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## **Massachusetts Exceeds Tax Revenue Expectations**

As tax season wrapped up last month, Massachusetts state tax collection for FY 2024, was failing expectation by \$145 million. Fortunately for state coffers, a new revenue report now estimates the state's take to be above projection by \$889

April's \$63 billion state tax collection went beyond the Healey administration's expectation of \$5.2 billion by slightly over \$1 billion, with most coming in the form of capital gains revenue and income surtax revenue. The extra collections are only allowed for specific purposes and will not be available to support general budget spending, although they can be deposited into savings and used for transportation and education needs.

Monies collected from the state's new surtax in income over \$1 million is only to be used for education purposes or transportation investment. Any amount above the Department of Revenues (DOR) \$1 million benchmark for the Fiscal Year will be automatically placed into two new trust funds, education and transportation.

Massachusetts law mandates that any capital gains tax revenue above the pre-determined \$1.48 billion for FY 2024, which has already been reached, must be automatically transferred into the stabilization fund and other reserve accounts.

Income withholding, sales tax, corporate and business taxes have all underperformed their expectations. Through mid-April the DOR has collected \$33.8 billion, or \$1.5 billion, 4.8% more than the same period in FY 2023, and \$889 million or 7.2% more than the Healey administration expected to collect.

The DOR is set to release its May report around June, 5th with revenue expectation for May projected at \$2.6 billion, \$68 million less than the May, 2023 revenue. June's revenue report would most likely be rolled into the final FY 2024 tax collection final report.

With less than 2 months remaining in FY 2024, Finance Secretary, Matthew Gorzocicz believes the state budget will be in a solid position to end the fiscal year on June 30th. The Healey administration is not planning to take any budget action.

## **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

## Cancer Takes a Licking from Coffee?

Scientists at the University of Cantania in Sicily conducted a meta-analysis of the scientific studies on coffee and have concluded that coffee drinkers have a 5 percent lower risk for cardiovascular disease, and around a 30 percent reduced risk from both Type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Meanwhile, Italian scientists have also found "probable' evidence that coffee drinking is associated with a decreased risk of common cancers such as breast, colorectal, endometrial, and prostate cancers with a 2 to 20 percent reduction in risk depending on the

## Spy Bill Slips through Senate

The U.S. Senate passed an extension of the federal government's warrantless spying powers recently over objections from both Democrats and Republicans who opposed the incidental collection of US citizens' data. In a 60-34 vote, the Senate voted to reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) until 2026, sending the legislation to Biden's desk for his signature. The House had passed the same legislation in a 273-147 vote.

### **Automatic Brake Rule**

Nearly all new vehicles sold in the US will be required to have automatic emergency braking systems by September 2029. The National Highway Safety Administration say the new rule will save at least 360 lives annually and prevent 24,000 injuries. The new rule comes as traffic deaths spiked following the COVID-19 lockdowns.

## Mustangs SUV Probe

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration opened an investigation into Ford Motor Company's hands-free driving technology BlueCruise after two

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## 2024 North End Athletic Association Opening Day



The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) kicked-off their season on Saturday, April 27th

The North End Athletic Association Opening Day of Baseball for the 2024 season took place Saturday, April 27th. The day was amazing with 5 games of baseball played. The season was kicked off with 2 Minor League games at 10am. A fabulous breakfast from WaterMark Donut Company -Dunkin' was available to everyone at the field. Special Thanks to Bill Galatis for his continued support.

At around 11:30 a.m., the BBQ was ready to go. Thanks to several parents who volunteered to serve, we ate sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers all day! Chips were donated by Gary Forziati from Mangia Mangia's on Endicott Street. The Face Painter, Temporary Tattoo Artist and Balloon Maker were already transforming the kids into anything they wanted

At 12 Noon - First Pitch Ceremonies to honor former N.E.A.A. player and coach, John Fiumara. John has spent his entire adult life helping the youth, families and seniors of the North End. Before the First Pitch Ceremony, Father Michael Della Penna - Pastor of St. Leonard Parish, blessed our season and all the players. Citations were given to John from State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, City Councilor

Gabrielle Coletta and Ciara D'Amico on behalf of Mayor Wu. Several members of John's Family as well as many of his Brother Knights of Columbus, Ausonia Council #1513 in the North End were in attendance. The National Anthem was sung by N.E.M.P.A.C. student Maggie Tompros and the colors were presented by the U.S.S. Constitution Color Guard.

Baseball continued after the ceremony with 3 more games, one more minor league game and 2 Major's games.

It was a fantastic day with a fun filled family atmosphere with well over 250 people in

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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.



## THE VIGILS OF OLD ROME PART I



The earliest civilization of Western Asia developed in the area between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers called Mesopotamia. The name was derived from "Mesos" (middle) and "Potamos" (river). This is the area where history locates the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, the Tower of Babel and the great walled city of Babylon with its "Hanging Gardens" — one of the wonders of the ancient world. As early as 2200 B.C. the Mesopotamians had developed a code of laws wherein the family idea prevailed, women were free and respected, cities had rights and charters, and they had a

political system, postal service, landlords' responsibilities, and city dues.

The history of municipal policing, as far as we are concerned, goes back to Tiberius, the second Emperor of Rome. He was more properly known as Tiberius Claudius Nero Caesar. In 23 A.D., he was prevailed upon to establish permanent barracks for about ten thousand local or city troops. This was to be the only organized military force permitted in the City of Rome. Prior to this time, they had been housed in various parts of the suburbs. Barracks for these new city troops were erected on a forty-acre site in a sparsely occupied section of that city. The compound was surrounded by solid brick walls ten to fourteen feet high.

The thinking at this time was that bringing these newly named Praetorian troops together in this manner would make them a more useful tool in the hands of the Emperor. The result proved to be just the opposite. The Praetorian Guard became a dominant force, and one that all future rulers were obliged to deal with. It is also reported that they were able to make or break emperors at will. This situation continued for about three hundred years until Emperor Constantine (the good guy) disbanded the organization and destroyed their quarters.

Like any strong law-keeping force, we hear much of the so-called bad and nothing of the good. This dominant force also kept lawlessness to a minimum, but how do you record crimes that never happen? An offshoot of the group was a corps of men who were able to keep the peace, prevent and fight fires, while at the same time maintain a watchful eye over the entire city, including all of its daytime and nighttime problems.

**NEXT ISSUE:**The Vigils of Old Rome,
Part II

## **New Zoning Amendments Approved for East Boston**

After 6 years of planning the Boston Planning Development Agency (BPDA) approved text and map amendments to the East Boston neighborhood zoning regulations. Beginning in 2018, and covering over 200 events and meetings, PLAN East Boston, has been approved and includes recommendations for public use, transportation, and zoning guidelines.

According to Cyrus Miceli, of the BPDA, "East Boston's current zoning does not reflect what exists there today.' Miceli's overview offered 4 zoning amendment goals for the East Boston community, including providing more opportunity for mixed use development, realigning residential zoning, encouraging active streets and simplifying zoning. Residential zoning sub-districts were narrowed from 10 to 3. dimensional requirements were simplified and re-sized, and retail and service establishments will now be permitted on corner lots. The three new residential sub-districts are EB residential (EBR) 2.5, 3 and 4, as each number will correspond to the maximum number of stories allowed, and each residential sub-district will have its own maximum number of units and dimensional regulations.

Mixed use zoning will also have 3 sub-districts, mixed use (MU) 4, 5, and 7, also with the number corresponding to the maximum number of units in each area and with its own dimensional regulations. Mixed use zoning will allow commercial and residential uses to coexist and concentrate around transit hubs. This type of zoning will apply in business districts, such as Maverick, Day, Central, and Orient Heights Squares.

In regards to waterfront zoning, the amendments will

decrease the number of subdistrict types from 6 to 2, increase height and density and relax land uses. Miceli also noted, "that the majority of East Boston's waterfront remains subject to the regulations of state controlled designated port areas. These regulations severely limit allowed land uses along the waterfront and ultimately supersede Boston zoning."

The waterfront sub-districts include a waterfront mixed use sub-district with a maximum height of 5 stories, or 65' in height with planned development areas (PDA's) allowed. The waterfront economy sub-district also allows a maximum of 5 stories, 65' in height but does not allow PDA's.

There are 2 newly created EDA's (Economic Development Area's), Porter Street which allows for a maximum of 4 stories and Bremen Streets, which allows for a maximum of 5 stories.

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Colette submitted a letter which was read into the official record. Coletta thanked the members of the BPDA and the community for their efforts in developing PLAN EB. "East Boston now has the frame work necessary to preserve, enhance, and grow in a positive light, responsible manner, which will ultimately serve the community well now and in the future." She was very insistent that the ZBA not approve projects that do not comply with the new plan, and requested the BPDA's Director, Arthur Jemison, "not continue to grant variances based on undefined hardships, and believes in holding the ZBA accountable to new zoning regulations."

The zoning amendments were unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0.

## North Carolina Students Protect American Flag from Marxist Mob

by Patti Sartori

The University at North Carolina Chapel Hill students have instantaneously become patriotic heroes after defying an Anti-Israeli mob who removed the American flag and replaced it with a Palestinian flag. One student who protected the American flag said the "Anti-Israeli protesters would have to yank the flag from him over his dead body."

At the time of the North Carolina campus conflict, the American flag had been flying at half-mast in honor of

four Charlotte, North Carolina Police Officers who had recently been killed in the line of duty. When the Anti-Israeli protestors removed the American flag from a flag pole in the quad and replaced it with a Palestinian flag, students and members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity took action to defend it.

