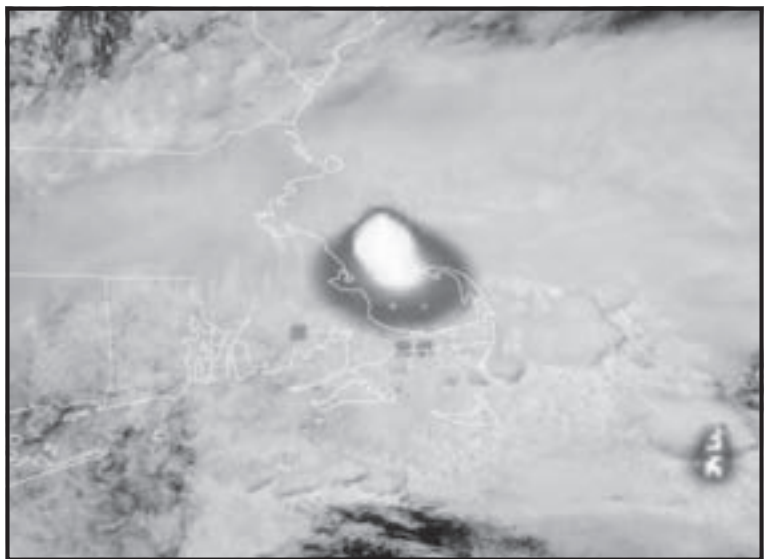


Mysterious Noise Jolts Massachusetts



The United States Geological Survey (USGS) suggested the sonic boom noise heard last Saturday, May 30, 2026 may have been the effect of a meteor entering Earth's atmosphere.

If you didn't feel it, you must have heard it and if you missed it, it's a wonder. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) the mystery noise heard around Massachusetts last Saturday afternoon was a sonic boom from a meteor. The noise, which sounded like an explosion of sorts, a transformer blowing or an oversized clap of thunder, grabbed just about everyone's attention, with some people reporting feeling their house shake.

"This event is a widely felt sonic boom from a suspected bolide. Unlike earthquakes which occur at discreet locations in the earth, sonic boom events occur along a linear path in the atmosphere," the USGS responded in an alert. The American Meteor Society

said the boom came from a 3 foot meteor entering the atmosphere North of Boston, around the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border. Reports about the mysterious noise came in from Rhode Island, the North Shore of Massachusetts, Greater Boston, interior Massachusetts and even in Southern New Hampshire.

Nick Stewart, an award winning space flight meteorologist, reported early analysis showed the noise appeared to result from a significant bolide/meteor entering the atmosphere. "The flash density product really shows this anomalous slash, which is pretty distinctive of a coiled/meteor re-entry east of Boston. This is likely the source of the loud boom/explosion," Stewart added.

Boston's Veterans' Services Budget Restored

by Patti Sartori

Thanks to a local non-profit Boston Mayor Michelle Wu is restoring her \$724,000 proposed budget cut to the city's Veterans' Services Department. Brighton Marine has committed \$1 million dollars to the City of Boston for support of Veterans and military families. The city will use the funds to establish a veterans grant program which will offer financial support to nonprofit organizations in Boston neighborhoods.

"The best possible way we can honor those who have served our country is to ensure that when they return home, they and their families have access to services, opportunities, and communities they have helped build. This partnership will help sustain critical services, strengthen long-standing community institutions, and make sure veterans continue getting the support they deserve," Mayor Wu stated at a press



Veterans celebrate the funding restored to the City of Boston Veterans' Services Department budget.

conference announcing the grant.

The goal is for the grant program to assist in the elimination of veteran homelessness, address food insecurity, support economic stability and work force preparedness. There is also a plan to set up a

satellite campus at the Brighton Marine Health Center to provide increased community access to veterans' services. This is more than a financial investment. It's a clear signal that veterans and their families here in Boston are seen and valued," said Brighton Marine CEO Rosye Cloud.

