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Massachusetts Senate Increases Spending in Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

by Patti Sartori

Following in the footsteps of their House colleagues, the Massachusetts Senate unveiled a \$61 billion dollar state budget that increases spending by 6.3% while rejecting a number of tax increases offered by Governor Maura Healey earlier the year. All branches of Massachusetts state government are attempting to deal with potential federal funding cuts by the Trump administration.

"Everyone I know is concerned about what might change in D.C. over the next few months. We hear a lot of rumors, we hear a lot of threats, we hear proposals, then retractions from proposals. We will move forward and adjust going forward when we know the facts," stated Michael Rodrigues, senate Budget Chief.

The Senate's fiscal budget plan increases spending by 6.3% over fiscal year 2025 but still comes in \$647 million lower than the \$62 billion dollar proposal Governor Healey submitted earlier this year and \$100 million lower than the budget

the House Democrats passed last week. A large percentage of the spending increases in fiscal year 2026 are considered "functionally non-discretionary," according to Rodrigues. All other spending hikes account for \$59 million, or less than 1% of the state budget. "Unless we want to slash services and programs that we provide to our citizens, there's very, very little we can do in any of these line items," he added.

Republicans in Congress are pushing a budget that may include cuts to health and human services spending by \$880 million, an amount that experts have said cannot be made without effecting Medicaid. "If they make significant reductions in Medicaid reimbursements, all bets are off, because that is over a billion dollars a month. I think, in MassHealth reimbursements to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," stated Rodrigues.

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A Mother's Day Tribute

to All the special Women in Our Lives

by Patti Sartori



Mother's Day is more than a date on the calendar. It's a heart-felt celebration of the women who shape our lives with unwavering love, strength, sacrifice and dedication. Observed in many countries around the world, this special day honors mothers, grandmothers and maternal figures who play essential roles in our daily lives, within families and society.

The modern celebration of Mother's Day began in the early 20th century. Upon the death of her mother, Anna Jarvis campaigned for a day to honor the sacrifices mothers make for their children and those they embrace as their children. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially declared the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in the United States. It's become an opportunity for each of us to acknowledge our appreciation for the maternal nurture and care we may have received.

At its core, Mother's Day is a time to reflect on the selfishness nature of a mother's love. From the moment a child is born, a mother provides comfort, guidance, protection and inspiration. The day is not just about flowers and cards, it is about gratitude. It is a chance to pause and recognize the emotional fortitude, sacrifice and quiet resilience that motherhood so often entails.

It also offers an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of mothering. It not only encompasses biological mothers but also adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, and all those who fill a maternal role. These women contribute to our emotional strength and stability, often becoming our strongest supporters and fiercest protectors.

While Mother's Day is officially celebrated once a year, the respect and gratitude it represents should echo every day. Motherhood is a lifelong commitment that deserves continuous acknowledgement and support. In today's fast paced world, taking time to appreciate and honor mothers can often fall by the wayside.

If you're fortunate enough to still have your mother with you, take the opportunity to make a quick phone call and check in, stop by for a chat, or send a quick text to say you are thinking of her. It's an act that many are no longer able to complete, so let's not take it for granted.

Happy Mother's Day to all the women who fill the role in our lives!

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Homeless Sex Offenders Issue

"Sex offenders account for more than 20 percent of the unsheltered homeless population in 20 states and more than 10 percent in 32 states," notes Devon Kurtz at City Journal — and the median share is 20 percent nationwide. Most states' registries consist primarily of people who have committed serious offense like rape or sexual abuse of a child and when it comes to re-offending two to four times the rate of other offenders. Yet, says Kurtz, 'the U.S. Department of Urban Housing allows publicly funded programs' to keep sex offenders in facilities that help women and children, "insisting that the homeless pose no elevated crime threat."

Girl Scout Cookies Slumping

Economic uncertainty has taken a big bite out of Girl Scout cookie sales this year. Some local chapters have seen all-time record lows over the past decade. Those Thin Mints, Samoas and other cookies have taken a big hit as folks have tightened their belts. According to researchers at New York University, "People don't know what's happening, they don't know about the impact of the tariffs ... they're scared about future price increases ... there's a general consumer uneasiness at this moment in time."

Girl Scout cookies this year average \$7.00 a box. The cost was \$5.00 in 2023 and \$4.00 per box in 2014. The new price tag is having an impact on total sales while consumers are cutting back on many items due to the general economic uneasiness out there.

Lech Walesa Coming to Boston

The former President of Poland, Lech Walesa, will be touring America this fall and will be speaking to the challenges of our time. This global hero and Nobel Peace Prize

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Mayor Wu Holds Commanding Lead Over Challenger Josh Kraft

The 2025 Boston mayoral race is still a long summer away, but if the most recent polling conducted by Saint Anselm College is any indication of how the race shapes up, it will continue to be an uphill battle for most serious challenger, Josh Kraft. According to the new poll, Wu is enjoying a strong lead over Kraft, although a few issues portray disapproval numbers that could create some waves for the incumbent mayor.

"Boston's young, diverse, and educated electorate appears satisfied with Wu's leadership. Voter dissatisfaction is aimed at Washington, not City Hall, giving Wu a solid foundation as the race begins," said Neil Levesque, executive director of Saint Anselm's New Hampshire Institute of Politics.

Online surveys of 564 likely voters in Boston, between April 23 and 25, found 53% of voters would vote for Wu's reelection and 21% stated they would vote for Kraft. The poll considered national politics, resulting in 72% of respondents stating the country is on the wrong track while 22% believe it is heading in the right direction. In comparison, 39% said the city is headed in the wrong direction while 46% said it's headed in the right direction.

Wu also fared well in her job approval rating with 61% of respondents offering praise for her performance and a 58% favorability. Kraft's favorability was underwater with 28% viewing him favorably and 36% unfavorable. "We are not worried about what early polls say,

but are focused on building our campaign and engaging with voters about thermal challenges they are concerned about," said Kraft campaign spokesperson Eileen O'Connor.

The poll also noted "vulnerabilities" for the incumbent mayor. Of three major local issues, hosing costs, traffic management and homelessness management, Wu earned 67% disapproval, 66% and 70% respectively in each category. But the most telling was the majority of respondents stating they were 70% satisfied with Boston's quality of Life. "Perhaps more than any other factor, this voter contentment with living in Boston may be any challenger's biggest obstacle to beating Wu," the Saint Anselm College pollster stated.

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE TITANS OF MYTHOLOGY



The Oceanus and Tethys Mosaic in the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, Gaziantep, Turkey

The primary Titans of Greek mythology were brought into being through the union of Uranus (Heaven) and Gaea (Mother Earth). In other words, heaven and earth reigned supreme and then combined their powers to form the Titans, the elder gods.

Oceanus, the first born of the Titans, became god of the stream named Oceanus, and he dwelt in a grotto beneath it. He married the sea goddess named Tethys, and that union produced the gods of all the rivers on earth in addition to 3,000 ocean nymphs. When moving from place to place, Oceanus traveled through the air on a winged monster called a hippogriff. This creature had the head of an eagle and the body of a horse. Coeus was the second born of the Titans. His union with Phoebe, the goddess of Starlight, produced two daughters that were named Asteria and Leto. After maturity, Asteria turned herself into a quail and plunged into the sea in order to escape the advances of Zeus. Leto eventually became the mother of Apollo and Artemis (Minerva), two of the most famous divinities in the entire Greek Pantheon

Hyperion, the original sungod united with Theis to produce the sun gods, Helios or Sol, the moon goddesses, Selene or Luna, and the goddess of dawn or morning. Enos or Aurora, Iapetus, who was regarded as the ancestor of the human race, married the daughter of Oceanus, to produce Prometheus, Atlas, and Epimetheus. Prometheus became the savior of mankind (in mythology), Atlas, bore the sky on his shoulders, and

Epimetheus became the husband of Pandora.

The Titaness Mnemosyne was the Greek goddess of memory. By Zeus, she became the mother of the nine Muses. Originally, they were the nymphs of springs, whose waters gave inspiration to all who bathed in them. They are listed as 1. Calliope, the Muse of epic poetry and eloquence; 2. Clio, the Muse of history; 3. Euterpe, the Muse of Lyric, song; 4. Thalia, the Muse of comedy and rustic poetry; 5. Melpomene, the Muse of tragedy; 6. Terpsichore, the Muse of dancing; Erato, the Muse of erotic poetry; 8. Polymnia, the Muse of sacred songs and 9. Urania, the Muse of astronomy.

NEXT ISSUE: Cronus, Father of the Gods

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Docket No. MI25C0514CA
In the Matter of
MATTHEW SCOTT BABICH
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Matthew Scott Babich of Groton, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Matthew Puck Smith.

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 21, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: April 23, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Coletta Zapata Names Samantha Peracchi

as North End and Wharf District Liaison

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata has announced that Samantha Peracchi will serve as her North End and Wharf District liaison. Peracchi is a proud fourthgeneration North End resident. She is also a product of the Boston Public Schools having attended the Eliot K-8 School and graduated from the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science. She earned her bachelor's degree from Bentley University and completed her master's at Cambridge College.

"I'm thrilled to welcome
Samantha to my team to support North End and Wharf District residents in making City Hall more accessible and responsive for all. She comes from a distinguished family of public servants and brings deep knowledge of the neighborhood," said Councilor Coletta Zapata. "I am confident that she understands the unique needs and challenges that residents face and I look forward to working with her to improve the quality of life of district one," said Councilor Coletta Zapata.

"I'm proud to serve as Councilor Coletta's North End and Wharf District Liaison," said Perracchi. "I'm committed to representing the place I call home, amplifying our voices and building a stronger community together."

Samantha has always had a passion for working with children. During high school, she founded



her own nonprofit, Never Alone, in partnership with the United Way of Boston; worked at the Nazzaro Community Center; taught at St. John School; and continues to tutor the young and brilliant minds of her neighborhood. She believes a better world is built on the values of love, compassion, and acceptance we instill in future generations.

Samantha comes from a long line of public servants and will be the fourth generation in her family to work at Boston City Hall as she begins her role as a liaison. She looks forward to

discussing local needs and finding the best ways to support her community through empathy and open communication.

Councilor Coletta Zapata encourages all North End and Wharf District residents to contact her office on any matter by calling 617-635-3200 or by emailing her at *samantha.peracchi@boston.gov*. Peracchi will be joining Judy Evers (Charlestown Liaison), Elaine Donovan (Charlestown Liaison), Sebastian Parra (East Boston Liaison), Gabriela M. Ramirez (Outreach and Communications Manager) and Ellie Sanchez (Chief of Staff) to round out Coletta Zapata's team.

