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Patriots Day PARADE



Patriots Day commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War.

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

The Marching units and dignitaries will travel:

- from City Hall to Old Granary Burial Ground
- left onto Bromfield Street
- left onto Washington Street
- right onto Court Street
- left onto Congress Street
- right onto Hanover Street, northeasterly on Hanover Street, ending at the Paul Revere Mall.

A brief speaking program will take place at Paul Revere Mall followed by the handing of the scrolls to "Paul Revere" who will embark on the legendary ride of 1775.

Massachusetts Speaker of the House Ron Mariano and House Budget Chief Aaron Michlewitz Pledge "No Tax Increase"

by Patti Sartori

While speaking to Boston's business community, House Speaker Ron Mariano pledged not to raise taxes and fees in Massachusetts as part of the fiscal year 2026 (FY26) budget and feels comfortable that his chambers spending proposal would be less than Governor Healey's \$62 billion. Mariano's statement on taxes and fees throws cold water on the Governor's plan to increase certain taxes in her FY26 budget, including the addition of a tobacco tax on synthetic nicotine products, imposing an excise tax on complimentary hotel rooms, and placing a cap on charitable donations.

After downplaying Governor Healey's proposal to implement taxes on prescription drugs, Mariano said government officials "must now ask what government can do to address the affordability challenges that are motivating residents to move to other states. As the House works to develop our budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year, I want to say here and now that fiscal year 2026 budget will not raise taxes or fees on any residents or businesses here in the commonwealth."

Healey's budget suggests resurrecting a two dollar or six percent fee per prescription, whichever is less, applying sales tax to candy and penalizing prescription drug manufacturers for excessive pricing. Not only does Speaker Mariano's pledge to avoid tax increases hamper the Governor's tax proposals but

Senate President Karen Spilka's opposition to a number of the Governor's tax suggestions could easily make the Governor's path forward almost impossible.

Governor Healey has suggested these new taxes and fees could raise hundreds of millions in new revenue for Massachusetts. Healey recently suggested she is willing to reconsider her plan to cap charitable donation deductions at \$10,000 for joint filers and \$5,000 for individual filers, potentially generating \$164 million in tax revenue.

Promising to hold off on new taxes and fees as part of the House budget occurs at a difficult time for state lawmakers given the uncertainty around unpredictability of federal funding along with stalled post-pandemic economic growth over the past five years. This year's budget process only gets more complicated with the Trump administration's directives. "That's because there is still a huge amount of uncertainty regarding what will eventually be cut from the federal budget, especially when you consider that Trump and Elon are poised to make these cuts unilaterally, without consulting Congress. State money will not be able to fill every gap created by sweeping cuts at the federal level. We are committed to doing what we can in the House to ensure that residents and businesses here in Massachusetts are protected." Speaker Mariano stated.

House Ways and Means Chair, Representative Aaron Michlewitz said, "Due to growing uncertainty for this budget cycle, tax hikes are off the table altogether. We feel, not knowing what is going to be happening with Washington DC, what industries they are going to be targeting, what circumstances, who is going to be most at risk, we feel it was not appropriate at this point in time to be adding any type of additional revenue, additional tax burden to our residents or businesses. Residents and businesses are already getting attacked from the federal side, we wanted to prevent that from happening on the state side as well."

The House is expected to release its budget proposal this week highlighting a spending plan that has a lower bottom line than Governor Healey's plan of \$62 billion in FY26, an increase of 7.4% in spending hikes. Mariano also noted the increasing costs of energy bills for Massachusetts households, and said the House will vote this year to establish an "internal procedure" to better predict the impact future policy decisions could have on energy costs in the state. In other areas, Mariano said the House would include in the FY26 budget, "more than a billion dollars" to support Massachusetts early education and continue to fund free school meals for public schools along with "legislation to champion access to early college programming for students."

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

State Rep. Indicted on Fraud Charges

Rep. Chris Flanagan, a Cape Cod lawmaker, was recently arrested and indicted by a grand jury for allegedly stealing thousands of dollars from a former employer, some of which helped bankroll his House campaigns. He pleaded not guilty and stands accused of siphoning \$36,999 from Home Builders Association where he previously worked.

Governor Maura Healey stated that he "should resign" as does State Sen. Julian Cyr who added "For the sake of his constituents and his family, he must resign."

Walgreens Looking Up?

Walgreens posted higher sales in its latest quarter on growth in retail pharmacy sales in the U.S., one of the last quarterly results it will report to the public before its transition to a private company. The pharmacy chain narrowed its loss to \$2.85 billion for the second quarter ending February 28th.

Recession Could be Coming Says Ex-Treasury Secretary

Former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers warned that America is increasingly likely to slip into recession due to escalating tariffs — potentially costing 2 million jobs nationwide. "It's more likely than not that we're going to have a recession — and in the context of a recession, we'll see an extra two million people be unemployed," said Summers.

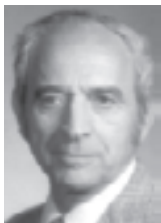
Summers also said there were critical decisions looming in the near future regarding President Trump's proposed tariff increases suggesting these

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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.



SATURN

Our journey into mythology has now covered its origin and the Primeval Beings. These Beings represented darkness, earth, day, night, atmosphere, the heavens and Hades. We also noted that the "Titans" who followed, were giant deities, forerunners of the mythological gods. Cronus, the leader of the Titans, used a great sickle of stone to castrate Uranus (heaven), and from his blood sprang up the three avenging deities that became known as the Eumenides. Their function was to pursue or hound anyone who was guilty of shedding a kinsman's blood.



Before continuing with the Greek Titans, I feel obliged to mention some interesting facts about Saturn (not Satan), the Roman counterpart to Cronus. Saturn was also the Roman god of agriculture and of the sowing of the seed. The remains of his temple still overlook the rostrum in the Roman Forum. It was here, under the protection of Saturn that the Romans kept the flags of their legions, the public treasury, and the bronze tablets containing the engraved decrees of the Roman Senate.

A great festival in Saturn's honor was celebrated each year, starting on December 17th, just after the harvest was completed. The affair was called the "Saturnalia," originally a one-day festival which grew to six or seven days.

Many historians consider it to have been the prototype for our American Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Season, the Mardi Gras and the typical Italian Carnevale, all rolled up into one great big bash. It became a period of joy and good will, many banquets were held, people visited friends and exchanged gifts.

Slaves were allowed temporary liberty to do as they liked, granted freedom of speech, and were permitted to treat their masters as social equals.

Normally, the Saturnalia in old Rome was one of relaxation and merriment. No business was conducted, no punishment was inflicted, and schools were closed. All classes of people exchanged gifts. The most common being little wax candles called "cerei" and clay dolls, called "sigillaria," which were given to the children. Garlands of ivy were worn by people who filled the streets shouting "Ho Saturnalia." Mirth and frolic were usually indulged in without any restraint. Every homeowner maintained "open house" and invited to his table, as many guests as he could find. Throughout the season there was unrestrained eating, drinking, and an abundance of sweetmeats. Everywhere people greeted each other with "Bona Saturnalia." Remember it all started about 500 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. Buon Natale!

NEXT WEEK: Saturnus

Stocks Bounce Back as Tariffs are put on Hold Excluding China

President Donald Trump announced an "authorized 90-day PAUSE and a substantially lowered Reciprocal Tariff during this period, of 10%, also effective immediately" in response to the growing number of countries and leaders who have reached out to his administration, requesting an opportunity to negotiate a compromise deal with the United States regarding Trump's newly imposed tariffs. Except for China!

The stock market made a substantial come back following the President's announcement delaying his "reciprocal tariff" plan for three months in favor of broad 10% levies. Only goods from China, which Trump has long blamed for taking advantage

of American workers, will face a larger 125% tariff. "Based on the lack of respect that China has shown to the World's Markets, I am hereby raising the Tariff charged to China by the United States of America to 125%, effective immediately. At some point, hopefully in the near future, China will realize that the days of ripping off the USA and other countries is no longer acceptable or sustainable," Trump wrote on his Truth Social media platform.

The stock markets were clearly pleased to hear and see this announcement as it took less than minutes for the major indexes to surge upward by 5% or more, seeming to prove Trump's advice on it being "a great time to buy" and everyone

should "be cool" as "everything is going to work out well." The president firmly believes that his proposal to charge 10% on most foreign goods, and even larger tariffs on countries that sell more products to the U.S. than we purchase, would bring back jobs. The tax is necessary, he said after the U.S. had been "looted and pillaged and plundered by other nations near and far, both friends and foe alike," for decades, impacting American farmers, steel workers, manufacturers and craftsman. The Trump administration is confident the rest of the world will move farther away from China and closer to the U.S. because they need our markets, adding we have a big job to do, and we will be successful.

ONE BOSTON DAY: Marathon Monday Blood Drive

The Stepping Strong Center is partnering with Mayor Wu and the City of Boston to promote acts of kindness through a life-saving blood drive.

On Marathon Monday, they will host a blood drive to benefit patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Massachusetts General Hospital who are in need of lifesaving transfusions due to traumatic injuries and other serious health conditions.

The Stepping Strong Center Blood Drive will take place in Kenmore Square on April 21st, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as part of the "One-Mile-To-Go Block Party." For more

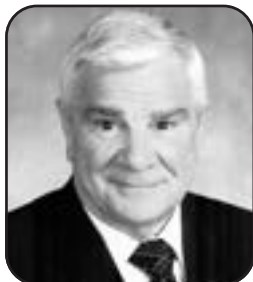
information and to schedule an appointment, please visit the Stepping Strong Center's website at <https://steppingstrong.bwh.harvard.edu/a-week-of-hope-and-healing-2025/>



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Concetta E. "Connie" (Capodilupo) Angiulo



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Robert "Bobby D" DeCristoforo



**15th Anniversary
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April 19, 2010 - April 19, 2025
 Your passing left a void
 that has never been filled.
 You are greatly missed,
 and truly not forgotten.
*In Bobby's memory,
 let us all do something nice
 for someone,
 and ask for nothing in return.
 And when you think of Bobby D,
 "Just Smile!"*

The Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association Honors Frederick E. Cafasso for 50 years of Professional Licensure



Pictured, (L-R): Frederick Cafasso, Jr., Joseph Cafasso, Louise Cafasso, Frederick Cafasso and Kerry Cafasso

Frederick E. Cafasso of the Frederick Cafasso & Sons, Inc., in Everett, MA was recently honored for his 50 years of professional licensure as a funeral director by the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association at its annual Funeral Service Appreciation Night held in Needham, Massachusetts.
 Frederick Cafasso started the funeral business in 1932 and successfully operated it until 1977.

