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# **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

#### Diabetes Link to Kids Health

According to a new study adds evidence that diabetes during pregnancy is linked with an increased risk of brain and nervous-system issues in children, including autism.

#### Trump Signs Order Slashing RX Pricing

President Trump took aim at Big Pharma on May 12th as he signed an executive order meant to slash American's prescription drug prices by up to 90 percent. which sparked a sell-off in companies he labeled as "middle men."

Some prescription drugs and prices will be reduced almost immediately by 50 to 90 percent, stated the president. Trump has had a longstanding criticism of companies that own pharmacy benefit managers like CVS and Cigna and the role they play in distorting drug pricing.

#### The "Disparate Impact" Nonsense

You may not know the ins and outs of disparate impact — the federal doctrine on racism that Trump has moved to uproot by executive order but we've all seen its effects saying Christopher Caldwell at The Free Press, "... the end of ... meritocracy (that) produces a lower than random number of protected minorities under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Back in the '90s following passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 in which was "introduced disparate impact into black-letter law. According to Caldwell, it would have to be repealed to bring about the meritocracy Trump seeks."

#### Ranked Choice Voting on City Council Agenda

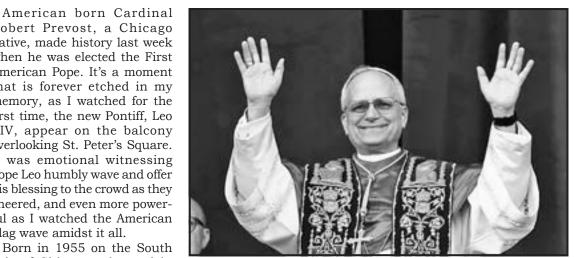
The Boston City Council is about to vote at press time on a home-rule petition that seeks to overhaul the city's electoral system by replacing electing

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# **Miracles Do Happen**

Pope Leo XIV Elected First American Pope

by Patti Sartori



Robert Prevost, a Chicago native, made history last week when he was elected the First American Pope. It's a moment that is forever etched in my memory, as I watched for the first time, the new Pontiff, Leo XIV, appear on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square. It was emotional witnessing Pope Leo humbly wave and offer his blessing to the crowd as they cheered, and even more powerful as I watched the American Flag wave amidst it all. Born in 1955 on the South

side of Chicago, educated in Catholic schools, including Villanova University. In 1977, Prevost decided to become a priest and joined the Order of St. Augustine. In 1985, Father Prevost was off to minister in Peru. In 2013 Pope Francis appointed Prevost Bishop of Diocese Chiclayo, Peru's poorest enclave and in September, 2023 Francis named him a cardinal, calling him to the Vatican to lead the Dicastery of Bishops, a powerful position which oversees the vetting selection and appointments of Bishops around the world. He was also expected to assist Pope Francis with ushering Catholicism into the 21st century.

As a close ally and confidant to the Holy Father, Cardinal Prevost was part of the late pope's inner circle and participated in many of the sweeping changes and initiatives offered by the late pontiff. In early 2025, one of Pope Francis' final acts was to bestow Cardinal Prevost with the most senior rank amongst cardinals, and unofficially providing the Cardinal with the opportunity to succeed him as Pope.

It is believed that popes traditionally choose a new papal name upon their election, as a symbolic act signifying the new pope's entrance into a new stage of leadership and ministry, often drawing inspiration of past popes. This may explain why Cardinal Prevost chooses to be called Pope Leo, as he seems to be opting to follow in Pope Leo XIII social justice teachings, and his penchant for modern Catholic social doctrine. Pope Leo XIII is considered a foundational figure in the

Church's engagement with the modern world, something that is of utmost importance to the new pontiff.

Pope Leo XIV has made it a priority and mission to bring Catholicism into the modern era, even telling Vatican news upon his arrival in 2023 that it was of paramount importance. "One must not give into the temptation to live isolated, separated in a palace, satisfied with a certain social level or a certain level within the church. We must not hide behind an idea of authority that no longer makes sense today."

My thoughts and prayers are with the Holy Father as he begins the heavy tasks before him, and I pray the Lord guides him and provides him with the strength and fortitude to carry out his responsibilities.

# Boston City Council at Odds over Ethics Reform

# City Councilor's Guilty Plea Sets Showdown

by Patti Sartori

It's a battle that has been brewing for the past five months, beginning with Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson's December, 2024 arrest under a \$7,000 Federal indictment charge, carried out in a Boston City Hall bathroom in June, 2023. The second-term city councilor has accepted a guilty plea with the U.S Attorney's Office and now awaits sentencing on July 29th. After formally pleading guilty in federal court last week, she stated she is targeting late June for her council resignation. Meanwhile, Councilor Fernandes Anderson remains in her council office as she collects her \$120,000 annual salary in a bi-weekly city paycheck and continues to participate in committee hearings and weekly council meetings.

"Councilor Fernandes Anderson abused her position of trust for personal gain and turned a public checkbook into her own private slush fund. Her constituents deserve better than this. Her guilty plea says what she refuses to admit in media interviews, she broke the law, lied to the public and used her office for her own personal gain. The United States Attorney's Office is committed to ensuring elected officials are held accountable for this kind of corruption and dishonesty," stated Leah Foley, U.S. Attorney in a statement.

Now comes the opportunity for the City Council, Mayor Wu and other city leaders and elected officials to address the lack of public trust they are facing with the voters and residents of Boston. An example must be made of a public servant who knowingly tarnishes a body's reputation. District Councilor Ed Flynn has repeatedly called for an internal Ethics

Committee, only to see it swatted down by the Council in January. He is now proposing a majorityexternal oversight committee that would "ensure the Boston City Council is compliant on all rules and ethics matters" per a hearing order he recently introduced. "The Boston City Council cannot move forward without implementing ethics reform. Now is the time for positive leadership, accountability, transparency and ethics reform. The status quo is no longer an option," said Flynn after his colleague's guilty plea.

At-Large Councilor Erin Murphy said her colleagues guilty plea should be acknowledged as a "turning point" for the council and community. "The legal proceedings have understood serious breaches of public trust, and with her

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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.



#### CRONUS,

Father of the Gods

We remember from past issues that the Primeval Beings, Uranus (Heaven) and Gaea (Mother Earth) combined to form the Titans. These were giant deities, the forerunners of the gods. Later, Uranus was ambushed and castrated by his own son, Cronus. This caused Uranus to be retired from any additional mythological activity.

Cronus, who became the leader of the Titans, then took the earthly goddess, Rhea, as his bride, and that union produced the six primary Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. This is a very important point to remember as it identifies the origin of the most popular deities and their relative position in mythology. The first five of these Primary Gods were Hestia (Hearth), identified with the Roman goddess Vesta, Demeter (Agriculture), identified with the Roman goddess Ceres, Hades (Underworld), identified with the Roman god Dis, Poseidon (Sea), identified with the Roman god Neptune and Hera (wife of the supreme god) identified with the Roman goddess Juno.

Having been warned that at some future time he would be dethroned by one of his

Painting by Peter Paul Rubens of Cronus devouring one of his children

offspring, Cronus swallowed his first five children at birth. When Rhea was pregnant with Zeus, upon advice and in the company of mother-in-law Gaea, went to Crete where Zeus was born and hidden in a cave. Mother-in-law

Gaea slyly wrapped a stone in swaddling clothes and presented it to Cronus, who quickly swallowed it, thinking that all was proceeding according to plan, and that he was avoiding all possibility of his downfall.

Later, when Zeus was fully-grown he succeeded in getting Cronus to drink a potion which contained a powerful emetic. This caused the stone to become disgorged and this was followed by the five brothers and sisters of Zeus.

Rhea eventually became known as the "mother of the gods." She was also identified with the Asiatic goddess Cybele, and as such was a symbol of the fruitfulness or procreative powers of nature. Her festivals were celebrated with loud music and frenzied dancing. In Rome, the worship of "Magna Mater" (the Great Mother) was introduced about 200 B.C. and a temple was built and dedicated in the name of Cybele 400 years later. Her worship gained by degrees to the point where an annual observance of mourning was followed by a period of the most extravagant joy.

**NEXT WEEK:** The War of the Titans

# NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING MAY 8, 2025

The May NEWRA meeting was jam packed with agenda items and high-powered political guests. Tops on the agenda was the announcement of The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) North End/ Wharf District Liaison Ciara D'Amico has been promoted to Deputy Director of ONS. No worries, the community will not be losing Ciara, but should instead gain a more powerful voice in City Hall. District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata was also on hand to introduce Samantha Peracchi as her new liaison to the North End/Wharf District neighborhood. Samantha is a lifelong resident of the North End and should prove an asset to Coletta-Zapatta's office.

Other announcements included State Representative Aaron Michlewitz Cafe meet and greet will be held on Saturday, May 17th @ Caffe Nero adjacent to North Station. North End Cares is holding a fundraiser on Monday, May 19th, 6:00 p.m. @ Umbria on Hanover Street and Mayor Michelle Wu will host her annual coffee hour on Thursday, May 22nd, 10:00 a.m. @ Langone Park on Commercial Street.

Boston Police Area A-1 District Community Service officer Frank Ciampa was present along with Captain Driscoll to offer a public safety report. On Sunday, April 27th there was another disturbance inside Artu Restaurant on Prince Street. There have been subsequent issues at this location in the past few months. CVS on Hanover Street continues to deal with shoplifting offenses, with one incident resulting in a struggle between an employee and an offender. There was also a report of a breaking and entering at 185 Fulton Street on May 7th. Overall the North End continues to be a safe neighborhood, but vigilance is always recommended and do not hesitate to call 311 or 911 if you feel the need.

Mayor Michelle Wu was the biggest draw of the evening and received a warm welcome from the attendees. She thanked NEWRA for allowing her the honor of speaking directly with the group and expressed her pleasure to be in the North End gaining insight and feedback from the community, discussing the most pending issues and to answer any questions. Her goal is to make the City of Boston a home for everyone. She reiterated that Boston is one of the safest cities in the country with gun violence at its lowest level in history. The police department is continuing to graduate new classes, there are non-violence prevention initiatives and expanded opportunities for youth employment and summer jobs. Overall a safe and protected city is encouraging for families.