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.

Target Set to Remove Self-checkout Lanes Amidst Uptick in Shoplifting

Target, Walmart and other retailers are limiting self-checkout lanes to ten items or less, but denies its due to increase in theft. Although their locations have been hit with huge losses due to shoplifting, executives say the change is strictly about moving customers out of the store in a quicker manner. A representative said the change has been in the works for over a year, and originates from internal testing that showed it increased customer satisfaction.

Industry experts beg to differ and many customers have expressed frustration with the change. Target has been dealing with significant losses due to what retailer's call "shrink," a term that includes shoplifting and inventory errors. In 2023, the company reported almost \$500 million in shrink-related losses compared to the previous year. In California, a woman was convicted of stealing over \$60,000 in merchandise from self-check out machines over a 100-visit crime spree.

GlobalData retail analyst Neil Saunders said self-checkout "is an area of the store where people can steal things," and that retailers like Target are cutting back to reduce its theft related losses. Customers are not happy and have lit up social media platforms with complaints about long lines and less convenience. One user wrote "The target I live near completely got rid of self-check out." Another posted on X, "Target is turning into Walmart. Sixteen lanes, one cashier and mile long line for self-check out. Why?"

Many customers express their preference for the speed of scanning their own items, with most preferring "to self-check out every time." Despite the pushback from customers, other retailers are following Target's lead. Walmart has also removed self-check out machines from certain locations. A company spokesperson said these decisions were based on customer and employee feedback and that replacing self-check out with

staffed lanes would improve service quality.

Dollar General has also scaled back, announcing last month it too would eliminate self-check out from 300 of its stores with the most theft. At some locations, it is limiting self-check out use to five items or fewer. Five below is almost totally phased out of self-checkout lanes. CEO Joel Anderson said "most locations would be using associate-assisted checkouts, especially those prone to theft. The company is also adding receipt checks, more staff and security guards.

According to the National Retail Federation, U.S. retailers have lost over \$112 billion to shrink. In New York City, shoplifting reports have jumped 64% over the past few years. Online market places like Facebook Marketplace have fueled the resale of stolen goods. During the COVID-19 pandemic self-check out machines were preferred as customers opted for minimal contact with others. Now that the public health emergency has subsided, so have retailers desire for unmonitored checkout lanes. Many retailers are prioritizing shrink-reduction over selfservice convenience.

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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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EMILY NAHOMY MATEO PAULINO
vs.
YEURY RADEINNY LARA TEJEDA

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

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from

entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Emily Nahomy Mateo Paulino, 48 Fowler St., Dorchester, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before June 25, 2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 25, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate Run date: 05/09/2025



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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

COMMENTARY

The Tale of Celebrity Endorsements

Embraced, Ignored and Ridiculed

by Patti Sartori

If celebrity endorsements were any indication of which candidate would win an election, Kamala Harris would be President of the United States. While celebrities carry considerable influence, their endorsements don't necessarily translate into direct votes for their chosen candidates, and often are a turn off rather than serving as the intended mobilization for voters.

The dynamics of celebrity endorsement are quite interesting, as is how each is covered in the media, or not. Last week Red Sox legend, David "Big Papi" Ortiz, endorsed Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's re-election bid and was met with widespread coverage in the local media outlets. Of course, Ortiz has become a legend in Boston's sports history and no doubt cares deeply for the City of Boston, but according to his Fox sports biography, he lives in Florida, so he is unable to cast a vote for Wu.

On the other hand, the local chapter of the International Longshoreman's Association (ILA) recently met and endorsed Boston mayoral candidate Josh Kraft, and it was barely coved in the news, other than the Herald. Granted, the ILA may not register as celebrity status, however its hard-working, blue-collar union members are most certainly a vital voting demographic in Boston and should at least be afforded some recognition and respect for taking a stance in the mayoral race.

Late last month the Super Bowl Champions Philadelphia Eagles running back Saquon Barkley joined President Donald Trump on Air Force One enroute to the team's celebratory meeting at the White House. After playing a round of Golf with Trump, Barkley was faced with an onslaught of abuse, catching heat at the sight of a black man enjoying one-onone time with the President of the United States, especially Republican Donald Trump.

One commentator stated Barkley's golf outing was not "in the best interest of black America," and even made a dig at Barclay's biracial family. Truly ignorant comments. Barclay very respectfully pushed back at the negativity, stating "LOL some people are really upset because I played golf and flew to the White House with the President. Maybe I just respect the office, not a hard concept to understand. I just golfed with Obama not too long ago as well."

These examples only prove the effect of celebrity endorsements or affiliations have the ability to shape media narratives and portray a candidate or elected official in either a positive or negative light, depending on whether the person is embraced or shunned by the media.

As voters continue to navigate the celebrity and media influenced political landscape, understanding these dynamics becomes crucial to maintaining an unbiased democracy. Honestly, I believe the average American voter would prefer Hollywood and sports celebrities keep their opinions to themselves and just do what the majority of us do, go quietly into the election booth and cast a ballot for the person they believe will be the best for their city, state and country.

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Anna María (Scannella) DíCenso

November 8, 1947 - April 27, 2025

Anna DiCenso of East Boston formerly of Italy passed away on April 27, 2025.

Beloved wife of Rino DiCenso of 58 years.

Devoted mother of Anthony DiCenso and wife Anna of Saugus, Fabio DiCenso and wife Wendy of East Boston, Concetta Carenza and husband Benedetto of Peabody.

Dear Sister of the late Nicola Scannella. Surviving Antonietta

Scannella, Adriana Susi, Antonio Scannella and all her nephew and nieces in Italy.

Cherished grandmother of Rino and wife Jamie, Sadie, Fabianna, Nico and Jeweliana. Adored great-grandmother of Elijah.

Anna migrated from Sulmona Italy with her husband and children. She worked alongside her husband Rino and her children in a successful family owned and operated business of Rinos place. She loved to cook. Anna was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia in 2002 and was recently



diagnosed in 2025 with MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome) and Stage 3b chronic kidney disease.

She loved to scratch her lottery tickets, and take off to the casino, and spending time with her family. She loved and cherished her Sunday family dinners especially with her grand-children and her beautiful great grand-child Elijah. Anna was always laughing and smiling through her battle with cancer. Anna fought till very end

with all her children, family members by

Family and friends honored Anna's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston, on Thursday, May 1, 2025, before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church in East Boston for Noon mass celebrating Anna's life. Services concluded with Anna being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

May she rest in peace.

Morgan Stanley Suggests

Changes to Mortgage Rates are Coming

Since mortgage rates surged in 2022, doubling from 3.5% to almost 7%, it was the end of the COVID-era housing boom. Higher mortgage rates over the past three years have not only made purchasing a home for most buyers much more expensive but has also discouraged sellers from listing their homes, placing the market at a standstill.

Most experts predicted mortgage rates would drop in 2025, stubborn inflation and economic uncertainty have kept them above 6.5%, in the face of three consecutive interest rate cuts at the end of 2024. It is taking longer than expected, but hopefully mortgage rates will slowly decline thru 2026.

Morgan Stanley analysts are now predicting that treasury yields will decline over the next couple of years, bringing mortgage rates down as well. Lower treasury rates are often caused by economic downturn and instability in financial markets, but a stronger housing market would help stimulate GPD and economic growth.

Even though mortgage rates are influenced by the federal funds rate, they are also closely tied to the 10-year treasury yield. Lenders use the treasury yield as a benchmark for mortgage rates to keep mortgage-backed securities competitive with treasury bonds. Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent has publicly announced the Trump Administration's commitment to bringing down the treasury yield to provide housing relief, and Morgan Stanley analysts believe that will happen over the next two years.

In a new report, the investment bank wrote, "The good news is Morgan Stanley strategists anticipate that mortgage rates could fall with Treasury yields over the next two years and home prices may decrease slightly amid increased housing supply.' However, while the treasury yield drops during economic uncertainty, if mortgage rates fall due to an economic downturn, it may be difficult for housing activity to go back to previous levels.

If mortgage rates do continue to fall through 2026, and without a recession, increased home buying could help stimulate the U.S. economy through GDP and consumer spending. Increased housing sales would increase a hotter housing market and increase economic activity. Morgan Stanley predicts consumer spending and residential investment will rise as lower mortgage rates reinvigorate the housing market.

St. Therese of Lisieux Cannonization Relic Tour

In a momentous occasion for the faithful, the relics of Saint Therese of Lisieux are set to go on tour in Massachusetts from May 12 to May 18, 2025, as part of a Massachusetts Relic tour commemorating the 100th Anniversary of her Canonization. This rare opportunity allows devotees to venerate the four first class relics of the beloved "Little Flower," whose message of simplicity and love continues to inspire millions around the world

The tour is being organized by the Saint Theresa Society of Boston, who is the newest religious society in the North End. It will include stops at several parishes across the state, including Cathedral of the Holy Cross, St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish and Sacred Heart Church in Boston's North End. The event is expected to draw large crowds seeking spiritual reflection and connection.

The devotion to St. Theresa has grown at

St. Leonard's and in the North End thanks to the effortsof Saint Theresa Society of Boston and Father Michael Della Penna. The society raised funds in the past year to keep the catholic tradition growing and to start something new for the community to get involved in. Each June, since 2024, a large statue of the saint is carried in a procession through the streets of the North End on the last Sunday of June. In 2024, the first ever procession in honor of Saint Theresa took place throughout the streets of the North End for people to venerate, devote their time to the saint, and many came out to St. Leonard's to commemorate the "Little Flower's" first time being out of the church.

May 17, 2025 marks the 100th Anniversary of St. Therese's Canonization. To honor this special occasion, Saint Theresa Society of Boston has arranged to get four first-class relics of the beloved Saint.