Fred, a second-generation funeral director, took over as director. He has lived in Everett for almost his entire life. Fred remains active in the Everett community, serving on many boards, professional organizations and civic groups.
 Frederick Cafasso & Sons, Inc. continues to operate for over 90+ years under the direction of the Cafasso Family - Fred, Louise, Joseph and Fred, Jr.

The Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association is the funeral directors' professional community. It is the recognized voice and resource for information on issues affecting the funeral service profession and the bereaved community. We are honored to serve in the many cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

President Trump Backs Permanent Daylight Savings Time

Now that winter is slowly fading into the background, and the days are beginning to get longer and remain brighter, it's easy to forget that a short time ago, darkness descended upon us at a very early hour. Congress has been considering a permanent change to daylight savings time and forgoing the switch to standard time for quite a while, but can never seem to take the final step. Last week, President Trump backed switching the nation to a permanent daylight savings time, in a move that would eliminate the dreaded back and forth changing of the clocks twice each year.
 "The House and Senate should push hard for more daylight at the end of the day. Very popular and most importantly, no more changing of the clocks, a big inconvenience," Trump posted on his social media site. He added that moving the clocks back and forth by an hour two times a year is "a very costly event for our government." Trump has swayed

back and forth on this issue in the past, previously calling for permanent standard time and recently declaring he was "50/50" on the decision.
 Senator Ted Cruz, R-TX, Chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, said there is consensus politically and geographically on ending the "spring forward, fall back" drama. However, he noted there are divisions about whether to switch to year-round daylight or go to twelve months of standard time. "There is widespread agreement on locking the clock. But there are very real and complicated issues and counter-vailing arguments on both sides."
 Those in support of permanent daylight savings time believe people could take advantage of addition daylight later in the afternoon, compared to the current system which moves clocks back by an hour in November and March. The benefits would be more noticeable in east coast cities like

Boston and New York, as they are subject to early sunsets and sunrises in the winter.
 Advocates of permanent standard time counter that later sunrises on winter mornings are dangerous for millions of children who need to get to school in predawn darkness. It may also negatively affect farmers in states on the western edge of time zones and in the northern Midwest and Great Plains. Sleep experts support standard time as a healthier option, aligning more with our circadian rhythms regulating virtually all of our body functions.
 The Senate caught many by surprise when they unanimously passed a switch to permanent daylight savings time in 2022, although the bill died in the House of Representatives. The U.S. first implemented daylight savings time in 1967 and attempted to make it year-round in the mid-1970s but gave up the idea after facing wide-spread objections.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Power of Pasqua: Celebrating Italian Easter

by Ally Di Censo Symnykiewicz



Few other holidays burst with the same sense of sunshiny joy present in Easter. Every aspect of this feast sparkles with the promise of new life: the buttery yellow daffodils waving gaily in the breeze, the robins tending to their perfectly blue eggs, cuddly bunnies munching on fresh spring grass. When I was a little girl, I viewed Easter as the gateway to spring. It was the occasion for wearing frilly flowered dresses, biting down into creme-filled eggs, and counting my jewel-toned jelly beans. Now that I am older, my attention has turned to the time-honored customs and traditions of Easter. My Italian heritage has made me appreciate the tapestry of Easter folklore and practices held sacred by my ancestors. This tapestry of traditions reflects the spiritual significance of Easter while also paying homage to the springtime. When I incorporate these customs into my contemporary Easter celebrations, I imbue the holiday with recollections of the past and renew the symbolic rituals which have been repeated for generations. Whether they involve wearing new clothes or baking a delicious pie, Italian Easter practices are laden with profound meaning and allegory. Collectively, they represent the Italian love for vitality, feasting and spring.

Easter in Italy, known as *Pasqua*, brims with numerous examples of regional folk customs. My father fondly remembered a procession known as *la Madonna che Scappa in*

Piazza, popular in his hometown of Sulmona, nestled in the mountains of Abruzzo. Literally translated as “the Madonna who runs in the plaza,” this pageant demonstrates the Virgin Mary’s joy upon learning that her son Jesus has been resurrected from the dead. The parade begins with the participants solemnly marching down Sulmona’s main plaza, bearing a statue of the Virgin Mary draped in black cloth. Suddenly, the funeral robe is lifted, revealing a colorful and beautiful dress underneath. As fireworks pop, the marchers run at full speed with the statue toward the local church, and the crowd cheers as Mary is reunited with Jesus. In Florence, a spectacle known as *il scoppio del carro*, or “the explosion of the wagon,” also uses fizzing lights to enchant the crowd: a cart laden with fireworks erupts into a fiery display with the twinkling white and gold hues of spring flowers. This love for rebirth and spring is also evident in quaint, widespread Italian folk customs and sayings. One Italian superstition declares that everyone must wear at least one new article of clothing on Easter. The dictum derives from the fact that it was once discouraged to buy clothes during the penitential season of Lent, and Easter offered the irresistible opportunity to step out in new outfits. My family and I always wear new clothes on Easter, and I always felt that this tradition mimicked the new life blossoming during the spring. Italians

also celebrate Easter by dyeing eggs, a symbol of eternal life. Italian customs, therefore, mirror both the profound religious meaning of Easter while also honoring the exciting season of spring.

Of course, Easter in Italy also boasts a plethora of characteristic foods and treats. Easter pies, called *pastiera*, are a staple of Italian Easter meals. Some regions prefer a savory pie stuffed with meat and cheese. However, other areas fancy a dessert pie which, depending on local tradition, can be made with sweetened wheatberries, rice, or ricotta cheese. I make a homemade ricotta pie for Easter, flavored with semisweet chocolate chips and orange peel. The ricotta, chocolate, and orange form a quintessentially Italian combination, and the pie makes a lovely and old-fashioned finale to our Easter lunch. Easter breads also dot the Italian peninsula this time of year. The *colomba pasquale*, or Easter dove, is a thick cake flavored with citrus peel and almonds and derives its name from being baked in a dove-shaped pan. Other Italian Easter breads feature colorful eggs tucked into the dough and multihued sprinkles scattered on top of a glaze of icing. It is impossible to be glum when looking at such whimsical creations! Many Easter menus in Italy prominently feature lamb since it is the meat that first becomes available during the spring. I am a vegetarian, however, so I much rather enjoy the adorable lambs carved out of butter or marzipan that adorn Italian bakeries during the Easter season. Finally, no sweet characterizes my childhood Easters more than *l'uovo di Pasqua*, or the large chocolate egg filled with treats. My father would bring one home sometime around Holy Week, and we would wait until Easter to break it open. What is truly wonderful about Italian Easter food traditions, though, is that they do not end on Sunday. The next day, Easter Monday, is known as *la Pasquetta*, or “little Easter.” Custom calls for outdoor excursions and picnics on this day, a great chance to delight in the spring weather

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



There is No Such Thing as So-Called Minor Crimes

I couldn't agree more with the *New York Post* editorial “A Push for More Dangerous Driving” from April 8th. I loved the term “pro-crime progressives” used in that newspaper editorial because that is exactly what these Big Apple clowns are. These elected officials are all about the proper optics and their big smiles as they move inch by inch, step by step until they pulverize public safety.

I was a member of law enforcement for 28 years here in the Boston area. I was never a Boston police officer but I do remember former Boston Police Commissioner William “Billy” Bratton (a Boston native) who put into practice his Broken Windows theory. Crime grows more potent and dangerous when you start believing some lower crimes aren't important. Bratton and many other policing leaders in this country knew that stopping “important” things like robbery, murder, rape, etc., means you are proactive with those so-called “minor” crimes such as going after culprits who break windows for instance. Any elected official

who would seek to ban police stops for broken taillights, expired licenses, speeding, etc., doesn't have one iota what he or she is talking about.

Is there really anything such as minor infractions? When it comes to public safety and making our communities large or small safe for all, it means not normalizing small infractions. This idea sounds like more insane criminal justice reform. All that seemingly matters are the optics and those political DEI goals of theirs.

Time for politicians to just do what they do best, which is to pontificate at a podium and leave public safety to the real experts who are trained in law enforcement tactics and are committed to serving and protecting the law-abiding members of the public.

It is well past time for the public to squawk at the absurdity of politicians who don't know what they are doing. You know there's a saying that I would like to expand on. When seconds count, our elected officials are usually days away. Truly they are.



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North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) Meeting

NEWRA held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. Community Service Officer Frank Ciampa provided a public safety update. Unfortunately, there were a couple of minor incidents in the community over the past few weeks, including a breaking and entering at a smoke shop on Salem Street, a larceny over \$700 in CVS on Hanover Street and a fight on the corner of Hanover and Prince Street. Fortunately, the community remains very safe for its residents and visitors. However, Officer Ciampa does recommend vigilance and everyone to please report any unusual circumstances or behavior.

Chris Cook, executive director of the Greenway conservancy, discussed upcoming program and art in the area. The beer gardens are returning again this season and will open on April 21st in the Boston Harbor Hotel and Dewey Square areas. The artisan market and the free fitness program will be back as well, and the carousel is also open. In the area of the Intercontinental hotel there is a wonderful display by a local artist, along with a mural in Dewey Square that are receiving quite a bit of positive

attention. Looking forward, in 2026 there will be a huge amount of activity in the North End/Waterfront area for the 250th Anniversary Celebration, including tall ships.

Staff from the City of Boston Office of Emergency Management (OEM) discussed how the office plans and prepares the city for emergencies, including temperature extremes, blizzards/nor'easters, fires, coastal flooding, droughts and many other scenarios. The representatives explained how important it is for residents to have an emergency kit prepared at all times, a small bag that might contain some cash, medications, copies of important identification or paperwork. For further information or other safety tips please visit *Boston.gov/emergency*.

Last on the agenda was John Weil, senior program manager for Downtown Conversions, which is part of the Boston Planning Department, and Andrew Flynn with Mark Callahan of Copper Mill development. Weil was in attendance to explain the Boston Conversion Program key element goals of facilitating and repurposing older underutilized office buildings into new multifamily residential units in downtown Boston.