Court Rules for Wu Over Trump

United States District Court Judge Leo T. Sorokin issued a ruling late last week granting the City of Boston's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the Trump Justice Department challenging the city's sanctuary protections for illegal immigrants. The case was originally filed last September. Sorokin ruled that the "United States' claims failed at the threshold, because it has not made a plausible showing that its alleged injuries are redressable by the judicial relief it seeks. The redressability problem here is as straight forward as it is fatal to the United States' claim. As a matter of Massachusetts law, Boston law enforcement

officials may not detain a person based solely on a federal immigration detainer or administrative warrant because no authority empowers them to do so. With or without the Boston Trust Act, then, Boston Police Officers cannot detain a person pursuant solely to a federal civil immigration detainer. The relief the United States seeks, an order enjoining the City of Boston from enforcing the Trust Act's prohibition on detaining noncitizens solely pursuant to a civil immigration detainer or administrative warrant, could not alter this status quo," the Federal judge wrote in his ruling.

The core issue in this case,

was the Boston Trust Act which prohibits Boston Police and other city departments from cooperating with ICE on civil immigration detainers. The law was first enacted in 2014 and amended in 2019, and allows for cooperation in criminal matters such as human trafficking, child exploitation, drug and weapons trafficking and cybercrimes.

Judge Sorokin's ruling dismisses all claims against Mayor Michelle Wu, Police Commissioner Michael Cox and the Boston Police Department. It is a huge win for the second term progressive mayor, and rising national star of the Democratic Party.



E-BIKE REGULATIONS are Long Overdue

by Patti Sartori

Finally, E-bike operators will be held accountable for their erratic and aggressive behavior. For anyone attempting to ride a bicycle in a bike lane or in my case utilize the bike-pedestrian walkway on sidewalks around the North End waterfront, you know it is a tragedy waiting to happen. The E-bike operators zoom past you inches away from slamming you to the ground, or projecting you up into the air. However, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey is finally addressing the issue.

Last week, the Healey/Driscoll administration filed a bill that would require an annual registration, liability insurance, and official Massachusetts license plates for high-speed motorized bicycles, including certain



e-bikes, scooters, and mopeds while also banning the two wheel vehicles from bike lanes, and walking and biking paths.

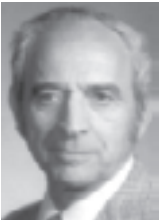
The bill is called An Act to Enhance the Safe Use of Micro-mobility Devices (S. 3077), and was filed by Healey early last month putting in place a new regulatory structure for lower speed e-bikes, requiring these riders to follow bike lane and roadway restrictions and making helmets mandatory for riders 16 years old and

under. "We want to keep everyone safe, support innovation and affordability, and protect riders who simply are trying to earn a living and support

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE ETERNAL FLAME



The whole concept, which reveres the sacrificial fire, the candlelight vigil, and every manner of eternal flame, appears to have been born with Greek Mythology. It all started with Hephaestus, blacksmith of the gods; then the flame passed to Prometheus, one of two brothers who were charged by the gods to create man, and to provide him with the means necessary for his preservation. Zeus became angered when Prometheus tried to trick him, so the mighty one threatened to destroy the human race by withholding fire, and to create other beings in place of humans. Prometheus was so concerned about saving those poor mortals that he went up to Mt. Olympus, stole fire from the gods, and brought it back to mankind in a hollow reed. When this act was discovered, Zeus ordered that Prometheus be seized and chained to a rock high on a mountain. Each day a monstrous eagle tore at his liver, which grew whole again each night.

As man developed his facilities to control the use of flame, the fireside became the center

of family life, and the Greek goddess Hestia was worshipped as the protector of the family hearth and the founder of the family unit. Meanwhile, the reverence, which had developed for Hephaestus in Greece, encouraged the worship of Vulcanus or Vulcan in Rome. Also, after learning about Hestia, the Romans developed their worship of Vesta, goddess of the Roman hearth. She was worshiped by the Romans during ancient times independently of any connection with Greece.

The worship of Vesta goes back to the time when it was difficult but necessary to obtain fire. Then, as well as now, among some primitive tribes, the custom of always keeping a fire alive for use in the community was developed, and even to carry it to new settlements. This custom was preserved in the religion of later Greeks and Romans even after more modern technologies had been developed.

The sacred fire, the source of all Roman life and power, was kept alive in a structure known as the **Temple of Vesta**, the subject of next week's column.