100th Anniversary of St. Therese of Lisieux Cannonization Relic Tour **MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025** SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

St. Theresa Catholic Church 9am - 2pm (9am Mass - 10am - 2pm Veneration) 63 Winter St., North Reading, MA

Immaculate Conception Church 6pm - 9pm 7pm Mass: 6pm - 7pm and 8pm - 9pm Veneration) 133 Beach St., Revere, MA

> **TUESDAY MAY 13, 2025 Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** 7pm - 9pm (Veneration only)

FRIDAY MAY 16TH Carmelite Chapel in the Northshore Mall 12pm - 2pm 210 Andover St., Peabody, MA

Sacred Heart Church 2pm - 4pm (Veneration only) 12 North Square, Boston, MA St. Leonard's Church 5pm - 8pm (5pm Mass; 6pm - 8pm Veneration) 320 Hanover St. Boston, MA

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH Madonna Queen of the Universe Shrine 7am - 2pm (7:30am, 9am, 12:30pm Mass, (Veneration time to follow after each Mass) 120-150 Orient Ave., Boston, MA

Cathedral of the Holy Cross 4pm - 7pm (5pm Mass; 4pm and 6pm - 7pm Veneration) 1400 Washington St., Boston, MA

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Sweet Sweets for Spring!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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. MI25C0147CA In the Matter of **CHARLES ROBERT LAMOUNT**

BULLOCK, JR. CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Charles Robert Lamount Bullock, Jr. of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Yumi Qiyana Dawson.

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 29, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: May 01, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 05/09/2025



I've Started Singing "Seventy-Seven Sunset Strip" Anyone Guess Why?

I wrote my first letter on March 3, 1968 which was published in the old Boston Sunday Advertiser, I was a 19-yearold freshman at Boston State College and the subject that Sunday morning was President Johnson's Vietnam War policy and the way things seemed going over in 'Nam halfway around the world.

As I've aged over the decades, one thing remains clear: we just keep repeating things over and over again and we never seem to learn from our mistakes. The only thing that changes are the names of leaders and the geography of conflicts.

Today, I am a writer in three local neighborhood newspapers, the Post-Gazette, the Boston City Paper and the Revere Advocate. As of late, I have added EastBoston.com, an online source of neighborhood news. A friend of mine thought I should get my own podcast too and I am actually thinking of doing just that. This past Sunday, by the way, was my birthday once again. I am one of those "May the Fourth be with me" babies. Forget Cinco de Mayo, I think Quatro de Mayo is the real holiday to celebrate.

Well, I have just suited up over at Space X for my latest trip around the sun and looking forward to it. Adventures continue to await me. Last year must have been a good one for me since I have now entered Year 77. At this point of my life, like the Temptations once sang recording "Cloud 9," I love the life I live, and live the life I love. What my age is actually is no longer meaningful in and of itself.

I will continue enjoying this journey I am on. Not worrying about tomorrow. Enjoying all the moments and learning many new things along the way. I have now hit the point in my life when I do what I want to do. Never letting others tell you what to do. They often might say it is for my own good. But that's their opinion.

In less than two weeks, I will be attending the annual Roxbury Reunion, which will bring me to younger and less complicated days. No one really ever wants to go back in time but it is nice to relive for a short time what used to be.

It did enter my mind that my latest birthday meant I have now outlived my father's lifespan and as of yet I'm not old. Not really at all. God has been good to me. I have had plenty of adventures, some turned out really great and others not always so much. I have my sense of humor which is a necessity for all of us. I await the future without fear and will always make the most of everything that happens going forward.

I also still believe that America will always be a great nation as long as it remains a good country. God Bless America and God help all of us, too.



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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo — Often mistaken as Mexican Independence Day, September 16th, Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) commemorates a single battle. In 1861. Benito Juárez — a lawyer and member of the Indigenous Zapotec tribe — was elected president of Mexico. The country was in financial ruin after years of unrest, and President Juarez was forced to default on debt payments to European governments.

In response, France, Britain and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz, Mexico, demanding repayment. Britain and Spain negotiated with Mexico and withdrew their forces.

France, however, ruled by Napoleon III, decided to use the opportunity to carve an empire out of Mexican territory.

Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, landing a large force of troops and driving President Juárez and his government into retreat.

Certain that success would come swiftly, 6,000 French troops under General Charles Latrille de Lorencez set out to attack Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east-central Mexico. From his new head-quarters in the north, Juárez rounded up a force of 2,000 loyal men — many of them either



Indigenous Mexicans or of mixed ancestry — and sent them to Puebla.

The vastly outnumbered and poorly supplied Mexicans, led by Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza, fortified the town and prepared for the French assault. On May 5, 1862, Lorencez gathered his army — supported by heavy artillery — before the city of Puebla and led an assault.

The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening, and when the French finally retreat, they had lost nearly 500 soldiers. Fewer than 100 Mexicans had been killed in the clash. Zaragoza's success at the Battle of Puebla on May 5 represented a great symbolic victory for the Mexican government and bolstered the resistance movement. In 1867 with support from the United States, France finally withdrew.

The same year, Austrian Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian, who had been installed as emperor of Mexico in 1864 by Napoleon, was captured and executed by Juárez's forces. Puebla de Los Angeles was renamed for General Zaragoza, who died of typhoid fever months after his historic triumph.

NEW Health Community Care Society at Forcella

NEW Health recently hosted a special event to honor its Community Care Society. The Community Care Society is a leadership annual giving society comprised of individuals and businesses who give generously on an annual basis to support both the North End and Charlestown sites. These donors have provided annual support to NEW Health's crucial programs, including food access, the public health vending machine, senior programming, substance use disorder services, and more, enabling the health center to advance their mission and make a positive impact in the community. The event was hosted at Forcella in the North End - co-owners Nino Trotta and Shannon MacGowan generously donated their wine bar space and appetizers for the guests.



(L-R): NEW Health CEO Vincenzo "Vin" Scibelli, M.P.H., M.S.W; NEW Health CFO Carrie Main



(L-R): Dr. Erika Omansky, NEW Health Dental Director; NEW Health Board Member Ellen Janos; NEW Health Board Chair Jason Aluia; Community Care Society Member Steve Naha, CEO of Gardner Resources Consulting, LLC; and NEW Health Board Member Bethany Daily



NEW Health staff and Community Care Society members listen to NEW Health Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Anne Murray-Chiriboga, MD, share more about the health center's impact on the community. (L-R): Community Care Society Member Rita Pagliuca; and NEW Health Board Member Marilyn Stempler, Community Care Society Member Steve Naha, Nancy Meredith, and NEW Health Board Member Ellen Janos



Saint Augustine Schoffler

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Augustine Schoffler, also known as Augustus Schoffler and Agostino Schoeffler, was born on November 22, 1822, in Mittelbronn, Moselle, France. From a young age, he exhibited a deep devotion to God and a desire to serve the Catholic Church. He entered the seminary at Pont a Mousson and later at the Grand Seminary of Nancy. After completing his education and being ordained as a priest, Augustine Schoffler joined the Paris Society of Foreign Missions in 1846. This society was dedicated to sending missionaries to various parts of the world to spread the teachings of Christianity.

In 1848, Father Augustine Schoffler was sent on a mission to Vietnam, where he spent the rest of his life. Upon arriving in Vietnam, he made his way to the Vietnamese province of Sudoa soon learned enough of the language to hear confessions and give simple instructions. He fervently spread the Gospel and worked to establish a Christian community in the region. Eventually, he moved to the Christian area of Bono, where he continued his evangelization efforts. However, Father Schoffler's mission in Vietnam was met with great adversity. During the reign of Emperor Tu-Duc, there was a severe persecution of Christians. This led to soldiers being sent out to hunt down and capture individuals who professed the Christian faith. Tragically, Father Schoffler was betrayed and captured by the soldiers. On May 1, 1852,



Father Schoffler was beheaded at Son-tai, Tonkin, Vietnam. His head was callously thrown into the Song-Ka River, while his body was buried in a nearby village. This brutal martyrdom was a result of his unwavering commitment to his faith and his courageous efforts to spread the Gospel in the face of persecution.

The exceptional devotion and sacrifice shown by Father Augustine Schoffler did not go unnoticed. On July 2, 1899, Pope Leo XIII recognized his martyrdom with a decree of martyrdom, officially venerated him as a saint. A year later, on May 27, 1900, Pope Leo XIII beatified him, acknowledging his exemplary life and sacrifice. Finally, on June 19, 1988, Father Augustine Schoffler was canonized by Pope John Paul II. His canonization served as a testament to his holiness, martyrdom, and the enduring impact of his missionary work, his life serves as an inspiration for all those who face adversity in the name of their faith. The Feast day of Saint Augustus Schoffler is May 1st.



Remember Your Loved Ones

The Post-Gazette accepts memorials throughout the year.

Please call **617-227-8929**

The North End Athletic Association Baseball Opening Day 2025

The North End Athletic Association (N.E.A.A.) held our Annual Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, May 3rd. It was a glorious day for baseball! Three of our four programs were in full swing, with T-Ball, Minor League and Major League programs kicking-off their season. We even sprinkled in Lacrosse practice for our Girls Travel Lacrosse Program — The N.E.A.A. MidNight Riders, first thing in the morning!

The day started out with the aforementioned girls lacrosse program, but soon after the T-Ball/Instructional program took over the field under the direction of Ralph Martignetti, along with his wife Janine and Alex Puopolo — a graduate of our Dodgers program who has volunteered to help this year.

The T-Ball program is sponsored once again by the Boston Red Sox Foundation's Nike Jr. RBI program. Thanks to the Sox the kids received hats, shirts, gloves and the N.E.A.A. also received baseballs and bases as well as some gloves for kids in the older programs. A great partnership for over 20 years!

The Major's program took centerstage at 12 Noon. Our First Pitch Ceremony to honor long time N.E.A.A. player, member and supporter Gloria Pizzarella took place. It was a fantastic event. Mayor Wu, Councilor Coletta-Zapata and staff from Representative Michlewitz and Senator Edwards offices, along with N.E.A.A. Chairman Ted Tomasone and Sports Coordinator John Romano spoke and provided certificates to honor Gloria's contribution to the program and the neighborhood. Major's Commissioner Rick Martignetti spoke on behalf of the league. Minor League Commissioner and Marlins Coach John Pregmon handled pregame team introductions.

Juliette Wright from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center sang the National Anthem while the Color Guard from the U.S.S. Constitution presented the colors. Gloria threw out the first pitch and the season was underway. The Tomasone Club Tigers beat the St. Anthony's Feast Marlins 11-4 in the first game and the Regional Review Cubs beat the defending Champs St. Agrippina Feast Cardinals in a thriller in the second game 5-4.

We finished out the day with a twin bill of games in the 6- to 8-year-old minor leagues with a pair of games along with a Rockies final preseason practice.