Approved developers receive a 29-year, 75% residential abatement, as-of-right zoning change use, faster Article 80 process to save time and money, streamlined permitting and city resources to help move projects. Proposals are required to maintain a good level of retail in ground floor and convert to residential rentals, no condos and are not allowed to knock the building down. 17% of the units will be affordable with an additional 2% to be section 8, if the building is over \$100,000 square feet.

Flynn and Callahan have submitted a proposal, as part of this program, to convert 123 North Washington Street, to 45 units, a mix of studio and one-bedroom apartments, between 500-800 square feet each. The project from start to finish should take approximately 2 years, including six months for permitting and a 1-year construction phase. The goal is to have the rental units completed by spring, 2027. The city is desperately in need of housing so look for many other similar projects in the near future.

NEWRA meets the second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

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The Boston Bel Canto Opera Aria Concert sponsored by the Pirandello Lyceum will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 4, at 3:00 p.m. at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, in Cambridge, MA.

Pirandello members are free. Friends of the Pirandello are requested to register at the Pirandello table for a \$10 admission charge.

Opera selections from Don Carlo and Lucia di Lammermoor are planned as well as other beautiful arias.

Joseph Holmes, Adrianna Repetto and Joanna Porackova are singing along with Paul Soper and Fred Furnari who will be debuting.

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Friday, April 18th: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 19th: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Boston Marathon Fan Fest presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods is the place to soak in the race-week atmosphere and have fun as you gear up for race day. Fan Fest presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods features appearances by Boston Marathon champions, live music, activities, food trucks, and more!

Fan Fest presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods is free and open to the public.

2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

All events take place at Fan Fest Main Stage in City Hall Plaza

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Big Party Orchestra	Live Entertainment
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Felix Brown Band	Live Entertainment

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Yoga	This class will focus on balance and mobility infused with dynamic yoga stretches. All fitness levels welcome. Led by Adina Crawford
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1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	The 1999	Live Entertainment
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Legends of Summer	Live Entertainment
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	The Femmes	Live Entertainment

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Different Strokez	Live Entertainment
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Beach Nights	Live Entertainment
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Pro Athlete Appearances	Featuring Special Guests
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	KR Dorsey	Live Entertainment

Saint Angelo of Jerusalem

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



who converted to Christianity as a result of a vision of our Lady. She told them that the Messiah they were awaiting had already come to pass and had redeemed His people, and she promised them two sons, who would grow up as flourishing olive trees on the heights of Carmel—one of the sons was destined to be a patriarch and the other as a martyr.

Angelo and his twin brother from childhood displayed great mental and spiritual gifts. At the age of eighteen, they entered the Carmelite Order, they already spoke Greek, Latin, and Hebrew. After Angelo had been a hermit on Mount Carmel for five years, Our Lord appeared to him and directed him to go to Sicily, where he would be martyred. The saint immediately obeyed the call. During his journey from the East as well as after his arrival in Sicily, he converted many sinners by his teaching, and his miracles. At Palermo over two hundred inhabitants sought Baptism as the result of his eloquence. Similar success attended his efforts in Leocata, but he aroused the fury of a man called Berengarius, whose wickedness he had denounced. As he was preaching to a crowd, a band of hoodlums headed by Berengarius broke through the throng and stabbed him. Mortally wounded, Angelo fell on his knees, praying for the people, but especially for his murderer. The feast day of Saint Angelo is May 5th.

St. Angelo, who was one of the early members of the Carmelite Order, suffered martyrdom for the Faith at Leocata, Sicily. The story of his life, as it has come down, is not very reliable. It may be summarized as follows:

Angelo was born in the year 1185. His parents were Jews

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Funding and Plans for Renovation of North End Library in Limbo!

by Patti Sartori

The North End Public Library branch has a rich history, initially opening as a book delivery station in 1882 at the Hancock School. It later moved to various locations before establishing its first dedicated building at 3A North Bennet Street in 1913, before moving to its current location at Parmenter Street in May of 1965.

The branch maintains a collection of Italian-language books and a local history collection. The current building is known for its interior courtyard design, modeled after a Roman Villa as well as a permanent Diorama (scale model display) of the Palazzo Ducale in Venice and a white marble bas-relief of Dante Alighieri.

The branch serves as an anchor of the community embracing residents and visitors from all age groups. On any given day or evening, there is always something going on, whether it's an activity for pre-school children, senior groups, students from the nearby Eliot or St. John Schools, guest speakers on various topics including the history of the North End and so much more.

Although it's approaching its 60th year, the North End branch continues to play a vital role in the community, which may be why it is frustrating to so many, including the "Friends of the North End Library," (FONEL) witnessing other neighborhoods in Boston have their branch libraries remodeled and updated, while their branch sits in limbo.

For the past twelve years, the North End Branch has been on the City of Boston's Capital

Project List, where it remains. There has been a \$6000,000 allocation made to hire an architect and come up with a preliminary design, however, it could be an additional 3-5 years from there before any real money would be included in the city's capital budget to actually begin the community process required to renovate and update the existing branch.

It seems one of the most successful avenues to shine a spotlight on the stagnation is to bring it to the attention of the communities elected officials. While District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata has recently been made aware of the situation and will undoubtedly work with the group and community to address the issue, we must also reach out to all members of the City Council At-Large to request a public hearing be held to discuss this situation. Please contact Councilor Coletta-Zapata's Office at 671-635-3200 along with each of the At Large Councilors, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Erin Murphy and Henry Santana at 617-635-3040 and request a public meeting or hearing to voice your support for moving the North End Branch Library onto the Capital Budget for a renovated and updated Library.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Friends of the North End Library (FONEL) at Info@FONEL.org to learn more about their efforts. We all love and support our local library and only desire to add to its ability to serve the ever changing and growing needs of this exceptional community, its residents, and its rich history.

Tips for a Fun and Inexpensive April School Break

What better way to enjoy the upcoming school break than to enjoy local sights and attractions, without costing a fortune. Boston and surrounding cities and towns are full of fun and history, some free and other require a fee and all offer a multitude of transportation options. First stop the Freedom Trail. Beginning at the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown or at the USS Constitution/Old Ironsides, America's oldest commissioned warship in the Charlestown Navy Yard before you find your way over the North Washington Street Bridge and head into the North End. Be sure to stop by the Old North Church on Salem Street or Paul Revere's House in historic North Square, as you soak in the sights and charms of this captivating ethnic enclave.

Weave your way through Faneuil Hall, before walking past famous cemeteries and to the Boston Common on Tremont Street. After looking up at the glaring copper dome of the Massachusetts State House enjoy the short stroll to the Public Garden where it's a must to take photos with the *Make Way for Ducklings* statues made famous in Robert McCloskey's book. And while you're at it, don't miss the opportunity to enjoy one of Boston's most iconic and unique activities, The Swan Boats, as they paddle around the Public Garden Pond just as they have for almost 150 years.

If these activities don't hold your interest, check out the New England Aquarium on Atlantic Ave, Boston, just across from the Greenway Carousel, which is located steps from Faneuil Hall, or possibly the Museum of Science in Cambridge, just a short walk from Charlestown. A couple of other options include taking in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 21st. There are a number of viewing spots throughout the 26-mile course. Also located in the vicinity of the marathon finish line on Boylston Street in Boston, is the Copley Public Library, the Prudential Tower's View Boston Observation Deck and of course the one and only, Fenway Park. If the Red Sox aren't in town, take the opportunity to tour Fenway, you won't regret it.

If your feeling overwhelmed with all these choices, ask each family member to study up on Boston and the surrounding cities and towns, and allow each person to choose one site they are most interested in before putting on your most comfortable walking shoes or sneakers and setting out on the weeks' adventures.

Boston Council Supports CPR Training in High Schools

The Boston City Council adopted a resolution offered by Councilors Flynn and Murphy that calls for mandatory Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training in high schools across Massachusetts. The resolution highlighted the importance of equipping students with life-saving skills that can dramatically increase survival rates for cardiac arrest.



Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the U.S. and the second in Massachusetts. Immediate CPR, especially when paired with an AED, can double or even triple a person's chances of survival, but currently, fewer than 40% of people receive timely assistance when cardiac arrest happens outside of a hospital.

While CPR training can be completed in as little as 30 to 45 minutes, Massachusetts is one of only nine states that does not require it for high school graduation. The Council is backing five proposed bills that would change that:

- S.447, An Act providing hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators
- S.456, An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation
- H.556, An Act providing CPR and AED Education for All

• H.572, An Act relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic defibrillator education in public schools

• H.750, An Act providing hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators

By supporting these bills, the Council aims to ensure that every high school student in the Commonwealth is trained to respond confidently and effectively in emergency situations.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, on May 20, 1932 at 7:00 p.m. and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours. Five years later, along with her navigator Fred Noonan, she disappeared while trying to fly her twin-engine plane around the equator.

Amelia "Amy" Mary Earhart was born on July 24, 1897 in Atchison, Kansas to Amy Otis Earhart and Edwin Stanton Earhart, followed in 1899 by her sister Muriel.

During World War I, she served as a Red Cross nurse's aide in Toronto, Canada. Earhart began to spend time watching pilots in the Royal Flying Corps train at a local airfield while in Toronto.

After the war, she returned to the United States and enrolled at Columbia University in New York as a pre-med student. In December, 1920, Earhart took her first airplane ride in California with famed World War I pilot Frank Hawks — and discovered her love of flying.

In January 1921, she started flying lessons with female flight instructor Neta Snook. Later that year, she purchased her first airplane, a secondhand Kinner Airster. She nicknamed the yellow airplane "the Canary."

Earhart passed her flight test in December 1921, earning a National Aeronautics Association license. Two days later, she participated in her first flight exhibition at the Sierra Airdrome in Pasadena, California.

Earhart set a number of aviation records in her short career. Her first record came in 1922 when she became the first woman to fly solo above 14,000 feet.

In 1932, Earhart became the first woman (and second person after Charles Lindbergh) to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She left Newfoundland, Canada, on May 20 in a red Lockheed Vega 5B and arrived a day later, landing in a cow field near Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Upon returning to the United States, Congress awarded her the Distinguished Flying Cross — a military decoration awarded for "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight." She was the first woman to receive the honor.