NE/W Health Celebrates 55 Years with Ribbon Cutting Honoring Our Past, Expanding Our Future



NE/W Health CEO Vincenzo Scibelli (center) with board members and staff at the 55th anniversary celebration and ribbon cutting of the newly unveiled 2nd floor clinical space expansion.

What began in 1971, as a passion and vision for quality health care by a remarkable group of community leaders, the majority of them women and mothers, turned into one of the premier community health center's in the City of Boston. The "Clinic" as it was known to North End locals, began 55 years ago with one registration desk and a few care givers serving approximately 1,000 visits in the first year, growing today into three sites, 150 employees, servicing 14,000 patients and over 66,000 visits each year, thanks to the commitment and resiliency of its founder Elaine Wilson, former CEO Jim Luisi and all of the incredibly hard working board members and dedicated staff who continue to carry on the legacy of those who laid the foundation and has expanded beyond what anyone could have imagined.

The recent 55th anniversary milestone celebration and ribbon cutting for the newly unveiled 2nd floor clinical space expansion was a perfect opportunity to offer a tribute to the founding members and present State Representative Aaron Michlewitz with the Annual Health Care Award in recognition for his long time support of the community health center and community-based health care.

Thank you to the elected officials who continue to advocate on behalf of NE/W Health, Mayor Michelle Wu, State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Danny Ryan, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. NE/W Health will

forever be grateful to the founding Board of Directors, whose vision and devotion to the North End neighborhood gave rise to the community's first health center. Their belief in a healthier community made this achievement possible and continues to inspire the NE/W Health mission today; Chairman Eliane Wilson, Treasurer Livia Cenerizio, Secretary Janet Gilardi, Adeline Ameno, John Cammarata, Paula Federico, Frank Havey, Anita LaRocca, Lillian Leone, Rita Pagliuca, Angela Paolini, Diane Pesaturo, Anna Rosati, Maria Ruocco and Eugene Vaiani.

Current CEO Vincenzo Scibelli and Board Chair and lifelong North End resident Jason Aluia offered their gratitude to all who have contributed over the past 55 years and committed to carrying on the legacy of those who came before.



President of NE/W Health Board of Directors Jason Aluia thanks the past board members for their vision 55 years ago and offered a note of gratitude to present board members and staff for continuing the legacy of the founding members.



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The USS Constitution completed its annual Crew Turnaround cruise on May 28, 2026. The ship departed the Charlestown Navy Yard at 10:00 a.m., cruised Boston Harbor, and fired a 21-gun salute at Castle Island's Fort Independence before returning to port. The turn around allows the crew to sail the vessel to turn it around in the water so that it weathers evenly.

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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 ...

Jill Biden Comes Clean Two Years Too Late

by Patti Sartori

It's mind boggling enough to hear Former First Lady Jill Biden openly admit her husband's disastrous June 27, 2024 Presidential debate performance but to witness her recent attempt to rewrite the narrative surrounding the epic meltdown is shameful, but what else should we expect given she is just beginning to hype her newly published memoir, *View from the East Wing*. I guess it should not be surprising.

Anyone who watched the debate or paid close attention to Former President Biden over the final two years of his presidency, could clearly see the cognitive decline. It was a sad sight, just as it is when any of our loved ones begin to fail physically or mentally. So if we could all clearly see it, how could the woman who lived with him not be aware of his inabilities, his difficulty answering questions and confusion. The only logical answer is selfishness. The need to remain relevant, in power and in the White House prevailed.

A man who could speak off the cuff for so many decades in the U.S. Senate now could not speak in a coherent sentence, in front of millions of voters, appearing dazed, confused and at loss for answers. Yet she not only defended him, she urged him to stay in the race, and stay on as President, even defending him to critics, in the days following the debate performance, who doubted his mental capabilities. When asked about his debate performance or verbal gaffes in the months leading up she would cut the question off and fully dismiss the person who dared to ask.

It is an utter disgrace that so many Democrats and liberals, and Biden Campaign Officials covered up Joe Biden's mental and physical decline, and fiercely continued to do so even after the disastrous debate performance, blaming it on a cold, recent overseas travel and just about any excuse, including his over prepping for the debate which jumbled the facts in his head. How could those around him every day, immediate family members, staff and others not urge him to step down or resign? Why did it take the liberal media and Hollywood stars to turn on him, before the Democratic Party stepped in? The average American could clearly see it, and visibly witnessed the debacle, so why was Jill Biden so blind to it?