"I don't understand how people can act like this," said Dan Stompel, a junior at the University. He was one of dozens of students who stood up to the angry mob of hundreds as they attempted to desecrate the American flag. Stompel and his classmates kept the flag protected for over an hour until police were able to clear the mob and safely hoist it back up the flagpole. All this occurred while the protestors were screaming profanity and throwing rocks and bottles at the patriotic students. "We were looking in every direction. As stuff was flying at us, we would say heads up and cover each other. It shows there's nothing more patriotic, nothing more genuine, nothing more inspiring than that. It was a beautiful moment," he said.

The incident at Chapel Hill occurs as so many students at schools throughout the U.S. protest against Israel and in support of Gaza. Activists have set up encampments on a number of campuses, including Northeastern, Emerson and Tufts in Massachusetts, and occupied school buildings, including Hamilton Hall, at Ivy League Columbia in New York City, and clashing with police while resisting arrest.

Thankfully "brave students saw their nations flag being disrespected and acted swiftly." Said members of the Republican Study Club at the University of North Carolina.

## **Mayor Wu Disinvited to Harvard**

City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu was definitely not feeling the love from her alma mater, Harvard University. The mayor, a 2007 graduate, canceled her April 30<sup>th</sup> speaking engagement at the Ivy college after several Asian groups withdrew their sponsorship of the event over her decision to permit Boston Police to break up Pro-Palestinian and Anti-Israel encampments at Emerson College. More than 100 Emerson students were arrested by Boston Police, a move supported by Wu and Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox.

The event was to highlight an interview with Mayor Wu discussing her life, political career and her experience in politics, followed by a question-and-answer session. It might have been a perfect opportunity for the Harvard students to hear from Wu herself about why she felt the need to have police move in to remove the encampments and arrest the students. "I'd fully planned to engage in discussion with students about ongoing events and news, and to welcome their feedback, but I respect their preferences to use our time elsewhere and wish everyone well with the end of the school year," Wu said in a statement.

Wu has remained loyal to her alma mater and has not made any negative public comments about the school or the disinvitation to speak. The mayor said she always tries to comply with student requests to speak because of her undergraduate experience at Harvard, but rarely gets out of Boston because of her duties as mayor.

It should have been an enjoyable event for the Harvard students to hear from the progressive mayor, but once again, if you aren't of like mindset and liberal way of thinking, you are pretty much canceled out, even if you may be one of their own.

Wu said she and the police officials decided to remove the Emerson encampment due to public safety issues it posed in a public alley. Under a city ordinance the police were authorized to make arrests and enforce the law. "The commissioner and I jointly agreed that the growing encampment needed to be removed in order to address the public safety and fire hazards it presented," Wu stated. The mayor has taken some negative hits from her fellow progressives, but there has been little mention of a challenger in next year's mayoral election.





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## North End/Waterfront Neighborhood **Council (NEWNC) Elections**

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council will hold its election on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. All residents, age 18 and over, are encouraged and welcome to vote for candidates of their choice.

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council is a local civic organization with the goal of promoting and protecting the quality of life of this neighborhood, while working to retain its historic character. The council engages with residents, and elected state and city officials, or their representatives, to address issues and support initiatives

that benefit or directly impact this community, including, zoning and development, public safety, transportation and infrastructure, parks and open space, and community events and programming.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the Nazzaro Center. All meetings are open to the public to discuss neighborhood matters and issues affecting the community. If you are a North End/Waterfront resident, get involved and make your voice heard. Make sure to vote on Saturday, May 18th. Take this opportunity to contribute to the neighborhood's growth and improvement.

## In Loving Memory of



Jean DiPrima May 12, 2020

Jim DiPrima May 10, 2020

Mom & Dad

Forever in our hearts. You'll always be loved. We cherish the memories. We miss you so much.

Taken from us too soon

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## **Boston Police Kicks Off** 2024 Coffee with a Cop' Series

at the East Boston Senior Center



Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox with Officers and Staff of Area A-7



Community Service Officer Derek Russo sharing coffee with Deputy Superintendent James Chin



Officer Sabrina Gill trading smiles with "Nonni" Irma DiPietro



Community Service Officer Derek Russo greeting a member of the Senior Center

Nothing like a fresh cup of joe!

The Boston Police Department is delighted to return to our yearly 'Coffee with a Cop' series! This time around we mingled with some amazing members of the East Boston senior community!

Commissioner Cox, members of the Command Staff and a number of officers from District A7 hosted the crowd.

All enjoyed great conversations, coffee, donuts, and bagels. It was a great get together and we can't wait to share some coffee with many more members of our community soon.

Keep an eye out for our Coffee with the Cop in your neighborhood!





Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox engaging with a local East Boston resident

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

When the Outdoors Beckon ... Follow the Call!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Around this time of year, I feel a sense of energy bubbling up inside me. All of the cabin fever and restless excitement over a new spring evaporates into the warm air, a surge of iov and release as refreshing as an afternoon rain shower. As the temperatures hit everhigher degrees, I can practically smell the summer in the air, the promise of barbecues and ocean waves and ice-cold glasses of lemonade. When class is dismissed at the school where I teach and students run out into the luminous day, their unbridled happiness is contagious as they scamper across the bright green, sun-soaked grass. Indeed, the month of May as a whole calls for outdoor excursions. Traditionally the beginning of summer, May heralds warmer temperatures and an explosion of tender leaves on trees. It is definitely not a month to stay cooped up indoors, but rather one to venture outside and revel in all the delights nature has to offer. From Italian traditions to nature-based holidays, the call of the wild proves most exciting in May.

In Italy, one of the most beloved traditions is called la passeggiata, or evening stroll. After dinner, Italian families and friends meander through city streets or rural lanes, enjoying the outdoor experience and each other's company. In urban areas, la passeggiata may involve stopping for some delicious, creamy gelato, casual window shopping, or sitting and chatting along the rim of one of Italy's many beautiful fountains. People in the countryside may rest in the shade of trees, pick fruit, or pack a small picnic of sweets and wine. In

are tempted to watch television right after dinner, I love the idea of a tradition that encourages people to step outside and partake in the universal and time-honored pleasures of fresh air, loved ones and the nourishment of food and drink. I fondly remember my evening passeggiate from when I visited Italy several years ago: the walks through bustling city centers, where the late-day sun turned ancient ruins to the color of gold, and the hikes along dirt roads in my dad's home region of Abruzzi, watching the dusky sky darken the mountains. My husband loves to go outside and walk, so often I will try to recreate *la passeggiata* here at home. As I walk around my neighborhood in this balmy month of May, I pay special attention to the life all around me: jubilant children kicking a soccer ball, robins hopping among blades of grass, the sun peeking through branches laden with delicate pink flowers.

May brims with a number of special holidays that encourage such outdoor excursions. The month begins with May Day, an ancient holiday celebrating the start of summer. It is also a holiday honoring flowers and trees, which are their most beautiful now. Mother's Day, which occurs on the 12th of the month this year, not only allows us to express gratitude for the wonderful things mothers do for us but also prompts us to enjoy their company. On Mother's Day, my family and I often go out for ice cream, an activity all the more special because of its simplicity and its unencumbered focus on loved ones, food, and the warm sun. Soon, it will be Memorial Day. an age where too many people and countless families will fire

up the grill and eat summer produce outdoors. Others will flock to the beach or the mountain — any outdoor place will do, as Memorial Day weekend is considered the unofficial start of summer! Earlier, however, May hosted another summer holiday, Ascension Day, known as la Festa dell'Ascensione in Italian. Falling forty days after Easter, this holiday commemorates Jesus's ascent into Heaven. Italians celebrate it with outdoor excursions and picnics, as typical for the holidays of May. Another feast known as la Pasqua Rossa, or Pentecost, falls fifty days after Easter and honors the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus's disciples. Italian churches often scatter rose petals during the services to symbolize the Holy Spirit, incorporating a lovely outdoor symbol of summer.

This month, be sure to spend an abundant amount of time enjoying nature. The warm days, the sunlight that lasts into the late hours of the evening, the succulent fruits of summer—these are all the pleasures Mother Earth has to offer this time of the year. It is also important to remember that what makes these delights so special is the fact that they are fleeting, since the year is a cycle always in motion, so relish May while you can! Whether you choose to take a passeggiata in the golden hours of dusk, or whether you opt for a picnic on Memorial Day weekend, or whether you simply agree to meet a friend for ice cream or a quick bike ride, strive to appreciate all that nature has to offer. May will come to a close before we know it, but her beautiful experiences are available right now, ready for our fulfillment.

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

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Date of Death: December 25, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Suzanne B. Cashman of Newton, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Suzanne B. Cashman of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 05/10/2024



## "Close the Border, Close the Healey Hotels and End **Democrat Policies**"



Maureen Maloney, "Angel Mom" spoke alongside Jeff Kuhner from the podium

While the print and broadcast media played down the size of the crowd standing together on Beacon Street in front of our Statehouse, I was there on my birthday because I care about this country of ours and I estimated the crowd size closer to 600 patriots from all across the state. While some profanity was heard, it was hardly headlineworthy. Most folks, young and old, black and white showed up to support WRKO's Jeff Kuhner in opposing our open borders and in supporting the repeal of the state's right-to-shelter law, which serves as the government's legal basis for the entire emergency shelter system.

