Poetry Festival. Find out more by visiting baseballpoetryfest.org. And please read his soul-touching poetry book, *Macaroni and Cheese Manifesto*. I've read it and my heart has been enriched.

NEW Health Presents St. Lucy Society with a Community Partnership Award



Members of the St. Lucy Society accept a Community Partnership Award from NEW Health CEO Vincenzo Scibelli in recognition of the society's long-standing commitment to improving the health and well-being of the NEW Health communities.

On April 8th, NEW Health proudly presented the St. Lucy Society with a Community Partnership Award, recognizing their longstanding commitment to improving the health and well-being of the communities we serve. This award honors the Society's ongoing collaboration with the health center and their shared dedication to addressing critical needs across our neighborhoods.

Over the years, the St. Lucy Society has been an invaluable partner in several meaningful initiatives. Their support has included generous donations of food items to the NEW Health Food Access Program, helping to ensure that patients and families have access to nutritious essentials. They have also worked closely with the health center's Outreach team to assemble and distribute holiday gifts for students at the Eliot School, bringing joy and support to local families during the holiday season. In addition, the Society has been a key collaborator in organizing an annual backpack drive, helping to equip students with the supplies they need to succeed in the classroom.

Through their generosity, partnership, and community spirit, the St. Lucy Society continues to make a lasting impact. NEW Health is deeply grateful for their support and proud to recognize their contributions with this well-deserved award.

North End/Waterfront Residents Association Monthly Meeting

The monthly North End/Waterfront Residents Association meeting took place on Thursday, April 9th at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. Overall, it was a fairly light agenda, with Boston Police Area A-1 Community Service Officer Michael Mustacchio and Sergeant Wallace providing an update on the Eliot School incident that occurred last month. Representative Michlewitz was able to allocate funding in the state budget to secure the area under the North Washington Street Bridge, closest to the school and adjacent park.

The officers reminded everyone to please make sure your vehicles are locked. Often thieves are able to easily access items left in vehicles when doors are left unlocked and to remove any valuables from plain view. In addition, make sure exterior entryway doors to buildings are also secured and locked to prohibit unauthorized access, and pay attention to packages being delivered as package theft continue to be an issue around the neighborhood.

In response to a question regarding the upcoming Sail250, BPD touched upon street closures during key dates and events, including firework displays on Wednesday, July 8 and Saturday, July 11. The highlight of the entire celebration will occur on Saturday, July 11 for the Parade of Sail through Boston Harbor. Another celebration will take place on Monday, July 13, as the various crews from the tall ships, accompanied by bands and other dignitaries, will parade from the Seaport area, down Northern Ave, right onto Atlantic Ave and finish at Columbus Park in the North End.

There will be street closures throughout the almost week-long celebration, including Commercial Street and Atlantic Avenue. For the most up to date information and details please visit [Sail250 Boston](http://Sail250Boston.com).

Two restaurants, Table located at 445 Hanover Street and Libertine at 125 Salem Street, appeared before the association requesting support to upgrade their existing beer, wine and liqueurs licenses to all-alcoholic beverage licenses. The association voted in support of both applications.

Aliah Mahadeo, program coordinator and community health worker at Boston Public Health Commission appeared before the neighborhood group to discuss services offered to prevent lead poisoning for building owners and renters. There is a free city program offered to have properties assessed and other programs that offer credits for having the buildings or apartments de-lead.

Next month's meeting, Thursday, May 14, at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, 6:30 pm will focus on Climate Resiliency and will discuss potential solutions and options to combat possible flooding along the various Wharfs on Commercial Street and Atlantic Avenue. It should be a very informative meeting so please make every effort to attend.

There will also be an update on Sail250 Boston as well as a visit from State Senator Lydia Edwards.



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A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

The Appian Way



The Appian Way was commissioned in 312 BC by the Roman Censor (Magistrate), Appius Claudius Caecus during the Samnite Wars to move troops and supplies rapidly to southern Italy. It connected Rome with Capua (near Naples), ignoring natural contours and running in a straight line for much of the way. Eventually it stretched 350 miles to Brindisi — gateway to the East — where Roman ships, engaged in trade, sailed for Greece and Egypt.

The Appian Way was built using advanced techniques: a leveled dirt base, layers of small stones and mortar, a gravel top, and finally, tightly interlocking volcanic basalt stones that formed a smooth, durable surface.

The Catacombs of San Callisto and San Sebastiano housing thousands of early Christian tombs and several early popes are located along this ancient roadway.

Mausoleums line part of the road, the largest of which is the tomb of Cecilia Metella, a wealthy Roman noble woman, which was later converted into a fortress in the Middle Ages

Along the Appian way is the church of Domine Quo Vadis (officially *Santa Maria in Palmis*) a small 17th-century Catholic Church. Tradition holds this as the site where Peter, fleeing persecution in Rome, met Jesus and asked, “Domine, quo vadis?” (“Lord, where are you going?”), where Jesus told Peter he was going to Rome to be crucified again, prompting Peter’s return to face martyrdom.

Today the Appian Way features the longest straight stretch of road in Europe, which runs for 62 km (39 miles) a lasting testament to Roman engineering.

Saint Magnus Erlensson

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Back when Orkney and Shetland were part of Scandinavia, the islands were ruled by Viking Earls. Usually only one person was given this job, but Earl Erlend and Earl Paul were twins, and they ruled Orkney together in peace.

The Earls had many children, and among them, Paul had a son named Hakon, and Erlend had a son named Magnus.

Hakon was strong, tall, and talented, but he was also arrogant. As they reached adulthood, rivalry between Hakon and Magnus’s brother Aerling created resentment between their fathers, so Hakon was sent away from Orkney.

In 1098, the King of Norway was anxious to gain control of the Hebrides Islands (now part of Scotland) this would make it easier for Vikings to raid Ireland and Scotland.

The King’s expedition eventually reached the Welsh coast, but during the assault (known as the Battle of Menai Strait) Magnus refused to arm himself and fight, saying that he had no quarrel with the people of Wales. He stayed on board the ship, singing psalms. This greatly angered the King, so Magnus fled and went into hiding. He did not return to Orkney while the King was alive.