In 1929, after placing third in the All-Women's Air Derby — the first transcontinental air race for women — Earhart



helped to form the Ninety-Nines, an international organization for the advancement of female pilots. She became the first president of the organization of licensed pilots, which still exists today and represents women flyers from 44 countries.

Later that year, Earhart made the first solo, nonstop flight across the United States by a woman. She started in Los Angeles and landed 19 hours later in Newark, New Jersey. She also became the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to the United States mainland in 1935.

On June 1, 1937, Amelia Earhart took off from Oakland, California, on an eastbound flight around the world. It was her second attempt to become the first pilot ever to circumnavigate the globe.

She flew a twin-engine Lockheed 10E Electra and was accompanied on the flight by navigator Fred Noonan. They flew to Miami, then down to South America, across the Atlantic to Africa, then east to India and Southeast Asia.

The pair reached Lae, New Guinea, on June 29th. When they reached Lae, they already had flown 22,000 miles. They had 7,000 more miles to go before reaching Oakland.

Earhart and Noonan departed Lae for Howland Island — their next refueling stop — on July 2nd. It was the last time Earhart was seen alive. She and Noonan lost radio contact with the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Itasca*, anchored off the coast of Howland Island, and disappeared en route.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a massive two-week search for the pair, but they were never found. On July 19, 1937, Earhart and Noonan were declared lost at sea. Many theories have been proposed about what happened to Amelia Earhart. The official position from the U.S. government is that Earhart and Noonan crashed into the Pacific Ocean.

Swan Boats Open

for 2025 Season



Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department are pleased to announce that the popular Boston Swan Boats will open for the 2025 season at the Boston Public Garden lagoon on Saturday, April 19th, at 11:00 a.m.

SWAN BOATS HOURS: The Swan Boats operate on a weather permitting basis for safety. They do not operate in rain, high winds, or extreme heat. Open Saturday

April 19 with Mayor Wu at *11:00 a.m.* (Open Easter 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

First day of season: Saturday April 19, 2025

SEASON SCHEDULE: April 19th through June 20th: Open Daily: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

June 21st through September 1st: Open Daily: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are purchased at the Swan Boat dock prior to boarding the boat. No advance

reservation or ticket purchase is needed.

The ride lasts between 10-15 minutes.

To book a group of 20 or more during the week, visit: *Bring a Group*

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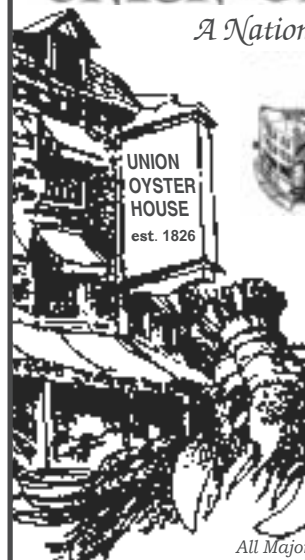
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City Council's Women's History Month Celebration Recognizes Diane Modica



Former District 1 City Councilor Diane Modica received an Official Resolution from current District 1 Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata

During the Council's Women's History Month celebration, I was honored to recognize Diane Modica, the first woman to represent District 1. For decades, Diane has uplifted women and supported local artists across Boston. Her leadership has paved the way for future generations, and I am incredibly proud to call her a mentor.

— Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata

Help East Boston Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek

Dear Friend,

The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution is being celebrated throughout the country this year. The East Boston Museum and Historical Society needs your help in observing this historical milestone by celebrating East Boston's unique place in history.

The "Battle of Chelsea Creek and Noddle's Island" occurred on May 27, 1775. It was the first naval battle of the American Revolution and yet few people know about it. Unlike the "shot heard round the world" at Lexington and Concord, which is celebrated every Patriots Day in April, and the brave stand of Patriot forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill, commemorated every June, the Battle of Chelsea Creek (also known as the Battle of Noddle's Island) has mostly been lost to history.

We hope to change that narrative by celebrating this historic and significant win for those Patriots who bravely fought the British in this battle. The first naval battle of the Revolution was a coordinated effort by Patriot militia from across New England. The battle took place in what is now East Boston. As the first naval battle of the American Revolution, we believe that our community and those

interested in American history deserve to know about this significant battle that took place in East Boston.

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, the East Boston Museum and Historical Society will host a celebration commemorating the Battle of Chelsea Creek and Noddle's Island at the Urban Wild Park located on Condor Street, and across the street at the American Legion Field. The celebration will be free for all and will include Revolutionary re-enactors, narrated boat rides on the creek highlighting historical landmarks, narrated history walks of Eagle Hill, revolutionary craft displays, and much more. This will be a wonderful event for everyone and most importantly, people will learn about East Boston's pivotal role in the history of the American Revolution.

We are writing to ask for your

help. We have received a generous grant from the East Boston Foundation to provide the initial funding of East Boston's Revolution 250 programming and events, but additional funding is needed. We also need volunteers to make this event a success.

Please consider making a donation to the East Boston Museum and Historical Society, c/o Ed Coletta (our treasurer) at 82 White Street, East Boston 02128.

If you are interested in volunteering (please, please, please) call Steven Gingras at 857-230-9884 or email at Gingras.Steven@gmail.com.

With your support, we will properly recognize East Boston's important place in the American Revolution.

Thank You and Best Wishes,
Debra Cave
EBMHS President

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Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails are back for their most epic adventure yet. The team reunites to face a new formidable foe, Shadow, a mysterious hedgehog with powers unlike anything they've ever seen. Team Sonic must secure an unexpected alliance if they hope to stop Shadow and save the planet. *Sonic The Hedgehog 3* is rated PG for action, some violence, rude humor, thematic elements and mild language. The film will also be available on Digital as part of a 3-movie collection that includes the first two feature films. The latest film based on the SEGA video game has earned over \$420 million worldwide to date, making it the highest grossing of the three Sonic films and propelling the franchise's global box office past \$1 billion. *Sonic The Hedgehog 3* stars Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz, Krysten Ritter, Natasha Rothwell, Shemar Moore, with James Marsden with Tika Sumpter with Idris Elba and Keanu Reeves, who joins the all-star cast as Shadow the Hedgehog. Go behind the scenes with the cast and crew as they speed from London to Tokyo, listen to entertaining commentary by director Jeff Fowler and the wildly funny Ben Schwartz, hilarious bloopers, on-set antics, and check out deleted scenes not shown in theatres!

LEAD BELLY: THE MAN WHO INVENTED ROCK & ROLL (DVD) Pop Twist

George Harrison famously claimed, "No Lead Belly, no Beatles." Revered by countless musicians — the first record Janis Joplin ever bought was *Lead Belly*. The definitive bio, with historic performances and extraordinary archive access. The folk/blues icon, from childhood through prison to worldwide fame. Close to an hour-and-a-half story that features interviews, awesome performances, and incredible footage, along with wonderful film clips. Stories and performances from Joplin, Harry Belafonte, BB King, Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Odetta and many more. Huddie Leadbetter: Lead Belly. King of the 12 String Guitar. Born in poverty, he became a master folk innovator who inspired "rock and roll." Woody Guthrie called him the greatest folk singer. Hundreds of artists have covered his songs — The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Nirvana and Led Zeppelin spring to mind. Interviews and performances by Janis Joplin, Harry Belafonte, Paul McCartney, B.B. King, Alan Lomax, Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Joan Baez, Odetta. Hollywood film clips, archive performances and intimate inside accounts dispel myths and let his true personality shine through.

MOTORPSYCHO (Blu-ray) Severin Films

The Russ Meyer Charitable Trust — today announced the Blu-ray premieres of two more landmark films from the vaults of iconic American auteur Russ Meyer: 1965s action-and-violence saga ... *Motorpsycho*, and the erotic comedy Russ Meyer's *Up!* co-written by Roger Ebert. Both titles have been restored and scanned in 4K from their original negatives with hours of new and archival Special Features. Just prior to *Faster Pussycat! Kill! Kill!*, Meyer first unleashed his singular vision of full-throttle violence and vengeance with this 1965 shocker: When a trio of psycho bikers launches a sexual assault and murder spree in a desert town, the local veterinarian (Alex Rocco, in his screen debut) teams with a rage-ravaged vixen (Haji) to settle the score.

UP! (Blu-ray) Severin Films

No fairy tale ... this! In 1976, producer/director/cinematographer/editor Russ Meyer delivered his penultimate feature film — co-written by *Beyond The Valley Of The Dolls* screenwriter and Pulitzer Prize winner Roger Ebert. Welcome to a sex-blasted burg in Northern California where sodomized Führers, ravenous piranha, sapphic ecstasy, murder mystery, Shakespearean appropriation and the remarkable Raven De La Croix collide, with Kitten Natividad — in her RM Productions debut — as The Greek Chorus of it all. Janet Wood co-stars in one of Russ Meyer's best films.

HONG KONG, HONG KONG (Blu-ray) 88 Films

There's much more to Hong Kong cinema than kung fu flicks: *Hong Kong, Hong Kong* is a social realist drama with a huge heart, following two lovers dreaming of a better life: Man Si Sun (Cherie Chung) is an illegal immigrant from the mainland while Kong Yuen Sang (Alex Man) is looking for glory in the kick-boxing ring. Showing a world beyond the city's skyscrapers and millionaires, Clifford Choi's film won Best Screenplay at the prestigious Golden Horse awards, and was nominated for many others. Long recognized as a classic back home, 88 Films are proud to present the UK Blu-ray premier of a Hong Kong masterpiece.

YAKUZA WIVES (Blu-ray) 88 Films

While her husband is in prison doing time, Tamaki, the wife of a yakuza capo, runs her spouse's gang with an iron hand. Meanwhile, Makoto, her younger sister, marries a member of a rival band after being raped by him. The two sisters, united by blood ties but married to enemy yakuza, will ultimately have to decide whose side they're on.

JAKOMAN & TETSU (Blu-ray) 88 Films

Jakoman and Tetsu is an early action masterpiece from Kinji Fukasaku, adapted from a script written by the legendary Akira Kurosawa. Set in 1947 in a small coastal village among the majestic snowy landscapes of Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido, Ken Takakura is Tetsu, the prodigal son who returns from the war to help out his father Kyubei with the family herring fishing business. His arrival coincides with that of a one-eyed miscreant named Jakoman, played by Tetsuro Tamba, who bears a long-standing grudge against Kyubei and is intent on causing as much mayhem among the hordes of seasonal fishermen as possible.