Some of the issues raised by the group and addressed by the mayor were the Eliot School faculty and staff and the fact that they deserve more recognition. One parent commented on the lack of educational choices for students after 8th grade. It's either exam schools or private school as the North End has never had a high School, while other residents requested



Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu

additional meetings for the new Nazzaro Center construction scheduled for the fall, and inquired about the potential for a new library as the current is 60 years old this year and could use an update.

The mayor said she was aware of some discontent with the Nazzaro center design and would make sure there is an update meeting held later this month or early June. The library is a different challenge in that there is only a certain amount of funds in the budget and currently schools have been the priority, but she understands the concern about other communities receiving new libraries while the North End is still waiting. As for the Eliot School, the mayor absolutely agreed with the sentiment that the school is one of the best in the entire city, she fully supports its faculty and staff and all of their outstanding work. Her sister was even fortunate to attend the Eliot in previous years. Other issues touched upon were rent stabilization and tax rate

Robyn Reed, President of the Friends of DeFilippo Playground on Prince Street spoke about the pending project to install a photographic mural depicting the former gas tank that was previously on the playground site, or the "Gassy" as the locals refer to it. She explained how it came to be called the Gassy and will be collecting personal stories of how people used and enjoyed the Gassy playground over the years. She enthusiastically encouraged everyone to attend the unveiling ceremony sometime in late May or early June. Updates regarding the specific date and time will be made available on social media and the Post-Gazette newspaper.

increases.

Also on the agenda was the North End Historical Society (NEHS) and Frank DePasquale to announce the long-awaited North End Museum, located on the Freedom Trail, 3 Prince Street. This has been a longtime goal and dream of the NEHS. As Tom Damigella, President of NEHS stated, "the North End provides a historic, phenomenal and iconic location for the museum. It allows for the preservation of history and ensures the character of the neighborhood in perpetuity."

Through the generosity of Frank DePasquale, who purchased the site and is covering the cost of the build out, this dream will become a reality. As

# Is President Trump's Plan to Reopen Alcatraz Prison Realistic?

For more than 60 years, the former Alcatraz Prison, has sat dormant in the San Francisco Bay. If President Donald Trump has anything to say about it, it will once again house the most violent offenders in the U.S. According to Trump's most recent statement on the topic, he is directing the government to reopen and expand Alcatraz.

In a post on his Truth Social site, Trump wrote that, "For too long, America has been plagues by vicious, violent, and repeat Criminal Offenders, the dregs of society, who will never contribute anything other than Misery and Suffering. When we were a more serious Nation, in times past, we did not hesitate to lock up the most dangerous criminals, and keep them far away from anyone they could

harm. That's the way it's supposed to be. That is why today, I am directing the Bureau of Prisons, together with the Department of Justice, FBI, and Homeland Security, to reopen a substantially enlarged and rebuilt ALCATRAZ, to house America's most ruthless and violent offenders."

Trump's objective to rebuild and reopen the iconic prison is his latest attempt to overhaul how and where federal prisoners and immigrant detainees are locked up. However, this move would prove extremely costly and expensive not to mention a highly challenging proposition. The prison has been shuttered since 1963 due to its decaying infrastructure and the exorbitant costs of repairing and supplying the island facility,

because everything from food, fuel, medicine, all had to be brought over from the mainland by boat.

Bringing the facility up to modern standards would require massive investment at a time when the Bureau of Prisons has been closing other facilities due similar infrastructure issues. The prison, was thought to be infamously inescapable due to its strong ocean currents and cold Pacific waters surrounding it, and was at one time known for housing some of the nation's most notorious criminals.

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# Peter I. Valdassari

Peter J. Baldassari, 81, of Boston's North End, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025 at his home.

Born on January 16, 1944, to the late Domenic and Mary. He was the devoted husband to the late Frances "Frannie" (Barbiero) Baldassari and dedicated father of Julie Baldassari. He was the brother of Joan, Donna, Lucille, Joanne, Domenic, Victor, Stacey, and Gina, and the late Junior, Victor, Bobby, and Dineen. Chosen as Loving Godfather to Marco Passanisi



by Camille and Mario. Peter leaves behind numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Peter was a lifelong resident of the North End of Boston. A true "North Ender" and beacon of light in his community. He loved his neighborhood and took great pride in being part of it. Friendly and smart, Peter had a vast amount of knowledge about the North End, always ready with stories and history to share. Peter was an extremely devoted father to his beloved only daughter, Julie of Boston, who cared for him tirelessly until he drew his final breath, along with her fiancé, Michael Lindsey of Melrose. Peter is also survived by his two loyal cats, Penny and Cubby who remained by his side until the end. A gentle animal lover, Peter took great love in feeding birds and caring for all of God's creatures. A dedicated member and caretaker of St. Agrippina's Society for many years, where he was best known, he was also co-founder of St. Jude's Society with his wife Franny, where they raised money for children stricken with catastrophic diseases. Peter quietly gave to numerous charities throughout the years and loved donating to every religious organization in his community. He loved the feasts. He was also an usher and proud parishioner of St. Leonard Church. He lived close by and took special care from his window to make sure the church grounds were respected. Peter is also greatly known for being the creator and caretaker of All Saints' Way on Battery Street in the North End. As a dear friend perfectly wrote "A cherished landmark that Peter lovingly created and maintained. Through his meticulous care and encyclopedic knowledge of the saints, Peter offered not only a visual tribute but a spiritual education to all who passed by — residents and visitors from around the world alike." Peter was one of a kind, hardworking, humble, generous, funny, dedicated, devoted and smart ... his presence will be sorely missed by many.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 from St. Leonard Church, Boston, with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated. Burial is private.

Donations in Peter's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

#### LETTERS POLICY

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

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# Coletta Zapata Announces Gabriela Ramirez as Deputy Chief of Staff

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata has announced the promotion of Gabriela Ramirez as Deputy Chief of Staff. A lifelong East Boston resident and proud daughter of Salvadoran immigrants, Ramirez is a Boston University graduate currently pursuing a Master's in Urban Planning and Policy at Northeastern University. She has served as Councilor Coletta Zapata's Outreach and Communications Manager since 2023.

"I am beyond thrilled to celebrate the promotion of Gabriela to Deputy Chief of Staff. Her tireless dedication to our neighborhoods, her deep empathy for every resident, and her unwavering commitment to community have made her an indispensable force in our office," said Councilor Coletta Zapata. "She is a natural-born,



Boston-raised leader whose work has positively impacted all of District 1, and I know she will continue to be exceptional as Deputy Chief."

"I'm honored and thrilled to step into the role of Deputy Chief of Staff and continue serving the residents of District 1 alongside Councilor Coletta Zapata. I look forward to building on our work to deliver responsive, constituent services

across the district and uplifting community voices," said Gabriela Ramirez.

As Outreach and Communications Manager, Ramirez has led the planning and execution of key community events, including annual budget town halls, neighborhood cleanups, walkthroughs, coffee hours, and listening tours. She has also overseen the Councilor's internal and external communications strategy, managing newsletters, press releases, social media content, and the Councilor's annual report. Her work has been instrumental in strengthening community engagement and relationships across the district.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata by phone at 617-635-3200 or by email at gabriela. ramirez@boston.gov.

# Nazzaro Center 55+ Friend Group



Participants from the Friday evening 55+ Nazzaro Center Friend Group

On various Friday evenings throughout the year, a group of North End friends gather to embrace their friendship, reminisce, learn new skills and activities and simply take the time to enjoy each other's company. This past week, the Boston Police Area A-1 Community Service Office offered a charcuterie board

making session. It was a wonderful night and each participant was able to take their board

There are many more great evenings and fun activities coming up, so for anyone interested, please reach out to Marlo D'Anna at 617-635-5166.

# **Battle of Chelsea Creek 250th Anniversary Celebrations**

#### Chelsea and East Boston Communities Mark Remembrance

The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution is being celebrated throughout the country this year. The "Battle of Chelsea Creek and Noodle's Island" occurred on May 27, 1775. It was the first naval battle of the American Revolution and yet few people are aware of it and its significance is often lost. The battle took place in what is now East Boston.

It was the first naval engagement of the American Revolution, as tensions between the colonists and the British were escalating. While the British controlled Boston, they relied on supplies from the Harbor Islands. The Battle of Chelsea Creek was a crucial moment when the colonists struck back, marking the first victory for the Army of the United Colonies. It was also the first time American forces took control of a British warship, the HMS Diana.

There are a number of events scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, at Port Park, 99 Marginal Street, Chelsea, MA, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. that will offer an



exciting line up of historical programming and activities for all ages, including an artillery demonstration, Revolutionary-Era Encampment, food vendors, a beer garden and much more. The SSV Ernestina-Morrissey, an 1894 schooner from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, will be returning to Chelsea's port after more than two decades for residents and visitors to explore. Simultaneously occurring with Saturday's Port Park festivities, Governor Bellingham-Cary House Museum will open its doors to the community for

free open houses where everyone can explore this historical site with special access to the museum's exhibits and stories.

East Boston will celebrate their part in history also on Saturday, May 24th, at the Condor Street Urban Wild, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with free events, including a battle re-enactment, crafts, demonstrations, tours, games, food and more. This will be a wonderful event for everyone and most importantly, people will have the opportunity to learn about East Boston's pivotal role in the history of the American Revolution.

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

A Walk Through the World of May

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 joy and release as refreshing as an afternoon rain shower. As the temperatures hit ever higher 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, the 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 an age where too many people

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 a 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 occurred on the 11th of the month, 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. up the grill and eat summer produce outdoors. Others will flock to the beach or the mountains - any outdoor place will do, as Memorial Day weekend is considered the unofficial start of summer! Later, however, May hosts another summer holiday, Ascension Day, known as la Festa dell'Ascensione in Italian. Falling forty days after Easter, this holiday commemorates Jesus' ascent into Heaven. Italians celebrate it with outdoor excursions and picnics, as typical for the holidays of May. Another moveable 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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Docket No. SU25P1031EA

DAVID F. SQUIRE

Date of Death: February 22, 2025 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Daniel J. Jick of Chestnut Hill, MA, a Will has

been admitted to informal probate

Daniel J. Jick of Chestnut Hill, 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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#### Time for Tania to Hit the Road

Kudos to the Boston Herald for its ongoing coverage of the saga of District 7 Boston City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson's descent into "Dante's Inferno," an unethical hell of her own making. Kudos also to City Councilor Erin Murphy for her May 14th Boston Herald commentary on Fernandes Anderson who should have resigned back in April when she was first arrested and charged. She should have resigned after pleading guilty in court on May 5th. However, now she vows to stay in office until after the budget hearings in late June and only seemingly following the judge's sentencing.