By 1102, Hakon had been named Earl of Orkney and returned home to rule. Shortly



1114, armies of their men were launching heavy attacks upon each other.

A meeting between the two Earls to discuss peace took place by the shore in Tingwall, Rendall. Though the meeting came close to ending in battle, the Earls eventually reached a reconciliation. Another meeting to ratify the peace treaty was organized — to be held on the island of Egilsay in spring.

As agreed, Magnus set off with two boats and a small number of men — carefully selecting friends to both Earls who would improve matters between the cousins. Hakon meanwhile set sail with eight ships and a great force of men ready for battle. He wanted to end joint rule once and for all.

Magnus took refuge in the island’s church overnight, but the following day he was captured and offered to go into exile or prison, but an assembly of chieftains, tired of joint rule, insisted that one earl must die. Jakob’s standard bearer, Ofeigr, refused to execute Magnus, and an angry Hakon made his cook Lifolf kill Magnus by striking him on the head with an axe. The year was 1117.

The feast day of Saint Magnus of Orkney is April 16. He is recognized as a martyr, a model of piety and a peacemaker in Scandinavian history.

afterwards, the King of Norway died in Ireland, so Magnus sailed back to Orkney — to take his place as Earl alongside his cousin. Hakon initially furious, but eventually accepted joint rule, and the two Earls watched over the islands in peace. This was not to last.

Magnus was well-liked and described in the Sagas as being tall, with an intelligent look about him. As an Earl, he was sound with advice, agreeable to most, severe to criminals but gentle to the poor.

However, Hakon was jealous of Magnus’s popularity. Some of Hakon’s malicious friends started stirring up trouble between the two Earls, and by

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balance the budget. Many city departments will see spending reductions and reduced hiring, while others will see a small growth, except the Boston Public Schools (BPS) which will witness significant growth due

to increase healthcare costs, transportation, special education and collective bargaining. Even then, BPS will be subject to hundreds of layoffs, unlike the public safety departments, such as a police, fire and EMS,

which will increase funding for recruit classes. The mayor also supports a \$4 plus billion five-year capital plan, including \$135 million for the White Stadium professional women’s soccer stadium.

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PRIMATE (Blu-ray)
Paramount Pictures

Lucy's tropical island homecoming was supposed to be beaches and best friends — not a fight for her life. When her family's exceptionally clever chimp spirals into a savage rabid frenzy, the night explodes into terrifying chaos. With her father away and no help coming, paradise becomes a prison as Lucy and her friends fight to survive a deadly predator they once trusted.

DIE MY LOVE
(4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray)
MUBI

From renowned filmmaker Lynne Ramsay, *Die My Love* is a visceral and uncompromising portrait of a woman engulfed by love and madness. Anchored by a ferocious, tour de force performance from Jennifer Lawrence, and co-starring Robert Pattinson. The film follows Grace (Lawrence) and her partner Jackson (Pattinson), who have recently moved into an old house deep in the country. With ambitions to write *The Great American Novel*, Grace settles into her new environment, and the couple welcome a baby soon after. With Jackson frequently — and suspiciously — absent, and the pressures of domestic life starting to weigh on her, Grace begins to unravel, leaving a path of destruction in her wake. Ramsay marks her return with this cinematic vision that charts the complexity of love and how it can change and transform over time.

MERCY

(4K Ultra HD Blu-ray) MGM

In the near future, a detective (Chris Pratt) stands on trial, accused of murdering his wife. He has 90 minutes to prove his innocence to the advanced AI judge (Rebecca Ferguson) he once championed before it determines his fate. If he fails to prove his innocence in those 90 minutes, he'll be executed on the spot. The future of criminal justice is artificial intelligence?

LURKER

(Blu-ray) MUBI

A screw-turning psychological thriller made for the moment; *Lurker* is the directorial debut from writer-producer Alex Russell. When twenty-something Los Angeles retail clerk and loner Matthew encounters rising pop star Oliver, he takes the opportunity to edge his way into the in-crowd. But staying there isn't easy. With an entire entourage vying for attention, Matthew must prove himself to Oliver as more than just a follower. As their bond grows strained and mainstream fame appears within reach, access and proximity become a matter of life and death.

THE HISTORY OF SOUND
(Blu-ray) MUBI

Starring Paul Mescal and Josh O'Connor, *The History of Sound* is a sweeping, moving and tender romance that spans decades and continents. In 1917, Lionel (Mescal) — a young, talented music student — meets David (O'Connor) at the Boston Conservatory, where a connection over a deep love of music leads to a fleeting love affair. They reconnect years later, leading to an impromptu

journey through the backwoods of Maine to collect traditional folk songs. This unexpected reunion and the music they preserve will shape the course of Lionel's life for decades to come. This is a beautiful and compelling cinematic experience that invites audiences to reflect on the power of music and love.

WE BURY THE DEAD
(Blu-ray) Vertical

After a catastrophic military disaster, the dead don't just rise — they hunt. The military insists they are homeless and slow-moving, offering hope to grieving families. But when Ava enters a quarantine zone searching for her missing husband, she uncovers the horrifying truth: the undead are growing more violent, more relentless, and more dangerous with every passing hour.

CUTTER'S WAY

(4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray) Paramount Pictures

The laid-back Californian gigolo Richard Bone (Jeff Bridges) finds himself suspected of murder when he happens to see the wrong thing at the wrong time: the body of a young girl being dumped into a garbage can. Bone's friend, the capricious and paranoid Vietnam veteran Cutter, (John Heard), begins to suspect a conspiracy behind the killing, with local oil tycoon J.J. Cord (Stephen Elliot) at its center. Her persuades a reluctant Bone to try and take Cord down, leading to a sinister escalation of events that will change their lives forever. Featuring stunning performances from its leads, and pitch-perfect direction from Ivan Passer, the cynical and devastating *Cutter's Way* is one of the defining films of the post-Vietnam, post-Watergate era — a defiant howl of frustration at the corruption of the American dream.