Jill Biden's sudden revelation and explanation, surrounding her upcoming book tour, that she was stunned at her husband's debate performance, and was concerned that he was having a stroke, or had been drugged, is nonsense, and an insult to the intelligence of every American. Her newest attempt to rewrite history and salvage her husband's tarnished legacy reminds us all that she, members of the Biden administration and the Democratic Party were not thinking about the country or its citizens. They were only thinking about themselves.

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Carmen DeLuca, Jr.

Carmen DeLuca, Jr., passed away peacefully at his North End home with his beloved wife by his side on Wednesday, May 27th. He was 87.

Born and raised in Boston's North End, Carmen was the son of the late Carmen and Lucy (Mastrangelo) DeLuca.

Carmen lived in the North End and Medford throughout his life. He enjoyed a long career with the Massachusetts Port Authority where he managed warehouse operations at Logan Airport.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Carmen was a kind and generous man. He loved the North End. A good and friendly neighbor, he enjoyed spending time with his friends at their local social club. He was always quick to



offer his welcoming smile to his neighbors and visitors to the historic sights. He will be missed by those who knew him.

Carmen was the beloved husband of Frances "Franny" (DeMarco) DeLuca. He was a devoted father to Maria Golen and her husband Peter, and the late Carmen DeLuca, III. He leaves his cherished granddaughter, Amanda Golen. He was the brother of Ann DiMare.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated on Monday, June 8th in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston's North End at 10:00 a.m. Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA

Ninetta "Nina" A. Whipple (Giarratani)

Ninetta "Nina" A. Whipple (Giarratani), of Nashua, NH and a former longtime resident of Everett, MA, passed away on May 25, 2026, at 87 years old.

Nina is predeceased by her loving husband Richard O. Whipple, her brother Salvatore Giarratani and his wife Sylvia, sister Phyllis Gorman and her husband Richard, and sister Pauline Swift and her surviving husband Tom. Loving mother of Richard N. Whipple and his wife Jennifer of Youngsville, NC, Catherine A. Silva and her late husband Richard Silva of Chelsea, MA, Lynne-Marie Monk and her husband Brett of Wake Forest, NC, and Andrea Whipple of Nashua, NH. Beloved sister to Michael Angelo and his wife, Mary, of Fort Myers,



FL. Cherished grandmother of Taylor (Andrew), Natalie, Brady, Courtney (Justin), Stevan (Jordan), Courtney (Steven), Brittany (Alex), and Tyler. Great-grandmother to 7 great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours at the J.F. Ward Funeral Home, Everett, MA on Thursday, May 28th, Her funeral

was held from the funeral home on Friday, May 29th, followed by a Funeral Mass in Immaculate Conception Church, Everett, MA. Services concluded with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA.

Donations in Nina's memory may be made to the Amedisys Foundation at <https://www.amedisys.com/about/foundation/>

Joseph A. "Joey" LoConte

Joseph A. "Joey" LoConte of East Boston passed away peacefully on May 16, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. He was 68 years old.

Born in Boston on March 5, 1958, Joey was the beloved son of the late Frank and Jeanette (Buonopane) LoConte. A proud East Boston native, Joey was a graduate of East Boston High School, where he formed lifelong friendships that he cherished as family throughout his life.

Joey was the devoted husband of Donna (Paulson) LoConte, with whom he shared a lifetime of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion. He was the loving father of Frank K. LoConte and his wife Mandy, and Kristina M. LoConte and her partner Mark Thomas. Nothing brought Joey greater joy than being "Papa" to his cherished grandchildren, Josephine LoConte and Kevin LoConte, who were truly the center of his world.

He was the dear brother of Vera LaPia and her husband Richard, and Nancy LoConte. Joey was also the loving son-in-law of Rose Marie Paulson. He will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews: Ricky, Anthony and his fiancée Karina, Angela, Michele, Carolyn, Kenny, and Claire. He was predeceased by two brothers-in-law, Kenny and Stephen Paulson. Joey also leaves



behind many loving cousins, countless friends, and all those fortunate enough to have known his kindness and humor.