The Boston City Council's integrity and reputation has been put on trial by the actions of the District 7 councilor. The sooner she goes the better the whole city government structure will be. The fact she holds on to her seat tells one everything they have to know. She hasn't really even acknowledged doing anything wrong and hasn't seen the need to apparently apologize to her constituents whom she has betrayed in office. Does she still believe she can truly represent her constituents or be their voice?

If she won't leave until she sees fit, she should not only be removed from all the committees she sits on. Hey, if I were a member of the City Council, I would vote to take away her City Council office keys.

If ever there was a time to create a Code of Ethics on the City Council, now is that time. It is so sad to see how helpless the City Council is looking at the moment. They all tell her it is time to go and the mayor says basically the same thing. Where too are her District 7 voters? Why aren't they demanding she take a hike? Remember government is only as good as we the people demand it to be or as bad as we allow it to be. Where are all the candidates lining up to be the next councilor to represent the people of District 7? Their voices need to be heard too.

Political courage is a hard commodity to find these days. Why are our electeds' all so timid to speak out? When all is said and done Tania Rodrigues Anderson will go down in City Council history as a minor irritant who seemingly found a way to make the Boston City Council look even more meaningless than most of us already thought it to be.

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candidates by popular vote with a ranked choice voting system. If approved by the council, it would need to be signed by the

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

The Trial Court

**Probate and Family Court** 

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

10-U Commerce Way

Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI25P1039GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of

Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of

**ERICK ALEXANDER RIVAS AGUILAR** 

of Woburn, MA

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition

on 02/27/2025 by

for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed

Sandra Patricia Aguilar Gullen of Woburn,

MA will be held 06/09/2025 11:00 AM

Woburn, MA 01801

Judge Barbar Session

2. Response to Petition: You may respond

by filing a written response to the Petition

or by appearing in person at the hearing

If you choose to file a written response, you

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least

five (5) business days before the hearing.

File the original with the Court: and

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an

adult on behalf of the minor) has the right

to request that counsel be appointed for the

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent

of the minor child who is the subject of this

proceeding you have a right to be represented

by an attorney. If you want an attorney and

cannot afford to pay for one and if you give

proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be

assigned to you. Your request for an attorney

should be made immediately by filling out the

Application of Appointment of Counsel form.

Submit the application form in person or by

mail at the court location where your case is

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 05/16/2025

over age 14 has the right to be present at any

hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not

going to be heard.

Date: March 03, 2025

in the minor's best interests.

Guardianship of Minor Hearing

Courtroom 3

mayor and approved by Beacon Hill. Then, finally it would have to be approved by city voters in a ballot referendum.

According to City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, "Bostonians support ranked choice voting because it encourages candidates to build broad coalitions rather than appealing to a narrow base."

However, City Councilor Ed Flynn disagrees. He says the last thing we need to do "is to create more confusion with a new voting system where the person who receives the most votes may not be declared the winner."

#### End Quote

"I would cut out the middlemen. Everybody should equalize. Everybody should pay the same price."

– President Donald Trump (speaking of his order to lower prescription drug prices)

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department** Middlesex Division Docket No. 25W0333

> SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION SANDRA A. NGUYEN, Plaintiff(s)

> ADSON OLIVERIA, Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) Adson Oliveira

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

You are required to serve upon Sandra A. Nguyen or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 40 Kent Drive, Hudson, MA 01749 your answer on or before 10th day of June 2025. If You fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852.

Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of April 29th, 2025.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court Run date: 05/16/2025

#### Estate of Soon, it will be Memorial Day, and countless families will fire

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## North End Coffee Hour with the Mayor

Join Mayor Michelle Wu and City Staff for Coffee and Conversation!

#### May 22, 2025 — Langone Playground

529 Commercial Street, North End, MA

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

A neighborhood staple known for bringing the community together over a cup of coffee, Dunkin' is back to fuel the conversation with iced coffee and donuts. Dunkin' will also provide lawn game activities for attendees, gift card giveaways, and the opportunity for



residents to win a raffle prize. Free flowering plants will be provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market.

Coffee hours are 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., unless otherwise noted due to inclement weather.

Rain Location: BCYF Nazzaro Community Center, 30 N Bennet Street, Boston, MA.

#### The #1 Pizza Destination in the U.S.

Most pizza lovers will be surprised to learn the number #1 destination for pizza in America is New Hampshire. Not New York for a pie nor Chicago for a deep dish, but rather a small obscure state in New England is the top choice for pizza. According to research from Maine Lobster Now, each state was ranked by how much it loves pizza. The study analyzed the number of pizzerias per 100,000 residents, along with people's interest in pizza, by tapping into google searches as well as the average price of pizza in each of the fifty states.

"New Hampshire is the ultimate destination for pizza lovers," Maine Lobster Now said in a statement. The Granite State has 1,022 pizzerias, or almost 73 pizzerias per 100,000 residents. This was the highest in the data set per Maine Lobster Now. "Add in the high pizza enthusiasm of 22,512 pizzarelated searches per 100,000 residents and a wallet friendly average pizza price of \$15.74 and you've got a state that ensures pizza enthusiasts have ample options at relatively affordable prices," the Mainebased seafood company said.

Another top state from the study was Ohio, with 4,150 pizzerias. Ohio showed the highest search ratio of the top 5 states, 28,563 per 100,000 residents according to the study. The next three states in the top five were, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. The remaining states in the top 10 were Kansas, West Virginia, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Indiana. Kansas was a standout pizza destination due to its low average price of \$14.96 per pizza, per the study.

Shockingly, New York ranked 29th. The study admits this is surprisingly low given the state is known for its pizza pies. The average pie in New York costs \$19.73, making it one of the five most expensive pies in the dataset. The state has approximately 19 pizzerias per 100,000 residents. "It's hard to reconcile these numbers with New York's cultural dominance in

the pizza world, but it's iconic, thin, foldable slices continue to shape America's love for pizza, regardless of the rankings," the report stated.

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

> Docket No. MI25P1775GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of

**JESUS DAVID GONZALEZ CEREZO** of Medford, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Cruz Milagros Cerezo Perez of Medford, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jesus David Gonzalez Cerezo is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Cruz Milagros Cerezo Perez of Medford, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of May 28, 2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. . The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,

First Justice of this Court. Date: April 30, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/16/2025



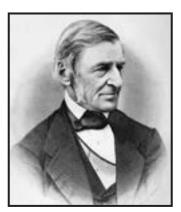


Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

#### Ralph Waldo Emerson



Ralph Waldo Emerson was born on May 25, 1803, in Boston. His parents were Ruth Haskins Emerson and William Emerson, pastor of Boston's First Church. "Waldo," as Emerson was called, entered Harvard at age fourteen, taught in the summer, waited tables, and with his brother Edward, wrote papers for other students to pay his expenses. Graduating in the middle of his class, Emerson taught in his brother William's school until 1825 when he entered the Divinity School

at Harvard. The pattern of Emerson's intellectual life was shaped in these early years by the range and depth of his extracurricular reading in history, literature, philosophy, and religion, the extent of which took a severe toll on his eyesight and health. Equally important to his intellectual development was the influence of his paternal aunt Mary Moody Emerson. Though she wrote primarily on religious subjects, Mary Moody Emerson set an example for Emerson and his brothers with her extensive reading in every branch of knowledge.

In 1829, he accepted a call to serve as junior pastor at Boston's Second Church, serving only until 1832. Emerson would in 1835 refuse a call as minister to East Lexington Church but did preach there regularly until 1839. In 1830, Emerson married Ellen Tucker who died the following year of tuberculosis. Emerson married again in 1835 to Lydia Jackson. Together they had four children, the eldest of whom, Waldo, died at the age of five, an event that left deep scars on the couple. Emerson's first book *Nature* was published anonymously in 1836 and at Emerson's own expense. In 1837, Emerson delivered his famous "American Scholar" lecture as the Phi Beta Kappa address at Harvard, but his controversial Harvard Divinity School address, delivered in 1838, was the occasion of a twenty-nine-year separation from Harvard. Compelled by financial necessity to undertake a career on the lecture circuit, Emerson began lecturing in earnest in 1839 and kept a demanding public schedule until 1872.

The lecture tours heightened public awareness of Emerson's ideas and work. From 1840-1844, Emerson edited The Dial with Margaret Fuller. Essays: First Series was published in 1841, followed by Essays: Second Series in 1844, the two volumes most responsible for Emerson's reputation as a philosopher. In 1844, Emerson also purchased the land on the shore of Walden Pond where he was to allow the naturalist and philosopher Henry David Thoreau to build a cabin the following year. Emerson attempted to create his own community of kindred spirits, assembling in the neighborhood of Concord a group of writers including Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, the social thinker, Margaret Fuller, the reformer Bronson Alcott, and the poet Ellery Channing. By the 1850s, Emerson was an outspoken advocate of abolition in lectures across New England and the Midwest and continued lecturing widely on a number of different topics — eighty lectures in 1867 alone. Emerson spent the final years of his life peacefully. He passed away of pneumonia in 1882 at his home in Concord.

#### Side Walk Ballet: Jane Jacob's North End Tour by Paula Taylor

Sunday May 18 2025

Time: 2 PM - 4PM Meet at 3 North Square

Free tour to NEHS Members.

RSVP-Limited space (register below)

#### **About This Tour**

Please join the North End Historical Society' and Boston guide Paula Taylor of Off The Eaten Path Tours for a unique "Jane's Walk" look at the North End's street scene and how it inspired the writing and activism of urban historian Jane Jacobs (1916-2006).

In her influential books on city growth and development, Jane had high praise for the "two-shift" social dynamics of the North End and the variegated built environment spanning three centuries of movement and change. All together, these elements made the North End, in her words, "safe, vibrant, and healthy".