Breakfast was donated by Watermark Donuts (Bill Galatis), and an all-day BBQ was provided by the N.E.A.A. and the following sponsors: Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Representative Aaron Michelwitz, State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata, Ausonia Council Knights of Columbus #1513 - North End Council, Espresso Love, Soma Yoga, Post-Gazette Newspaper, Michael Giannasoli, Romano & Gio Carvalho, James & Francine Gannon, The Dechario Family, The Miller Family, and Anonymous. Raffle Prizes were donated by the Bonzagni Family, AL Prime Energy and The Escape Room Boston. Boston Police Community Service Officer Frank Ciampa had the Ice Cream Truck come by in the late afternoon to cool us off with free ice cream and Italian ice — a perfect treat on a very hot day! The Boston Public Market also provided free bags and stickers for all the attendees.

Special thanks goes to the volunteers who helped out throughout the day: Christopher Romano, Patricia Romano, Kingston Prinn, Mark Driscoll, Sean Drummy, Gina Ferrara, John N. Romano, Frank Addivinola, Katherine Martin, Cindy Finely, Rory Maglich, Teodora Drummy, Aaron Diaz, and Shane Pimental.

Thanks to all the coaches and commissioners as well — they do a remarkable job all season to provide a great program for our children. We are also thankful to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department Crew for doing a great job on our field!

We hope to see you all down the park watching the games throughout the season!

Lastly, we thank all the team sponsors for the season: 4-5-Year-Old Instructional/T-Ball Program: Boston Red Sox Foundation/ NIKE Jr. RBI Program

6-8-Year-Old Minor League Program: Rays – Richards MotorCars *Phillies – Boston Bottle*

Rockies - North End CARES A's - Boston Food Tour Orioles - McGovern Auto

9–12-Year-Old Major League Program:

Marlins: St. Anthony's Feast Society Cardinals: St. Agrippina Feast Society Tigers: Tomasone Club Cubs: Regional Review Newspaper



North End Little League Boys of Summer.



Juliette Wrigth singing the **National Anthem**



Gloria Pizzarella throws the first strike to kick off **NEAA 2025 Summer Baseball**



Chairman of NEAA Ted Tomasone, City of Boston Michelle Wu and John Romano celebrate the opening day festivities.





NEAA Minor League **Commissioner John Pregmon**



Major's Game action



Honoree Gloria Pizzarella with Fr. Mike Della Penna and her family members



U.S.S. Constitution Color





Jimmy Gannon, Francine Gannon, Joe Mantone and District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata enjoying a beautiful day at the park.



NEAA Majors Commissioner Rick Martignetti



Ralph Martignetti and his wife Janine with the T-Ball Program



2025 N.E.A.A. Opening Day

ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE **2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

With Special Guest Speaker:

Mark Onewolf Yancey



The Annual Meeting of the Italian American Alliance will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at the Sons and Daughters of Italy Hall, 520 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472. There is ample free parking.

The Italian American Alliance continues to grow and build on its many achievements, thanks to our dedicated members. Our mission is to protect and share

our Italian heritage in America for our descendants and for all Americans.

We believe that all cultures are an integral part of America and deserve equal respect. Our Italian heritage, history, language, and culture are no exception. We affirm that Christopher Columbus is not only an historic Italian figure but a key figure in American and world history during the Age of Discovery. Any movement to erase our heritage — or any heritage — is an affront to our shared American ideals. Our answer is to educate, to inform, and to stand firm in the truth and value of our culture.

Please join us to connect with the Board of Directors and share your ideas on how we can continue to fulfill our mission. Our agenda features a guest speaker: Mark OneWolf Yancey.

Mark OneWolf Yancey is Chihene N'de, The Red Paint People of the Apache Nation, (aka Chiricahua Apache) and is an associate board member of the Native American Guardian Association (NAGA).

Mark brings a unique and powerful perspective to our gathering. A proud veteran, he served in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army for a combined 12 years, beginning his service at the age of 17. Mark is the CEO and Owner of 1WolfPhotography, specializing in headshots and portraiture, and founder of Two Guns Tactical Academy, where he serves as Chief Firearms Instructor.

Mark holds a degree in Electronics and Photography and is a passionate educator. While in the Navy, he taught English as a Conversational Instructor and later worked at the University of Maryland's Office of Education Policy, creating educational tools that bridge cultures and challenge stereotypes. His dedication to cultural education, identity, and truth aligns strongly with the mission of the Italian American Alliance.

Born and raised in the Washington, D.C. metro area, Mark is also a committed advocate for preserving and sharing Native American heritage. As he says:

"Through the understanding of the origins and history of words and their impact on our collective cultures, we owe it to society to share our experiences and fight against cancel culture."

This year's meeting promises to be inspiring, educational, and unifying — a true celebration of heritage and shared values.

Light refreshments will be served; cash bar.

Please RSVP by email to theitalianamericanalliance@gmail.com or by phone at *617-909-5403*.

We look forward to seeing you there!

President Trump Keeps Promise to Save Columbus Day

by Patti Sartori

Like a Phoenix that "rises am reinstating Columbus Day from the ashes," President under the same rules, dates, Donald Trump has vowed to bring Columbus Day back, as he pushes against critics of the controversial Italian explorer for whom the holiday honors. Over the years, Columbus Day has become an ambiguous celebrated national holiday. However, the president has made it clear he intends to revive it and boost it and its namesake even in the face of progressive detractor's proclaims of mistreatment by Columbus of indigenous tribes.

"I am bringing Columbus Day back from the ashes. The Democrats did everything possible to destroy Christopher Columbus, his reputation, and all the Italians that love him so much. They tore down his statues and put up nothing but WOKE, or even worse, nothing at all! You'll be happy to know, Christopher Columbus is going to make a major comeback. I

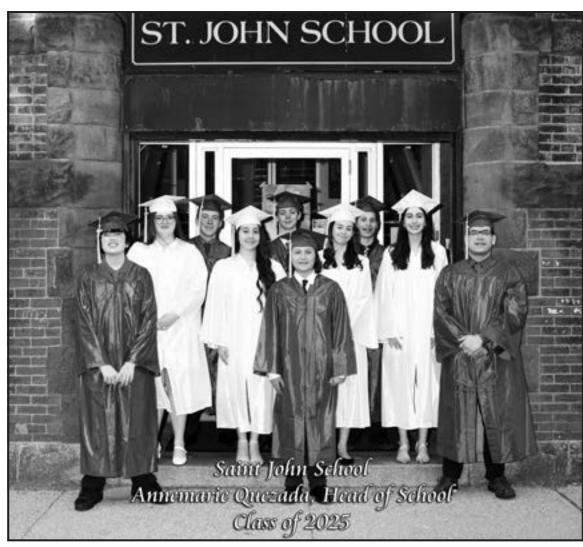
and locations, as it has had for all of the many decades before!" Trump wrote in a post on his Truth Social.

Over the years, progressive Democratic critics have attempted to replace Columbus Day with "Indigenous People's Day" over accusations of mistreatment of Native American tribes during colonization. Thankfully the national Columbus Day holiday continues to be recognized by the federal government and various cities throughout the country, including those that hold celebrations such as the Columbus Day Parade in New York City, and continues to provide federal workers with a paid holiday.

Former President Joe Biden became the first president in 2021 to officially commemorate Indigenous People's Day,

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Congratulations to St. John School 8th Grade Class



(L-R): 1st Row - Daniel Garnett, Bela Bethlendy, Santiago Gomez; Middle Row - Sophia Joyce, Marielle Nicolas, Mila Pojani, Beatrice Brocca; Back Row - Alessandro Carissimi, Silas Nichols, **Paulo Alves**

Nestled in the heart of the North End of Boston, on the historic Freedom Trail, St. John has become a sought-after choice for families and students. The faculty and staff welcome

children from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, offering a warm, diverse, and caring school family, encouraging all students to become the very best versions of themselves.

Pictured are the students from the 2025 8th Grade Graduation Class. Wishing them all the best as they move onto high school and continue their education.

Congratulations to All!

Walk the Beat with Boston Police



It was a perfect day for The Boston Police Area A-1 Community Service Department and North End/Waterfront residents to lace up their walking shoes and head off on a stroll through the neighborhood. Led by officers Jason Richardson, Mercedes Parker and civilian liaison Chrissy Vraibel, the group enjoyed their weekly walk around the community, greeting neighbors, business owners, and of course, doggies of all breeds and

The "Walk the Beat" program of the Boston Police Department is a community engagement initiative where officers walk through neighborhoods with residents, promoting positive interactions and

strengthening police-community relationships.

The walkers meet each Tuesday, weather permitting, at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, at 10:00 a.m. All are encouraged to join in and participate. For further info, contact Chrissy Vraibel at 617-343-4627 or Christine. Vraibel@PD. Boston. Gov





BEN 10: THE COMPLETE SERIES (DVD) Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

Cartoon Network's Emmy® Award-winning animated scifi series is coming to DVD for the first time ever, with the release of Ben 10: The Complete Series. Includes all 227 episodes created over the years from Ben 10, Ben 10 Alien Force, Ben 10 Ultimate Alien and Ben 10 Omniverse, and 2 movies including Ben 10: Secret of The Omnitrix and Ben 10: Destroy all Aliens. Follow Ben Tennyson's epic journey from an everyday, average kid to a legendary teenage hero across four action-packed series. With the Omnitrix — a powerful device that lets him transform into incredible alien heroes - at his side and the help of his cousin Gwen, he battles powerful villains, uncovers hidden alien worlds, and saves the galaxy time and time again! Whether Ben's facing classic goes, unlocking ultimate transformations or stepping into a new era, every adventure proves that it's always Hero Time! The global juggernaut Ben 10 franchise debuted on Cartoon Network in 2005 and also includes a series of television movies.

RICK AND MORTY: THE ANIME (Blu-ray) Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

Are you ready for a brand-new adventure across the multiverse? Rick and Morty: The Anime is available to own on Bluray and DVD from Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment. The Rick and Morty universe is expanded with the all-new Japanese adult anime sci-fi television series from visionary director Takashi Sano. The 10-episode series follows Rick, Morty and the rest of the Smith family in a new intergalactic adventure. From the world of "Rick and Morty," Rick relaxes in a pseudo-world between multiverses, Summer helps Space Beth fight the evil Galactic Federation, and Morty falls in love with a mysterious girl who happens to be an atemporal being. The Japanese and English voice actors, respectively, for "Rick and Morty: The Anime" include: Rick – Youhei Tadano / Joe Daniels; Morty - Keisuke Chiba / Gabriel Regojo; Summer – Akiha Matsui / Donna Bella Litton; Jerry – Manabu Muraji / Joe Daniels; Beth - Takako Fuji / Patricia Duran.