This is not the first Kuhnerinspired rally I have attended right outside our Statehouse. I was there back on May 4, 2020, when I attended a "Liberty Rally." There were several speakers who addressed the gathering crowd this past weekend. The crowd was quite peaceful but the tone of many was righteous



Steve wore his favorite hoodie to the rally expressing his support for Trump



We are a government of, for and by the people. We want our government back in our hands. We want our elected officials to represent our voices whether up on Beacon Hill or 600 miles away up on Capitol Hill. Either, we run our government or it runs us.

There will be more rallies to come and more patriotic voices to be heard from.

As I moved through the crowd last Saturday, I met many folks I have not seen from previous rallies and I also met many folks from Quincy, the City of Presidents.

Don't forget to register and vote. This is our government. Either we run it or it runs us We are not a flock of lambs. Our efforts and attitudes can and will determine our nation's future. When the next rally is held, get to it and let the numbers grow.



Tony and John Grasselli from Quincy, MA — two friends of



Look at the size of this crowd. Beacon Street was packed with rally goers (Photos by Sal Giarratani)

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## What's in a Name?

## **IDENTITY!**

by Silvio Laccetti

In April,1524, Giovanni da Verrazzano became the first European to enter New York Harbor. Today, across The Narrows entrance to this harbor, stands a monumental bridge named in honor of the Italian explorer. It is the longest suspension bridge in America, longer even than the Golden Gate Bridge. While this bridge should be a source of pride to all Italian-Americans in the metropolitan area, it had become, instead, an annoyance to many. Since its opening in 1964, signs referring to this bridge carried a dreadful spelling error: They drop the second "z" and misspell the bridge Verrazano. For over 50 years the misspelling stood, until October 2018 when Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill requiring the correct spelling.

Petitions to change the spelling were all rebuffed, but support began burgeoning after a social media petition by Robert Nash and the publication of this editorial.

#### TOO COSTLY TO FIX

However, the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) stated the process of correcting relevant signage and documents was too costly and there was no change in 2016. So, following this logic, would there never again be a street, bridge, park, roadway or other public place that can undergo a name change? I hardly think so, especially with so much historical

revision and reconsideration that already had occurred across America.

Just to add a note of befuddling irony here, there are two other bridges named after the Italian explorer. One, the Verrazzano-Jamestown Bridge in Rhode Island, is correctly spelled. The other, in Maryland, connecting Assateague Island with the mainland, was misspelled a la New York.

Every year we crown winners in the National Spelling Bee. What would these kids say? "We can spell Gesellschaft, but can you tell us what Verrazzano Bridge you are referring to? In a sentence, please."

So really, what was the fuss? Well, even small matters like misspellings reveal deeper aspects of an issue. To begin with, understanding the history and context of naming the bridge will provide insight. When the bridge was first planned, Robert Moses, the 20th century master urban planner, opposed naming it for the Italian navigator. Moses felt that Verrazzano was only a minor historical figure and that the name was too difficult for him to pronounce anyway. Some sources indicate Moses preferred to name the structure simply the Narrows Bridge in order to save space.

Fortunately, the Italian Historical Society of America lobbied Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and he had the final word and the correct spelling. But early on in the typed contract documents the second "z" was dropped and lost to future documentation.

## HISTORICAL ACCURACY

Apart from the problem of historical and literary accuracy (and perhaps some prejudice) the erroneous spelling became increasingly unacceptable in the era of political correctness and identity politics. Everything is scrutinized relating to ethnic, national and racial groups, from pronunciation of names — especially those of TV newscasters — to spelling of tribal names for which no indigenous alphabet exists.

Now it is one thing to endure misspellings of our names on bills, receipts and such. Most of us have experienced this in today's world where a drive to be accurate and to research spellings, if necessary, has given way to passive reliance on spellcheck. But it is quite another thing to have misspellings on important documents. To give two personal examples, one of my honorary degrees has my name misspelled; a first run of one of my books also had an error in the spelling of my name. Perhaps this doesn't compare to the character in The Godfather whose surname was changed from Andolini to Corleone by an immigration officer! What would the DMV say to alternate

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# DEPASQUALE VENTURES



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# **Closure of Sumner Tunnel this Summer Reduced to One Month**

Additional Weekend Work Minimizes Closure Impact
Discounted or Free Public Transportation Options
to be Provided to Drivers

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the schedule for the upcoming full closure of the Sumner Tunnel as its multi-restoration project continues. What was originally scheduled as a two-month 24/7 closure similar to last year has now been significantly reduced. The tunnel will be closed for work on Friday, July 5 and is expected to be reopened no later than Monday, August 5. There will be additional weekend closures both before and after this month-long closure.

The closure is the next phase of a project that began in April of 2022 and includes work on the tunnel ceiling, roadway, walls, lighting, and additional improvements which will increase safety and climate resiliency. The project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth's infrastructure.

Last summer's work focused primarily on replacing and rehabilitating the ceiling of the tunnel as well as work on the walls, light fixtures, conduit, and wiring. The upcoming work will primarily be on the road deck and associated elements.

"This is a vitally important infrastructure project that will ensure the Sumner Tunnel remains safe and structurally sound for generations," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We want to thank the people of Massachusetts and especially East Boston residents for their patience as we get closer to completing this very important work."

Drivers are encouraged to use public transit and will have many discounted or free public transportation options during the full closure of the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. This year's full closure will mirror, in many ways, the successful offerings of 2023, providing travelers with a range of services:

- Free MBTA Blue Line rides: Riders can enjoy convenient travel.
- Free and reduced cost MBTA water ferry options: Riders can take advantage of alternative water transportation at no or minimal cost.
- Reduced MBTA Commuter Rail fares on the Newburyport-Rockport line: Save on your commute during the closure.
- Fare-free service for customers boarding key Chelsea bus routes, including the Silver Line 3.
- Discounted parking at select MBTA and Commuter Rail lots and garages: Park at reduced rate while the closure is in effect.
- On the RIDE, trips that begin and end within ¾ of a mile of the MBTA modes that are free will also be free from July 5 to August 5.
  Discounted tolls for Resident Discount Program participation.
- Discounted tolls for Resident Discount Program participants: Benefit from lower tolls if you're enrolled in the program.
   Additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport:

Stay informed about alternative transportation choices for airport

"As MassDOT and the Highway Division tackles critical infrastructure projects like the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project, the importance of a multimodal transportation system is front and

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Guest Speakers: Mother and Daughter

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## Catholic Support Leaning Towards Trump Over Biden

by Patti Sartori

Pew Research recently conducted a poll exploring support for Presidential candidates, sorted by religious affiliation. The poll results released on April 30th shows 55% of Catholics support or lean towards supporting former President Donald Trump in a head-to-head against Biden. Only 43% support Biden in the one-on-one contest. That's a 12% increase in Catholic support for Trump, since the 2010 match up.

Biden is currently leading Trump among Hispanic Catholics 49% - 47%, but there could be signs of eroding support for Biden given he held a whopping lead among the same group in the 2020 match up against Trump. Approximately

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Biden has touted his strong faith for decades, even while ignoring church teachings. Catholic leaders have expressed their dismay with Biden's pro-choice support and deregulation and affirmation of gender ideology. Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington DC, called President Biden a "cafeteria Catholic" for picking and choosing parts of the faith while "ignoring or even contradicting" other aspects that are more challenging.

## Biden Administration Considers Plan Allowing Palestinian Refugees into the United States

More than the expected number of media outlets have expressed their surprise and concern over the Biden administrations contemplation over the acceptance of refugees from an area of the world known to support and accept terrorists and their actions. Various U.S. officials are considering options to allow Palestinians from Gaza, if they have immediate family members who are American Citizens.

One option would be to use the United States Refugee Admissions Program, allowing Palestinians with U.S. connections, who have escaped Gaza and entered Egypt, into the United States. "In terms of the Refugee Admissions Program, we are constantly evaluating policy proposals to further support Palestinians who are family members of American Citizens and may want to come to the United States." White House Press Secretary Jean-Pierre said at a recent briefing.

"Anyone seeing the protests on college campuses right now should not need to be told why ideology matters when conferring the privilege of access to the United States to outsiders. We do not need more people here whose world news so clearly clashes with that of the American founders. No, we should not accept immigrants from among people, known to harbor terrorists," said Daily Wire Reporter Megan Busham.

"The open border isn't enough," now President Biden wants to import people who support the murder and executions of Israeli's," Senate Republicans posted on X.



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# Saint Leonard Parish Celebrates First Holy Communion & Crowning of Blessed Mother



On Sunday, May 5, 2024 eighteen children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Saint Leonard Church on Hanover Street in the North End. Father Michael Dellapenna and his volunteers delivered a beautiful service and a wonderful ceremony.

For centuries the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in Honor of Mary, the mother of God. The children also paid tribute with a crowning ceremony, a tradition of placing a wreath of flowers or roses, on Mary's head, symbolizing her as the Queen of Heaven and our Lord's mother. What a wonderful example of gratitude and faith these young children have expressed.

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion and May God Bless you all.



## Meet St. Margaret of Cortona

The Third Light of the Franciscan Order

Talk with Ron Lacey, OFS

On Thursday, May 16th, Ron Lacey will be giving a talk at Sacred Heart Church, 12 North Square in the North End: "Meet St. Margaret of Cortona," at 6:30 p.m., and it will be live streamed on the St. Leonard's Facebook page.

Many people — including Secular Franciscans — don't know much about Saint Margaret. But she is in fact the "Third Light of the Franciscan Order," after Saints Francis and Clare.