We will witness and identify these aspects of "Jane's" North End and at the same time recognize the alterations to the area since the 1960's and what drives these forces of change.

Jane's Walk is a movement of free, citizen-led walking tours inspired by Jane Jacobs and takes place each year on a weekend in May. The walks get people to tell stories about their communities, explore their cities, and connect with neighbors.

Register here/evite

Jane's Walk of the North End

# The Pirandello Lyceum's 2025 I Migliori Awards

by Dr. Dean Saluti, Pirandello Lyceum Vice President



I Migliori 2025 Honorees and Pirandello Lyceum members, (L-R) - Back Row: Virginia Gardner, Anthony Lori, Dorothy Maio, Stephen Maio, James Pinzino, Marjorie Cahn, Dean Saluti, Ivana Marroncelli, Education Office Director of the Consulate General to Italy's Office; Rosario Cascio, Sal Bramante, Aldo Cipriano, Vincenzo Fazzolari, and Lino Rullo; Front Row: Trooper Carlo Mastromattei, Brigadier General Richard Cipro, Marianne Leone, Dr. Joy A. Cavagnaro, Nino Ricci and The Honorable Peter C. DiGangi



Rosario Cascio, I Migliori 2025 Honoree Nino Ricci and Dean Saluti



Rosario Cascio, I Migliori 2025 Honoree Brigadier General Richard Cipro and Dean Saluti



Rosario Cascio, I Migliori 2025 Honoree Marianne Leone and Dean Saluti



Rosario Cascio, I Migliori 2025 Honoree Dr. Joy A. Cavagnaro and Dean Saluti



Rosario Cascio, I Migliori 2025 Honoree The Honorable Peter C. DiGangi and Dean Saluti



Rosario Cascio, I Migliori 2025 Honoree Trooper Carlos Mastromattei and Dean Saluti



(L-R) - Standing: I Migliori 2025 Honorees and Pirandello Lyceum members, The Honorable Peter C. DiGangi, Trooper Carlos Mastromattei, Dean Saluti, Brigadier General Richard Cipro, Nino Ricci, Seated: Dr. Joy A. Cavagnaro, Ivana Marroncelli, Education Office Director of the Consulate General to Italy's Office; event emcee Cheryl Fiandaca and Marianne Leone

(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)



Massachusetts Army National Guard Military Police Battalion presenting colors

Much can be said about the outstanding leadership in Boston's Italian community. Dr. Dom Amara is indeed the "best of the best." This former Deputy Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools serves as the President of Boston's premier Italian cultural organization, the Pirandello Lyceum and as the Chairman of the Board of the powerful Italian American Alliance (IAA). While leading these two organizations, he managed to meticulously plan and execute the recent "I Migliori in Mens et Gesta" (The Best in Mind and Deeds) Awards Banquet to a high degree of excellence.

Each year, since 1987, the Pirandello Lyceum solicits nominations from the Italian community at large for this prestigious award that has been received by Governors, Senators, Mayors, astronauts, artists, judges, poets, authors, scientists, professors and others. This year, under the watchful eye of Dr. Dom Amara, six outstanding "I Migliori" awardees were selected.

Dr. Amara had appointed TV Investigative Reporter Cheryl Fiandaca to serve as the awards event Emcee. Cheryl did a great job. Pirandello Board Member Ginny Gardner opened the event with the Invocation at Spinelli's function facility in Lynnfield. Chairman of the Pirandello Lyceum Board Rosario Cascio worked with Cheryl Fiandaca in the presentation of the awards. Rosario is a renowned Italian language educator. This year, the Colors were brought forward by the Massachusetts Army National Guard Military Police Battalion and were presented to "I Migliori" Brigadier General Richard Cipro.

The following outstanding Italians received this year's "I Migliori" Awards:

**Dr. Joy A. Cavagnaro** — internationally recognized expert in ensuring the safe and effective development of pharmaceuticals. This famous scientist has her roots on Prince Street in Boston's North End. She was nominated by her cousin, "I Migliori" Charles Centore. To show her appreciation, she had made beautiful enamel lapel pins for event attendees.

Brigadier General Richard Cipro — is currently commanding the Massachusetts Army National Guard as the Assistant Adjutant General. BG Cipro has attended this event in previous years, representing the Military and receiving the Colors, all for the love of his Italian heritage. He is a soldier's soldier, with three overseas combat command deployments. He has been in the Military for over 39 years and has been recognized by his community, Worcester, with the Italian American Community Service Award. He was nominated by "I Migliori," Colonel (MA) retired, Dr. Dean Saluti.

The Honorable Peter C. DiGangi — Judge DiGangi served the Commonwealth in the Middlesex Probate and Family Court. He is a Past President of the Justinian Law Society. He was recognized by the Middlesex Bar Association as Jurist of the Year and has received the Justice Award from the Massachusetts Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. He was nominated by "I Migliori" Gr. Uff. Lino Rullo.

**Marianne Leone** — she is a popular author with many best-selling books and essays that have been published in the *Boston Globe*. She is also an actress who has appeared in many movies. She had a recurring role for four seasons on "The Sopranos." Her husband, Chris Cooper, who came to support her, is an Academy Award winning actor. She was nominated by Pirandello Lyceum Board Member Ginny Gardner.

**Nino Ricci** — he is an author and professor. He is a Visiting Professor at Bridgewater State University. His books have been recognized by the *New York Times*. His books have also received acclaim in Canada, where they won the Governor General's Award and in England, where he won two high-level awards. His works have been published in 17 countries. Prior to Bridgewater, he held previous Visiting Professor positions at various universities, including Princeton. He was nominated by Dr. Anthony Cicerone from Bridgewater State University.

**Trooper Carlo Mastromattei** — he is a first-generation Italian American whose first language was Italian. He has been a Massachusetts State Trooper for nearly 20 years and currently serves in an anti-crime unit. He works avidly to prevent cruelty to animals, saving the life of a dog that was drowning at Revere Beach. He also saved the life of a woman who was about to jump off the Tobin Bridge. He was selected to receive the President's Award by Pirandello Lyceum President, Dr. Dom Amara.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the tireless efforts of Pirandello Lyceum Board Members Jim Pinzino and Marjorie Cahn, who tracked reservations and payments and arranged seating. It should also be noted that Marjorie Cahn and past "I Migliori" recipient Pam Donnaruma, Publisher of the *Post-Gazette*, prepared the beautiful event program book. Lastly, Boston's own, "I Migliori" Lino Rullo, raised funds for the 2025 Pirandello Lyceum Scholarship Awards. Thank you, Dr. Domenic Amara, for orchestrating this wonderful event to be remembered.

# 2025 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

#### **JUNE**

SANTA MARIA DI ANZANO Italian Mass St. Leonard Church Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 1 10:30 am 1 pm
PADRE PIO PROCESSION  Italian Mass St. Leonard Church  Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 22 10:30 am 1 pm
ST. THERESA SOCIETY  Mass St. Leonard Church  Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.	June 29 10:30 am 1 pm

#### **JULY**

MADONNA DEL GRAZIE	July 13
Mass St. Leonard Church	10:30 am
Procession – Hanover – Prince St	s. 2 pm
SAN ROCCO	July 20
Italian Mass St. Leonard Church	10:30 am
Procession – Hanover – Prince St	s. 1 pm
ST. JOSEPH	July 25, 26, 27

# Sunday Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts. 7 pm AUGUST

ST. AGRIPPINA	July 31, August 1, 2, 3
Hanover & Battery Sts.	Opens 7 pm on Thursday
Sunday Procession	12 noon

MADONNA DELLA CAVA
Hanover & Battery Sts.
Sunday Procession

August 8, 9,10
Opens 7 pm on Friday
1 pm

MADONNA del SOCCORSO August 14, 15, 16, 17 North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's) Sunday Procession 1 pm - Flight of the Angel 8 pm

SANTA LUCIA August 28
Thursday, Feast & Procession 5 pm
Thacher & Endicott Sts.

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST August 29, 30, 31

Endicott & Thacher, N. Margin Sts.

Sunday Procession 12 pm

#### **SEPTEMBER**

SAN GENNARO FEAST Septemb	er 5, 6, 7
Paul Revere Mall (Prado) Hanover St.	
Sunday Procession	12 pm
ST. ROSALIA di PALERMO	TBD
Procession Only - North Square	1 pm

#### ADDITIONAL ITALIAN FESTIVALS

Gloucester, MA

**SAINT PETER'S FIESTA** June 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 Sunday Mass 10 am (Outdoor) - Procession 12 pm For more details visit: http://stpetersfiesta.org/

Malden, MA

SAINT ROCCO FESTIVAL
Pearl Street, Malden, MA
Sunday Procession

August 8, 9, 10
1 pm

Lawrence, MA

FEAST of the THREE SAINTS August 29, 30, 31 Saints Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino

Common & Union Streets, Lawrence Sunday Procession

Cambridge Festival

SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN 100<sup>TH</sup> Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7
Sunday Procession 1 pm

Warren and Cambridge St., Cambridge

## Saint John the Silent

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

John was born in Nicopolis in Armenia in the year 454 into a noble and virtuous family. Unusually devout even from childhood, John did not pursue the careers popular in his family; instead, after the death of his parents, he was inspired to build a monastery where he lived with ten other men, living the life of monks. John was only eighteen years old.

Under his direction, they led a devoted life of work and piety, gaining for him a reputation of

leadership and sanctity. Because of this, the Archbishop of Sabaste was moved to consecrate John as Bishop of Colonia in Armenia at the young age of twenty-eight. Although he felt himself unworthy of the office, John accepted the position with humility and governed his diocese for nine years before he decided to resign and fulfill his desire to live a life of seclusion. Thus he found his way to Jerusalem. While at prayer one night, John was granted a vision in which he was later guided to the monastery of St. Sabas and there the pilgrim was granted permission to dwell in a lonely hermitage to pursue uninterrupted contemplation.

Such was his sanctity that after four years, having disclosed to no one that he had once been a bishop, the abbot of St. Sabas wishing to have John ordained to holy orders, presented him to the Patriarch Elias of Jerusalem. However, upon

their arrival at Calvary, John requested a private audience with the patriarch and disclosed his long-held secret. Upon learning of his previous consecration, the abbot reproached John for keeping the knowledge from him. John continued to reside in his cell for four more years, speaking to no one except the monk who brought him his necessities.