Joey was a man of deep faith, compassion, and loyalty. He believed strongly in treating others with kindness, often reminding those around him to "show them the face of the lamb," even when kindness was

not returned. He had a wonderful sense of humor, loved quoting movie lines, and could always be counted on for a laugh or a story. A true music lover, Joey especially treasured Sunday mornings listening to the Beatles over breakfast. He was an avid sports fan who proudly rooted for all the Boston home teams, while never losing his loyalty to the Raiders. Family meant everything to Joey, especially the time he spent with his grandchildren, who brought endless pride and happiness to his life.

Joey's warmth, generosity, humor, and loving spirit will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Family and friends honored Joey's life by gathering at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, on Saturday, for a memorial mass.

Donations may be made in Joey's memory to any youth sports organization of one's choice.

L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Summer Magic and Monthly Mystique

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



(Photo by garetsvisual on Magnific)

At the beginning of the month, I have a special ritual. I open to the new page on my desk calendar and look through the days of the month, decorating holidays or anniversaries with quirky doodles. Each new month is like an unwrapped gift, quivering with anticipation and a sense of mystery. Indeed, I have always been fascinated by months and, more importantly, their essence. In my mind, every month of the year has a unique character, an underlying trait that sets its days apart from those of other months. Holidays, saints’ days, superstitions, family occurrences — all of these events add up to a rich and particular tapestry that typifies any month. During the olden days, when society was primarily based on agriculture, people viewed months as separate entities, depending on the weather and cycles of the sun and moon to help them plant. This is a much more romantic view than the way we perceive months in the modern era, when calendars are synonymous with busy schedules and frozen fruits allow us to eat out of season. I believe that we should reclaim the aura of uniqueness that surrounds each month, enjoying them for their own properties and emotions. For a model on how to do this, we must turn to Italy.

The magic of each month is deeply ingrained in Italian folklore. No matter the season, one can be sure that any given month abounds with its own proverbs and superstitions. Take, for example, our current summery month of June. In Italy, the peasants of yore bequeathed a number of weather-related proverbs

that looked ahead to the harvest of late summer, or simply commented on the climate that characterized the month. One saying declares: “*Giugno ventoso, porta presto il grano sull’aia,*” meaning that a windy June will soon bring the grain to the farmyard. Another proverb, which reads “*In giugno, in bene o in male, c’è sempre un temporale,*” warns that in June, no matter how good or bad the weather has been, there will always be a rainstorm! Other proverbs relate to the feast days of the saints, which dot the Italian calendar and provide people with a focus for religious devotion and a reckoning system for determining important dates in the agricultural year. Italians may repeat the rhyme “*Per San Barnabá, il più lungo della ‘sta.*” This roughly translates that the feast day of St. Barnabas, or June 11th, is the longest day of the summer, referring to the fact that this date actually coincided with the summer solstice in the years before the Gregorian calendar reform. A charming yet slightly foreboding dictum declares: “*La notte di San Giovanni, ogni erba nasconde inganni.*” This means that on June 23rd, the eve of St. John the Baptist’s feast day, every herb hides some form of deceit — a callback to the old tradition of gathering herbs on this night, when it was believed that the magic of the summer solstice imbued them with mystical healing properties. Finally, other proverbs simply relish the bounty of nature available in June, such as “*Giugno ciliegie a pugno,*” which means that cherries are plentiful in June. What a lovely month these proverbs reveal!

Now, whenever I think of the months of the year, I try to focus on the exceptional qualities of each. January means deep drifts of snow and sparkling ice under an ever-lightening sky. February brings an explosion of red hearts and lace, and eerie masks for Carnivale. March is the month of green, of brisk winds and shamrocks. April recalls daffodils peeking out from the ground and baskets laden with pastel eggs. May translates to an abundance of flowers and the first hints of summer heat from a brightly shining sun. June is the end of the school year, a month of outdoor excursions and mysterious evenings eating out under the pale twilight of late evening. July includes fireworks bursting across a starry dark sky, trips to the rolling ocean waves or the energetic city. August is golden, like ripening grain, with mornings that smell like the woodsy charm of autumn. September means harvest and rhythm, red and yellow leaves and the glorious crunch of apples. October is synonymous with shadowy nights and glowing pumpkins, with the wind spookily whistling through bare tree branches. November simultaneously means the chill of early winter and the warmth of family gatherings, sharing an abundance of food. Finally, December envelops jingling bells and flickering candles, holidays of light and family and goodwill. Collectively, all the months complement each other, adding to that indelible cycle we call the year.