The time has come, the walrus said,

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of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

SHE'S FINALLY FLUSHED OUT OF HER JOB

Boston City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson has decided to plead guilty to federal corruption charges and intends to resign. Her case was just another case where a politician is caught with her proverbial hand in the cookie jar. Of course, she was going to be found guilty if it ever went to court and she should have resigned months ago.

Now what to do for the voters of District 7 who she represents on the City Council? City Councilor Erin Murphy believes a special election should be called for after Fernandes-Anderson leaves the City Council. The sooner she resigns, the better for her constituents. Actually, that process is already part of the City Character. If a seat is vacated with more than 180 days left in the term, a special election must be called. May 8th would mark the 180-day mark. A special election would not have to be called after the May 8th date.

Many of the candidates who have already announced for the District 7 seat are now calling for a special election so that District 7 residents would not go voiceless on the Council floor until the next term, which takes place in January 2026, when councilors would all be sworn in for the next term of office.

Too bad Tania Fernandes Anderson didn't resign earlier but, apparently, she held off resigning until there was reportedly no other option for her but OUT. Here we are yet another District 7 councilor biting the dust mid-term. First, Chuck Turner and now Tania. Two peas in a pod. Is there

something in the water over in District 7?

HEY, YOU'RE A MORON/ NO, YOU'RE A MORON/ NO, YOU'RE BOTH MORONS
Elon Musk went on the attack against White House Trade Advisor Peter Navarro and called him a "moron" then added he was also "Dumber than a sack of bricks."

What got Musk's goat up was Navarro insisting that Elon was "not a car manufacturer" but "a car assembler." To which Musk immediately said that Navarro "is truly a moron" and a bit later still upset called Navarro "Peter Retardo." OUCH!

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt downplayed the weaponizing of the term "moron" and praised Trump for his "willingness to hear from all sides." She also added to the feud between both these guys and will let their public sparring continue.

I guess this is what happens when you have the most transparent administration in history. I say, perhaps it is time to tame down all that transparency leaking out into the public arena. Everyone should keep their moronic views behind closed doors.

PAUL SIMON

OUT OF RETIREMENT

I just heard that after retiring seven long years ago singer Paul Simon has come out of retirement and will be on tour this summer once again.

SMOKEY ROBINSON IS STILL MAKING GREAT MUSIC TOO

I listen to Smokey all the time on Sirius Radio 74 Smokey's Soul Town and he just announced that he is coming out with lots of new music really, really soon. The new

album is called *All you need is ...* Keep an eye out for its release.

KOWLOON PRESENTS LUBERTO

Everyone in Revere knows Luberto's Pastry Shop on Broadway is where to get the best Italian pastry. However, Danny Luberto has another side to his repertoire. He's a great singer, too. A few months back he was up on stage at Oceanside where he had a great concert presentation. The place was packed and everyone had a great night of music thanks to Danny.

Well, Danny Luberto will once again be on stage in the area. This time, it will be at Kowloon's up on Route 1. He just announced he'll be doing an outdoor concert on June 1st from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Ticket information at 781-233-0077 or 781-289-8100. Put this concert date on your calendar.

MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK DINNER

On Sunday, April 26th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston will be hosting its annual Multicultural Potluck Dinner to celebrate the diversity of its parish, don't miss this year's dinner. There is no cost to attend but please bring a food dish to share with everyone.

JOHN FOGERTY SINGS CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL

The City of Quincy will be hosting a concert in August at Veterans Memorial Stadium. "The Fogerty Creedence Clearwater Revival Songs" will be on stage with "The Celebration Tour" on August 3rd, doors open at 5:00 p.m. Show starts at 6:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, go to visitquincy400.com.

Morning Routines Result in Higher Productivity

Does routine, or specifically "early morning" routine actually result in greater success and higher productivity? Whenever I investigate the habits and choices of successful leaders, one common factor seems to stand out. They always seem to be early risers with consistent morning routines. It's not a coincidence when multiple CEO's or entrepreneurs note their morning routine typically begins at 5:00 a.m. or earlier, often completing their workout, meditation, grooming and breakfast between 6:00-7:00 a.m.

According to research, early morning go-getters are setting themselves up for success. One CEO stated he wakes up at 4:00 a.m. every day. "I don't set an alarm. I've been this way my entire life, getting up very early, even as a kid. I like giving myself the opportunity to work undistracted for three hours every morning before the rest of the world wakes up and before the urgent demands of being a founder and CEO kick in. Waking up early is not discipline for me, it's a habit."

One Chief Human Resources Officer spends 30 minutes reading each morning, stating,

"Usually it's reading something that makes my mind settle even if that means waking at 4 a.m. I also spend 15 minutes every day going over the day with my kids (texting counts). This helps make sure I don't forget anyone and sets my boundaries for the day."

Another attributes much of her success to her morning routine, "Waking up at 5:00 a.m. allows me to start the day with

a sense of calmness and clarity. My mind is fresh from a good night's sleep and my energy is at its highest." After her first cup of coffee, she catches up on e-mails and tasks from the previous day and works out for an hour at the gym.

This is not in any way to suggest that if you're a night owl you cannot be successful or establish daily routines, it's simply observations of early risers.



PARK CLEAN UP!

Bring your gardening gloves, brooms, dustpans, rakes, and tools!

Saturday, April 26th ~ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

North End, Boston

2025 Neighborhood Coffee Hours

Join Mayor Michelle Wu and City Staff
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Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours offer a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about City services and resident concerns. Through personal conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve parks, public areas, and City services.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. **Coffee hours are held from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**, unless otherwise noted. If there are inclement weather conditions, the time and location may change to an indoor location and will be reflected on boston.gov/events. See full schedule below for more details.

A neighborhood staple known for bringing the community together over a cup of coffee, Dunkin' is back to fuel the conversation with iced coffee and donuts. Dunkin' will also provide lawn game activities for attendees, gift card giveaways, and the opportunity for residents to win a raffle prize. Free flowering plants will be provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market, while supplies last.

COFFEE HOURS DATES AND LOCATIONS

*Coffee hours are held from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 29 | Mattapan

Walker Playground, 550 Norfolk Street

Rain location: BCYF Mattahunt

Thursday, May 1 | Charlestown

Charlestown Winthrop Square (Training Field)
55 Winthrop Street

Rain location: BCYF Charlestown Community Center

Monday, May 5 | Mission Hill

Mission Hill Playground, 1497 Tremont Street

Rain location: BCYF Tobin Community Center

Thursday, May 8 | Jamaica Plain

Mozart Street Playground, 10 Mozart Street

Rain location: BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center

Monday, May 12 | West Roxbury

Billings Field, 369 LaGrange Street

Rain location: BCYF Roche Community Center

Thursday, May 15 | Back Bay/Beacon Hill

Commonwealth Avenue Mall (Near Arlington St. entrance), 15 Commonwealth Avenue

Rain location: Boston Public Library - Central Library

Tuesday, May 20 | Dorchester

Dorchester Doherty Gibson Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Avenue

Rain location: VietAID

Wednesday, May 21 | South End

Titus Sparrow Park, 75 W Rutland Square

Rain location: Union Combined Parish

Thursday, May 22 | North End

Langone Playground, 529 Commercial Street

Rain location: BCYF Nazzaro Community Center

Thursday, May 29 | Allston/Brighton

Brighton Common, 30 Chestnut Hill Avenue

Rain location: Veronica B. Smith Senior Center

Friday, May 30 | Bay Village/Chinatown

Elliot Norton Park, 295 Tremont Street

Rain location: Josiah Quincy Upper School

Monday, June 2 | Roxbury

Crawford Street Playground, 320 Walnut Avenue

Rain location: BCYF Vine Street

Thursday, June 5 | Roslindale

Adams Park, 4225 Washington Street

Rain location: BCYF Roslindale Community Center

Friday, June 6 | East Boston

East Boston Memorial Park, Porter and Orleans Streets

Rain location: BCYF Martin Pino Community Center

Wednesday, June 11 | Fenway/Kenmore

Back Bay Fens - Kelleher Rose Garden, 73 Park Drive

Rain location: Fenway Community Center

Thursday, June 12 | Hyde Park

Iacono Playground, 150 Readville Street

Rain location: Hyde Park Municipal Building

Tuesday, June 17 | South Boston

Medal of Honor Park, East Broadway and North Street

Rain location: BCYF Curley Center

Wednesday, June 18 | Dorchester

Mother's Rest at Four Corners, 410 Washington Street

Rain location: BCYF Marshall Community Center

• L'Anno Bello (Continued from Page 4)

and finish up the leftovers!

Easter truly stands as one of the most extraordinary holidays of the year. Religiously and symbolically, Easter embraces the universal themes of rebirth, renewal, and rejuvenation. Indeed, the English name Easter may originate from *Eostre*, a Germanic goddess of the spring. After all, spring represents the period of the year in which Mother Earth vibrantly dances out of her winter slumber, and this reawakening of

nature instills in us a desire for celebration. Religiously, Easter commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, honoring the accompanying ramifications of eternal life, redemption, and spiritual revitalization. Italian Easter traditions contain all this symbolism within their assorted folkloric practices. Eggs, flowers, and new clothes signify rebirth, the Easter meal pays homage to the seasonal crops of springs, and the parades and processions

reflect people's profound sense of hope and devotion. When we celebrate Easter, we celebrate the optimism and opportunity for rebirth that dwells within us all, bright as a spring day.

Happy Easter!
Buona Pasqua!

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicens089@gmail.com.

Buona Pasqua



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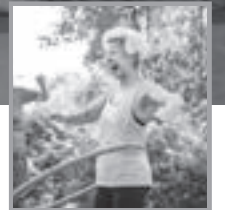
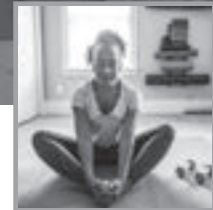
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Docket No. MI25C0410CA

In the Matter of
CHRISTINA LINDA MONAHAN
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christina Linda Monahan of Chelmsford, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Lulu Linda Monahan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: March 31, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/18/2025

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Docket No. MI25C0438CA

In the Matter of
FRANKIE JOSEPH PARSONS
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Frankie Joseph Parsons of North Reading, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Frankie Joseph Porchilo.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: March 31, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/18/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 24W1681

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
ALIBELIS RODRIGUEZ, Plaintiff(s)
v.
RAFAEL CRUZ, Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s)
Rafael Cruz

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), **Alibelis Rodriguez** seeking a Complaint for **Custody/Support/Parenting Time**.