In the year 503, trouble was

In the year 503, trouble was stirring in the cloister and the abbot was forced to leave his own monastery; consequently,

John also decided to leave and went into a nearby wilderness where he lived in prayer, mortification and silence for six years. Only when the abbot was finally restored to his community, he was again able to persuade John to also return. However, having become accustomed to conversing only with God, John was unable to find anything but emptiness in everything else. John returned to his old solitary cell where he remained for forty more years. During that time, he never turned away any of the people who came seeking his instruction and counsel. One of these whom John instructed was a young man of sixteen named Cyril who later wrote John's life.

John died in 558 at the age of one hundred and four — he had lived in solitude for seventy-six years, interrupted only by the nine years of his episcopate as bishop of Colonia. The Feast day of Saint John the Silent is May 13<sup>th</sup>.

# **PEDRO MARTINEZ**

Receives Honory Degree from Fisher College

Red Sox legend Pedro Martinez and wife, Carolina Cruz Martinez, were awarded honorary doctoral degrees from Fisher College in Boston Massachusetts. The former ace pitcher told the graduates it was the biggest moment in his life, above the Hall of Fame the Cy Young Award. Pedro and his wife oversee the Pedro Martinez Foundation that focuses on funding education both in the Dominican Republic and the United States.

"Today is probably the biggest moment of my life because if you know what we do in this community, it's education. Today is the first time, ever, that I get to put this robe on and be recognized as a student and teacher." Pedro told the audience. As a kid he came to the U.S. to play baseball and was never given the opportunity to wear a cap and gown

Pedro felt it was important to leave the graduates with a message of perseverance. "I can talk to them about what it's like to stumble and never give up. They're going to need courage; they're going to need to be strong. The stumbles, yes, they come with the package, but how string you are to stand up and keep going, that's what they need to look at, the value of loving what they do." He also talked about loving the City of Boston and the incredible people of Boston.

Fisher College will establish a \$5,000 scholarship to the Pedro Martinez Foundation.

# Small Ads Get Big Results

3 pm

For more information call 617-227-8929



(L-R): Fisher College Chief of Police Sherry Belanger, Carolina Cruz Martinez, Pedro Martinez and Fisher College Police Administrative Lieutenant







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12 NOON - Opening ceremonies including a salute to the flag and United States and Italian national anthems Italian performance by Medford School Students

3-30PM - Italian-American sensation Biagio





# ELI ROTH'S RED LIGHT DISCO: DANCEFLOOR SEDUCTIONS FROM ITALIAN SEXPLOITATION CINEMA (Vinyl) CAM Sugar/UMe

American auteur, actor and lover of Italian genre B-movies and the scintillating disco soundtracks, Eli Roth has curated a collection of some of his favorite songs from

the heyday of "commedia sexy all italiana" (or sexy Italian comedies) of the '70s and '80s resulting in, Eli Roth's Red Light Disco: Dancefloor Seductions From Italian Sexploitation Cinema, featuring 20 infectious dancefloor fillers, spanning from kinky disco and psychedelic funk to swaggery rock and roll and seductive bossa nova. Alfonso Zenga and Paolo Gatti's "Sparklin Conversation" from 1980s "Sensi Caldi" kicks off the album with its four-onthe-floor disco beat, elastic bass line, layers of synthesizers, and frenetic saxophone, setting the scene for what's to come. Italian sexy comedy actress and disco diva, Gloria Guida, lights up the dance floor with glitter, glamour and groove on the quintessential nightlight anthems, "La Musica È," from "L'infermiera di Notte" and "Quando Vuoi Con Chi Vuoi" from "La Liceale Seduce I Professori," both released in 1979 from composer, Gianni Ferrio. Don Powell's theme song for 1980s "Amori Stellari - Giochi Erotici Nella Terza Galassia" is a cosmic disco adventure, while Nico Fedenco's "I'm Number One" from 1979s "Eros Perversion" combines grit and seductive swagger. Another song that blurs the line between inspiration and infringement, "Runnin' Around" by Daniele Patucchi is both irresistible and brilliant, with pounding drums, a groovy disco-funk bassline. The song is a prime example of Italy's love of American music and some of the shortcuts they often took when rushing to create music for their booming film industry. Roth's love of gialli (or Italian horror films) is also represented with Bruno Nicolai's "Servizio fotografico," a dreamy, Giallo-inspired melody that blends elegance and intrigue, from "La Dama Rossa Uccide Sette Volte" ("The Red Queen Kills Seven Times"). Other highlights include "Taxi Girl" (Ritmico Disco), the funky instrumental theme to the 1977 classic by session legends Enrico Pierannunzi & Silvano Chimenti, and legendary Riz Ortolani's "L'Erotomane" (Beat), a slice of psychedelic funk and spoken word with trippy instrumentation from the 1974 film of the same name. "What Can I Do" by the maestro Stelvio Cipriani from 1979s "La Supplente Va In Citta" channels the energy of an Italian Studio 54 with soaring English vocals, while his "Il Sesso Del Diavolo - Finale" from the 1979 flick closes out the album with an instrumental that offers a darker, funkier track, with his signature Italian flair.

#### GLENN DICKSON/BOB FAMILIAR – ALL THE LIGHT OF OUR SPHERE (CD) Sounds Familiar

When a cutting-edge klezmer artist and a former rock musician come together to make music, you get the extraordinary electroacoustic sound showcased on All the Light of Our Sphere, the new album by clarinetist Glenn Dickson and electronic musician Bob Familiar. All the Light of Our Sphere layers clarinet and synths to achieve a lush, orchestral sound. Dickson and Familiar met in 2024 when both performed separate sets for an electronic music night. Dickson has been a well-known klezmer clarinetist for decades and is leader of the acclaimed avant-klezmer band Naftule's Dream, while Boston music scene mainstay Familiar evolved his narrative style of electronic music after stints as the synthesist for several classic 80s rock bands. Their approach rejects the static nature of much drone and electronic space music in favor of incorporating melodic development, tonal modulation, and evolving loops. The result is a deep collaboration between two modes of sound production, with each musician bending toward the other. Dickson adopts looping techniques and digital manipulations of his acoustic clarinet sound, while Familiar utilizes the Osmose keyboard, which extends the intuitive expressiveness of the traditional synthesizer through multi-dimensional sensing for every key, and the Rhodes piano, the current incarnation of the classic keyboard going back to the 1970s, with mechanical sound production like an acoustic piano. "When Fortune Laid the Trojans Low" opens the album on a low but defiant note, the watchful opening melody giving way to the persistent bass line and nervous energy of Familiar's particularly creative percussive effects. "Words Set Free from Doubt" proclaims self- confidence as Dickson's clarinet soars with consistent motifs over the ecclesiastical timbres of Familiar's keyboards. "Just One Inch in a Hundred Years" is a sublime meditation that ruminates while always moving forward. "It Haunts Me Still," returns to a darker mood, with a persistent bass ostinato underpinning the dire cries of the synthesizer and clarinet. "Sweet Seed from Bitter Fruit" suggests a more peaceful landscape with sustained keyboard swells and pastoral woodblock sounds. On "Pretending She Was Someone Else," Dickson brings back exotic modalism, delivering a sultry soliloquy over Familiar's unsettled harmonies. "All the Light of Our Sphere" delivers the luminescent high the title suggests, while "When the Mist Thins" cuts through the fog with crystal clear melodic improvisations. "And Even Yours is Mine" is the album's remarkably tender resolution to this album, summing up the uncanny, unexpected melding of two artists from disparate segments of the music world.

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

#### LET'S VIBE IN EASTIE

Here's some latest news from Roberto Gomez, East Boston's Neighborhood liaison for the Mayor's Office:

"Hope everyone is doing well and ready to vibe!" Roberto is looking forward to the event and being present for all to strengthen the bond we hold true as one community for all. The event will take place at Lewis Mall on May 21st from 3:00-6:30 p.m. For more info, please visit https://www.boston.gov/calendar/village-vibes-east-boston.

#### BUNKER HILL 250th ANNIVERSARY GALA STARTS THIS YEAR'S PARTY



Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy and Kim Mahoney

A 250th Bunker Hill Anniversary Gala Celebration just started everything off. The recent gala was well attended and coming up in quick order will be other events celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. I still remember the celebration held in Charlestown back in 1975 as we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the battle with the largest parade I had ever seen. It was much more than

## SAL RECEIVED TWO BIRTHDAY CAKES THIS YEAR



Grandpa Sal blowing out his candles on the cake with Owen, Emily and a next-door neighbor's kid who were all anticipating a slice of that delicious looking cake.

(Photo by Nealia Morrison)



I received two birthday cakes this year, each with seven candles representing the number 77, which I just hit on Sunday, May 4th. The first cake was with my family and my two grandchildren, Owen and Emily, who just love birthday parties and cakes. This year they were joined by one of their friends from next door.

The second on May 7th at Rino's in East Boston, Italia Unita presented me with a delicous cake at the monthly CENA gathering of Italia Unita.

twice as long prior to 1975 and much larger to any parade since.

I look forward to this year's parade and the 250th anniversary of Charlestown's entry into the Revolutionary War. We may not have actually won the battle on June 17, 1775 but we damaged Britain enough that they really couldn't claim victory either. All roads to our nation's birth began in Charlestown. It is not often someone can celebrate two great anniversaries in one lifetime. Alas, I am much older today but whether I am 27 or

77, all that matters is that I am here still celebrating.

#### HARVEST ON VINE BRANCHES OUT TO COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry in Charlestown has now branched out by adding a community kitchen where community members can also learn some good cooking skills and share together in a community dinner. On that evening I showed up, the menu was very Puerto Rican and unbelievably great. I so love Puerto Rican cuisine and haven't had it lately.

# Bocce @ Langone Park

On a bright, beautiful, sunny morning the Charlestown Gibbons Senior Group took a field trip over the North Washington Street Bridge, to Langone Park in the North End. There they were treated to private bocce lessons, by none other than the master himself, Joe Blazo.

Under the direction of the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) staff Laurie D'Elia and Damien Margardo of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Boston Police Community Service Office



Civilian Coordinator Chrissy Vraibel and Officer Jason Richardson, the group learned the basics of this popular Italian sport.