BOB MARLEY -MARLEY (DVD) Tuff Gong Worldwide

Bob Marley's music and message of love and redemption are known throughout the world. His universal appeal, impact on music history, and role as a social and political prophet is both unique and unparalleled. This documentary looks at Marley's life and legacy as one of the most influential singers, songwriters, musicians, and activists in history. Bob Marley's universal appeal, impact on music history, and role as a social and political prophet is both unique and unparalleled.

This is the definitive life story of the musician, revolutionary, and legend, from his early days to his rise to international super-stardom; made with the support of the Marley family, it contains rare footage, incredible performances, and revelatory interviews with the people who knew him best. Bonus materials feature: 120 Minutes of neverbefore-seen interviews with Rita Marley, Diane Jobson, Cindy Breakspear, Aunt Amy and Pearl Livingston.

THE BIKINI CARWASH COMPANY & THE BIKINI CARWASH COMPANY II Double Feature (Blu-ray) MVD Rewind

What happens when you put a bunch of bodacious California babes behind the wheel of a busy carwash? You get the slipperiest, sexiest carwash in town? The bikini-clad car wash attendants give a sudsy Los Angeles establishment a slippery edge on the competition in this cult classic double feature! Jack McGowan's (Joe Dusic) about to get the wild and wacky answer! When the naive Midwesterner comes to L.A. to run his ailing uncle's carwash, he makes a few wrong turns and ends up at the beach. He is rescued by foxy business major Melissa Reeves (Kristi Ducati), who convinces Jack to let her run the business for a cut of the action. Things get hilariously out of hand as Melissa and her bubbly friends 'dress for success' in the skimpiest bikinis - or nothing at all! Just when you thought it was safe to ask for extra wax, those wild washing women are back for more sudsy fun. In The Bikini Carwash Company II, when a weaselly business magnate tries to buy out the carwash, the gals turn to a cable lingerie business to raise some needed funds and when they pose, more than funds get raised!

TUNNEL VISION (Blu-ray) MVD Rewind

It's the year "1985" and the proprietors of new television channel called "Tunnel Vision," which is notably free of censorship, are under a government investigation led by a Senator who wishes to shut down the network due to its widespread negative effects on the population. During the hearing, the committee examines a typical day or programming which includes shows, programs, commercials, news, and much more, and what they discover will surely crack you up in this outrageous and irreverent spoof of 1970s movies and television. "Tunnel Vision" is a riotous satire of TV, packed with outrageous sketches & biting humor that mercilessly skewers the absurdities of TV culture. Directors Neal Israel and Brad Swirnoff along with producer Joe Roth (and an allstar cast featuring appearances by Chevy Chase, John Candy, Al Franken, Laraine Newman, Howard Hesseman, Ron Silver and Lynne Marie Stewart) present a satirical look at the small screen, delivering a relentless barrage of parodies, spoofs, and

social commentary.

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

LIKE SAND IN AN HOURGLASS...THESE ARE THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES

As I was growing up, my mother would watch those soap operas like DAYS OF OUR LIVES, or THE EDGE OF KNIGHT or ANOTHER WORLD. Back then everyone was in constant need of knowing all the news possible about everything. Back when I was a teen, I loved listening to AM Radio and all those rock and roll songs. I knew there were talk shows on but they bored me. However, today I believe too many of us are hooked on constant political talk radio. Currently, I am trying to wean myself off talk radio and onto music stations where politics don't exist.

The month of May comes with many mixed emotions. As most of you know I just celebrated yet another birthday on May 4th and I always welcome this day into my life. I only wished my annual trip around the sun did start to accelerate so quickly in the last few years. But it is all good.

May 8th is not a happy day because it marks the passing of my young cousin Nicky who died at age 14 four days after I turned 14 years old. He was healthy and then within 10 months he was dead from cancer. I still remember him and the life he never had growing up and older.

However, May 10th makes me smile. Because my Uncle Neal Harrington was born on this date back in 1908 on what President Wilson had declared Mother's Day. Uncle Nealy and I had a special bond with our writing skills. We both had that ability to write and write well. He called it a gift from God and I thought so too.

Soon, I will be clearing out a spot in my car's rear seat area to place my beach chair back there so I will be ready at a moment's notice to make a quick stop at a beach close to me.

I have a few banquets to attend this month too as well as the Memorial Day parade to improve my marching skills. School's almost over for the summer, as Alice Cooper always bellowed. Life is good when you make it good. Life's too short to be miserable.

HOW 'BOUT A GAME OF GO LEFT/GO RIGHT?

I seem to play this game most mornings on the way into work as I enter the Sumner Tunnel.

I enter from the right and the traffic to my left from Logan or McClellan Highway. I get ready to move left while the other guy tries to move right. Can he do it? Can I? It's a game and the more I use the tunnel, the better I get. Sometimes it's too close for comfort, other times a snap.

A FEW MORE BIRTHDAYS TO ANNOUNCE

Happy birthdays go out to James Brown (May 3rd), former At-Large Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty (May 4th), Rose Arruda (May 4th), former District 1 Boston City Councilor Diane Modica (May 5th), and former At-Large Boston City Councilor John Nucci (May 6th).

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY DINNER

This monthly dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 14th in the lower church hall on Paris Street, East Boston from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Get your free pasta dinner and enjoy lots of good company.

THIS REINDEER APPARENTLY NEVER MADE IT ACROSS THE BORDER INTO CHELSEA



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Every Christmas season, Murray's Pub on Broadway in Revere has a reindeer out front of the pub's front door. It just stands there proudly. This year when the display came down, I noticed the reindeer had apparently decided not to return to the North Pole. Perhaps, Elon Musk and DOGE had eliminated his sleigh position as a cost-cutting measure, but the poor reindeer now finds himself banished to a site by the Route 16 overpass to Chelsea. Has anybody set up a PayPal account to get him back to Santa up at the North Pole yet?

Quincy High Celebrates its Diversity at Annual Cultural Fair

by Sal Giarratani

Quincy High School was recently buzzing with energy and cultural pride as it hosted the annual Cultural Fair in the school gym. As usual, the fair was a success and drew plenty of enthusiastic participation from both students and staff.

After working at Quincy High School for the past five or so years beginning with the Pandemic outbreak, I always look forward to this annual April event. This year an impressive 23 different countries were featured. Students and staff advisors worked for weeks in preparation for this event where students displayed their culinary skills preparing the foods which represented various cultural traditions and plenty of great food to eat too. Students even dressed for the part wearing traditional outfits in an array of colors. Everyone who partook of this fair enjoyed the extensive offering of delicious foods from around the world and savored the opportunity to try something new from across the globe.

Edie Boynton, QHS World Language Department chair said, "We are delighted to host this event, showcasing the rich diversity of our Quincy High family." QHS Asst. Principal Ed Smith added,



The Brazilian table



The El Salvadorean table

"What an amazing day we had on April 9th. Our annual Cultural Fair was a true showcase of the many cultures that make Quincy High School such a vibrant and inclusive place."

Every year at this Cultural Fair, I always stop by the Puerto Rican table. There aren't that many Puerto Rican restaurants around so I never miss digging into some good Puerto Rican food. Hey, if anyone out there knows of a good Puerto Rican restaurant let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.



The Polish table



The Irish table



The French table



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



This Thursday, May 15th, will be the anniversary date of Nanna and Babbononno. The first column came out in print on May 15, 1991. That makes my story line 34 years old.

Actually, the whole idea was an accident that happened at one of Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn's dinner parties. Dean introduced me to another guest, Pam Donnaruma, the publisher and editor of this paper. As we became involved in a conversation, Pam revealed that one of her writers was leaving soon and she was looking for a replacement. Dean had told her that I penned a column in a magazine called Prelude, a publication of the Boston Musicians' Union. As the conversation with Pam continued, she asked me if I might like to put something together for her to fill the gap that was going to be left behind by the departing writer. I said that I would give it a try.

I had no idea as to subject, direction or reading audience. My column for the musicians' union was about Boston musicians, their lives, their careers and the local music scene, in general. I happen to be a thirdgeneration musician in my family, and before I became involved in politics covering the profession, Dad and Uncle Nick paved the way in, Uncle Nick spending 25 years as the vice president of the local and Dad being the chairman of the board. I did not originate the column called "A La Breve," a musical term for short and sweet. The originator of the column passed away suddenly, and for whatever reason, the union president asked me to take over.

I had grown up observing my father, Uncle Nick, Uncle Paul and Babbononno playing their instruments for various bands. I had met most of the men they worked for and with. I did a little research and put together the stories that named them, the places they played and the points in time when Boston's musicians worked seven nights a week. Back then, there was no canned music. It was all live and you could earn a good living as a musician.

After that meeting with Pam, I called my father and told him what was happening. My thoughts were in a narrow line, as my comments indicated that I didn't think the readers of the Post Gazette would be interested in the intricacies of the local music scene. Dad thought for a minute and said, "Let's look at the big picture.

Who does the paper cater to?" I answered, "Italians and Italian Americans, I guess." He then reminded me that Babbononno used to read the paper to Nanna and me when I was a child. Back then it was written in Italian and called La Gazetta del Massachusetts. I just nodded in agreement. He then began to philosophize, "You grew up in an Italian family. With your memory, you most likely remember all the trials and tribulations associated with making it in America, and I know you remember World War II. Write about the lives of the people in our family. Most likely, some of the readers will be able to identify with what we've gone through to survive and prosper." Summed up, it sounded like a good idea, and I began my first story with Babbononno coming to America in 1896. When I finished, I had to come up with a name for the

Babbononno was the first in the family of Contini/ Christoforo to come to America. He didn't immigrate as most did. He was in his teens and in the Italian Marines, playing in the King's Own, a band that traveled the world serenading the leaders of countries allied with the Italian kingdom of Italy. In 1896, following a tradition that started when Thomas Jefferson was president, that Italian marine band came on a yearly visit to serenade the officials in Washington. While in Washington in 1896, Michele Contini (Babbononno) was notified by the Reuter's Wire Service that his wife had died in child birth. He was devastated, and when the band returned to Italy, he didn't. Washington offered nothing, and he headed to New Orleans. What he didn't know was that in October of 1890, someone shot and killed the chief of Police, David Hennessey. Before he died, he accused the Italian population of the city, and a vigilante group began rounding up the mostly Sicilian population of the city. By 1896, when Babbononno arrived, things weren't much better and he quickly departed the port city and headed for New York. He didn't like New York either. Later in life, he claimed that he was overwhelmed by everything there. He then headed for Portland, Maine, but that was an outpost of civilization back then. When he arrived in Boston, he felt more comfortable.