SMOTHER

(DVD) IndiePix

Recovering alcoholic Michi retreats to her estranged father's isolated countryside house with her eight-year-old daughter Hanna, hoping to mend the bond shattered after a drunk-driving accident. But the quiet refuge quickly turns hostile, as long-buried memories surface, and whispers of Michi's mother — who died by suicide in the house, begins to seep into every room. Hanna starts sleepwalking. An eerie drawing of a woman in purple appears. As shadows move through the overgrown garden and night terrors escalate, Michi becomes convinced her mother's presence is stalking them. She spirals back into alcohol, her grip on reality unraveling as fear gives way to rage. When Hanna nearly wanders into traffic during a midnight trance, Michi realizes the haunting is no longer confined to the house — it lives inside her. The nightmare reaches its peak in a vast sunflower field, where Michi confronts the monstrous apparition of her mother and the devastating truth of her own inherited trauma. In a final act of desperation, Michi must choose between surrendering to the darkness or breaking a generational curse before she becomes the very monster threatening her child.

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

PROGRESSIVE TURNOUT PROJECT'S TACTICS



How many voters think this photo is real? I receive lots of emails from Democratic organizations trying to turn out their base voters. Lately, Progressive Turnout Project has been looking for your cash. They are trying to sway likely Democrats to listen to their spiel and vote out Republicans. This one so-called grassroots outfit is pushing the lie that Trump wants ICE agents inside voting precincts by showing an AI generated photo of just that. Remember in close elections voters who don't know the difference could mean winning or losing an election.

EAST BOSTON CHAMBER TEAMED UP WITH FIRST PRIORITY FOR A COFFEE CONNECT

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce teamed up with First Priority Credit Union to host a Coffee Connect event on Friday, March 27, 2026. Attendees enjoyed coffee and breakfast offerings provided by Bono Restaurant and Catering, while First Priority Credit Union generously opened its doors at 100 Swift Street to showcase its services, strong commitment to community outreach, and dedication to exceptional customer service.

The well-attended gathering fostered a warm, welcoming atmosphere for networking, community engagement, and sampling Bono's coffee and food. Guests included local and state officials, First Priority Credit Union's management team and staff, Chamber members, members of the Chamber's Board of Directors, and other members of the East Boston community.

• **Mass and Cass** (Continued from Page 1)

it into the Senate version or the final state budget. "We'll see where it goes as far as the funding process," stated Michlewitz when asked if he anticipated support for the proposal from the Senate.

If the Senate gets on board and the funds are approved the monies would be distributed in a variety of ways, including \$2.24 million directly to the city to distribute grants to organizations to provide

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in the days and hours before her death. Their family is accusing Alani Nu Energy Drinks and a Texas retailer that sold her the drinks of not properly warning the 17-year-old of the dangers of consuming the drink in a wrongful death lawsuit.

The young woman died on October 20, 2025 after suffering a fatal cardiac event after consuming at least one 12-ounce can of the energy drink. She

SPRING RECEPTION FOR COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA A BIG HIT

A spring reception with a large crowd of supporters packed the Andelman Room at Kelley Square Pub for Boston District 1 Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. Mayor Michelle Wu and Rep. Adrian Madaro were in attendance and delivered remarks. Suffolk County D.A. Kevin Hayden, former Councilor Sal LaMattina, Region 1 Schools Super. Tommy Welch, Veronica Robles and Pat Capogreco also showed up. I loved the plan "diversion over arrests," but the only diversion I keep seeing is pretending you know what you're talking about.

TRUMP IS STARTING TO DRIVE ME PAZZO

When I heard the Trump Administration is talking about building a new 250-foot triumphal arch just outside D.C. as the nation prepares for its 250th birthday I wondered why? The neoclassical monument will feature a winged Lady Liberty statue atop its stone structure and bearing a golden inscription, "One Nation Under God." Golden lions will also sit at its entrance facing east, along with two enormous gilded eagles on either side of Lady Liberty.

When you look at a rendition of it, it resembles France's Arc de Triomphe in Paris. I thought Trump didn't like France, French bread or French fries but I digress. Hey, at least it won't be named Arc de Trumphe.

REMEMBERING VINCENZO PREZIOSO ON 31ST ANNIVERSARY

I like shopping at Vinny's Market on Malden Street in Revere. It is truly an oasis when it comes to its deli. If you're a second-generation Sicilian American, you will find everything you need to prepare a great dinner at home. If you

need good red wine (my preference), this place has it too.

This place is a smooth-running machine with Angelo behind the counter and Sal making you a great Italian sandwich or pasta bowl to go. Angelo and Sal have continued the tradition of their dad, and Vinny's Market has become a neighborhood tradition serving generations of folks living in the neighborhood.

Vincenzo passed away on April 12, 1995 but his memory remains alive thanks to Angelo and Sal and the entire Prezioso family. If you haven't been to Vinny's Market lately, stop by and chat with the brothers and, of course, buy something. That's how a good business survives, right?

HERE IS THAT PHOTO OF THAT ORIGINAL NORTH-SOUTH LINK



Recently, I wrote about that slow-moving freight railway that I remembered watching on Commercial Street in the North End. Someone emailed this photo to me. I look at this photo and remember watching it pass me by while I stood with my dad at the end of Salutation Street where I lived as a little boy.

SACRED HEART MONTHLY DINNERS

The next community dinner over at Sacred Heart Parish on Paris Street in East Boston will be Wednesday, May 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This monthly dinner just passed its third anniversary and is the place to go. Always free, too.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"History is not just what we build. It is what we choose to save."

— Debra Worden Nunziato

recovery housing, \$650,000 would allow for approximately three contracted nurse practitioners, a psychiatrist, and two additional mental health specialists, \$500,000 would be set aside for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office to create and operate a pre-arrest diversion program or recovery court, known as the services over sentences initiatives, which directs drug users and other low level offenders to

treatment instead of incarceration. The Boston Public Health Commission would receive \$460,000 to provide an additional 20 transitional treatment beds, for up to 60 days, with the remaining \$150,000 funneled to the city's coordinated response mobile vehicle operation to provide services to the addicted and homeless. Mayor Wu will submit her warm weather plan for Mass and Cass to the City Council later this month.

died from cardiomyopathy, a heart muscle disease caused by excessive caffeine consumption.