Margaret lived shortly after these "first two lights," 1247-1297. She is the patron of penitents and people who suffer mental illness. She's also the patron of victims of gossip. She was a peasant who grew up to be a nobleman's mistress, and they had a son together. After nine years together, the nobleman - Lord of Montepulciano - died in a duel or hunting accident (no one knows for sure), and Margaret and her son went to nearby Cortona, where Margaret met the Franciscans. She became a tertiary (nowadays, "Secular Franciscan") and enjoyed many revelations from Jesus, particularly when she took Communion (which she did daily — something highly unusual before the twentieth century and the reforms of Saint Pius X). Our Lord called her the "mirror for sinners," someone he had given the world as a symbol of hope, a living pledge of his mercy — proof

that he can make a saint of absolutely anyone!

But Margaret also suffered scruples, doubt, guilt. Jesus was merciful with her, as he is with everyone; but poor Margaret, like so many people, found it hard to forgive herself and let go of the past. Her excesses and strange behavior caused many to question her sanity. But still, Jesus was only merciful and compassionate.

Margaret's story is astonishingly honest and modern - a saint who made a bumpy start and had a hard journey.

Hope you can join us! May 16th is the Feast of Saint Margaret — and the anniversary of my own profession in the Order.

## PYOWB -

# The **Plant Your Own Window Box** Event is moving to the DeFilippo Playground this Spring!

North End and Charlestown Residents can bring and fill their own window boxes with soil and plants or we can provide one window box for each person, with plants and soil. The event will be held on **Saturday**, **June 8**, **2024**, from **10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, at the **DeFilippo (the "Gassy") Playground**.

The event is free, but if you are taking a window box that we are supplying, there is a limit of 1 window box per person, with no exceptions. Supplies are limited.

Gardening experts Al Skinner, Robyn Reed, and Meg Drielak, who ran the event for the last two years at the Nazzaro Center, will be on hand to teach everyone how to plant the window boxes, and how to maintain them over the season.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of DeFilippo Playground.

Contact information is Robyn Reed, who can be reached at *robynr@foccp.org*.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

## Pope Leo XIII

Pope Leo XIII was born Gioacchino Vincenzo Raffaele Luigi Pecci on March 2, 1810 in Carpineto Romano, near Rome, he was the sixth of the seven children of Count Ludovico Pecci and his wife, Anna Francesca Prosperi Buzzi.

After his early education in Viterbo and Rome, he completed his studies at the Accademia dei Nobili Ecclesiastici (Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics) in Rome. In 1837, he was ordained a priest and entered the diplomatic service of the Papal States. His superiors immediately appreci-



ated his qualities: flexibility and lucidity and great energy, despite his delicate health. Thus promotions came quickly; he was made delegate (the equivalent of provincial governor) of Benevento in 1838 and was transferred in 1841 to the more important delegation of Perugia. In January 1843, he was appointed nuncio (a papal legate of the highest rank, permanently attached to a civil government) to Brussels and shortly after was consecrated an archbishop.

Pecci's stay in Belgium, lasting only three years, was an important stage in the life of the future pope. He discovered how Catholics in a modern constitutional government could profit from the parliamentary system and from freedom of the press.

He was then named, in 1846, bishop of Perugia, a small diocese to which he was confined for 32 years, despite his having been made a cardinal.

These years for Pecci were extremely fertile. He zealously applied himself to the systematic reorganization of his diocese and to the spiritual and intellectuel improvement of his clergy. He also had available a great deal of leisure time in which to read and meditate. He occupied himself with the renewal of Christian philosophy and studied particularly the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas. He was also led to reconsider the problem of the relations between the church and modern society and became increasingly convinced of the mistake committed by ecclesiastical authorities in taking a fearful, negative attitude toward the aspirations of the times. In 1877, he received notice that he was named camerlengo, the office of chief administrator of the church in the event that the pope dies.

At the death of Pius IX in February 1878, Pecci's name was mentioned frequently among those of the principal papabili, those considered possible successors to the papacy. Cardinal Pecci was elected on Feb. 20, 1878, on the third ballot. He announced that he would take the name Leo in memory of Leo XII, whom he had always admired for his interest in education, for his conciliatory attitude toward temporal governments, and for his desire to create links with Christians who had separated from the Roman Catholic Church.

Although the pontificate of Leo XIII had a new spirit, the new pope was as intractable as his predecessor on the principle of the temporal sovereignty of the pope and continued to consider the traditional doctrine of the Christian state as an ideal. In church administration he continued to accentuate the centralization of authority in the papacy rather than in the national churches. In addition, Leo XIII followed Pius IX in encouraging the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to Mary. He renewed the condemnations of Rationalism — the theory that reason is the primary source of knowledge and of spiritual truth — and pursued the reestablishment of the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Pope Leo XIII's pontificate was characterized by a new spirit. In his relations with civil governments, Leo XIII showed his preference for diplomacy. The true greatness of Leo XIII was precisely that, in spite of his taste for politics, he was not exclusively a political pope. He was also an intellectual sympathetic to scientific progress and to the need for the Roman Catholic Church to demonstrate itself open to such progress, and he always remained a pastor who was concerned for the church's internal life and for the spreading of its message throughout the world.

This concern toward renewing the dialogue between the church and the world was manifested especially in his many encyclical letters giving instructions to Catholics throughout the world. The encyclical Rerum Novarum ("Of New Things") in 1891, though rather cautious in its approach, showed that the papacy had taken cognizance of the problems of the working class. He attempted to support the organization of the Catholic laity and was concerned about renewed dialogue with non-Catholics, as is demonstrated in the interest he showed in the attempt to create a link between the Anglican Church and Rome and in his respect for the traditions of the Eastern churches.

During the last years of Leo XIII's pontificate, until his death on July 20, 1903, there was a hardening of church policy and a more reserved attitude toward Christian democracy. Nevertheless, Leo XIII succeeded in gaining great prestige for the papacy, as was shown by the increase in countries having diplomatic relations with the Vatican, even non-Christian countries. He was a man gifted with a superior intelligence, an energetic temperament, a keen awareness of his personal worth, and a discriminating sense for public relations.

## Saint Terence of Pesaro

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Terence of Pesaro, was a revered Catholic saint who lived in the early 3rd century. He was born around the year 210 in Pannonia, which is now known as modern-day Hungary. Little is known about his early life, but historical accounts indicate that he was a devout young man who dedicated himself to his

During this time, the Christian community faced severe persecutions, particularly in the region of Pannonia. Fearing for his safety and in an attempt to escape the persecution, Terence fled to Italy and settled in the city of Pesaro, where he hoped to find peace and continue practicing his faith. Upon his arrival in Pesaro, Terence quickly became an influential figure in the Christian community. His unwavering devotion to God and selfless dedication to the well-being of others earned him the respect and admiration of the people.

Recognizing his leadership qualities and deep under-

standing of church doctrine, Terence was eventually ordained as the Bishop of Pesaro. As Bishop, Terence worked tirelessly to establish a strong and vibrant Christian community in Pesaro. He preached the Gospel fervently and led by example, living a life of humility, love, and compassion. Terence's ability to connect with people from all walks of life and his genuine concern for their



spiritual well-being made him a beloved figure throughout

In the year 247, during a period of increased hostility toward Christians, Terence was martyred for his unwavering faith and steadfast faith. As a result of his refusal to bow to idols, he was subjected to various forms of torture and ultimately gave his life for his faith on September 24, 247. Terence's martyrdom became a powerful symbol of the steadfastness and resilience of the early Christian martyrs. His courage in the face of persecution inspired countless others to remain faithful to their beliefs, even in the most challenging of times.

Today, Saint Terence of Pesaro is venerated as a martyr and a patron saint of the city of Pesaro, Italy. He is often depicted as a young soldier holding a palm, symbolizing his martyrdom, as well as a red and white flag representing the city itself. The relics of Saint Terence are enshrined in the cathe-

dral of Pesaro, serving as a tangible reminder of his inspiring life and sacrifice. Although Saint Terence's canonization took place before the establishment of the official Congregation for the Causes of Saints, his devotion, martyrdom, and the impact he had on the Christian community have served to make him a revered saint of the Catholic Church. His feast day is celebrated on September 24th.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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> Docket No. MI11P4671EA Estate of **REGINA BELL**

Date of Death: September 12, 2011 **CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION** 

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by Robert D. Bell, III of Methuen, MA requesting that this Honorable Court issue an order granting all releif requested in General Probate Petition dated February 20, 2024.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 30, 2024.

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

Date: May 02, 2024

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Docket No. MI24P2372EA

Estate of DAVID ROBERT DeBLOIS Date of Death: May 30, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE** 

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Valerie J. DeBlois of Wilmington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 05/10/2024

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Docket No. MI24P2359EA Estate of MARY V. BOWLER

Date of Death: April 07, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kathleen M. Bowler of Arlington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Kathleen M. Bowler of Arlington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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## ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE WEST (4K Ultra HD) Paramount Home Ent.

Director Sergio Leone's monumental Western classic Once *Upon A Time In The West*, celebrates its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and to mark the occasion Paramount Home Entertainment will release the fully restored film for the first time on 4K Ultra HD, as the latest addition to the studio's Paramount Presents line. Set in the dying days of the Old West, a struggle to control water in a dusty desert town embroils three hard-bitten gunmen in an epic clash of greed, honor, and revenge. One of the most iconic and influential movies ever made, the film has been restored from the original 35mm Techniscope camera negative by Paramount's archive team. This restoration honors the 2007 Film Foundation photochemical restoration overseen by legendary director Martin Scorsese by matching its build and color palette. Once Upon A Time In The West will be presented in a Limited-Edition two-disc 4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray<sup>™</sup> set that includes both new and legacy bonus content, as well as access to a Digital copy of the film. Widely considered to be one of the greatest Westerns — and one of the greatest films — ever made, Once Upon A Time In The West was selected for preservation by the Library of Congress in the U.S. National Film Registry in 2009. The film stars Claudia Cardinale, Henry Fonda, Jason Robards, and Charles Bronson.