Babbononno stopped at a café in the North End for something to eat, and wound up in conversation with a man at the next table. When my grandfather asked the man if he knew of a place where he could get a room, the man, taking a chance, offered him a bed in the apartment he shared with a group of Italian men new to America. One of them was leaving and his bed would be vacant. My grandfather accepted the offer, and he became a resident of a flat on Salem Street in the part of the North End that was a combination of newly arrived Italians and Eastern European

Babbononno and his new friend, Antonio Ceruolo, became close buddies. Antonio was a plasterer who did hand carved scroll work on cornices and chandelier bases. He made good money, and as a result, was sending for his siblings, one by one, bringing them over in the upper parts of the ships, not in steerage, the way he had traveled.

When his youngest sister came across, the ship docked in New York and she, Giovannina, had to go through customs at Ellis Island. Antonio was there to greet her, and, oh yeah, he was accompanied by his buddy Michele Contini, now called Mike in the new world. Giovannina came through customs with one suitcase a steamer trunk (which I still have) and documents stating that her brother was waiting for her. She stopped at the gift store before leaving the building and bought a black metal copy of the Statue of Liberty. She would keep this memento close by for the rest of her life. I think my uncles buried the statue with her when she passed away in

Mike and Giovannina hit it off and soon began courting under the supervision of Antonio and his sisters who were already here. They were married within a few years of her arrival, but they had to wait for Antonio, the eldest, to marry first, and after he did, Nanna and Babbononno were married.

Antonio bought a multiple unit dwelling at 111 Orleans Street and the family moved into the apartments. On May 17, 1909, my mother was born there. She was the first child of the Contini family born in America.

That was my first story in 1991, 34 years ago. I hope you enjoyed the repeat. The good Lord willing, I will continue to write Nanna and Babbononno for another 34 years.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



In Italy, La Festa della Mamma is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, just like in the United States — but with a tenderness that feels uniquely Italian. It's a day filled with love, gratitude, and the quiet beauty of family coming together. Children honor their mamas not with lavish gifts, but with simple, heartfelt gestures — a warm breakfast, handpicked flowers, a soft embrace, or an act of kindness done in their memory.

In honor of my beloved mother, I dedicated my doctoral dissertation to her and focused my research as a psychologist, on promoting literacy among children in Southern Italy — work that reflects the values she so lovingly passed on to me. In the months ahead, I'll return to the motherland to continue this mission, carrying her spirit and legacy with me every step of the way. Today, I'm sharing one of the few recipes I have from her. Though she loved to cook, she rarely baked — except for these: Cinnamon Twists. This old Sicilian recipe, originally made from leftover pasta frolla, was one she often prepared with me when I was a little girl. It's a memory I hold close, and a taste that brings her right back into the room.

For those lucky enough to hug their mothers today — and for those of us who carry their love in memory — it's a time to remember, to give thanks, and to feel the enduring presence of a mother's love: always near, always guiding, always cherished.

MOTHER NANCY'S CINNAMON TWISTS I Trecci alla Cannella di Madre Nancy



For the Dough:

3 large eggs 3/4 cup granulated sugar

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup whole milk

½ cup seed oil or vegetable oil

2 teaspoons pure vanilla

extract 3 to 3½ cups 00, 0, or

all-purpose flour

2½ teaspoons baking powder ½ teaspoon salt

For the Filling:

2 to 4 tablespoons melted butter Ground cinnamon, to taste Granulated sugar, to taste

For the Glaze:

2 to 3 cups confectioners'

sugar

¼ cup whole milk

½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350°F to 375°F, depending on your oven. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

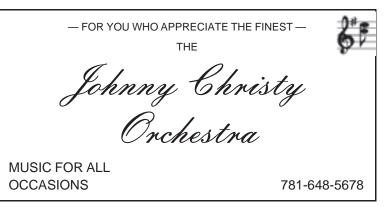
In a large mixing bowl, beat together the eggs and granulated sugar until light and smooth. Stir in the milk, oil, and vanilla. Sift in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Mix until a soft dough forms. Turn the dough out onto a floured board and knead for about 5 minutes, adding a tablespoon of flour at a time as needed to keep it from sticking.

Divide the dough in half. Roll each half into a rectangle about 1/4 inch thick. Brush the surface with melted butter and generously sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Fold each rectangle in half lengthwise, then cut into 1 to 1½ inch strips. Twist each strip and place side by side on the prepared baking sheets. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until lightly golden. Allow to cool completely before glazing.

To make glaze, in a small bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, milk, and vanilla until smooth and pourable. Lightly brush the glaze over each twist. Let dry completely before serving..

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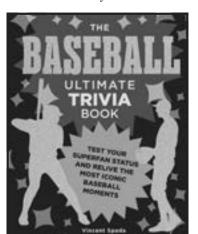
The Baseball Ultimate Trivia Book

BY VINCENT SPADA

Book Review by Adam Braid

Vincent Spada's The Baseball Ultimate Trivia Book is a lively and engaging collection designed for fans who love testing their knowledge and reliving the sport's most iconic moments. From the bold, glittery cover, it's clear that this book is meant to be fun, accessible, and packed with energy. Books of this kind typically explore a wide range of topics — historic games, legendary players, surprising stats, and quirky baseball facts. It's ideal for both lifelong fans and those newer to the game who want to learn in an entertaining way.

The writing style is straightforward and inviting, making it easy to pick up at any time - perfect for a road trip, a break during the seventh-inning stretch, or a trivia showdown with friends. The book balances challenge with



nostalgia, inviting readers to test their memory while appreciating the sport's rich past.

It's especially appealing for those who enjoy interactive content, whether reading solo or playing along with others. It is full of trivia questions covering every team and decade.

One potential limitation is that trivia books often focus more on classic or older moments, which might not resonate as strongly with younger readers or fans of today's game. Still, the overall experience is fun, fast-paced,

and filled with the kind of baseball lore that keeps fans talking.

All in all, The Baseball Ultimate Trivia Book is a spirited tribute to America's pastime, offering a blend of entertainment and education that makes it a strong addition to any sports lover's shelf.

State's Largest Health Plan to Offer Largest-Ever Bluebikes Credit to Encourage More People to Experience the Physical and Mental Health Benefits of Biking this May

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF

MASSACHUSETTS CELEBRATES

National Bike Month

with Free \$50 Bluebikes Credits

In celebration of National Bike Month and National Mental Health Awareness Month. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross"), the title sponsor of Greater Boston's municipally owned bike-sharing system, Bluebikes, will offer its largest-ever free



Beginning May 1st, individuals can redeem the free \$50 credit by entering code BLUECROSSMABIKE in the "Rewards" section of the Bluebikes App. The credit is available while supplies last and can be used for both pedal and ebike trips across Bluebikes' 500 stations in 13 municipalities, including Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown. Once redeemed, the credit will be added to the rider's Bluebikes account and will remain valid through December 31, 2025.

Regular physical activity like biking has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic conditions — including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers — and support improved sleep and reduced anxiety, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The initiative is fully funded by Blue Cross, reinforcing the health plan's commitment to expanding access to the health and wellness benefits of biking while advancing its broader goal of building healthier, more connected communities through sustainable transportation.

"We're proud to offer our largest-ever Bluebikes credit during National Bike Month — and Mental Health Awareness Month — to help even more people discover the joy and benefits of cycling," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "Biking supports both physical and mental health, reduces carbon emissions, and strengthens community connections. We're continually inspired by the personal stories we hear from riders, and we hope this initiative empowers even more people to experience the power of a simple ride."

Bluebikes is municipally owned by 13 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts and jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, Somerville, and the Town of Brookline. The system is operated by Lyft and has been supported by Blue Cross as the title sponsor since May 2018. Riders can find more than 5,300 bikes and 500 stations across the 13 municipalities, and since the system's inception, Bluebikes users have taken more than 25 million rides and logged over 56 million miles. The system also offers an income-eligible program to ensure affordable transportation options are available to all. This initiative builds on Blue Cross' longstanding commitment to access.

For more info on Bluebikes, please visit http://bluebikes.com/

The Best Time to Book a Flight

When searching for the best airfare, what's the most important criteria, other than the obvious lowest possible fare. Most will then check out nonstop or direct flights and departure times. You can imagine the countless hours of research and comparison pricing many have endured. Well google flights has spent the past four years analyzing airfare data, and has recently provided insights on finding the cheapest flights and the best days to book.

Based on Google Flights aggregate data from 2021 to 2025, travelers looking for the most affordable airfare should consider flying early in the week. Tuesday has consistently been identified as the cheapest day to fly, followed by Monday and Wednesday. Midweek flights can save you from 13% to 20% on average than weekend travel.

Flying on Friday, Saturday or Sunday is typically most expensive, with Sunday being the highest. For travelers on a tight budget, Tuesday departure can result in the most optimal fare, especially if you are willing to layover. Flights with layovers can cost 25% less than direct flights according to Google Flight data. Yes, the added travel time is an inconvenience but the potential savings of approximately \$90 dollars on

average is enticing to some. Savings can vary, but layover flights consistently offer the lower fares, as long as you're flexible.

According to the data, it's not a matter of which day of the week you secure a flight, but rather it's a matter of how early you book it. Locking in flights early is more advantageous, especially during peak travel times like holidays. The best time to book can also depend on your destination, time of the year and pricing trends. Popular destinations during peak times and international flights often require early booking if your goal is to save on cost.

Google Flight data recommends booking flights with in the U.S. between 21 and 52 days before your departure date. Googles analysis actually indicates that the 38-day mark before your trip presents the lowest prices, which is very specific. Interestingly, it's a highly concentrated window where airlines strategically adjust their pricing to balance seat occupancy and revenue.