Amazon, USPS Ink 1 Billion Package Deal

Amazon.com Inc. has reached a new agreement with the U.S. Postal Service, providing a lifeline to the government agency and securing deliveries for customers in rural America. Under the deal, Amazon will retain about 80 percent of its existing deliveries with the USPS.

According to Amazon, this new agreement reached with USPS "further our longstanding partnership and will let us continue supporting our customers and communities together."

End Quote

"Democrats pretend to care about their views on women but their views on (Caesar) Chavez prove them 'profoundly hypocritical' on that."

— Liz Peek at Fox News

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Babbononno's taste in music ranged from classical to opera. For years, every Saturday, my grandfather would sit by the radio in his bedroom and listen to Deems Taylor broadcasting the Metropolitan Opera from New York. My grandfather loved Italian opera. To him Italian was the only language opera should be written in. When asked about opera he would comment that German, Spanish, French and English didn't lend themselves to this art form. Then he would add, "Even Mozart had the good sense to write his operas in Italian."

When Nanna and Babbononno sold the big house on Eutaw Street in East Boston, they moved into an apartment on Princeton Street, a ten-minute walk away. There was an alcove off the living room that my grandfather made into a den. Against a wall, centered between a couch and a TV, stood the family's old Victrola. It was the type that was new in the 1920s with a crank handle that wound up an internal spring which allowed the records to spin around. It was probably bought when my mother and uncles were young and left abandoned when record players became electrified. At times, when Babbononno wasn't busy, he would play the 12 inch (not the 10 inch) 78 rpm speed records he had purchased decades earlier ... all of them were either classical or opera. His favorites were the operas from the pens of the greatest of Italian composers, Verdi, Puccini, Leoncavallo, Monteverdi, Scarlatti, Rossini, Donizetti and Mascagni. Many of his old records featured the voices of Caruso or Gigli and were recorded in Italy. By this point in time, the records were old and scratchy but Babbononno didn't care. He listened to them with love and dedication whenever he could.

As a child, I watched my grandfather operate his record player, and when he wasn't around, I played his records. My favorite was the music from William Tell by Rossini, especially the overture. Once Babbononno caught me playing this composition on his record player and thought I was watching the *Lone Ranger* on TV, as both the radio and TV series used this as the background music.

From my late teen years on, Babbononno and I would have differing opinions on the great Italian tenors. He, of course, was a fan of Caruso. I loved the voice of Lanza. Babbononno used to call him

a sellout for going to Hollywood instead of staying with opera. His voice would send shivers up and down my spine especially when I would listen to his rendition of "Ave Maria." Maybe Babbononno felt the same way about Caruso.

Even though he played with a band that specialized in Neapolitan pop music, he would always condemn American pop music, especially the music of the swing bands. He was proud of the fact that one of his sons (Uncle Nick) and his son-in-law (Dad) played with some famous big bandleaders, but he claimed the music was junk. He would leave out the music of Glenn Miller when he would condemn the swing style, because the arranger for much of Miller's music and a few of the compositions were penned by Jerry Gray, an East Bostonian whose real last name was Graziano. Once, when I was a kid, I came home from school early and found Babbononno and Nanna sitting in the den listening to a big band playing "Jersey Bounce", a pop tune back during WWII. When I peeked in the den, Babbononno's foot was tapping the floor in time with the rhythm. When my grandfather saw me he became flustered and told me that the only reason he was listening was that Uncle Nick was playing clarinet with the band. I found out later that the band was that of Andre Kostelanetz and it was the U.S. Navy band stationed in Newport, Rhode Island during WWII. Uncle Nick was a Petty Officer First Class and in the reed section of the band.

When the mid-1950s came along, I was in my teen years and going from junior high school to high school. There was a new type of music that had grown out of rhythm and blues and it was called rock and roll. I loved it and would listen to the DJs that played it, especially Symphony Sid (remember him???) and Bill Marlowe who I would become friendly with years later. I bought a record machine that played 45 rpm records and went crazy every Friday when I got paid from the Seville Theater. I would stop by Central Music on Bennington Street and pick up songs like "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley and the Comets, "Tutti Frutti" by Little Richard, "Sha-Boom" by the Chords, and everything that Chuck Berry sang.

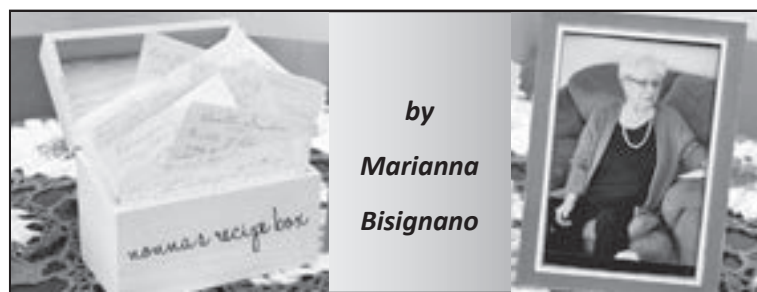
Not only did Babbononno hate the music, but I had my go-arounds with Dad also. I reminded my father about how his father felt about the

Dixieland and swing music that he played, but my father would say that it was a different story and it was real music not the junk the rock and rollers were playing. I think that this was the only time in my life that I was defiant. I loved the new music and learned to dance to it rather well. My friends and I would go to record hops almost every Friday night. I didn't work on Friday nights and we headed to whatever location featured a band or someone spinning records. After I turned 16 and got my driver's license, I would borrow Dad's car, get a date and find whatever station was playing the Platters and hope the music would turn the girl on that was sitting next to me. Whenever I see the TV reruns of *American Graffiti*, I reminisce about those teen years spent dancing to rock and roll, the girls with the poodle skirts and Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsberg playing the music we loved.

For me, the music of the day lasted just a few years. Once I became a musician, I concentrated on classical and jazz, but to make money, worked with bands that catered to weddings, parties, Christenings and Bar Mitzvahs. My rock and roll changed when the Beatles invaded America. I didn't care for their musicianship but did like what they wrote. But, by the time they arrived, I was playing mostly jazz or leading a band for the Bob Blasser Show locally or on TV in Providence.