## THE CROW (4K Ultra HD) Paramount Home Ent.

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the thrilling, cult classic *The Crow*, as it arrives for the first time on 4K Ultra HD from Paramount Home Entertainment. Originally released on May 13, 1994, The Crow entranced audiences and critics alike with its gothic aesthetic, breathtaking action, and Brandon Lee's soulful, and tragic final performance at the center of director Alex Proyas' revenge fantasy. Young musician Eric Draven (Lee) is brutally murdered alongside his fiancée by members of a violent gang. On the anniversary of their death, Eric rises from the grave and assumes the gothic mantle of the Crow, a supernatural avenger. He then sets out on a macabre mission to mercilessly hunt down everyone responsible and make them answer for their crimes. Based on the comic book saga of the same name by James O'Barr, *The Crow* delivers an action-packed thriller bursting with hypnotic style and dazzling visuals. Included is a brand-new three-part documentary created for the 30th anniversary entitled "Shadows & Pain: Designing The Crow." The new piece is a fascinating deep dive with legendary production designer Alex McDowell, who discusses all aspects of designing the 1994 classic, as well as his experience working the film's late star, Brandon Lee.

#### FRIVOLOUS LOLA (4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray - 2 Disc Edition) Cult Epics

Join the *Joie de Vivre* club with the maddeningly charming Lola (Anna Ammirati), as she plots to loosen up her fiancé (Patrick Mower) in this exuberant sexy comedy. Everyone is wild about Lola — even, some suspect, her own stepfather. *Frivolous Lola* is Tinto Brass' most likable film, Cult Epics presents the Uncut & Uncensored Director's Cut with new and vintage bonus features.

## HARDWARE WARS - Collector's Edition (Blu-ray) MVD Rewind Collection

Fluke Starbucker (Scott Mathews) must learn to master the power of 'The Farce' with help from Artie Deco, 4-Q-2 (Frank Robertson), Princess Anne-Droid (Cindy Furgatch), Ham Salad (Bob Knickerbocker), and the rest of the Red Eye Knights. In 1978 writer/director Ernie Fosselius (former member of 'The Mystic Knights of the Oingo Boingo') created the very first 'Star Wars' parody, *Hardware Wars*. Complete with cardboard sets and visible wires (holding up ships which were various household appliances), the film was shot over four days with a budget of around \$8,000. Now, nearly 50 years later, the original version of this classic short that George Lucas called his 'favorite Star Wars parody,' in a 1999 interview on the UK's The Big Breakfast TV show, has been restored in High Definition for a whole new generation of cult movie fans to discover! A hilarious blockbuster movie satire.

## THE FRAGILE KING (DVD) IndiePix Films

After the tragic death of his mother in a car accident, 15-year-old Michael King is sent to live with his grandfather Gerald, whom he hardly knows. The emotional gulf between the traumatized boy and cantankerous old man is immense, but during a road trip across South Africa's Northern Cape to reunite Michael with his estranged father, a relationship of understanding and trust slowly emerges. After going their separate ways, the two reunite a year later, and through one final unexpected journey, the King men finally come to realize a true sense of love and belonging in each other. Based in part on director Tristan Holmes' relationship with his grandfather, *The Fragile King*, is a powerful tale of heartbreak, healing and self-discovery.

## SABOTAGE - Collector's Edition (Blu-ray) MVD Rewind Collection

Colonel Michael Bishop's last mission went horribly wrong. Destroyed from within ... sabotaged. He was the only body dragged from the ashes of a black operation that never happened. After years of recovery, Bishop thought he escaped the Black Ops and began a successful new life as a bodyguard to the rich and famous. He was the best, with skills most men died learning. But his past caught up with him. His clients began to die violently, at the same shadowy hand that conspired against his Black Ops unit. Now he must go own one last mission to destroy the faceless men that run an army that doesn't exist!

The time has come, the walrus said,

## TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

#### VINNY'S FOOD MARKET CELEBRATES 47TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 20



Angelo Prezioso along with his friend and longtime employee Lucia Fasulo waiting for the next customer.

#### (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I am good friends with Angelo Prezioso, the owner of Vinny's Food Market on Malden Street in Revere. His father Vinny started this business 47 years ago when the market opened for business on April 20, 1977, and the place has become part of this neighborhood and continues to serve countless customers over the years. I love this place and have bought my dinner there often on the way home from work.

#### **GREAT SONGS FROM 1966**

Last week, I was listening to some great music on the car radio. The program was rehashing some great tunes from 1966. I remember that year all the time. It was the year I graduated from Boston English High School and the year I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, too. The minimum wage was \$1.25 per hour but candy bars were ten cents apiece.

So here are some of that year's great tunes. There was "I Am a Rock" and "Homeward Bound" by Simon & Garfunkel, "Gloria" by the Shadows of Knights (does anybody remember them)? What of Tom Jones singing "Without Love"? Finally, my favorite was "When a Man Loves a Woman" by Percy Sledge.

#### RFK JR. NO HOUSING EXPERT

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. wants to solve the housing crisis but clearly he doesn't understand reality. He proposes a federal housing loans program that would offer government-backed 3 percent mortgages to anyone unable to afford a house. To me, this sounds like the federal student loans program and we know what has happened there. Also, didn't we have a similar meltdown in home ownership about 15 or 16 years ago when homeowners went belly up unable to make mortgage payments to keep their homes? Have we forgotten 2007-09 this quickly?

When the government makes it easy to buy homes, it can only lead to high prices that homeowners can no longer afford. This isn't brain surgery. Economics is easy. To lower prices, we need more housing. To quote President George HW Bush, "voodoo economics" sounds good on paper but only leaves folks with crippling debt. TRUMP'S TRUTH TO POWER

"I'm on trial with a totally rigged and conflicted judge, submitted by a DA who is corrupt, incompetent and allows violent crime all over the city... New York is going to hell ... but they go after Trump. My only thought is to beat the communists, fascists and lunatics that we are all having to put up with, hopefully for only a little longer."

## — Donald J. Trump LISTEN,

### SPEAKING OF LUNATICS

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, the former top Democrat on the House Science Committee's Space Subcommittee recently was at a gathering at Booker T. Washington High School in Houston attending a high school solar eclipse event back in April and claimed the moon was a planet "made mostly of gases," but added she still wanted to be "first in line" to learn how to live up there. She also added that a full moon is "that complete

rounded circle made up mostly of gases."

She also added her expertise on the sun, "The sun is a mighty powerful heat, but it's almost impossible to go near the sun." ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, she said. She needed to cross out the word almost, huh? If the House had a Gasbagging Committee, no question, she's the most qualified to serve as its chair.

Think of it if the Democrats take back the House in November. She will be chairing a subcommittee she has no business serving on.

#### GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY LIE

"I taught at the University of Pennsylvania for four years, and I used to teach political theory. And folks, you always hear, every generation has to fight for democracy."

This Biden quote is total bull. He was an honorary professor for two years, not four years, at UPenn but never actually taught a class nor pursued any research. His pants must be on fire all the time, huh?

## EYEBALLS FOR

# GREEN LINE STREETCARS A local group named "Googly Eyes MBTA" wants to lower

Eyes MBTA" wants to lower stress and upgrade our mood while riding the Green Line. The group says their agenda is bigger than a pair of googly eyes on the front of streetcars. I certainly hope it is. The group wants a new vision for the T so eyeballs kinda makes sense, but will these streetcars need eyeglasses, too? How about a smiley face? A spokesperson for the MBTA said the T will take the idea under advisement. Personally, I think this idea is worthy of a waste paper basket near you.

#### MEET BARRET STRONG JR.

Barrett Strong Jr., was a great R&B soul singer. He also was a great songwriter. In 1959, he recorded "Money (That's What I Want)" and it was written by both Berry Gordy and Janie Bradford. It was covered by the Beatles in 1963.

### • What's in a Name (Continued from Page 5)

versions of your name? You might never take a plane again

Finally, Italian-Americans have grown too silent in the rowdy arena of policy and politics. With 17 million people nationwide, Italian-Americans can be a potent force. In the New York Metro area, in which the bridge is centered, the percentage of Italo-Americans is huge: New Jersey, 16.8 percent; New York, 13 percent; Connecticut, 18.7 percent—in Staten Island, the total is 37 percent.

New Jersey posts six of the top 11 counties nationally in percentage of Italian-Americans, according to figures from the National Italian American Federation. The top counties are Ocean, with 25.3 percent;

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Monmouth, with 23.2 percent, and Bergen, with 22 percent (and the highest total of Italian-Americans, 194,000).

In our immediate localities, some interesting recent percentages emerge regarding Italian American residents: Fairfield, 38%, Totowa 37%, South Hackensack, 36%, Woodland Park 34% and Lyndhurst 33%.

Clearly, the spelling error had to be addressed, and in this age of electronics the best way to correct errors and oversights is to bring them to public attention in social media and internet-based petitions. To all who of you who have been dissed by your name being misspelled, there is hope. Forza! But to all of us of whatever nationality who have been dissed by a misspelled name: corragio.