You are required to serve upon **Alibelis Rodriguez** or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is **105 11th Street, Apt. 2, Lowell, MA 01850** your answer on or before **15th day of May 2025**. 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 Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.

Witness, **TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq.**,
First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of **April 3rd, 2025**.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court

Run date: 04/18/2025

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Docket No. MI25C0292CA

In the Matter of
RACHEL EDEN REDFEARN
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Rachel Eden Redfearn of Ayer, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Rachel Eden Layre**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 02, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: April 04, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/18/2025

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Docket No. MI25C0392CA

In the Matter of
NITHIN MOHAN
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Nithin Monhan of Arlington, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Nithin Mohan Sakalyam**.

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 01, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, **HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO**,
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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



Maui's Garden of Eden

Maui's Garden of Eden Arboretum is worth visiting if only for the ride up through Highway 360, which, once ascended high enough, offers spectacular views of the island. It was a ride I needed to take before I left Maui. The one thing I lamented, after all, during my visit to Maui was the diminished presence of Hawaiian culture and authenticity. After decades as a paradise for the wealthy, Maui, as I suspect of much of Hawaii, has shed its traditional identity for the resorts, mansions and watering holes common to many tropical playgrounds around the equatorial belt.



Trees

I make this judgement with the understanding that what I saw was but a fraction of Hawaii and for only a brief stay. I was told afterward that the authentic Hawaiian spirit is alive and well in the larger islands. Be that as it may, I was grateful to catch a bit of it on my way up Hana Highway, away from the built up and streets of Kihei, where bungalows, huts, local farmers and tall trees marked the way to the Garden of Eden.

Let me say at once that the Garden of Eden is one of the most beautiful botanical gardens I have visited, offering amazing vistas. Walking through its paths under the shade of massive boughs offers a tranquility unparalleled. However, I must note with some regret that it too falls victim to the mentality of conservation as showmanship that has inflicted not only Hawaii but many zoological and botanical gardens throughout the world.

This was noticed as early as 1970, when Joni Mitchell, in her hit "Big Yellow Taxi," expressed so somberly, "They took all the trees, and put 'em in a tree museum, and charged the people a dollar and a half just to see 'em." That specific reference was to Honolulu's Foster Botanical Garden but the sentiment can



Flowers



View



Me with the bamboo

still be seen. As beautiful and environmentally conscious as many of these gardens are (and the Garden of Eden is proud to be largely pesticide and herbicide free), conservation is compromised for commerce. Garden of Eden offers protected space for Maui's native flora and bird life, but it is also a flower zoo with many exotic plants marking the pathways.

If I sound overly critical it is because Hawaii has so much to offer from its own native plants that it is a pity to see space devoted to imports. This is, however, a peripheral consideration. The Garden of Eden is, to be clear, a jewel in Maui and well worth a visit. As infectious as I found the life in Kihei I found solace in the quiet ponds and

among the dark underpasses of the trees. Ducks and peacocks (not indigenous to Hawaii) traverse the paths along with visitors. The very moment one passes the iconic entry way welcoming cars; a wall of serenity falls on visitors.

But the real treasure of the Garden of Eden are the lookout points throughout the garden. From any one of them, guests can see the bluest waters stretching out beyond the horizon as they surround the island. This is the romance of the Hawaiian Islands that has mesmerized its earliest inhabitants, explorers and travelers to this day, not only the beauty within but what it reminds us of our world. It is a land of vibrant natural colors, gentle breezes and nature at its most welcoming, and yet the surrounding waters of the Pacific remind us that it is only one small part of a larger world with no shortage of natural splendor for those who seek to find.



Waterfall



Paths



Garden

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Nanna had passed away from complications of breast cancer just before Christmas in 1958. Babbononno was devastated. He was never really one to show his emotion, he internalized everything. Just as an example, on holidays when I was a kid, my cousins and I would be playing something or other, just waiting to be called to dinner. Babbononno would be sitting on his favorite chair watching us with a stogie in his mouth, a glass of wine on a nearby table and his hands interlocked across his chest. He was taking stock of his children's children. I didn't pay much attention to this aspect of his being until many years later when the late Sal DiDomenico Sr., and I were talking about grandchildren, and he confessed that he has done exactly that many times.

When Nanna passed away, Babbononno was 83 and in good health, but my mother insisted that he come and live with us. At that point in time, we had a 3rd floor 5 room flat at 74 Eutaw Street in East Boston. One of the rooms was separated from the others and stood by itself at the end of the 3rd floor landing. When I was a kid, it was my workshop where I made things out of wood. When I turned 17, it became a music room where I practiced the bass violin. When mom asked Babbononno to come and live with us and he accepted, it became his bedroom.

I was in college at that point, and at the beginning of his stay, things were a bit difficult. Babbononno wanted to be a productive part of the family. The problem was, Dad had to get ready for work each weekday morning and I had to get ready for my ride to Boston State College. After showering, Dad turned the bathroom over to me to do the same. In the interim, he shaved using his electric razor while looking into a magnified mirror mounted on the wall next to the kitchen sink. If Babbononno was trying to help out by washing the morning dishes or cups, he would be in Dad's way. If he had to use the bathroom and slow one of us down, we were thrown off schedule. Dad's schedule was a bit more flexible than mine. I was part of the East Boston Express, a name given to we three East Bostonians that rode to Boston State College together.

The members of the group were Bob Pesce, a friend who graduated English High with me and was in every one of my

classes. The second was the late Paul Ciccarelli, whose family was famous through their grocery store, The Trenton Corner Market. He usually drove and picked up Pesce first and me second. As a result, I had to be on a strict morning schedule. It took a while, but we began working around each other and things settled down with Babbononno giving way to his son-in-law and his grandson.

When I had to study, my favorite spot was the kitchen table. Dad was usually playing with his or other bands most nights of the week, and Mom would be watching TV. With me studying, she kept the volume down to help my level of concentration stay at its maximum. The problem was Babbononno. He was hard of hearing, but was too vain to admit it. As a result, the radio in his room was usually very loud. If he was watching TV with Mom, he would constantly complain about the low volume. If Mom was out, he would join me in the kitchen and try to carry on a conversation. At times, I had to be really emphatic and tell him that I couldn't talk until I was through studying, and more often than not, it would be in the wee hours of the morning. I felt badly, but if I wasn't prepared, I would have problems. Babbononno finally realized this and left me alone when he saw me at the kitchen table with a pile of books and a note pad.

One winter's night, Dad drove home from a job in a blinding snow storm. When he got to the house, there wasn't a parking space to be found. He brought his bass violin up to the 3rd floor and then went hunting for somewhere to park. By about 2:00 a.m., he finally found a parking space about 10 blocks away and walked home in the deep snow. When he came up the stairs to the 3rd floor, you could hear him swearing in several languages. After that point in time, he decided he wanted to buy a house in some suburban town. The town he chose was Belmont. Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had bought a house there and Dad liked the neighborhood. I loved the idea, but there was a problem, Babbononno didn't want to move. He had his routine and was happy with it. Because he wouldn't go, my mother refused to move.

A similar parking problem occurred one night when Dad came home late, and he was totally frustrated the next morning. He told my mother

that he would pay for her and my grandfather to stay in East Boston, but he was moving to somewhere that afforded him better parking conditions, especially at night. When he found a house in Belmont, he brought all of us to see it. Babbononno told him the house was well built, but he wanted to stay in East Boston. My mother agreed with her father. Dad then said that he had put a down payment of the single-family home and he was moving. My mother panicked and told Babbononno that her place was with her husband, and on Good Friday in 1960, we moved to Belmont.

I graduated college that June and told Dad that as soon as I found a day job, I would help out with the mortgage. Right after I received my degree, I decided to begin graduate school to earn a master's degree. That summer, Paul Ciccarelli and I were offered jobs teaching at Tewksbury High School, I in drafting and Paul in woodworking.

We were both hired. I stayed at the Seville Theater week nights, but left weekend nights open for music. Between going to school and three jobs, I didn't pay much attention to Babbononno. He hated living in Belmont. No one sold Il Progresso, and no one sold this paper, the Post Gazette and no one sold Italian cigars. There was nothing like Central Square or Maverick Square, where he could discuss politics in Italian with a bunch of cronies. He was miserable. My father and uncles made the decision to rent him an apartment back in East Boston where he would feel at home again. They found one near Maverick Square in Eastie, and Babbononno, then in his early 90s, had a bachelor pad, all his own.

One day, Mom called him to see if he needed anything and a woman answered with an Irish brogue. She said that her name was Kathleen and she was looking after Michael. When my mother complained to my father, he accused of being jealous that her father had someone to keep him company. I never understood how they communicated. Kathleen's thick brogue and Babbononno's fractured English might have been in the way but they understood each other until she passed away and my grandfather needed 24-7 attention. At that point he became a resident of what they used to call "an old age home." It's funny, in spite of Kathleen, my widowed grandfather never wore anything except a black necktie for the rest of his life out of respect for Nanna. That was old school, Italian style.



by
Marianna
Bisignano

Nothing says *Buona Pasqua* quite like a slice of *Pastiera Napoletana*. Born from ancient springtime rituals, this iconic Neapolitan dessert is much more than a seasonal treat—it's a heartfelt symbol of Naples' rich heritage and family tradition. Its origins are deeply rooted in the city itself, and legend has it that the seven lattice strips on top of the pastiera represent the seven ancient streets (*decumani*) that once ran east to west through Naples.

Historically prepared with uncooked wheat, most Italians today opt for pre-cooked wheat, with Chirico leading the way as the beloved pioneer of *Grano Cotto* in jars. While every family adds their own special touch, many still rely on the trusted recipes printed on the backs of Chirico or Miele jars. Of the two, I'm especially fond of the recipe by Annamaria Chirico — entrepreneur and guardian of Campanian culinary traditions — which I'm delighted to share with you today.