My mother, during my formative years was still buying records. She loved the swing bands and the singers that recorded with them. So, during WWII, I listened to Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra (and for many years after), Ella Fitzgerald, the Andrew Sisters, and Helen O'Connell and Bob Eberly when they were with the Dorsey's. There were many others too numerous to mention and Babbononno hated every one of them, or so he said. I guess music, like comedy, can be ethnic and generational, and I guess we've had our day, us old folks. Now it's the younger generation's music that's out there, and, I have to admit, I don't understand it nor do I like it.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

In Italian kitchens, there is a quiet pride in cooking simply with what the land gives you at the right time. Fresh, seasonal ingredients are not just preferred, they are essential. You don't prepare a dish out of season, you wait for it, honor it, and enjoy it at its very best. That is the Italian way.

Take *asparagi verdi*, for example, harvested in the South from February through May, and in the North from April into mid-June. Only then, at their peak, will you find them on a table in Italy.

My family lived by those same traditions. Meals were always made with what was fresh and in season, and just after Easter, when asparagus fills the markets, I think of one of my favorites. My Nonna would make what she called a Springtime Lasagna, layering fresh pasta sheets with asparagus, prosciutto, a silky besciamella or ricotta mixture, and rich mozzarella, baked until golden and bubbling.

The result is comforting, simple, and full of flavor, the kind of dish that brings everyone to the table and is enjoyed to the very last bite!

SPRINGTIME LASAGNA *Lasagna Primavera*



- 2 pounds fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-2½ inch pieces (separate stalks from tips)
- ¼ to ½ cup light olive oil
- 4-5 garlic cloves, pressed
- 1 to 1 ½ pounds shredded mozzarella
- 1-pound fresh pasta sheets or penne
- ½ to ¾ pound prosciutto, sliced into pieces
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Besciamella Sauce

- 8 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups whole milk
- Freshly grated nutmeg

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. If using fresh pasta sheets, cook for about 1 minute, then remove and set aside. If using penne, cook until al dente, drain, and set aside.

In the same pot, blanch the asparagus for 4-5 minutes. Remove and set aside.

In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for about 1 minute until fragrant. Lower the heat, add the asparagus, and gently toss in the garlic and oil. Cook for about 4 minutes, turning occasionally, being careful not to over-soften the tips.

In a separate saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Stir in the flour to form a roux.

Gradually add the milk, whisking continuously until smooth and thickened. Season with freshly grated nutmeg and set aside.

Preheat the oven to 350°. In a 9x13-inch baking dish, spread a layer of besciamella on the bottom.

Add a layer of pasta, followed by asparagus, prosciutto, and mozzarella. Repeat the layers, finishing with besciamella and a generous topping of mozzarella. Cover and bake for 25 to 35 minutes, until golden and bubbling. Let sit for 5 to 10 minutes before cutting.

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Inaugural North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Spring Soccer Season

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA), building on the success of its recent Indoor Winter Futsol program, will be kicking off its first Spring Soccer Program in April.

There will be 6 teams with 10 players per team. All teams are currently full and there is a waiting list to get in the program. Thanks to sponsor ZS Associates, the program registration fee was kept very low so that it is accessible to all families.

“We are excited about this new program for the spring, the parks will be filled with activity 7 days a week, with Baseball, Lacrosse and now Soccer this spring,” stated NEAA Sports Coordinator John Romano.

Special thanks to Commissioners Sean Drummy and Jose Truzman, who also coordinated the Futsol Program. And thank you to all the volunteer coaches as well.

There will be a 30-minute practice followed by games each Saturday starting at 12:30 p.m. at Puopolo Park on Commercial Street.



Three happy NEAA 2026 spring season soccer participants.



Preparing to defend during an NEAA spring soccer game at Puopolo Park.



Ready, set, kick and in the net an NEAA spring soccer game.



It's all in the foot-work at NEAA spring soccer.



Let's run and keep warm during an NEAA 2026 Inaugural spring soccer game at Puoplo Park.



NEAA spring soccer drills and skills at Puoplo Park on Commercial Street in the North End.



Practice makes perfect during the Inaugural 2026 NEAA spring season soccer program.

The North End Athletic Associations Boys and Girls Travel Program in the Mass Youth Lacrosse Travel League

The North End Athletic Associations Boys and Girls Travel program. Each team plays in the Mass Youth Lacrosse Travel League. David Paolisso is the Commissioner of the NEAA Lacrosse Program.

We also have a weekly Clinic on Sunday afternoons from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m., run by David Paolisso and Sponsored by McGovern Auto.

Additional coaches for the clinic: Grace Hulslander, Ella Lesperance, Madeline Delaney, and Alexa Amorosino

Team Sponsors:

Girls 1st/2nd Grade - Richards MotorCars

Boys 1st/2nd Grade - McGovern Auto & Sidecar by Boston Bottle

Girls 3rd/4th Grade - Knights of Columbus Ausonia Council #1513

Boys 3rd/4th Grade - McGovern Auto & Sidecar by Boston Bottle (two teams)

2026 N.E.A.A. Midnight Riders Boys 1st/2nd Grade Travel Lacrosse Team:

Coaches: David Paolisso, and Matt Hawkins

Players: George Addivinola, Bryce Dubois, Anderson Golabek, Christian Hayes, Max McGovern, Marcel Monnier, Dev Mouli, Marcus Mughnerini, Ben Paolisso, Noah Paolisso, Charlie Saklatvala, Shaan Sujamani, and Devin Theriault-Keehn

2026 N.E.A.A. Midnight Riders Girls 1st/2nd Grade Travel Lacrosse Team

Coaches: Kat Fitzsimmons, Alleigh Kempf, and David Paolisso

Players: Ana Alberich, Sloan Bagley, Stella Baldecchi, Abigail Bombard, Emilia Bruno, Lola Bruno, Millie Darling, Zoe Driscoll, Jacquelyn Fiore, Lucia Fiore, Freya Finnegan, Calista Kohl, Lillian Lamson, Lucy Mahoney, Lola McGuire, Sloan Munnis, Bree Ryan, Alice Szeniaowski, Clara White, Sadie Wyman, and Skylar Wyman