Silvio Laccetti Ph.D. is a retired History Prof. from Stevens Tech, and a national columnist.





by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



On Wednesday, May 15th, this column will be 33 years old. It came into existence accidently in the spring of 1991. My wife, Loretta, and I were guests at a dinner party at Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn's home when they lived in the Back Bay. Among the people I met that day was Pam Donnaruma, our publisher and editor. Dean mentioned to her that I wrote a column for the Musicians' Union magazine and it had become quite popular. I remembered the Post-Gazette as La Gazetta del Massachusetts when I was a child. It was written in Italian and Babbononno, a subscriber, would read it to me and translate the stories and articles into English every week. Pam told me that the paper was now written in English and a writer on her staff was leaving soon. She asked if I might be interested in penning a column to fill in what could have become an empty space in her paper. I told her that I would give it a try.

The next day, I called my father and told him about the offer. I added that I wasn't sure as to what I might write about as the readers of the Post-Gazette certainly were not interested in stories about the musicians of Boston and where they were playing. Dad thought it over for a few minutes and then set the background for this column. He reminded me that I was Italian American and the paper catered now to Italian Americans. He went on to say that the stories of me growing up in an Italian family might interest the readers as they might identify with the characters in my writings and reminisce about their own family histories.

I thought about my conversation with Dad and thought about a movie and TV show I loved as a kid, "I Remember Mamma." The film and TV show depicted the generations of a Norwegian family coming to America and settling in San Francisco early in the 20th century. If I could replace the Norwegians with Italians and include the generations of my family in my writing, I might have something the Post-Gazette readers might like. So, I called Dad back and explained what I had in mind and he agreed that I was on the right track. My final decision was to name the column after my maternal grandparents whom I called Nanna and Babbononno. So, on May 15 of 1991, I wrote about my mother's father coming to America in 1896, coincidently the same year this paper came into existence.

Michele Contini (Babbononno) was born in Foggia, an east coast city about half way between Rome and Naples. My great grandfather, Angelo, passed away when his four sons were young, Michele was a bit on the wild side as a result of no male parental influences. My great grandmother, Maria, sent him to the parish priest to straighten him out and the priest discovered Michele had a talent for making furniture and playing music. He taught him woodworking and how to play guitar and drums. Michele married young as was the custom in the 1800s, but to survive financially, joined the Italian marines. He auditioned (and made it) for their number 1 orchestra that toured the world serenading the leaders of the visited countries.

In 1896, the Italian marine band was in Washington, D.C., playing for President Cleveland and his government officials. Michele was contacted by the Reuters media service of the day and told that his wife died in childbirth. He was devastated, and when the band returned to Italy, Michele resigned his commission and stayed behind.

Washington could be an uninviting location for someone who couldn't speak English and didn't know anything about the American culture, so Michele, hearing that there were Italians in New Orleans, headed there. Once there, he discovered that Italians weren't well liked due to an incident a few years earlier, and he headed north to New York City. He found Manhattan threatening and left there for Boston, stopping in the city's North End neighborhood for something to eat. He struck up a conversation with a person at the next table, named Antonio Ceruolo, who informed him that he shared an apartment with three other Italians on Salem Street and one was leaving which would create a vacancy. Michele was interested and became the 4th occupant. His friendship with Antonio grew and his new friend helped Michele get a job in a furniture factory. Networking on his own, Michele was soon playing guitar in a Neapolitan dance band nights and drums for a marching band that specialized in concerts and parades for special occasions.

Antonio informed Michele, who began using Michael or Mike as his American name, that he had to go to New York to intercept his youngest sister who was coming to America to join the rest of the family. Mike

saw her picture and asked Antonio if he could accompany him. Michael and Giovannina hit it off and began dating once they were back in Boston. (dating under the watchful eyes of Antonio and three of his sisters.) Not long after the turn of the century, Michael and Giovannina (now called Jenny) were married at the Mt. Carmel church in East Boston.

Jenny went to work in Boston's garment industry and soon began hearing gossip about her husband. He supposedly had a wife and children back in Foggia, and when he had saved up enough money, was going to head back to his homeland and his family. This gossip continued at work, and one day, Jenny asked Michael if there was any truth to the rumors. He confessed that he did have two children back in Foggia, his late wife dying while giving birth to the second of the two, now being brought up by his mother, my great grandmother, Maria. He admitted to Jenny that he was afraid to tell her that he was widowed and had kids, thinking she wouldn't marry him. Jenny gave Michael some of her savings saying that the children belonged with their father, not their grandmother.

Soon Grace and Paul arrived in Boston from Italy. Not long after, Jenny delivered Angelina (Anne), the woman destined to become my mother. She was followed by Nicola, Antonio and Luigi. Antonio, named after Jenny's oldest brother, and now Michael's best friend, pulled a pan of boiling water off the stove one day and was scalded to death in his 3rd year and was the first one in my family to be buried in America. At 15, Grace married and was on her own. Michael and Jenny raised their sons, now with the Americanized names of, Paul, Nick and Louis to be musicians. Both Paul and Nick became fulltime musicians mastering the clarinet and saxophones.

Louis became a drummer but gave it up after WWII. Daughter Angelina (Anne) would marry a bass player in 1936 and present the family with a baby in 1938 (ME)

Well, there you have it ... the story of how my mother's side of the family got here. I'll bet that, with some variation, you, my readers, have similar stories to tell. If you don't write them down, then permit me to continue with this column for another 33 years.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA** 



by Marianna Bisignano





In the patisseries or pastry shops in Italy, you'll find beautiful displays of Crostata di Frutta or Italian fruit tarts, in all shapes and sizes. The Crostata di Frutta is a classic Italian dessert with a base of pasta frolla or sweet pastry dough, filled with delicious crema pasticcera or pastry cream, topped with fresh sea-

sonal fruit, and covered with a thin layer of gelatin or jam.

Though it may look difficult, this dessert is actually very easy to make at home. My Nonna made fruit tarts using her own *pasta frolla* and *crema pasticcera* recipes, along with a variety of seasonal fruits she had on hand. At times, she'd even top her tart with just strawberries or peaches, and on other occasions, she'd use an assortment of stone fruits and berries. This *Crostata di Fruit*ta can be customized based on your own preference with all your own favorite fruits. It is a dessert my own mother loved and is just perfect for a Mother's Day celebration!

#### ITALIAN FRUIT TART

Crostata di Fruitta

#### Pasta Frolla or Sweet Pastry Dough

½ cup butter, softened ¾ cup sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

Zest of 1 organic lemon

1 shot limoncello

 $2\frac{1}{4}$  cups '00 or all-purpose flour

 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon Lievito Paneangeli or ½ teaspoon baking powder

**Crema Pasticcera or Custard** 2 cups whole milk

4 eggs

½ cup sugar

1/3 cup all-purpose flour 1organic lemon peel

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Fresh Fruit
Strawberries, blueberries,

raspberries, blackberries, peaches, apricots, bananas, kiwi, pineapples, etc.

To make the crust, in a large mixing bowl cream together the butter and sugar. Add in the eggs, vanilla, lemon zest and limoncello, beat well. Sift in the flour, salt and leavening agent. Knead and then wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about an hour.

To make custard, place the milk and lemon peel in a saucepan and allow to cook removing form heat just before coming to a boil. Remove from heat and cool, then add the remaining ingredients and whisk together. over medium heat, all the ingredients in a medium saucepan and whisk together well. Turn the heat to medium and cook while stirring until mixture thickens and becomes custard. Remove from heat, place custard in a heatproof bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate to chill while finishing thickening.

When the dough has finished chilling, grease and flour (2) 9 or 10-inch fluted tart molds with removable bottoms and set aside. Preheat the oven to 350°. Remove dough from the refrigerator, cut in half and roll into two circles, adding more flour if needed. Take each circle and press into prepared tart pans. Prick the bottom of the dough with a fork and to eliminate the crust from shrinking, you can place a circle of parchment paper over the inside and fill it with dry beans. Bake in a preheated oven for about 20 to 25 minutes or until the outside of the crust is golden brown. Cool completely before filling.

\*NOTE: The crust and custard can be made a day ahead.

To assemble the Crostata di Frutta, divide the custard between both tart shells; a layer of custard on each. Arrange the sliced fruits on top of the custard in any pattern you like, and then carefully spoon Tortagel or jam (that has been warmed with a teaspoon or two of water) carefully over all of the fruit. Refrigerate for an hour until the gelatin or jam is set. *Enjoy!* 

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## • Sumner Tunnel (Continued from Page 5)

center," said General Manager Phillip Eng. "I'm proud of the MBTA workforce for what we were able to do last year during the tunnel closure and we are ready to support our partners at MassDOT again. With enhanced ferry service and the Blue Line now operating at full speed, along with our other modes, we are pleased to welcome all that choose to use mass transportation. Thank you to our riders for continuing to utilize the MBTA as we encourage motorists to leave the driving to us again this year during the tunnel closure and even after it reopens."

The full schedule of remaining weekend closures can be found on our project website.

Weekend closures will take place from 11:00 p.m. on Friday until 5:00 a.m. on the following Monday. Weekend closures will not take place during holiday weekends.

"It is a credit to the work and engineering of our MassDOT colleagues and the contractor that we're able to significantly cut the extended closure in half for this summer." said State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Our ultimate goal remains for the Sumner Tunnel to remain safe and in service for years to come."