Breaking up into foursomes there was good natured competition and plenty of laughter.

North End Bocce Master Joe Blazo, offering the Charlestown Gibson Senior Group members and City of Boston Staff, pointers on how to excel at this traditional Italian sport



Charlestown Gibson Senior Group members, Joe Blazo and City of Boston staff enjoying a morning of bocce and fun at Langone Park in the North End



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



To continue from last week, can you believe it, this column was 34 years old yesterday. That means, I've written 1,632 columns entitled "Nanna and Babbononno." How it all started was because of an introduction to Pam Donnaruma, our editor and publisher, at a dinner party at Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn's home, roughly a month before I began this column. I knew about this paper, called La Gazetta del Massachusetts, when it was printed in Italian. Babbononno was a fan and, every week, used to read the articles and stories to Nanna and me, translating them into English as he read.

That introduction to Pam resulted in her mentioning that one of her writers was leaving the paper and she needed someone to take her place. I had been writing a column for the Musicians' Union magazine for some time. My column, "A La Breve," was about the music scene in Boston, past and present. I was a third-generation musician in my family and knew the inner workings of the business, hence I wrote stories about the men and women who musically entertained locally.

After Pam gave me the offer, I spoke to Dad and Babbononno about my problem. What should I write about if I accepted the job? I told them that I didn't think the Post-Gazette readers would be interested in stories found in my A La Breve column. Both Dad and my grandfather reminded me that I grew up Italian, in an extended family. They added in that Post-Gazette readers, most of them Italian or Italian American, would identify with the antics of Italian grandparents, American born parents, Sunday dinners and growing up in East Boston and the North End. So, I accepted the challenge and my first column, appeared on May 15, 1991, and was about Babbononno coming to America in 1896.

Michele Angelo Contini, Babbononno, was born in Foggia, Italia, in 1875, the youngest son of Angelo and Maria Contini. My great grandfather passed away when Babbononno was young and Maria, my great grandmother, feared that her youngest son was growing up wild. So, she sent him to the parish priest to straighten him out and he was taught two trades. The priest taught him how to make furniture and how to apply different finishes on the wood. The lessons were centered around using hand tools, as electricity hadn't hit Foggia as of yet. The priest also discovered that Michele had an interest in music and taught him drums and guitar.

Babbononno married at a young age, but couldn't make enough money to support his wife and young daughter, so, he auditioned for the national band that was part of the Royal Italian Marines. He lied about his age and height (4' 11"), passed the audition and became a marine.

There had been a tradition started by President Thomas Jefferson which ended after Truman was out of office. Each year, the Italian Marine Band would come to Washington and serenade the folks in the White House. Michele Contini was a drummer in the band that arrived in 1896. Not long after the band came to the U.S., Babbononno received a message that his young wife died in child birth. He was beside himself and resigned his position. After the band left Washington, he bounced around the east coast for a time. He headed first to New Orleans where there was a sizable Italian population, but the police chief was shot and the locals blamed the Italians. They began to beat up any they could catch and actually lynched 21 in one day, almost causing Italy to break off diplomatic relations with the United States. Babbononno got out of there in a hurry. Heading back up north, New York was too busy and overwhelming for him, and hearing about Boston's North End, he headed to our fair city.

After arriving, he found the North End and headed to a restaurant on Hanover Street for lunch and became involved in conversation with a man at the next table, Antonio Ceruolo. As the conversation progressed, Antonio revealed that he shared an apartment of Salem Street with three other Italians and one was leaving soon. He offered Babbononno the slot and my grandfather accepted. Antonio found Michele work as a furniture finisher and my future grandfather found work as a musician at night.

Antonio did well as a plasterer, and was bringing his siblings to America, one by one. The next one in line was his youngest sister, Giovannina (Nanna). When Babbononno saw her picture, he asked Antonio if he could accompany him to New York to intercept her when she arrived at Ellis Island. When they were back in Boston, Michele and Giovannina began dating and eventually married. They Anglicized their names to Michael and Jenny, and with the birth of my mother, the

family began to grow, next was Uncle Nick, then Antonio who died early on, and then Uncle Gino.

Nanna found out that Babbononno was widowed and had children living with his mother in Foggia. She sent for them, and soon the family included Grace and Paul. Grace and Nanna never hit it off, and she was soon gone from the scene. Paul accepted Nanna as his mother and all was well with the Contini family. Babbononno discovered none of his sons were interested in making or finishing furniture, but also discovered all were musically talented. As a result, Uncles Paul and Nick learned clarinet and saxophone, and Uncle Gino, drums. Paul would play a few nights per week and work as a printer by day. Uncle Gino's musical career would be interrupted by WWII, and he would give up playing once he was discharged from the Army Air Corps. Uncle Nick played day and night his entire life.

My mother, Angelina, would meet a bass player, Giovanni De Cristoforo, who worked with Uncle Nick. She would marry him three years later. With a slight name change, I was born in 1938 as John James Christoforo, son of John and Anne Christoforo. We lived in Nanna and Babbononno's house on Eutaw Street in East Boston, eventually moving to an apartment two houses away, where we would stay until Easter of 1961, and then we headed out to Belmont where Uncle Gino and his family lived.

Nanna passed away from breast cancer in 1958. Babbononno made it to 98 and passed in 1973. Dad succumbed to aneurysm at age 81 in 1991, but mom, inheriting longevity from Babbononno, made it to 99, passing in 2007. I guess this makes me and my generation of Continis and Christoforos the senior member of the family. If you add in Nanna's parents who emigrated here in retirement and continue to my grandchildren, we have six generations to be thankful for ... God Bless America

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25C0536CA In the Matter of ARTEMIJS JUMUTCS CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Artemijs Jumutcs of Malden, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Artemi Jumutz.

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

proceeding. Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: April 30, 2025

a written appearance if you object to this

Tara E. DeCristofaro. Register of Probate Run Date: 05/16/2025



When you ask for "Italian bread" in Italy, you won't be handed one standard loaf. Instead, you'll discover a rich mosaic of regional specialties — each rooted in centuries of tradition and crafted from the simplest ingredients: flour, water, salt, yeast, and sometimes a splash of olive oil. From Sicily's sesame-crusted Pane Siciliano to Tuscany's famously saltless Pane Toscano, Italian breads share a common love for crisp crusts, tender interiors, and time-honored

I grew up beside my Nonna, watching her bring dough to life with nothing more than her hands, time, and a whole lot of love. No mixers, no shortcuts — just the steady rhythm of kneading, the quiet patience of letting it rise, and the gentle folds that gave it strength. For her, that was where the magic lived.

This "Braided Italian Bread" is a tribute to that beautiful tradition. Made with care and an old-world stretch-and-fold technique, it bakes into a golden, tender loaf — one that feels like a warm embrace from a much simpler time.

#### **Braided Italian Bread**

 $3 \frac{1}{2}$  cups 0 flour or bread flour (all-purpose can also be used)

1 teaspoon salt

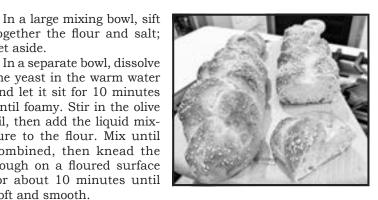
1 ½ cups warm water

1 teaspoon active dry yeast

 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup olive oil 1 egg (for egg wash) 1 tablespoon water (for egg wash) Optional: Toasted sesame seeds for topping

together the flour and salt; set aside. In a separate bowl, dissolve

the yeast in the warm water and let it sit for 10 minutes until foamy. Stir in the olive oil, then add the liquid mixture to the flour. Mix until combined, then knead the dough on a floured surface for about 10 minutes until soft and smooth.



#### First Rise & Folds:

Place the dough in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with a tea towel. Let it rest for 30–35 minutes.

Perform the first stretch and fold: gently stretch the dough upward and fold it over itself (top to bottom), then repeat from the right, bottom, and left sides. Cover again.

#### Second & Third Folds:

Let the dough rest another 30-35 minutes, then repeat the stretch and fold process.

Cover and rest again for another 30-35 minutes, then perform a third stretch and fold.

Let rise for an additional 40-45 minutes.

#### Shape & Proof:

Preheat the oven to 425°F (220°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a small bowl, beat the egg with 1 tablespoon of water to make

Divide the dough evenly into two portions. Roll each portion into three long ropes and braid to form loaves.

Place the braided loaves on the prepared baking sheet, leaving

space between them. Brush each loaf with egg wash and sprinkle with sesame seeds

Cover with a tea towel and let rest for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake for about 30 minutes or until pale to golden brown (For a softer crust, bake until pale golden. For a crispier, deeper crust, bake until rich, dark golden brown). Remove from the oven and let

cool slightly before slicing. Enjoy warm or at room temperature. Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com



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# THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT THIS & THAT**

with Daniel A. DiCenso

#### My Unfinished Novel

Perhaps what fascinates me most about unfinished works is that they leave so much to the speculation. What is left to us are clues to a mystery that, if they could be solved, would tell the full story that exists only within the artist's imagination.

I make a point of seeking out examples of works left incomplete deliberately (a decision often born out of artistic frustration) or as casualties of finances, destruction or death of the artist. It's become a hobby to fit these tantalizing pieces into an artistic canon and patching together what the artist envisioned. What if Jane Austen had finished Sanditon and what was the true ending (though letters left behind have officially confirmed the identity of the murderer) of Dickens's *The Mystery of Edwin Drood?* Though it takes turns conventional and breathless soon after Henry James's *The Sense of the* Past begins so atmospherically one wishes the author had not abandoned it. Even cinema has its ghosts. Existing scraps from Orson Welles's Don Quixote, Ray Harryhausen's War of the Worlds and Sergei Eisenstein's Que Viva Mexico! are torturesome evidence of potential masterpieces that will never see completion.

So engrossing is my interest in these abandoned visions that I often forget I too have abandoned a work I started over twenty years ago, revived in a completely reworked fashion some ten years later and then let it slip once more into the abyss of time. The experience was not without its lessons however and, despite my frustration with artists who walk away from a project leaving us nothing but sketches of what was to be, I've seen why the value of abandoning art for the preservation of its integrity.