2026 N.E.A.A. Midnight Riders Boys 3rd/4th Grade Travel Lacrosse Team

Coaches: Brian Antonelli, Luke Gaydos, Jack Matuszewski, Jon Nichele, and David Paolisso

Players: Frank Addivinola, Dominic Arias, Leo Bonosoro, James Byrne, Lorenzo Carissimi, Luciano Dechario, Donovan Fisher, Luke Fronczke, Johnny Fronczke, Bento Garcez, James Hayes, Dax Helgeson, Finn Helgeson, Graydon Jackson, Jonathan Koenigsamen, Harrison Mahoney, Will McGovern, Lucas McGuire, Henry McManus, James Paolisso, Dominic Theriault-Keehn, Jack Trojan, and Andrew Yang

2026 N.E.A.A. Midnight Riders Girls 3rd/4th Grade Travel Lacrosse Team

Coaches: Kat Fitzsimmons, David Paolisso, Kait Shields, Erin Daly, and Cate Cheevers

Players: Carolina Alberich, Emily Baldecchi, Mackenzie Coleman, Flora Garcez, Nevena MacDowell, Genesis Martinez, Gracie Mayer, Reeve Power, Stella Regan, and Siggly Saklatvala

• Hoops and Hockey in the Hub (Continued from Page 12)

national player of the year by the Sporting News for two consecutive seasons. He was also selected as a consensus All-American in both his junior and senior seasons. He graduated with a degree in business.

He was drafted by Detroit in the 2021 NBA Draft but moved

on to Minnesota for three years. He signed with the Celtics last summer and played in numerous games as a reserve during the just concluded regular season.

Now it is on to the second season. The team that wins 16 games will win it all.

• Boxing Ringside (Continued from Page 12)



Jimmy Ellis and The Riverview Spiritual Singers.

I ever wanted to be was a good fighter and good man.” That he accomplished, this comes through in his music.

I'm sure there were many more prizefighters who dreamed

of having musical careers. Boxing has always seemed to me to be a sport that has much in common with music. Think of the rhythm a fighter has to have along with the footwork and compare that to keeping beat while singing. Both singers and boxers have to be able to give their best while feeling not so great. But more so, both professions are deeply emotional. The fear of failure always hangs over the head of any who step into the spotlight. And in both, they are on their own when performing. While standing in front of thousands they are standing alone. It's not an easy task, but the satisfaction in the accomplishment is so gratifying, and that's why they do it.

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 - 2000 ACURA TL**
Vin #19UUA5677YA047632
 - 2015 AUDI Q5**
Vin #WA1DGAFF3FA040948
 - 2014 LEXUS IS**
Vin #JTHCE1D23E5001426
 - 2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU**
Vin #1G1ZS52F85F333088
 - 2010 CHEVROLET EQUINOX**
Vin #2CNFLEEW8A6266365
 - 2007 DODGE CHARGER**
Vin #2B3LA43G97H788942
 - 2007 LEXUS GS**
Vin #JTHCE96S370003138
- Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information info@todiscotowing.com
- Run dates: 04/10, 04/17, 04/24/2026

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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. MI25C0848CA
In the matter of:
SAMUEL ELIAS COLE
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Samuel Elias Cole** of **Lexington, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Samantha Jessamine Cole**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **May 06, 2026**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 08, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 04/17/2026

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- 2014 TOYOTA RAV4**
Vin #JTMRFREV6ED068060
- 1997 LEXUS SC**
Vin #JT8CD32Z8V1001220
- 2012 FORD FIESTA**
Vin #3FADP4BJ7CM220530
- 2024 BAODIAO 8 LINES**
Vin #L2BB8BCH4RB528019
- 2010 MERCEDES BENZ C-CLASS**
Vin #WDDGF8BB0AR109278
- 2007 HONDA ACCORD**
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 26D0860
YIM KACHANAVATEY, Plaintiff(s)
v.
ALBERT YOK, Defendant(s)
To the above named Defendant(s) **Albert Yok**
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s) **Yim Kachanavatey** seeking a Complaint for Annulment of Marriage.
You are required to serve upon **Yim Kachanavatey** or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is **377 Walker St., Lowell, MA 01851** your answer on or before **13th day of May 2026**.
If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at **370 Jackson St., 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.
Witness, **TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of April 1st, 2026**.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
Run date: 04/17/2026

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. MI26P1638EA
Estate of
ROBERT P. WINSKE
Date of Death: November 26, 2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Deborah Valentine** of **Medford, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: **Deborah Valentine of Medford, 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 05/12/2026.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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 14, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2026



by Sal Giarratani

The Rocketman Goes to Sportsworld



Sportsworld up in Saugus is a great place to visit and I always check out the vintage memorabilia this place contains. There's lots of baseball here. It looks like a sports museum but most of what this shop has is for sale. Every so often I go up to this place, especially when there is autograph signing being held. Recently, Sportsworld owner, and originally from Revere, Phil Castinetti scheduled such an event on March 23 with Roger Clemens. However, I couldn't meet Rocketman Roger Clemens as I was briefly out of town on that day. I would have been there otherwise because I thought about how important the Roger Clemens Chapter of the History of the Red Sox is. I remember when he first came up in 1982. I watched his

first start in the majors. I will forget who he pitched against but just looking at him on the mound, you knew he would change the course of the Red Sox moving forward.

Part of me is sad he's been locked out of the Hall of Fame, but those steroid allegations did him in. Clemens never really explained his actions. He won 354 games in 24 seasons. With the Red Sox for 13 seasons, he won 199 games. I believe had he retired after those 13 seasons; he would have easily been inducted into the Hall. It was his actions following 1996 that screwed up his chances and tarnished his reputation as one of the greatest pitchers of all time. In the '80s and '90s, no one was more dominant than him.

I do think that with more time all those players caught up in the Steroid Era will eventually enter the Hall but for many of them, they pretty much look like their own worst enemies. Had I been around March 23, I think I would have been up in Saugus standing in that long line waiting to speak with my once hero Roger Clemens. Here is a question for everyone out there reading this column. Who was a better Red Sox pitcher, Roger Clemens or Pedro Martinez? Or maybe you think it was Luis Tiant? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.