Additional info can be found on *mass.gov/Sumner-tunnel*.

For MBTA service information, please visit: www.mbta.com.



## Ring 4 Veteran Boxers Association Annual Banquet

by Sal Giarratani
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Growing up I was always a boxing fan. Way back in my childhood, I remember the entire North End neighborhood walking down to where Tony DeMarco grew up on Fleet Street to congratulate him on winning a boxing championship fight at old Boston Garden. My father and mother walked my brother and me down from Salutation Street a mere four short blocks. My dad yelled up at the window, Tony opened it wide and yelled back down to my dad. I don't remember



Taylor Esser owner of Minuteman Press in Quincy

seeing too many doorbells back then, I thought yelling was an Italian doorbell. Tony was hot stuff back in 1955. His family name was actually Liotta but he had to change his name to fight because he needed to be older than he actually was. The Giarratani, Assenza and Liotta family grew up together when the North End was the real North End.



Sal G. receiving my plaque from Mickey Finn

However, I need to focus here. When I was in high school at Boston English, I used to go to the New Garden Gym on Friend Street with my brother Dominic and take boxing lessons with Coach Bill Duffy who I think boxed in the service during the Korean War. He looked just like Meredith Burgess with his broken nose and gruff voice. This was my ring experience. My sport back then was baseball.

With all this behind me, I walked into the McKeon Post over in Dorchester for this boxing banquet emceed by Ring 4 president Mickey Finn ponytail and all. Mickey called me a few weeks earlier and invited me as his banquet guest. I've

known him for years and Ring 4 even longer having been a good friend of the late Charlie Ross who I met now almost 50 years ago during the Forced Busing protests.

This year at the banquet I was honored with a beautiful plaque "as a dedicated and truthful sports journalist." Quite the honor I thought. As I looked around the function room, I saw so many great boxers from yesterday still kicking. At one point, I actually saw Mickey Finn and Viny Marino sparring for fun together. I think it was a no decision. Both guys looked ready to climb back into the ring again thinking about their old days.



Sal G. and Tim Kaes. Tim has done his share of boxing in the ring. We do share something in common. I am a retired DMH Police Officer and Tim is a current member of the Quincy Police Department

(Photos by Taylor Esser)



Busty diNote, Vinny Marino, and Joe Amante, a triumphant trio of boxing legends (Photo by Bobby Giordano)

I never realized how much boxers bond with each other over the years. I sensed the brotherhood formed by these old ring masters. It is a special bond within this profession. Not everyone gets to become a boxer inside the ring and those that do form lifelong friendships. These annual banquets are part of their lives now. They aren't just old boxers from yesterday, they are proud members of a profession that will never fade inside

them. They can close their eyes and relive some of the best moments of their lives. Some of them like Tony DeMarco actually still stand up at the beginning of Hanover Street because after all, he was always a standup guy in life. The worst thing of all in life is being forgotten, but all those guys I saw at the Ring 4 banquet are still all stand-up guys. I will return next year to sit with so many champions and living legends.

### • N.E.A.A. Opening Day (Continued from Page 1)

attendance. The 2024 N.E.A.A. season was off to a great start and with 3 leagues and over 175 kids in the program this year, we look forward to another awesome season!

Special Thanks goes to Bill Murphy of MAC Murchadha Advisors and a good friend of former NEAA Star Player Matt Bamonte. Bill has been the events' Premier Sponsor the last two years!

The N.E.A.A. would also like to thank The St. Lucy Feast Society, Soma Yoga, The Post-Gazette and Mike Giannasoli for their donations for opening day.



Honoree John Fiumara addressing the crowd



Maggie Tompros of NEMPAC singing the National Anthem



**Face Painter and Tattoo Artist** 

Raffles prizes were provided by Brine Sporting Goods, The Wells Family, The PanIQ Room, The Bonzagni Family and the Burns Family. Baseball is played in both the Langone Park and Puopolo Park on Commercial Street, five (5) nights a week at 5:30 p.m., and our youngest players on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., and

10:30 a.m. We hope you will

stop by and watch these young



U.S.S. Constitution Color Guard



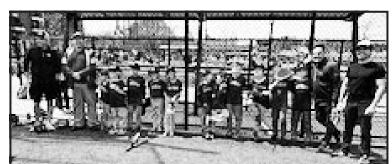
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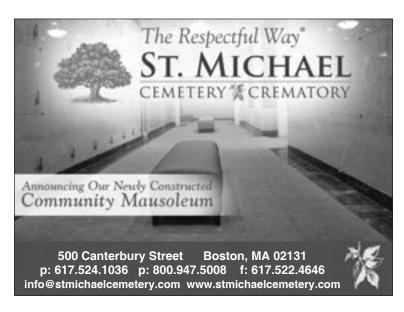
Fr. Mike Della Penna blessing the league



Members of the Knights of Columbus #1513 and Padres Minor League players



NEAA Minor League Rockies sponsored by North End CARES



#### • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

fatal crashes involving Mustang Mach-E SUVs striking parked vehicles. Ford said it is working with the NHTSA to support the probe.

## Is Homeownership Getting Out of Reach?

"Why don't Americans feel better about the economy and give Joe Biden more credit?" muses National Review's Jim Geraghty. Well, "Homeownership affordability fell to its lowest level since the 1980s last year as mortgage rates reached a 23-year high. Home prices are "soaring," and related ones also "keep rising and show little sign of abating."

One study concludes "that home prices in 99 percent" of 575 surveyed US counties were "beyond the reach of the average income earner." Yet, Democrats are stumped as to why Americans aren't "appreciating Joe Biden and his miraculous works."

The Woke War on Humor Jerry Steinfeld laments in a *New Yorker* interview how political correctness has dulled comedy saying, "It used to be, you would go home at the end of the day" and expect to see "some funny stuff (to) watch on TV, such as *M.A.S.H.* and *Cheers*. No more thanks to the extreme left and P.C. crap, and people worrying so much about offending other people."

Many jokes from his own show might not get the greenlight today, like the one where Kramer decides to start a business of having homeless people pull rickshaws because as he says, 'They're outside anyway.' Today he wouldn't do that joke. But the market remains for humor that pushes the envelope: "Standup comics are stepping over the line because we are not policed by anyone," Seinfeld says.

#### **End Quote**

"If you think that nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of payments."

— Steven Wright



## **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani



#### RHS Girls' Softball Team Holds Car Wash



My car received a much-needed bath behind City Hall in Revere. It looked brand new as I drove away on Saturday, April 27th. The sky was blue and my car looked immaculate. (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

As I was driving down Broadway past Revere City Hall, I noticed there was something going on and found the annual car washing fundraiser for the team players. Where can you get a \$5 car wash anywhere today? My car needed a bath anyway so I helped out the cause.

It was Clean Up day in Revere and the RHS Softball Team spent the day beautifying loads of cars. The team is also vying for its first tournament berth since 2020. Let's cheer them on in our super clean cars.

#### Old School Pitchers '50s to '70s



Ray Culp

When I think back to my young days growing up with real baseball players, there were a few hurlers I loved to watch on the mound. One of them was Ray Culp who came to us from the Phillies before the start of the 1968 season; a solid starter, never great, always good. Over the course of his 11 seasons in the big leagues, he spent a half-dozen years as a Sox starter.

His three best seasons in Boston were 1968 when he went 16-6 with a 2.91 ERA, 1969 when he went 17-8 with a 3.81 ERA and 17-14 with a 3.04 ERA in 1970. He grew up in Austin, Texas. His lifetime stats are 122-101 with a 3.58 ERA.

Next on the list is Claude Osteen who I think of as a

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

**Probate and Family Court Department** 

**Middlesex Division** 

Docket No. 13W2365

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** 

TAMISHA MATOS Plaintiff(s)

MIGUEL HERNANDEZ III Defendant(s)

Hernandez III

June 2024.

To the above named Defendant(s) Miguel

A Complaint has been presented to this

You are required to serve upon

Tamisha Matos or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose

address is 841 Lakeview Ave., Lowell, MA

01852 your answer on or before 5th day of

If you fail to do so, the court will pro-

ceed 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

Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq.,

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court

Run date: 05/10/2024

First Justice of said Court at Lowell.

this day of April 24th, 2024

Court by the Plaintiff(s) Tamisha Matos seek-

ing a Complaint for Modification.

Claude Osteen, 19610

Washington Senators guy but he spent much more time with the Dodgers. He was a solid starting lefty. His nickname was Gomer because he looked like Gomer Pyle from Mayberry on TV. He was in baseball for 18 years. Osteen's first game was on July 6, 1957 when he was only 17 years old. His last game was September 27, 1975. He won 20 games twice going 20-15 with a 2.66 ERA and again in 1972 going 20-11 with a 2.64 era, both times with the Dodgers.

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VIN # 1N4CL21E99C154699 2008 HONDA PILOT VIN # 5FNYF18558B053510 2008 TOYOTA YARIS

VIN # JTDBT923081277698 **2004 FORD F150** VIN # 1FTPW125X4KB13542

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His lifetime record is 196-195. Those years on the lowly Washington Senators didn't give him too many chances to win games.



#### Ralph Terry

The third old school pitcher I liked was Ralph Terry from the Yankees. He had a 12-year career, 8 with the Yankees. He made it to three World Series. The Yanks were the best team in MLB during much of Terry's time in the Bronx. Lifetime stats, he went 107-99 with a 3.62 ERA. The three best seasons were 1961 when he went 16-3 with a 3.15 ERA, 1962 when he went 23-12 with a 3.19 ERA and 1963 when he went 17-15 with a 3.22 ERA.