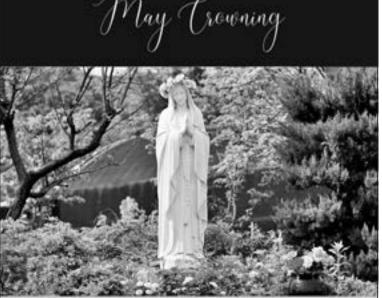
Where international travel is concerned, the lowest prices tend to appear much earlier, closer to 50 and 101 days before intended travel dates. While there isn't a specific "cheapest" day for international travel as there is for domestic, the

suggestion is to secure your tickets as early as possible within this time frame to avoid price hikes closer to the departure date. Be aware, prices generally begin to climb significantly within the 50-day window.

Google Flights indicated optimal booking periods for flights during different season, and specifically the particular days to purchase your tickets. Spring Break (March/April): Aim to book 33-59 days in advance, with 44 days being the cheapest. Summer Break (July/ August): The best time to book is typically 13-43 days in advance, with 21 days out offering the lowest prices. Thanksgiving: For the best deals, book 26-59 days before the holidays, ideally around 45 days out (wearily October). Christmas/Winter Holidays: Look for flights 36-72 days in advance in advance, with the cheapest fares usually appearing 58 days before travel (latter half of October).

Thanks to Google Flights information on these sweet spots, we are all able to seek out the best deals on flights with in the U.S. and internationally. Remember, these are just averages. All prices could change depending on where you are going, who you are flying with, what time of the year it is, and how many people are booking flights at the same time as you.

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May 11th at 12:00pm St. Leonard Sunday Mass

May 18th at 2:00pm

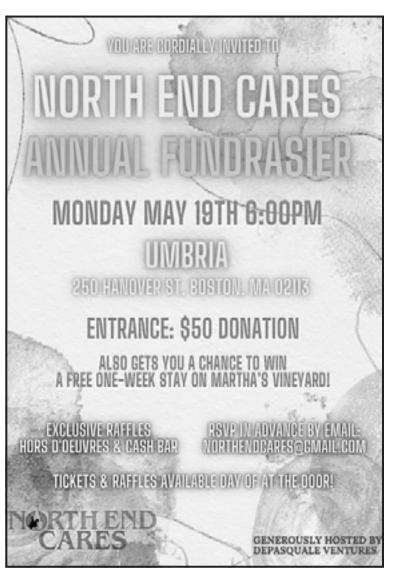
St. Leonard Parish First Holy Communion Mass

Trump Keeps Promise

although it is not a federally recognized holiday. Biden also celebrated Columbus Day while in office. Washington DC, along with more than a dozen states celebrates Indigenous People's Day, and some continue to celebrate Columbus Day as well.

Columbus' explorations may have been funded by Spain, but his roots are firmly planted in Italy, and through this Italian heritage he has remained a celebrated figure for the Italian American community. "He told us when we endorsed him, he would SAVE COLUMBUS DAY! Promises kept! A true PAISAN!" the Italian Civil Rights League said in a statement about Trump's declaration to save the holiday.

Columbus Day was federally recognized holiday since 1937 thanks in part from a number of Italian American groups.



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

winner will be on a U.S. and Canada lecture tour from August 31st until October 30st. His tour will come to Boston on October 13th. For more information, go to *HistoryExplorer.* com or call 917-722-5050.

Sales are McDown

McDonalds reportedly has suffered its steepest drop in a crucial sales metric since 2020 — with the burger giant citing "heightened anxiety" among customers as President Trump's tariffs threaten to reheat inflation.

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. MI25D0264DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING CAROLINA GUERRERO BARBOSA

WDSON C. BARBOSA GUERRERO

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Mirna Diaz, Esq., M.Diaz Law, P.C., 49 Myrtle St., 2nd Floor, Melrose, MA 02176 your answer, if any, on or before May 28, 2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register

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

Date: April 10, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/09/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

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

> Docket No. MI24P0459GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

> > In the interests of AUBREY WALTON of Cambridge, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

 Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 01/29/2024 by

Rosalind Donna Walton of Cambridge, MA Annie Butler of Cambridge, MA will be held 06/04/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801

Woburn, MA 01801 Judge Gargas Session Courtroom 4

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

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

- 3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

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 Description:
- 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.
- going to be readd.
 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 23, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 05/09/2025

Rite Aid Bankrupcy Again

Rite Aid is weighing a possible repeat bankruptcy after its recent restructuring failed to put the drugstore chain on a sustainable path. If a sale doesn't happen either inside or outside of bankruptcy, the chain is at risk for shrinking its footprint even more.

End Quote

"We're in the middle of an attempted authoritarian overthrow of American democracy."

— MSNBC's Rachel Maddow

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after June 02, 2025 by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

2014 SUBARU LEGACY Vin # 4S3BMBN61E3024688 2005 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

Vin # 1J4HR48N85C518860

2015 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN

2015 MINI PACEMAN Vin # WMWSS7C50FWS44706 2010 HONDA CRV

Vin # 5J6RE4H59AL085219 2006 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER

Vin # 3A4FY58B46T362232
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only.
Please email for specific information
info@todiscotowing.com

Run dates: 05/09, 05/16, 05/23/2025

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2007 JEEP COMMANDER Vin # 1J8HG48K27C512646 **2006 GMC CANYON**

2006 GMC CANYON Vin # 1GTDT198368272740 2006 FORD E350

Vin # 1FTSE34P46DA97627 2007 FORD E250

Vin # 1FTNE24W07DA25128 2006 TOYOTA SCION xA Vin # JTKKT624X65004807

2015 SUBARU LEGACY Vin # 4S3BNAC6XF3024264

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information info@todiscotowing.com

Run dates: 05/02, 05/09, 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 petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Asher Eiten Kaplan Proposed name: Asher Eiten Kaplan Leba

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be 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.

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 90012.

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 or territory where petitioner lives. DATE: 4/21/2025

SIGNED: Virginia Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court PUBLISHED: 05/09, 05/16, 05/23, 05/30/2025



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



North End Athletic Association Honors Gloria Pizzarella on Opening Day

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) held its annual Baseball Opening Day last Saturday May 3 at Langone Field on Commercial Street as usual. There were games played all day long. There was a great BBQ, face painting and balloon making for the NEAA kids and families.

The NEAA also honored longtime NEAA member Gloria Pizzarella for her years as a player, volunteer and NEAA sponsor. Gloria even got to throw out the first pitch of the day at the Opening Day ceremonies.

What Happened to the Celtics in Game 1?

When your team is up by twenty points, you should be feeling confident that your team will win the game. However, on Monday night, the Celtics blew a 20-point lead and lost the game in overtime by a 108-105 score.

On Tuesday morning driving into work, I began listening to Sirius Radio 73 -60s Oldies and the song "Lies" by the Knickerbockers came on. I instantly thought about the Knicks and Game 1 with the Celtics. I switched over to a sports show and found out that it was no lie, the Celtics blew the game. Once again, I realized in today's NBA, a team can be up by 35 points and still manage to lose. I think it's time for all of us to start singing "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now" by Whitehead and McFadden! Take the momentum back from that NY team.

This is Looking Like a Home Run Kind of Season

A few weeks back the Kansas City Royals smashed a franchise record seven home runs in an 11-6 victory over the seemingly hapless Orioles. The team had entered the game with a major league low 18 homers in its first 34 games. The Yankees already in this season have had four consecutive homers hit in two different games. Finally, if Aaron Judge keeps hitting homers, he could finish with 80 or more four baggers.

Red Sox Starting Out Slow

In the first month of base-ball, the Red Sox had played 36 games in 39 days and were stuck at 18-18. Just another .500 baseball team. After all the new faces and money spent, all they have to show is five hundred pct baseball? We expected so much more this season and the team told us to expect more. Let us hope the team picks up the winning pace in May because it could be a dreadfully long season otherwise.

• Annual Budget (Continued from Page 1)

Just like the House of Representatives, Senate Democrats also excluded a series of tax increases that Governor Healey wrote into her fiscal year 2026 spending proposal. Healey attempted to increase spending by 7.4% by adding sales tax to candy purchases, imposing room occupancy excise tax on complimentary hotel rooms, and subjecting synthetic nicotine to the tobacco excise tax. The Governor also contemplated pharmaceutical-related tax policies and tried to cap charitable donations tax deductions, before backing off following resistance.

DIAMONDS **ROLEX**

Bought & Sold

Jewelers Exch. Bldg.

Jim (617) 263-7766

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2009 INTERNATIONAL LF627 Vin # 2HSCUAPR29C118382

2005 HONDA ACCORD Vin # 1HGCM56765A000882

2002 TOYOTA 4RUNNERVin # JT3HN86R220372505 **2011 DODGE RAM**Vin # 1D7RV1GP6BS627011

2004 GMC SIERRA Vin # 1GTEK14X44Z258777 2018 HONDA ACCORD Vin # 1HGCV1F32JA235972

2009 HONDA ACCORD Vin # 1HGCS21849A003287 2004 PORSCHE CAYENNE Vin # WP1AB29P54LA73684

2015 TOYOTA CAMRY Vin # 4T1BD1FK4FU147740 2016 CHEVROLET CRUZE

Vin # 1G1BC5SMXG7255312 2008 LEXUS IS Vin # JTHCK262185025224

2006 HONDA PILOT Vin # 2HKYF18466H506605

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information info@todiscotowing.com

Run dates: 04/25, 05/02/25, 05/09/2025

"I believe the Senate has met and prioritized fiscal responsibility for Massachusetts in this budget. Our goal is to always be prudent stewards of taxpayer dollars, and at the same time, we invest in our people, our programs, our vulnerable populations, our communities with no new tax dollars," Senate President Karen Spilka stated. Democratic Senate leaders propose to allocate cover \$1 billion in revenue derived from a surtax on incomes over \$1 million covering the cost of continuing free school meals, to support free community college and for transportation projects.

Senate Democrats also proposed eliminating renter-paid real estate broker fees, an initiative supported by Governor Healey and the House. However Senate leadership supports Governor Healey's mindset of shifting the burden of the fees onto whichever party enlists the services of the broker. The House version prohibits

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. MI25P1873EA Estate of JOHN H. PALMER Date of Death: February 05, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

admitted to informal probate.

Lynne M. Panno of Brimfield, MA, Todd C.

Palmer of Waltham, MA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of

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

Run date: 05/09/2025

tenant-paid broker fees in most instances unless a tenant initiated the contact, received a disclosure, and agreed to certain conditions, "We think our language accomplishes what we want it to accomplish, that there be no broker fees onto the tenants," Rodrigues said of the Senate's broker fee proposal.