This was my first serious attempt at writing a novel and its origins coincided with my first year of college. In between classes and work I devoted time to its planning and construction and by the middle of my freshman year I had the basic plot construction laid out.

The story was a paranormal thriller inspired both by movies like Stir of Echoes and The Sixth Sense and the true crime stories which held me in their spell since my teenage years. My main character was to be a young man (I do remember that for some reason I had written him as a Greek-American) who worked part-time at an autobody shop while taking night classes.

He moves into an apartment and one day, cleaning out papers left behind by previous tenants, he discovers that a young woman was assaulted and murdered in that same apartment in the 1970s (which at the time I was writing the story was about thirty years earlier). He has vague recollections of hearing about the case in the late 80s on some TV series, long after the case had gone cold. The murderer(s) was never caught. Not long after, he starts feeling the presence of the murdered young woman

in the apartment, first through bizarre incidents, then through visions and finally through communication with her spirit. Gradually, her spirit becomes one with his and he starts knowing things that only she could have known and "seeing" things that were in her direct field of vision. I had a sequence planned in which he is projected back to the early 70s in the days leading to her attack in which the building he resides in and the sights and sounds around him revert to their appearance from twenty years earlier (posters protesting the Vietnam war decorate the walls while hippies pass joints around in the living room). Through these methods the young woman "shows" him who killed her and equips him with the evidence to finally bring her justice.

I got as far as writing the first chapter of this story and then just dropped it. Why? I had it sketched out well enough and knew the turns it would take but what I didn't have was the statement. What was I trying to say with this story apart from a murder mystery with a supernatural angle? It was a question I couldn't answer clearly and so I deemed the story unworthy to pursue.

This was not the end, however, as elements from this story would resurface over a decade later for a new story idea. While this idea has a clearer purpose than my first, its narrative is far less concise. Consequently, this story has not developed beyond plot fragments.

The young wayfaring mechanic of my first idea morphed into a hardened Boston homicide detective, his last name changing from a Greek persuasion to unmistakably Irish. He was haunted by the brutality and violence he saw and partook in through the years until he became numb to it. One day a body is found near the Boston Harbor and he is called to investigate. The victim is a woman he had a relationship with some years earlier who he never forgot. She was the one that got away and years later he is still carrying the pain from the day she left his life.

A person of interest is the man she was involved with at the time. There is not enough evidence to arrest him, but he remains under a cloud of suspicion.

The detective makes it his mission to bring this man down. His obsession with the woman he never forgave himself for letting slip away from his life fuels his new obsession to bring her suspected killer to jail.

Digging into her life, the detective discovers what he didn't want to discover. She led a double life and harbored dark secrets. At the time of her death, she was herself being investigated in Rhode Island and New York for three homicides.

This is where the moral conundrum of the novel would come in. The detective's mission shifts from bringing her killer to justice to preserving her image at all costs. If the truth of her past comes out, her killer could get a reduced sentence or even



go free. The detective is determined to suppress the facts of her life by any means, starting with the tampering of evidence and escalating to violence. By the end he sees himself becoming as much a monster as the woman's killer.

That is one plot strand. The second one focuses on the woman's life, told in flashback. Here the details get murky, but it would explore why she arrived at killing, what lead to her own murder and why she is, ultimately, like the detective, a character to pity.

And ... this is all I have of this story so far. Development is currently on hiatus for several reasons. Foremost, I am struggling to pull the narrative together in a tightly woven thread. There are too many gaps in a broad concept. I'm also conflicted on two fronts. I want this story to be more about the woman than the detective, but both of them pull an emotional chord and each one begs the reader to consider the point in which they cross the line. In different ways, both of them meet the horror they have become.

My idea is not dead but it's reached a roadblock. I finally know what aspects of human nature I want to explore but, as it turns out, that doesn't do a lot of good if you don't have a cohesive story to go along with it. I hope to one day write this story but, in case this never comes to be, I should at least start recording its development. It may stimulate a future imagination.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25P2088GD

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

In the interests of **BRYAN R.B. PAIZANTE** of Lowell, MA Minor

#### **NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **04/15/2025 by** 

Regiane Freitas Alves De Brito of Lowell, MA

Reginaldo Gomes De Brito of Lowell, MA will be held 06/30/2025 10:00 AM Motion Located 370 Jackson St., 5th floor, Lowell, MA 01852, Courtroom 11

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

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

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

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

Date: April 15, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/16/2025 • **Ethics Reform** (Continued from Page 1)

resignation, we can now begin the essential process of healing and restoring confidence in our local government. This chapter has been a painful one, but it also presents an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the principles of transparency, accountability, and service. The work of rebuilding trust begins now," added Murphy.

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune said she is "committed to working to strengthen faith" in local city government. "Elected officials are accountable to their constituents and are expected to hold public trust in the highest regard. As President of the Boston City Council and as an at-large city councilor, I remain committed to working with our residents to strengthen faith in our local government. It is my sincere hope that anyone seeking to serve on the Boston City Council recognizes the weight of that responsibility and approaches the role with honor and integrity."

I believe the city council body, as a whole, holds their constituents in the highest regard and takes the duties bestowed upon them quite seriously. But the time for ethics reform, is long overdue. It shouldn't be taken personally, but oversight and accountability are much more vital than anyone's ego. The sooner the full council realizes and acts on this proposal, the less chances that egregious acts, like that of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, will be committed and the deeper respect residents and voters will have of their elected city council.

At-Large Henry Santana, who is

finishing his first term in office.

Born in the Dominican Republic

and raised in Mission Hill, he is

a proud product of the Boston

Public School System. He is

chair of the council's Education

Committee and Public Safety/

Criminal Justice. His number

one priority is the youth of our

city, although he is honored

to be a councilor for all demo-

graphics and neighborhoods

NEWRA meets at 6:30 p.m.,

the second Thursday of each

month, at the Nazzaro Community

Center, 30 North Bennet Street,

All residents and encouraged

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across the city.

Boston, MA.

to attend!

#### NEWRA May Meeting (Continued from Page 2)

Frank has stated many times, "people make places, and the love in this community makes the North End the best neighborhood around."

The goal is to have the museum open and operational in 12-16 months. While DePasquale is covering the build out costs, there will be an additional \$300,000 dollars required to fund the design and install the interactive, videos, and other necessities to get the ball rolling. Anthony Cortese, NEHS Vice-President is hoping for assistance from the city possibly through grants. The NEHS is in need of your donations to bring this endeavor to fruition. It is also looking for thoughts and ideas to incorporate in to the space. If you would like to donate, please use the link to the website: Northendboston. org or for further information email: northendhistorical society@gmail.com. Cortese also announced the celebration of the Noble Journey Sculpture on Saturday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street.

Last on the agenda was incumbent Boston City Councilor

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Estate of

**GERALD M.J. D'ALELIO** 

Also Known As:

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**GERALD M. D'ALELIO** 

Date of Death: December 01, 2024

**INFORMAL PROBATE** 

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Dolores Rufo of Wilmington, MA.

To all persons interested in the above

Dolores Rufo of Wilmington, MA has been

informally appointed as the Personal Repre-

sentative of the estate to serve without surety

#### The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court**

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

> Docket No. MI25P2578EA Estate of

JANICE MARION JABLONSKI Also Known As: JANICE M. JABLONSKI Date of Death: October 17, 2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mark Simonds of Wakefield. MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Mark Simonds of Wakefield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** 

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 06, 2025.

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

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

Date: May 09, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/16/2025

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,

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI25P2455EA

Estate of **PAULINE RITA COOK** 

Also Known As:
PAULINE R. COOK, PAULINE COOK Date of Death: April 10, 2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Joseph A. Cook of Morrisville, VT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

The Petitioner requests that Joseph A. Cook of Morrisville, VT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 09, 2025.

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

Date: May 12, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/16/2025

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25C0550CA

KIRA BORISOVNA PIRIMOGLU CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

been filed by Kira Borisovna Pirimoglu of Winchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Kira Kogan.

appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 27, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

First Justice of this Court Date: May 09, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 05/16/2025

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE -CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 25STCP01472

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Asher Eiten Kaplan filed a peti-

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons cause, if any, why the petition for change above must file a written objection that includes days before the matter is scheduled to be

NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 09/29/2025 Time: 08:30 AM. Dept.: 45. Room: 529 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N Hill St., Los Angeles, CA

or territory where petitioner lives.

SIGNED: Virginia Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

In the Matter of

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,

tion with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Asher Eiten Kaplan Proposed name: Asher Eiten Kaplan Leba

interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described the reasons for the objection at least two court heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: printed in the county in which petitioner resides or, if no county, in the local subdivision DATE: 4/21/2025

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# **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani



#### Opening Day at Festa Field in Eastie



Sheila Cali was presented with a bouquet of flowers from EBLL as "Fan of the Year," for her many years of support of the league and her family on the field. (L-R): Justine DiBiasio, Anthony Cali, Nick Free president of East Boston Little League, Alycia Cali, Salvatore Vigliotta, Frank and Luciano Vigliotta, and Giacobbe Gun



(L-R): City Councilor Erin Murphy with Coach Tommy Welch and Nick Free, East Boston Little League board member

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, was Opening Day at Festa Field for the East Boston Little League. A large crowd showed up from all the excited Little Leaguers, their parents, families and community members. It was a great day to celebrate the beginning of baseball in East Boston.

Throwing out the first pitch this year was Senator Lydia Edwards, Rep. Adrain Madaro and City Councilor Erin Murphy. The games went on all afternoon. I must say, if I were a kid I would love to be playing at Festa Field. Kudos to MassPort for all the work they do keeping this a great baseball park.

I am kind of jealous of Festa Field. I grew up playing ball over at the "Prairie" up at the Roxbury/Dorchester border not far from Edward Everett Square and that giant pear statue. We didn't have a wall or fence to hit. We didn't have dugouts either. No lights either. I once got whacked at another ballpark up near Egleston Square and the backside of Mission Hill. No lights there either. I once got struck in the face when I didn't see the ball heading toward my head. After I got hit, the other players decided it was time to call the game off due to darkness. I wish they had done that before my at-bat.