This month, think of all the wonderful feelings and sensations that June brings to you, whether they relate to the summer season, a birthday or anniversary, or even a food you enjoy. We all would reap the benefits of living each month for its uniqueness, as this allows us to focus on the present moment and relish all the beauty that life and nature afford. Let us go on to look at each month not simply as a page on a calendar, but an opportunity ripe for celebrations and markings of the passage of time. That way, every month is a proverbial gift for us, granting us both the transience and endurance of time.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



What is the Most Essential Part of Your Body?

Has anybody out there reading this piece ever rarely thought about the above question? Is it your legs, or arms, or ears, eyes? Something else? I myself never really thought about it before visiting family in Austin, TX this past weekend while attending the high school graduation of my niece Helen Giaratani from Liberal Arts and Science Academy in Austin. I still remember her birth and now she’s off to college at Howard University in Washington, DC.

While spending time with my family, I also noticed a photo of Helen’s younger sister Victoria and a copy of a commentary she wrote two years ago when in fifth grade. The class assignment was to pick what you considered the most important part of your body and she picked her mouth.

As I read her piece, I quickly found her selection of the mouth as actually quite profound. I understood exactly what she was saying. As human beings what would any of us miss the most? When I finished that composition I totally agreed with Victoria.

We could lose an eye; we could lose our hearing but those body parts don’t represent our humanity but without a mouth who would we be. How can we truly be ourselves in a world surrounded by so many other human beings? It is our mouths that truly make each of us distinctly human beings. We can speak who we are? We can tell people who we are? We can speak truth to power, right?

Can we really be happy without being able to yell about it? Our emotions cannot remain silent. Someone must shout aloud everything we hold true. Without a mouth and a voice to speak, how could we change the

world or make it better?

Most people who know me know I have a mouth and I am never afraid of using it. If I never saw Victoria’s 5th grade paper framed on that wall, I would have missed that reminder. As we are celebrating America 250, aren’t we glad folks like Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Washington, etc., all had mouths to voice those ideals that made America a reality? How could we shout anything from the mountaintops without a mouth? Think about it next time you talk with someone. Keep using those lips of yours. We need our mouths to voice our collective humanity.

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109 Years Old and Still Going Strong ...



Sylvia Contover was born on January 30, 1917, making her the oldest living resident of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. To mark the milestone she was recently honored with the town's historic Boston Post Cane, awarded to the town's oldest living resident. The tradition originated in 1909 as a promotion by the *Boston Post Newspaper*. The canes were crafted from African ebony and topped with 14-karat gold. Initially only given to men, the honor was officially extended to women in 1930.

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East Boston Community Recognizes the History and Vision of the MARY ELLEN WELCH GREENWAY



Valerie Burns addresses the group gathered at the East Boston Library

On May 21, local residents, advocates, and history enthusiasts gathered at the East Boston Public Library to honor the rich legacy and community effort behind one of the neighborhood's most cherished public spaces. The Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway hosted Valerie Burns for a special historical presentation detailing how a visionary community idea grew into the bustling linear park enjoyed by thousands today.

Valerie Burns, Former Director of the Boston National Area Network (BNAN) — a city-wide urban open space non-profit which is now known as

the Trustees of Reservations — honored the memory of Mary Ellen Welch, the legendary local activist who tirelessly championed the Greenway. Burns, who holds a Bachelor of Science from UMass and previously worked in Boston's planning department, brought a unique insider perspective, blending personal recollections with a deep understanding of urban open-space development.

Debra Cave, President of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, introduced Burns as a foundational collaborator whose dedication to the project spans decades and continues to this day.

Reflecting on the monumental effort required to build the park, Burns opened her remarks by stating, "It takes a village." She emphasized that the Greenway's success relies entirely on the past and ongoing efforts of individuals who strive to protect, maintain, and expand the space.