Similar to the House, Senate Democrats budgeted \$275 million for the emergency assistance shelter system, a \$50 million drop from Healey's budget plan and the 2025 fiscal year. Rodrigues noted that declining caseloads and new restrictions imposed by the Healey administration and the Legislature led to reduced cash for a system that had previously housed thousands of local and migrant families.

"The Emergency Assistance (EA) system was always about more or less 50-50 between long-term residents of the commonwealth and newly arrived residents of the commonwealth. So we think that's a number that makes sense at this time," Rodrigues said, adding that he believes \$275 million will be enough to cover all fiscal year 2026 expenditures.

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In the Matter of CARLOS HUMBERTO MARTINEZ REAL CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Carlos Humberto Martinez Real of Everett, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jennifer Martinez Real.

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 20, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: April 22, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Leading Middleweight Contender Joey Archer
passed away last week on April 25th at the age of 87.
In his memory I am reprinting this article from a couple of years ago.
Joey, though not having been in the public eye since his retirement, will be missed.
There are not many left from that amazing era in the world of boxing.
Joey was among the best at a time when there were so many amazing fighters.

Rest in Peace Joey Archer

JOEY ARCHER

He Aways Had a Boxer's Chance

It has often been said when a fighter appeared to be overmatched but was a solid puncher he had a puncher's chance at winning. This meant that even though the odds were against him on paper, he could pull out an upset victory by virtue of landing the big shot, also known as a lucky punch.

Max Baer was a decided underdog against Joe Louis yet he was given a puncher's chance. Same was said about Earnie Shavers when he went up against Muhammad Ali. Shavers certainly came close put couldn't pull it off.

Ruben Carter was a monstrous puncher so always had a shot of scoring a major upset in a big fight as he did against Emile Griffith when he stopped him in the first round of their bout.

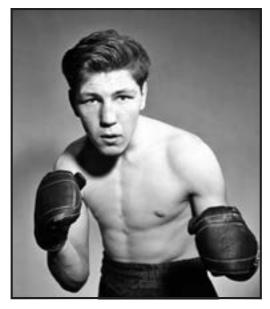
But what about the boxer's chance. The times when a contestant not known for his power is able to upset a terrific puncher. This happened to Hurricane Carter when he was beaten by Joey Archer.

Archer also beat another very hard puncher when he decisioned future middleweight champion Dick Tiger. Both the Carter and Tiger fights were very close split decision victories for Archer. However, many felt both of his opponents were just too strong and powerful for him and would walk through the slick boxing Archer.

Joey Archer at 5'10" was tall for a middleweight. He looked frail and out of his 45 victories in 49 fights he only scored 8 knockouts. He was never stopped. In spite of that he was able to beat much solid opposition and earn two cracks at the middleweight championship, both times against Emile Griffith. Each fight were very close decision losses by Archer. Many at ringside thought he had done more than enough to win the title in the first match.

Joey Archer, who was from the Bronx, NY, made his pro debut in 1956 with a 4-round decision over Danny Jones at Sunnyside Gardens. He compiled 30 straight wins before dropping a decision to Jose Gonzalez in 1962. In the fight both man were cut and Joey lost by unanimous decision. Two months later Archer handily won a rematch with Gonzalez.

Joey would continue piling up wins on the road to his title shot against Griffith. He beat solid competitors in Mick Leahy, Denny Moyer, Blair Richardson, Holly Mims, Ruben Carter, Dick Tiger, Don



Fullmer, Willie James, and Sugar Ray Robinson (This was Robinson's final bout). In the Richardson bout the Associated Press reported that Archer landed close to 200 left jabs on his opponent.

Joey was cruising towards a shot at the title and was just about set to sign to fight Emile Griffith when he accepted a return fight with Don Fullmer. The fight was scheduled to take place in Boston on December 13, 1965. The 12 round but was for something called the WBA American Middleweight Title which was held by Fullmer.

In those days Boston officials had a reputation for rendering some very odd decisions, and this bout was no exception. At the end of 12 rounds it appeared Archer had easily outpointed Fullmer, but not in the strange eyesight of the two judges who scored the fight for Don. Referee James McCarron favored Joey.

The stench from the decision was so bad that it did not prevent Archer from getting his shot at Emile Griffith. The two signed to meet in a bout at Madison Square Garden on July 13, 1966.

A crowd of 13,776 turned out on a very hot night and they were not disappointed. The fight was an exciting 15 round affair. Archer boxed beautifully while Emile kept the pressure on and fought well inside. Joey was in constant motion and proved a very difficult target. Emile was the stronger man in close. It was a difficult fight to score and at the end of fifteen rounds the scorecards were close but in Emile's favor. Judges Art Aidala and Al Berl had Griffith winning 9-5 and 8-7 respectively while referee Johny LoBianco saw it as a draw. The press was mixed in its opinions with UPI scoring it 8-6-1 for Archer and the AP having it 9-5-1 for the champion. In his dressing room after the fight Joey said "I thought, I really thought, I had it 9-6 easy."

It was both a good enough and close enough fight that the two were signed to fight again in six months. The rematch did not disappoint and the ending was again controversial. Archer started out strong and was leading in the early rounds but Emile came on during the second half of the fight.

Archer did not have the same fire as in the first bout yet still put up a great effort while again coming up short on the scorecards, this time by unanimous decision. 8-6, 8-6, and 8-7. Again, the press was split on the outcome

with two reporters from the *AP* choosing different winners. One had it 8-6-1 for Archer while another had it 7-6-2 for Griffith.

Joey was very bitter at this loss. He refused to shake hands with Griffith which upset Emile who told Don Dunphy "That was not Joey." In fact, Joey was so disgusted after having lost three controversial decisions in a row that he walked away from boxing. He never fought again and I'm not sure he ever attended another boxing card. He really disappeared from the fight scene.

He and his brother Jimmy ran a couple bars in New York. The second bar they operated, Joey Archer's Pub, was conspicuous by its absence of boxing photos on the wall. It became known for its poetry nights. Archer really appeared to have been fed up with boxing.

While neither Griffith fight could be termed highway robbery, In Joey's mind he had worked hard and deserved to win. He had fought the best over many years, and many of those fights had been close decision wins for him. It was in the two biggest fights of his life that he was unable to sway the judge's opinion. This left him angry and finished with boxing not only as a fighter but in having any involvement with the sport.

I'm not sure if Joey Archer could be termed a recluse, but I have not been able to find any interviews he has given in all the years since his retirement. No current photos seem to exist. He really did fade from sight.

During his career Archer was beautiful to watch in the ring. He used his left jab like an artist using a brush to paint a portrait. He was quick on his feet and a master at feinting. Had he won the title and kept fighting he certainly would never have been forgotten. I hope he found peace with himself and has had a good life. He had a career he should be very proud of.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

Sports are interesting endeavors. They bring together a variety of individuals from a variety of backgrounds. But sometimes the backstory of how that was accomplished is even more interesting than more current chapters.

Our story has a North Shore commencement and several events that interlock careers, including the latest chapter that is unfolding as the Celtics and the Knicks continue in their second round series in the 2025 NBA playoffs.

Knicks Head Coach Tom Thibodeau and assistant Rick Brunson have a strong connection to Salem while current Knicks star Jalen Brunson is Rick Brunson's son.

It was in the 1980s that a couple decided to move from upstate New York to the greater Boston area, settling in Salem where their son Rick Brunson quickly enrolled in the school system as a sixth grader.

A number of years later Brunson would go on to become a McDonald's All-American, leading the Salem High team to the 1990 Division Two state championship, a team coached by Jack O'Brien. O'Brien, a native of Medford who had attended Salem State College (now University), would later move to Charlestown High as head coach with the Townies winning several state titles under his direction.

The O'Brien years at Charlestown are chronicled in The Assist, a book by Neil Swidey that we would highly recommend to all readers.

After graduating from Salem High, Rick Brunson would go on to play for John Chaney at Villanova University in Philadelphia. O'Brien had gotten to know Chaney during the recruiting process for Brunson. When the Charlestown job opened up, it was Cheney, a nationally known college coach, who put in a good word for him during the search — a phone call that undoubtedly sealed the deal.

Cheney is probably most remembered in this region for a heated postgame verbal confrontation he had with then UMass-Amherst basketball coach John Calipari back in 1994. The video is still available on the internet

Although Brunson was not drafted into the NBA he became a journeyman in the league, playing for Portland, the New York Knicks, the Celtics, the Chicago Bulls, the Los Angeles Clippers, the Seattle Supersonics and the Houston Rockets over the course of a nine-year career in the NBA. His stop with the Celtics consisted

of seven games back in 2000. He retired with the Rockets in 2006

Tom Thibodeau did not grow up in Massachusetts but there is a Massachusetts chapter in his career. A native of Connecticut, Thibodeau went to Salem State where he played on two NCAA Division Three playoff teams.

After graduating in 1981 he became an assistant coach at his alma mater for three seasons before assuming the head coaching position for the 1984-1985 season.

He then moved on to Harvard as an assistant for four seasons before joining the ranks of the NBA assistant coaches. One of those stops was at the Garden. Yes, he was on the bench next to Doc Rivers when the C's won Banner 18 back in 2008. He was also with Rivers when the Celtics lost to the Lakers in the 2010 NBA Finals. He then moved on to head coaching positions with the Chicago Bulls and the Minnesota Timberwolves before assuming the head job in New York in 2022.

That was also the year that Jalen Brunson, the son of Rick Brunson, became an NBA free agent.

Jalen grew up in Illinois and had been named the Illinois boys Basketball Player of the Year in both 2014 and 2015. He went on to Villanova where he was member of two NCAA National Championship teams (2016 and 2018). And yes, he did graduate from Villanova in three years (2018) with a degree in Communications.

He was drafted in the second round of the 2018 NBA Draft by Dallas and played four years for the Mavericks. As the story goes, when he became a free agent, the Knicks wanted the younger Brunson so much that they decided to hire his father — who had extensive experience as an NBA assistant — to seal the deal.

Thus it was that father and son joined the Knicks for the start of the 2022-2023 season.

So, as the playoff series between the Celtics and the Knicks continues it is this triumvirate of head coach, assistant coach and the son of the assistant that will undoubtedly determine to a significant degree how the New Yorkers will fare against the Princes of the Parquet.

An interesting chapter as the story of the 2025 NBA Playoffs continues to unfold.

But on the court, the Brunson legacy continues. He and his wife had a son Jalen, one of the current stars for the Knicks, in 1996. Jalen went on to lead his high school team in Illinois.

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