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. SU26P0601EA
Estate of
MICHAEL WALTER RICHARDS
Date of Death: November 30, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Bryant R. Harris** of **Plainfield, NH**.
Bryant R. Harris of **Plainfield, NH** 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: 04/17/2026

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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. MI25D3078DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
TIFFANY M. POOLE
vs.
JOHN L. POOLE
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: **Tiffany M. Poole, 6 Clifton Place, Apt. 611, Cambridge, MA 02140** your answer, if any, on or before **May 20, 2026**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 8, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **April 18, 2026 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

- 2008 TOYOTA SIENNA, BLUE**
5TDZK23C48S100176
- 2012 FORD F-150, WHITE**
1FTMF1CMXCKD54489
- 2011 FORD E-150, WHITE**
1FTNE1EW6BDA58040
- 2014 HONDA ACCORD, WHITE**
1HGCR2F83EA125122
- 2000 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, BEIGE**
2MEFM74W5YX723067
- 2001 TOYOTA AVALON, BEIGE**
4T1BF28B91U135542
- 2009 NISSAN VERSA, SILVER**
3N1BC11E19L439856
- 2004 GMC SIERRA, BLACK**
2GTFK69U441271697
- 2008 HYUNDAI VERACRUZ, GRAY**
KM8NU13C28U032342
- 2010 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE, SILVER**
1GNLVFED5AS120659
- 2010 HONDA CRV, GRAY**
5J6RE4H39AL014603
- 2008 HONDA ODYSSEY, SILVER**
5FNRL38428B086688
- 2005 HONDA PILOT, BLACK**
2HKYF18575H572233
- 2010 MERCEDES-BENZ C-CLASS, BLACK**
WDDGF8BB8AF444757
- 2009 MAZDA 5, BLUE**
JM1CR29L990346931

Run dates: 04/03, 04/10, 04/17/2026

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- 2011 HONDA CIVIC**
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- 2017 PETERBILT 579**
Vin #1XPBD49X4HD445655
- 2025 ZHILONG Q-MAX**
Vin #HZ2TBCNN9S1002129
- 2005 HONDA ODYSSEY**
Vin #5FNRL38735B1423494
- 1997 FORD F250**
Vin #1FTFF28L8VNB56199
- 2024 FENGYUAN BWS**
Vin #HODTABFK3RX080847
- 2012 CHEVROLET CRUZE**
Vin #1G1PC5SH3C7278143
- 2014 CHEVROLET IMPALA**
Vin #2G1WA5E39E1162284
- 2005 TOYOTA PRIUS**
Vin #JTDKB20U857014132
- 2009 FORDE ESCAPE**
Vin #1FMCU49379KB08621
- 2008 INFINITI M35**
Vin #JNKAY01F38M656082
- 2006 LEXUS IS**
Vin #JTHCK262962006760
- 2015 NISSAN ALTIMA**
Vin #1N4AL3APOFC226013
- 2008 ACURA TL**
Vin #19UUA66208A056490

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Run dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01/2026

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ROSE MARY SENNEVILLE
Also known as:
ROSE M. SENNEVILLE, ROSE SENNEVILLE
Date of Death: February 13, 2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Rosemarie Sheehan** of **Leominster, 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: **Rosemarie Sheehan of Leominster, 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 05/04/2026.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 06, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2026

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. MI26P1608EA
Estate of
JOANNE LAWRIE AUSTIN
Also known as:
JOANNE L. AUSTIN, JOANNE AUSTIN
Date of Death: November 29, 2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Annamarie Austin** of **Melrose, 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: **Annamarie Austin of Melrose, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 09, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2026

Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Come Out Singing at the Bell

Music and boxing have always had a close link. There have been many songs written about those who practiced the Sweet Science. Boxers have also been drawn to performing on stage. A number of them have been in movies and on the stage. These include John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett, Jack Dempsey, Maxie Rosenbloom, and Max Baer.



Joe Louis brushing up on the violin.

Performing music had also been an allure for many pugilists. Most are familiar with the story of Joe Louis and the violin lessons. How his mother signed Joe up for lessons, but after a while he was drawn to the boxing gym. He took the money he was given for the music instructions and used it to pay for schooling in boxing. The rest is history.



Ezzard Charles on the bass.

Ezzard Charles was known to play jazz bass among other instruments. It is said he had real talent, but he got detracted by his successful pursuit of the heavyweight title.

Singing was the most popular pursuit among boxers who wanted to be in front of a crowd while not trading blows. Heavyweight Champ Jack Sharkey can be seen in some old newsreels strumming a ukulele and crooning in his training camp. Maybe not the greatest voice but he certainly enjoyed doing it.

Tommy Farr who went fifteen tough rounds with champion Joe Louis became quite noted in his home country of Wales for his vocal abilities. His voice has been described as refined. He made a number of records and loved to perform in public when attending boxing matches.

One of Farr's most popular songs was "Remember Me." He made a recording of this tune in 1937. On the record he is backed up by the George Formby Ukulele Chorus. Formby was a

top entertainer in the UK at the time, and he and Farr were good friends. It's a great period song and showcases Tommy's excellent singing voice.

Max Baer while playing the lead in the 1933 movie *The Prizefighter and the Lady* got to show off his song and dance talents in his role as a boxer campaigning for a shot at the heavyweight title. The movie, which also starred Myrna Loy, Walter Huston and Otto Kruger, along with a host of former world champions, is actually pretty good. It had the character played by Baer challenging the champion, played by Primo Carnera. It played into the build-up for their title fight in 1934.

In the 1950s Baer appeared on the television show *You Asked for It*. During that appearance he sang a song called "I Don't Want to be a Champ." The lyrics were written for Baer set to the music of the Rodgers and Hart tune "The Lady is a Tramp." Baer is quite the ham in both the interview before and during his performance.