As you'll see, I was overjoyed to have Chirico's *Grano Cotto* and their traditional Routi aluminum pans shipped directly from Naples. And on that note...

Dalla mia famiglia alla tua, tanti auguri di Buona Pasqua!
From my family to yours, warm wishes for a Happy Easter!

ANNAMARIA CHIRICO'S PASTIERA NAPOLETANA

Ricetta di Annamaria Chirico

(Serves 12 – for a 28 cm / 11-inch round pan)



Filling Ingredients:

- 420 g Chirico cooked wheat (*Grano Cotto*) about 1½ cups
- 700 g Ricotta (well-drained) about 3 cups
- 5 whole eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 600 g granulated sugar about 3 cups (most use much less sugar)
- 50 g candied orange and/or citron about 1/3 cup, finely chopped
- 1 packet vanillin (0.5 g) or ½ teaspoon vanilla powder
- 1 vial (1 g) orange blossom essence about 1 teaspoon
- 1 vial (1 g) millefiori essence about 1 teaspoon
- 2.5 g ground cinnamon about ½ teaspoon
- Zest of 1 lemon

Pastry Dough (Pasta Frolla) Ingredients:

- 500 g all-purpose flour about 4 cups
- 200 g granulated sugar 1 cup
- 200 g cold unsalted butter about ¾ cup + 2 tablespoons
- 2 large eggs

Instructions:

Prepare the Wheat: Place the Chirico cooked wheat in a bowl and gently fluff it with your hands or a fork.

Do not rinse it. The starchy coating (white film) is essential for the creamy texture.

Make the Ricotta Mixture: Blend the ricotta with the sugar until smooth and creamy.

Whisk the Eggs: In a separate bowl, beat the whole eggs and yolks together with the orange blossom and millefiori essences, cinnamon, and vanillin.

Combine the Filling: Mix together the wheat, sweetened ricotta, and egg mixture. Fold in the chopped candied fruit and lemon zest. Stir well to fully combine.

Prepare the Pastry Dough: In a large bowl, quickly mix the flour, sugar, butter, and eggs until a dough forms. Avoid overworking. Wrap and chill if needed.

Reserve about 1/3 of the dough to create the 7 lattice strips.

Assemble the Pastiera: Roll out the dough and line a greased 28 cm (11-inch) round tart or pie pan.

Pour in the filling, then decorate the top with 7 strips of dough arranged in a lattice pattern.

Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C (350°F) for about 60 minutes, or until golden and set. Allow the pastiera to cool completely, then refrigerate for at least 3 hours (preferably overnight) before serving. The Pastiera is best at least 2 days after it is made.

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

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Plant a Tree and Make a Difference

by Melinda Myers

Trees provide many benefits to the environment and our health and well-being. These long-lived members of our landscapes and communities provide shade, help reduce energy costs, clean the air we breathe, prevent soil erosion and stormwater runoff, and attract and provide homes for birds and pollinators. National Arbor Day, celebrated on the last Friday of April, recognizes the important role trees play in our environment.

Spending time among the trees also helps boost our immune system. Studies reveal that tree-filled landscapes help decrease domestic conflict, as well as aggression and violence at schools. A mindful walk through the woods, known as forest bathing, helps reduce blood pressure and stress. It increases focus and energy levels, improves sleep, and much more.

When planting new trees make sure to select one that will fit in the space when mature and thrive in the growing conditions. Plant tags and catalog descriptions can provide you with this important information. Consider including trees that provide multiple seasons of beauty with flowers, fruit, fall color, and form. Look for those that also support birds and pollinators as they deliver many other environmental benefits.

Select a planting location away from overhead and underground utilities to avoid future conflicts. Avoid plants that eventually could grow into wires or structures that may interfere with utilities and power transmission, creating a real hazard.

Always call 811 or file a request online at <https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State> at least three business days before putting the first shovel in the ground. When your request is received, this non-profit group contacts all the appropriate underground utilities. The utilities' locators will then mark the location of the underground utilities in your work area. Contacting them first reduces the risk of injury, the inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable, or other utilities, and the potential cost incurred to repair a utility you damage when skipping this step.

Once the location is cleared, you're ready to start planting.



National Arbor Day, celebrated on the last Friday of April, recognizes the important role trees play in our environment.
(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Locate the tree's root flare (where the roots curve away from the trunk) by gently pulling the soil away from the trunk as needed. Dig a hole two to five times wider and the same depth as the distance from the root flare to the bottom of the root ball. Set the tree in the hole, carefully remove it from the container, and loosen or prune off any circling roots. Cut back burlap and wire baskets when planting balled and burlapped trees.

Plant the tree so the root flare is even with or slightly above the soil surface. Roughen the sides of the hole and backfill with the existing soil. Water thoroughly and spread a two-to-three-inch layer of mulch over the soil surface, keeping the mulch away from the tree trunk.

Continue watering throughout the growing season, the following year, and as needed once established. Check the soil moisture and thoroughly water the root ball and surrounding soil when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Apply ten gallons of water for every inch of the trunk's diameter

at four- and one-half feet high. If you don't have room for your own tree, contact your municipality, park, or nature center. Many organizations are looking for volunteers to help plant and care for trees which will benefit even more people in your community.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition, MN & WI Month-by-Month Gardening, and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD and instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio show on WTMJ radio for over 20 years and seven seasons of Great Lakes Gardener on PBS. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com which features gardening videos, audio tips, free webinars, monthly gardening tips, and other gardening information.

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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
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Docket No. MI25C0407CA
In the Matter of
CHRISTOPHER ANGEL MONTES
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christopher Angel Montes of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Christopher Adriano De Laurent.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 02, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court
Date: April 04, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI25C0458CA
In the Matter of
LEXANY DALY GARCIA
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Lexany Daly Garcia of Chestnut Hill, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Lexany Aviana Rosado-Santiago.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI25C0429CA
In the Matter of
DANIELA ANDREA FLAIFL LEON
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Daniela Andrea Flaifl Leon of Melrose, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Daniela Fleifel Leon Orenstein.

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court
Date: April 04, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/18/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU25C0189CA
In the Matter of
IMAN NAVED HUSSAIN
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Iman Naved Hussain of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Cyrus Fen Aster.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 08, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 09, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/18/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

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2004 FORD FOCUS

Vin # 1FAFP34ZX4W121787

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Vin # 1HGCV1F12JA109349

2007 ACURA TSX

Vin # JH4CL96867C012277

2005 TOYOTA SCION tC

Vin # JTKDE177850012456

2022 KYMCO AGILITY

Vin # LC2U6A022NC000379

2005 TOYOTA SCION tC

Vin # JTKDE177350042271

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tariffs could mirror those of the 1930 Smoot-Hawley tariffs, which have historically been blamed for the Great Depression.

Asian Goods Importers Getting Scared

Small business owners who sell goods made in China and Vietnam are delaying orders ahead of tariff hikes that have just taken place with many fearing an extended trade war forcing many of them out of business. New York-based Day Owl, which makes stylish backpacks in Vietnam, could go belly-up in short order. The 46 percent tariff would up the \$155 backpacks being hiked to \$212. Day Owl says they have enough stock on hand for about one month's sales before any re-ordering.

Another NY-based manufacturer which makes men's suits, sweaters and outdoor jackets from China fears it will have to shutter the company within a couple of months. The owner of another business who chose to remain anonymous stated, "This is the end of my family business."

Dennis the Menace Dead at 73

Child actor Jay North who played the well-meaning but trouble-causing kid on *Dennis the Menace* from 1959 to 1963

on CBS-TV passed away last week at 73 years old. Mr. North once said it took the suicide death at age 42 of Rusty Hamer another child star on *The Danny Thomas Show* to help him evaluate his life.

After years of playing Dennis the Menace, he did end up playing other parts such as *Wagon Train*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, the *Lucy Show* and *My Three Sons* among other TV shows. However, his best days in Hollywood were as a child.

\$69 Million to "Fake People" Says DOGE

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) last week said that millions in unemployment claims have gone to "fake people" who aren't even born yet. Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer presented the findings to President Trump last week and stated, "we're working with our inspector general ... to return those dollars to the Treasury.

Since 2009, 9,700 people whose birthdates aren't for another 15 years have claimed \$69 million in benefits, which are administered by state governments. In one case, a person with a 2154 birthdate claimed \$41,000. Another 24,500 over the age of 115 claimed \$59 million in benefits and some 28,000 kiddos between 1 and 5 years old claimed \$254 million in benefits.

End Quote

"We enter this Earth alone but we need others to live."

— *Anonymous*

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI25C0403CA

In the Matter of
ROSEMARY MARGARET CEGALIS
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Rosemary Margaret Cegalís of Littleton, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Rocco Markas Cegalís.

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

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 04/18/2025

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- 2022 MERCEDES BENZ GLS-CLASS
Vin # 4JGFF5KE2NA675361
- 2016 TOYOTA RAV4
Vin # 2T3RFREY4GW537507
- 2008 FORD EDGE
Vin # 2FMDK49C78BA47368
- 2012 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA
Vin # 3VWDX7AJ6CM342158
- 2007 NISSAN ALTIMA
Vin # 1N4BL21E97N443479
- 2009 HYUNDAI SONATA
Vin # 5NPET46C29H574847
- 2013 NISSAN JUKE
Vin # JN8AF5MV1DT208886
- 2006 JEEP LIBERTY
Vin # 1J4GL48KX6W172250

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 24W1682
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
ALIBELIS RODRIGUEZ, Plaintiff(s)
v.
RAFAEL CRUZ, Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) Rafael Cruz
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Alibelis Rodriguez seeking a Complaint for Custody/Support/Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Alibelis Rodriguez or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 105 11th Street, Apt. 2, Lowell, MA 01850 your answer on or before 15th day of May 2025. 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 Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852.

Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of April 3rd, 2025.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
Run date: 04/18/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI25C0436CA

In the Matter of
CHHAT SAMALY SUDDRE
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Chhat Samaly Suddre of Lowell, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Suedie Somaly Chhat.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 04/18/2025

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI25P1511GD
Docket No. MI25P1512GD
Docket No. MI25P1514GD
Docket No. MI25P1516GD
Docket No. MI25P1518GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
ANGEL L. ROSARO IV
PRINCE RAMOS
ABIGAIL L. RAMOS
ALEXANDER L. RAMOS
FABIAN D. RAMOS
of Lowell, MA
Minor

In the interests of
CAIRO K. LUGO
of Lowell, MA
Minor

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI25P0670GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
CAIRO K. LUGO
of Lowell, MA
Minor

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 04/18/2025

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. MI25P0670GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
CAIRO K. LUGO
of Lowell, MA
Minor

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

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 04/18/2025



by Sal Giarratani

Judge Named Team USA Captain for '26 WBC

Aaron Judge, the reigning American League MVP, has been named Team USA captain in next year's World Baseball Classic. Judge did not take part in the WBC in 2023 when it was held during his first spring training after he signed his 9-year, \$360 million contract to stay a Yankee and also replaced Derek Jeter as team captain.

Boston Celtics: Ain't No Stoppin' Them Now

Remember those two great teams, 1981 and 1984? Remember that hit soul song by McFadden and Whitehead? "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now" became the rallying call and stream anthem.

Last year when the Celtics went the distance once more and raised yet another banner

high up in the ceiling above TD Garden, the song became relevant again for the Celtics.

I believe that not even Cleveland can stop the Celtics in this postseason. Just watch and see, listen and learn.

The Celtics just finished another great year going 61-21 and the only team I believe in their way to another NBA championship appears to be the Cavaliers.

Red Sox Took a Licking on Monday, April 14th

On April 5th, after 4 innings, the Sox were down 14-1. Eventually, they lost to the Rays 16-1.

The following morning, I had the radio on and when the sports came on, Alex Cora was not very happy about the score. He was asked for his reaction to the lopsided score and pontificated that the offense was terrible, and the pitching very inconsistent. He must have switched his Red Sox cap for that pointed Sherlock Hat. All that was missing was Cora smoking a pipe like Sherlock!

George Says Goodbye to Own Memorial Service

George Foreman was remembered this past Monday in his hometown of Houston for his boxing career, his love of God and his family, his horses, cheeseburgers and his grill.

Foreman even addressed mourners posthumously in an audio message, saying "Winning and losing can never assure a lasting smile. But saying to the face you see daily, 'I did my best,' can."

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- 2011 HONDA PILOT
Vin #5 FNYF4H56BB046798
 - 2010 HONDA CIVIC
Vin # 2HGFA1E31AH550998
 - 2010 FORD F150
Vin # 1FTFW1E87AFD58160
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Archivo No. SU25P0647GD
NOTIFICACION Y ORDEN
Peticion de Nombramiento
de Tutor de un Menor

En los intereses de
Meritxell Yamileth Rodriguez Rodriguez
De Boston, MA
Menor

NOTIFICACION A TODAS LAS PARTES INTERESADAS

1. **Fecha/Hora de Audiencia:** Una audiencia de la Peticion de Nombramiento de Tutor de un Menor presentada el 24/03/2025 por Jose S Rodriguez Ardon de Boston, MA será llevada a cabo 01/05/2025 09:30 AM Audiencia de Tutoria de un Menor Localizada 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114

2. **Respuesta a la Peticion:** Puede responder presentando una respuesta por escrito a la Peticion o compareciendo en persona a la audiencia. Si escoge presentar una respuesta escriba usted debe:

Presentar el original en la Corte; y
Enviar una copia a todas las partes interesadas al menos cinco (5) días útiles antes de la audiencia.

3. **Abogado del Menor:** El menor (o un adulto en nombre del menor) tiene derecho a solicitar que se nombre un abogado para el menor.

4. **Abogado para Padres:** Si usted es el padre del menor que es objeto de este procedimiento, tiene derecho a ser representado por un abogado. Si quiere un abogado y no puede pagar uno y si da prueba de que es indigente, se le asignará un abogado. Su solicitud de abogado debe realizarse de inmediato completando el formulario de Solicitud de nombramiento de un abogado. Envíe el formulario de solicitud en persona o por correo en el lugar de la corte donde se va a escuchar su caso.

5. **Presencia del Menor en la Audiencia:** Un menor de 14 años tiene derecho a estar presente en cualquier audiencia, a menos que la Corte encuentre que no es en el mejor interés del menor.
Fecha: 1 de abril, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Registro de Sucesiones

Run date: 04/18/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on May 03, 2025 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

- 2011 NISSAN VERSA, WHITE
3N1BC1CP0BL412796
- 2003 GMC ENVOY, BEIGE
1GKET16S836121540
- 2008 FORD FOCUS, BLUE
1FAHP35N48W254359
- 2008 TOYOTA COROLLA, SILVER
2T1BR32E18C871838
- 2017 TOYOTA RAV4, BLACK
2T3RFREY9HW649706
- 2011 BMW 328i, BLACK
WBAPK5C57BA659071
- 2003 HONDA ODYSSEY, SILVER
5FNRL18633B096743
- 2009 HONDA CIVIC, GRAY
2HGFA16569J325083
- 1996 CHEVROLET GMT-400, GREEN
1GCHC39RXT6263450
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1HGCM66576A006342
- 2012 CHEVROLET CRUZE, WHITE
1G1PC55H3C7263450
- 2000 TOYOTA CELICA, SILVER
JTDDY32T7Y0003332
- 2004 BMW 330xi, WHITE
WBAEW53464PN32864
- 2013 ACURA TL, BLACK
19UUA8F55DA001453
- 2019 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY, GRAY
SALRT2RV3K2404192
- 2016 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT, BLACK
1VWBT7A31GC057346
- 2025 KIA SOUL, GRAY
KNDJ23AUXS7246582
- 2018 NISSAN SENTRA, BLUE
3N1AB7AP9JY228253
- 2020 ZNEN ZN50QT, GREEN
LSYACBPZ7L1121241
- 2017 JIAJUE JJ50QT-21, RED
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- 2023 ZHEJIANG RIYA, BLACK
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Tony DeMarco is not deterred by the snow



Ingo and Floyd Patterson training for a marathon. They both once ran the Boston Marathon



Ingemar Johansson completes a marathon in Sweden



Ruben Carter avoids the raindrops



Never one to slow down, Jack Dempsey takes a run with Gregorio Peralta outside of Dempsey's Restaurant



Dempsey in his younger days running through Central Park with Trainer Jerry Luvadis



Kid Gavilan shows some bounce in his steps



Max Schmeling and his Manager get in a few steps in dress shoes

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



PLAYOFFS

As the Celtics open the 2025 NBA Playoffs, they do so coming off a highly successful regular season campaign that saw them do well in a number of statistical categories.

Their record of 61 victories against only 21 losses was good enough for an impressive .744-win percentage – second to that of the Cleveland Cavaliers, the top team in the Eastern Conference.

The Cavs set the pace with a 64-18 mark and .780-win percentage. It is this one-two regular season finish that nearly everyone feels will come down to a meeting of the two powerhouses later in the spring in the Eastern Conference Finals – with a berth in the NBA Finals as the prize for emerging victorious.

But first, of course, the C's must get through the first two rounds with a best-of-seven matchup with Orlando as the opener for the Celtics.

Orlando won its play-in game against Atlanta to claim the seventh spot in the conference after finishing the regular season with an even 41-41 record. The Magic won two of the three games with the Celtics during the regular season. But the Celtics actually sat their top six players in the final matchup between the two near the end of the season, a decision by the coaching staff that resulted in a loss.

The Celtics used the substitutes more in the closing week of the season not only to rest players but to prevent the possibility of injuries to the starters. The C's had clinched a playoff berth back on March 14th but still wanted to finish on top by catching the Cavs. That race did not end until April 8th when the Cavs beat the Chicago Bulls.

In the end the Celtics finished the last 10 games of the regular season by going 8-2 with a pair of home victories over Charlotte at the Garden to conclude the long 82-game campaign.

The Celtics will be appearing in the playoffs for the 11th consecutive year.

We view the series with Orlando as a potentially competitive one but a matchup that the Celtics should have no real trouble winning. The opening rounds of the NBA playoffs tend not to yield surprises like those that sometimes occur in the National Hockey League first round playoff matchups.

You can read this as saying that what happened in the spring of 2022 when the record-setting regular season Bruins were upset by the eighth-seeded Florida Panthers in the opening round (or how eighth-seeded Columbus took out top-seeded Tampa in the 2019 opening round) will not be happening to the Celtics this year.

Orlando has never won the NBA Championship in the entire history of the franchise that was established in 1989.

It also has not won an opening round playoff series since 2010 and has never won an opening round series as the lower seed. So what would you call it if somehow Orlando found a way to eliminate the Celtics? We guess one would be able to call it Magic.

Still, one can't just ignore a .500 team. Orlando did win 19 of 22 games on the road this season and was also 21-19 at home to go with a respectable 31-21 record against Eastern Conference opponents. By contrast, the Celtics were 39-13 in the conference while going 28-13 at home and compiling an excellent 33-8 mark on the road. Could it be that the Celtics will finish the 2025 playoffs with a better record on the road than at home? We shall see.

We mention the above stats concerning Orlando because we think there is a possibility of members of Celtics Nation looking past the first round to a potential second round matchup with the New York Knicks. That could happen if the Knicks prevail over the Detroit Pistons in the first round.

If that eventuality were to occur, it would be a best-of-seven meeting between two of the original franchises in the NBA and the only two that are still playing in their original cities. The Detroit Pistons, for example, originated in Fort Wayne, Indiana and did not move to Detroit until 1957.

As for the rivalry with the Los Angeles Lakers: well, it remains a possibility this year since the Lakers did make the Western Conference playoffs as the number three seed. They finished the regular season in third place behind frontrunner Oklahoma City and second place Houston. Los Angeles compiled a 50-32 regular season mark for a .610 winning percentage.

We think it is a stretch to think that the Lakers will advance to the NBA Finals this spring so we are not looking for a renewal of the rivalry in this year's playoffs.

But we are looking for the Celtics to make it to the NBA Finals. They have the experience. This would be their third trip to the Finals in the last four years.

Plus head coach Joe Mazzulla has been on the bench for the entire duration of that current experience over those four years — one as an assistant and the other years as the head coach. In addition, the Celtics have returned all five starters from last year's 2024 NBA Championship team so this will be the second time around for that entire unit.

In tight games experience is often the deciding factor and the Celtics have that quality in abundance. It should be an exciting two months as the Celtics aim for Banner 19 in a June conclusion to another successful season.