Mayoral candidate Josh Kraft (right), showed up on Opening Day for the start of play for the East Boston Little League. Shown in photo is the Gibson family meeting up with mayoral candidate Josh Kraft before the start of a string of baseball games at Festa Field.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI25P2431EA Estate of

MALCOLM CAMERON PEYTON Also Known As: MALCOLM C. PEYTON Date of Death: January 26, 2025 **INFORMAL PROBATE** 

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner John Y. Campbell of Lexington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John Y. Campbell of Lexington, MA, Bank of America, N.A. of Waltham, 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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Another year, another **Opening Day for East Boston's** Little Leaguers. Shown in photo outside Festa Field are David Aiken and his son Eli who this year is playing on the Rockies, an East Boston Little League farm team.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)



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#### **Henry Cooper Vs Floyd Patterson**

Met After Both Had Lost in Title Bids Against Ali in Their Previous Fights

On September 20, 1966, former Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson and British Heavyweight Champion Henry Cooper faced off at the Empire Pool in London, England. Each man was coming off a losing bid facing Muhammad Ali for the world title.

After having lost the title to Sonny Liston by a first round kayo and also going out in one round in a rematch with the Bear, Floyd had worked to regain his status as a top heavyweight. He reeled off five straight wins from January of 1964 through May of 1965. Included in those victories were wins over Charlie Powell (KO In 6), Eddie Machen, and George Chuvalo, both by decision. The Chuvalo fight was chosen as Fight of the Year by *Ring Magazine*. This put Floyd in line for a shot at Ali.



Floyd Patterson Vs Muhammad Ali

The fight took place in Las Vegas on November 22, 1965 and was a huge disappointment. Patterson, who complained of having a bad back, was never in the fight. Many

at ringside thought Ali tormented Floyd because of his dislike for him. It was felt he punished Floyd and refrained from knocking him out in order to drag on the misery. The referee finally stepped in and stopped the scheduled 15 round bout in the 12th.

Muhammad followed up the Patterson fight with a 15 round decision win over George Chuvalo in Toronto on March 3, 1966. George was a late substitute for Ernie Terrell. The Canadian gave Ali a very tough fight, roughing the champion up with solid body blows.



Henry Cooper V Muhammad Ali

Meanwhile, across the pond in Great Britain, British Champion Henry Cooper was working his way into title contention though not as solidly as Patterson had. His main claim to facing Ali was

the fact that he had acquitted himself well when he fought Cassius Clay in 1963. Cooper gave the future champ a tough fight which included flooring Clay in the 4th round with a vicious left hook. Unfortunately for Cooper, he was severely cut in the next round and the fight had to be stopped.

After the Clay fight, Henry fought eight times, winning six. His two losses came at the hands of American boxers Roger Rischer and Amos Johnson, each via decision. He was not setting the world on fire, but did have that great performance against the future champ as the added impetus for driving up interest in a title shot.



Henry down for the count against Patterson

The two met in a rematch with the title on the line on May 21, 1966, again in Great Britain. A much more cautious Ali started off slowly and held quite a bit for the first four

rounds. Cooper tried but couldn't land his left hook, the punch that had put the champion on the canvas in their first encounter. In the fifth stanza, Ali picked up the pace and started landing on Henry. Cooper, who, up to this point in the fight managed to avoid being cut, saw things change in the sixth round when the champion landed a sharp right hand on Cooper's left eye causing a huge gash to appear. The referee had to intervene shortly thereafter and stopped the bout.

Now, both Cooper and Patterson were coming back from the title losses and facing one another. Floyd had looked dismal in his challenge to Ali, but on paper had the superior record. Cooper, on the other hand, while not having beaten the caliber of opposition as the former champ, did have his impressive goes against Ali as a major selling point for his chances against Patterson.

When the bell rang to start the fight, it almost immediately turned into a battle of left hooks. Cooper, whose left was dubbed 'Enry's Hammer by the British fight crowd, fought from a classic stand-up stance and fired his hooks from the same level as his jab. Patterson worked from a crouch bringing his hooks up from a much lower point. Floyd was more effective with his strategy, but Cooper had the power to end it at any time.

While it seemed this fight was going to end when one of the fighters managed to land a clean left hook on the button, the ending came from a different punch. In the third round Floyd did land a solid left hook on Cooper, but it was a right hand delivered after that hook that dropped Henry. Cooper rose at the count of three and lasted the round.



Floyd consoles Henry after the fight

In the fourth round Patterson dropped Cooper with a left hook. When he got to his feet, Floyd went after him and finished Henry with a left hook followed by a right hand. The right was a brutal punch and

Cooper was down for the full count.

What makes this fight interesting is it gives us a chance to see two of Ali's opponents face off against each other shortly after they had faced the champ. I would argue that on paper it appears that Patterson should have been the one to give Ali the biggest problems. He had speed and fought from a crouch which should have made him a more difficult target for Muhammad.

Henry was more the classic stand up boxer who would have fought straight up against Ali. Cooper would have to rely more on attempting to out jab Ali, and that would be quite a feat to accomplish.

Watch each man in with Ali and you will notice a difference in the way the champ comported himself. With Patterson, he was supremely confident. He showed no apprehension. When the bell rang, he came out for the first round with the appearance of an attitude that he could end this fight whenever he wanted to. Ali not only was convinced of his superiority over Floyd, he was also filled with contempt for the man. This was a vicious and brutal fighting machine.

With Cooper, Ali started off looking quite tentative. It could have been that he remembered that left hook he was dropped by in their previous encounter. He was much more methodical. He spent the first few rounds making sure he didn't get caught again. It wasn't until the fifth round that Ali settled in and found his rhythm. That's when he started firing shots and landing on Henry, though Cooper was not intimidated by this and fought back strongly.

I think it all boils down to where Ali's head was for each of these fights. The Cooper fight may have been the only time Ali entered the ring where he was a bit unsure of himself. That was maybe also true of the first Liston fight, but on that occasion, he had worked himself up in such a fervor his adrenaline took over.

In the Patterson fight he went in with the supreme confidence that would be a hallmark of his career. There was his utter disdain for Floyd. Of course, Patterson's back was also a factor, and perhaps a major one, though I doubt the outcome would have been any different.

Cooper would never get another shot at the title. He fought seven more times after the Ali fight, winning six. His last fight was in 1971 when he lost his British and European titles to Joe Bugner.

Patterson went on to fight in the WBA elimination tournament in 1967 when Ali was stripped of the title. He also fought Jimmy Ellis for the WBA title in 1968 losing a controversial 15 round decision.

Patterson and Ali faced off once again in 1972 with no title at stake. Floyd did much better this time around but was stopped because of a cut in the 7th round. He retired from boxing after that.

Both men remained popular in retirement. Henry passed away in 2011 at the age of 76. Floyd answered his final bell in 2006 at age 71.

#### HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

Adversity.

It is what the Boston Celtics were facing as they played the New York Knicks in the second round of the NBA Playoffs. Whether the C's would come back to prevail or not was very much an open question.

It certainly was not the scenario that nearly everyone was predicting for the Celtics.

Nearly all prognosticators were calling for the Celtics to advance to the NBA Finals while holding out the slim possibility that Boston might be defeated by Cleveland in the Eastern Conference Finals.

The *New York Post* had six writers assigned to cover the series with the Knicks and every single one of them — all six–picked the Celtics to win the series.

The possibility of a Boston-Cleveland meeting in the Eastern Conference Finals was the first to be upended when the Cavaliers were ousted in the second round by the Indiana Pacers in five games.

That included Cleveland losing three home games in the series. Who was that in the background telling everyone that the top-seeded Cavs had the home court advantage? A very silent person today.

So the Eastern Conference Finals showdown will not happen now as the Pacers advance. But Celtics fans can keep on cheering. That is because however the Celtics series with the Knicks turns out, there will be a Celtics presence in the Eastern Conference Finals. That is because Indiana coach Rick Carlisle, selected by the Celtics in the third round of the 1984 NBA Draft, was a member of the 1986 NBA championship squad

As mentioned here in an earlier column, Larry Bird and Carlisle have a unique agreement in that the survivor will give the eulogy for the one that dies first.

But along with the Cavs, the Celtics have also felt adversity this postseason. As the opening round series with Orlando played out, we felt a tinge of unease about most of it. Sure, the Celtics dispatched Orlando in five games.

But yours truly felt in several of those contests Orlando "hung around" a bit too long to make one completely comfortable — being down by a dozen or so points and thus being within striking distance for a bit too long. On paper, it might have looked like an easy series but there was a competitive edge to it that was a bit unsettling.

Some have said that a second-round matchup with the Detroit Pistons would have been a better one for the Celtics. But we always wanted one with the Knicks — a matchup that would feature two teams from the historic rivalry cities as well as being the only two original NBA teams still playing in their original franchise cities.

In short, we liked the sense and atmosphere of history that such a matchup would bring to the overall setting.

Obviously, things did not go as planned right out of the box as the Celtics lost the first two games of the series — at home no less — with an overtime win in the opening game and a one-point regulation time victory in game two enabling the New Yorkers to head back to Gotham with a 2-0 series lead.

But the most disheartening part of it all was the fact that the Celtics could not hold significant leads, being ahead by 20 points in both games one and two before the Knicks came back to claim a pair of victories.

Suddenly it was the Celtics that were facing adversity in a series where that was not supposed to happen.

Could it be that both Boston and Cleveland — destined by prognosticators to clash in an epic meeting in the Eastern Conference Finals — would both not make it that far?

By the way, when Mike Bridges stole the ball from Jaylen Brown with one second remaining in that game one overtime session to secure the victory for the Knicks, did anyone think to reprise Johnny Most's famous call: "Havlicek stole the ball, Havlicek stole the ball, Havlicek stole the ball. It's all over" — through updating the timeless audio clip in media reports by inserting "Bridges" in place of Havlicek's name? It did come to us — after a while.

The Celtics team we came to know during the 2024-2025 regular season came to life at Madison Square Garden for game three, with the C's winning by a significant margin.

But the Knicks came back to claim a game four win in New York, a contest that saw Celtics star Jayson Tatum go down with an Achilles tendon injury. The Celtics now needed three consecutive victories to win the series as one-time ardent beliefs gave way to serious doubts.

It may be said that whatever the final outcome, that is how the Celtics ultimately dealt with adversity in the 2025 NBA Playoffs.



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