During his brief reign as heavyweight title holder, Ingemar Johansson showed some real talent for performing on television. In 1959, he appeared on the *Dinah Shore Show* where he sang two Swedish songs. One solo and the other in a duet with Dinah. It's fun to watch his performance where he comes across with a great sense of humor and a charming performance. He was also quite flirtatious with Dinah who seemed to enjoy his attention.



Grammy nominated album.

Muhammad Ali was twice nominated for a Grammy Award. Neither nomination was for his singing talent however. The first was in 1963 when his album *I Am the Greatest* was chosen in the best comedy album category. The second was on record nominated in the Best Recording for Children category in 1976 called *The*



Muhammad Ali and Sam Cooke in the studio.

Adventures of Ali and His Gang vs Mr. Tooth Decay.

Ali, then Cassius Clay, did release a single in 1963. The 45 RPM recording was of him singing "Stand by Me." His friend, singer Sam Cooke helped him with coaching for his voice. There is video of young Clay with Sam singing a brief version of "The Gang's All Here."

I Am The Greatest (1963) was a collection of young Cassius reciting his poems. The album was later rereleased in 1965 after he won the title from Sonny Liston. "Stand by Me" along with a full version of "The Gang's All Here" were added. Cooke is not on the recording. After listening to these recordings it will come as no surprise why Ali/Clay did not pursue a singing career.



Jimmy Ellis doing Gospel.

On February 15, 1970, Joe Frazier and his band The Knockouts appeared on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. This was the night before his first fight with Jimmy Ellis. Joe belted out the Wilson Pickett song "Knock on Wood." He looked fit and ready for the fight and gave a decent performance but was not of championship caliber when it came to singing, though he sure did enjoy performing.



Joe Frazier in a recording session.

For many decades WBA Heavyweight Champion Jimmy Ellis performed Gospel music, mostly in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. He was accompanied by his talented and beautiful wife Mary. They led a group called Jimmy Ellis and The Riverview Spiritual Singers. Footage of a number of their performances took place on a local Louisville television station and can be viewed on YouTube. Jimmy and Mary sang from their souls and watching them is quite uplifting and moving. While viewing Jimmy performing, I think of a quote from an interview he gave to the *Washington Post* in 2004; "...All

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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



As the Celtics begin another championship playoff quest in their storied history, it is interesting to note that successful playoff teams do not have to accumulate an overwhelming number of victories.

That comes during the regular season where a significant number of triumphs — the Celtics amassed 56 — earn a team a higher berth in the playoffs than those that do not.

The Celtics wound up with a .683 winning percentage, an effort that rewarded them with a second-place finish in the Eastern Conference. It also provided the members of the team with a week of much appreciated rest, reflection and planning before taking the floor for the first game of the playoffs.

But once in the playoffs, the path to the championship is clear — win 16 out of the next possible 28 games and the title is yours.

That path consists of defeating four opponents over the course of four separate best-of-seven series — one after the other.

Mathematically, of course, that doesn't seem so hard — just be at least one game better than each of your four opponents in each series. In reality, however, it can be one of the most difficult challenges to accomplish.

This year's Celtics team has faced its own set of challenges. The mood in late September as the Celtics gathered for training camp was realistic. A comment that held sway that day was that hopefully the Celtics would win around 40 games and possibly gain a lower-level playoff berth.

The C's, of course, did much better than that, contesting in the upper echelons of the Eastern Conference throughout the season — without injured star Jayson Tatum who did not return until March 6.

One of the most telling games of the regular season was the final one — game 82 — against the Orlando Magic at the Garden.

Coach Joe Mazzulla chose to sit his regular starters — all present in street clothes — and go with others. A few had seen spot action in a good number of games while others had played sparingly.

They responded as winners, downing the Orlando Magic 113-108 before an appreciative sellout crowd at the Garden.

What this demonstrated to Mazzulla and his staff is that there are a number of very capable players in their own right that can be relied upon if any of the regulars get into foul trouble or have to leave the game due to injury.

We have come to believe that the NBA Playoffs are more of a continuation of the regular season than the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Once the hockey playoffs begin anything is possible such as the Bruins meltdown second round 2010 series setback against Philadelphia after leading 3-0 in games or their dramatic first round loss to the Florida Panthers in 2023 after

winning a record 65 regular season games.

And, of course, the game against the Magic also served as an audition for next season. It is a truth in today's NBA that transactions will always follow in the summer offseason.

Three players for Boston took full advantage of the opportunity to display their talents. Baylor Scheierman led the way with a career-high 30 points while Luka Garza and Ron Harper, Jr. each added 27.

It was a career-high performance for Harper who was only making his sixth start of the season for the Celtics. Garza added 12 rebounds — eight more than his average — and also scored on a significant three-point basket with about a half minute remaining in the contest.

The win did not improve Boston's standing in the Eastern Conference but proved to be an excellent indication of how deep the team really is since the top players were sitting on the bench.

Baylor Arthur Scheierman was born in Hastings, Nebraska and played high school sports at Aurora High School where he averaged 22.1 points, 9.8 rebounds and 6.5 assists during his senior season. He also quarterbacked the football team to a state championship as a senior.

He chose to start his college basketball career at South Dakota State but later transferred to Creighton University. During his final year at Creighton he averaged 18.5 points per game and was named to the All Big East team.

He was selected as the 30th overall pick by the Celtics in the 2024 NBA Draft. During his rookie season he divided his time between Boston and the Maine Celtics, the team's minor league affiliate.

Ron Harper, Jr., is the son of Ron Harper who had a lengthy playing career in the NBA from 1986 to 2001 and later was an assistant coach with Detroit.

As a junior, the younger Harper helped his New Jersey parochial high school win its first non-public state title in 47 years. During his senior season his high school repeated as state champs as he led the team by averaging 20.8 points per game.

He chose to stay near home for college, going to Rutgers where he played all four years, averaging in double digit points for each of the three years after his freshman season.

He went undrafted in the 2022 NBA Draft but later signed with Toronto. He later played briefly for the Maine Celtics and Detroit before signing a two-way contract with Boston last summer.

Luka Hudson Garza was born in Washington, D.C. and played his high school ball there, averaging 24.6 points and 11.7 rebounds as a senior. He then moved on to the University of Iowa.

He was a stellar player in college, being selected as

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