In 1962, He started 39 games and pitched 298.2 innings too. In 1963, he started 37 games and completed 18 of them.

#### Star Wars Day at Yankee Stadium

Last Saturday (May 4) was Star Wars Day and at Yankee Stadium it was celebrated with a Gerrit Cole Jedi Bobblehead Day. While all that was happening, I was celebrating my latest birthday quietly with my daughter, son-in-law and two great grandkids named Owen and Emily.

I can't believe how fast the last year went. Then I had a big birthday party packing the function room at Kelley Square Pub with almost 60 people there celebrating with me. I loved the crowd last year and this year I am looking forward to a quiet gathering with my family.

#### Next Week: Pablo Sandoval Begins Again with the S.I. FerryHawks

Next week, I will be talking about Pablo Sandoval post-Giants who is now playing for the Staten Island FerryHawks in the Independent Atlantic League.

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**2008 AUDI A6** VIN # WAUKH94F88N032520

**2009 MAZDA MAZDA3** VIN # JM1BK32G891233856

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## LEGAL NOTICE

WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY 55 Waverley Avenue Watertown, MA 02472

PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER WAITING LIST OPENING
FOR ST. JOSEPH'S HALL: 2 ROSARY DRIVE, WATERTOWN MA

Beginning Monday, May 13, 2024, the Watertown Housing Authority (WHA) will accept applications to establish a waiting list for its Project-Based Voucher Waiting List for 25 elderly units (22-1br units and 3-2br units) at St. Joseph's Hall, 2 Rosary Drive, Watertown, MA. A lottery system will be used; there is no advantage to being first to apply. The waiting list opening period will end at 4:30pm on Friday,

May 31, 2024, at which time the waiting list will close until further notice. The WHA has not been awarded any additional project-based vouchers, nor are there any vacancies anticipated in the near future. Vouchers will be issued based on future turnover at the 25 project-based units at St. Joseph's Hall, 2 Rosary Drive, Watertown, MA. Applicants will be determined eligible and qualified in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the WHA's Administrative Plan.

Interested persons may get a copy of the application during the waiting list opening period by one of the following methods:

- In Person at the WHA Office: The WHA Office is located at 55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA. Office hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.
- By Phone: Applicants may call 617-923-3950 to request an application be mailed to them.
- By Mail: Applicants may submit a request for an application to 55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472.
- By Email: Applicants may submit a request for an electronic application by contacting Brittany Jancarik at BJancarik @watertownha.org.
- Website: Applicants may find an electronic copy of the application on the Watertown Housing Authority website at www.watertownha.org and the Metro West Collaborative Development website at www.metrowestcd.org.

For an application to be considered, it must be delivered in person no later than Friday, May 31, 2024, at 4:30pm at the WHA office or be postmarked no later than May 31, 2024. All mailed applications must also be received by mail no later than May 31, 2024. The WHA is not responsible for non-delivery of mail. Applications will only be accepted in person or by mail. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must only submit one (1) application per household. If duplicate appli-

Applicants must only submit one (1) application per household. If duplicate applications are received, the household will become ineligible and will not be placed on the waiting list. All applications must be complete and legible. The application submitted must be the original application; photocopies will not be accepted. If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation, please contact the WHA office at 617-923-3950.

To qualify for this program, applicants must be 62 years of age or older and gross family income must be less than:

Household Size Income Limit
1 person \$57,100 2 persons \$63,500

The WHA has adopted the following selection preference for this waiting list: Applicants who live and/or work in Watertown, MA. Applications equal in preference will be maintained in order by lottery selection number.

The lottery will be conducted no later than June 7, 2024, to determine placement order on the waiting list for all eligible applicants. This lottery will be conducted by computer and in accordance with HUD regulations and the WHA's Administrative Plan. Applications will be accepted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or marital status.

This is an Equal Opportunity Housing Program.

Run date: 05/10/2024



## Happy Mother's Day!

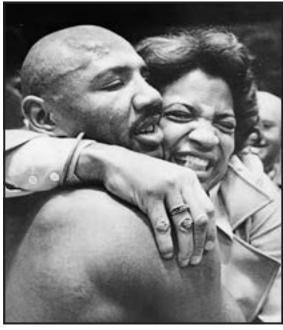
With their broken noses and scar tissue, they were still loved by their mothers.



Barney Ross celebrates winning the Welterweight Title with his Mother Sara



Lightweight Champ Benny Leonard with his Mother Minnie and his Sister



Marvelous Marvin Hagler being hugged in victory by his Mother Mae Lang



Jack Dempsey with his Mother Mary Celia shortly after defeating Luis Firpo



Champion Rocky Marciano is welcomed home by his Mother Pasqualina



Heavyweight Contender Young Stribling giving his Mother Lily a ride on his motorcycle



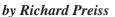
British Heavyweight Champ Henry Cooper with Brother Jim and their Mother Lily



Heavyweight Champion Max Schmeling with his Mother Amanda



# HOOPS and HOCKEY





THERE AT THE BEGINNING — The new member of the Boston Bruins media contingent was walking down the aisle of Ristuccia Arena in Wilmington, zipping up his jacket as he approached the person at the end of the rink.

"It is kind of chilly in here, isn't it," said the man as we got closer. And that was our introduction to first year Bruins head coach Rick Bowness on that long ago September morning at a time when the last days of summer beckoned on the outside but a hockey mentality was in full flower on the inside.

We thought of those initial moments recently when Bowness announced his retirement from coaching after 38 seasons behind a variety of benches in the NHL as both the head man or as an assistant.

Back to the early 1990s Bowness had coached the Maine Mariners, the Bruins top minor league at the time, for a season before being elevated to the top job in Boston. And what a year it proved to be. Using a roster that was in constant flux with some 55 players seeing action during the course of the 1991-1992 season, the Bruins managed to fight and claw their way to the Eastern Conference Finals—the NHL's version of the collegiate Frozen Four.

During the course of the year, a veteran observer of the team told us that "Rick Bowness was the nicest man ever to coach the Bruins." They say nice guys finish last but Bowness certainly defied that stereotype.

Though they were swept by Pittsburgh in the Eastern Conference Finals there was nothing to be ashamed about. After all, they were still playing when only four NHL teams were still in action.

And although it could not have been envisioned at the moment, that would be the last time the Bruins would make it to the Eastern Conference Finals until 2011 — the year they won the Stanley Cup by defeating Vancouver.

And yes, Bowness was there when the B's captured the Cup — viewing the proceedings from the other side as an assistant coach with Vancouver.

But back to that first season. Bruins management apparently was not satisfied and issued Bowness a pink slip, meaning his one and only season with the B's had come to a conclusion. The coach took it hard, remaining in seclusion in his North Shore home for several days. We have always felt that Bowness did not deserve termination, given how far he took the B's in his initial season. The fact that they would never advance that far again until 2011 is evidence to us that Bowness was the right coach for the times in the Hub.

His unemployment did not last long. The Ottawa Senators, an expansion team that would begin play that fall, promptly hired him. And in a stunning victory on opening night, Bowness led his new team to a victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

The Ottawa Senators would be the first stop for Bowness in a long career that followed his departure from Boston. In addition to the Bruins and Senators, he also served as head coach of the New York Islanders, Phoenix Coyotes and Dallas Stars. He made three trips to the Stanley Cup Final — with Vancouver (2011) and Tampa Bay (2015) as an assistant and with Dallas in 2020 as head coach. His 2,726 games as a head coach or assistant are the most in NHL history.

We wish Rick and his wife Judy the best in their retirement years. And we will always remember that singular season he coached the Boston Bruins with inspiration, grace and dignity.

TIME MARCHES ON — It was 54 years ago (May 10, 1970) that perhaps the most famous goal in New England hockey history was scored against the St. Louis Blues, bringing the Stanley Cup championship back to Boston for the first time since 1941.

Yes, that is the moment that is memorialized by the statue just recessed off Causeway Street as one approaches the main entrance to the TD Garden — a moment that took place in just the short span of the blinking of an eye but continues to live on forever in the rich sports tradition of the region.

It was Bobby Orr, the star Bruins defenseman, who scored that goal and whose arms raised in triumph just a moment later in the scene captured for all to see.

The statue, placed just outside the Garden, is actually a rendering in a different medium than the original depiction of the moment — a still photograph taken by *Boston Record-American* photographer Ray Lussier.

And to our mind the photo is the best depiction — even better than the grainy videotape of the time that captures the exact same thing but somehow fails to depict the full majesty of that climactic slice of a few seconds.

There is Orr, his arms raised in triumph with his stick held high like a wonder wand, seeming even to defy the effects of gravity as he flew through the air.

That photo is impressive and leave an indelible impression on the minds of all those who can recall where they were at that special time

However, we are more than a half century removed from the actual event, which took place in a different location (the original Garden) than the arena that is in use today. As you walk through the businesses that today comprise the Hub on Causeway Street — somewhere elevated above them — is the location where Orr made hockey history.

And to millions of contemporary fans, it is exactly that — history. Some apply a 10-year standard, meaning that one has to be at least 10 years old at the time of an event fully grasp and retain the meaning of significant moments that one has lived through.

If that is standard is applied to the fans of 1970, that means those who have a full and total recall of Orr's goal are now 64 years of age or older.

But the legacy lives on. You may recall and ponder what we wrote at the time of the statue's dedication back in 2010: "Forevermore in Boston Lore — Bobby Orr."