Burns shared how her experience working in city government allowed her to navigate the complex funding, politics, and bureaucratic realities of an undertaking like this. Creating the Greenway required collaboration between multiple

public institutions — including the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), the Parks Department, Massport, DOT, DCR, and the MDC — alongside key political figures like the late Mayor Thomas Menino Representative Adrian Madaro, and many past and present public official, as well as grassroots community groups.

"No one volunteers like East Boston," Burns said, praising the neighborhood's unmatched community spirit. She fondly recalled Mary Ellen Welch's extraordinary powers of persuasion, noting that "no one could work the magic like her." Burns described a pivotal moment around 2002 when Welch toured the proposed site with Mayor Menino, coincidentally leading the Mayor shortly afterward to broker a deal with CSX/ConRail. That deal resulted in the donation of the first tract of land for the Greenway, stretching from the former Inner Harbor docks to what was then the Bremen Street train cars' switching yard, the site of the current Bremen St. Park.

The presentation also highlighted a pivotal moment in the 1990s when regional infrastructure projects, like the construction of the Ted Williams



Debra Cave introduces Valerie Burns

Tunnel, converged with a growing awareness of the "Urban Wild" initiative, which took root in the 1970s. Officially established in 1995, the East Boston Greenway initiative set out with a clear, ambitious goal: to provide a safe, off-road path connecting Boston Harbor to DCR's Belle Isle Marsh.

Burns concluded by emphasizing that personal advocacy and shared information were the ultimate keys to

transforming the neighborhood. She credited a long list of dedicated community figures for the park's success, including Karen Maddalena, Mary Ellen Welch, Patty D'Amore and the countless neighbors who persevered with the vision of a greener East Boston.

To learn more about the Greenway, upcoming community events, or how to get involved, please visit <https://maryellenwelchgreenway.org/>.



Valerie Burns in center pictured with audience who attended the guest speaker event

Saint Berard of Carbio

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Berard was born into the noble family of Leopardi, and was a native of Carbio (modern-day Calvi dell’Umbria) in Umbria,

He was received into the newly founded Franciscan Order by Francis of Assisi in 1213. On the conclusion of the Second General Chapter of the Franciscan friars in 1219, Francis believed the time had come for the friars of his Order to extend their apostolic labors beyond Italy and northern Europe. Berard, who knew a little Arabic, was an eloquent preacher, and was chosen by Francis, together with two other priests, Peter and Otho, and two lay brothers, Accursius and Adjutus, to evangelize in Morocco.

The five missionaries set sail from Italy and arriving in Portugal, crossed into Spain and then to Seville, then still under Muslim rule, where their preaching so antagonized the king, that he imprisoned them for three weeks, and expelled them to the Kingdom of Morocco.



The only one of the five who knew any Arabic was Berard, and their open preaching of the Christian religion and their bold denunciation of Islam soon caused them to be viewed as insane. The king ordered them escorted to Ceuta and put aboard ships bound for Christian lands. However, the friars left the ships, returned to Morocco, and resumed preaching. They were then released and given guides to take them

to Christian territory, but they once again returned. When it became clear that they would neither go away nor stop preaching, they were apprehended and thrown into prison.

Having failed to persuade them to abandon their Catholic faith, the Moorish king, in a fit of rage, beheaded them with his scimitar, making them the first martyrs of the Franciscan Order.

When he heard of their deaths, Francis is reported to have said, “Now at least do I have true Friars Minor!” Dom Pedro, infante of Portugal, brought their bodies to Portugal, and placed them in the Church of the Holy Cross, at Coimbra.

They were solemnly processed from there all the way to Assisi. A young Portuguese canon regular was so moved by their sacrifice when he saw this caravan pass by his monastery that he joined the Franciscan Order; he would later be known as Anthony of Padua

The feast day of Saint Berard of Carbio and his martyred companions is January 16.

Boston Legacy Business Award 2026



Rita Roberto, President of Spinelli’s (center) flanked by nephews Matthew and Marc Roberto at the June 1, 2026 City of Boston Office of Small Business Legacy Business Program Award Ceremony.

Boston Legacy Business Program spearheaded by Mayor Michell Wu and the Office of Small Business recognizes long standing independent enterprises that significantly contribute to their neighborhoods’ culture and character. The 2026 winners were celebrated at a public awards ceremony held on June 1, 2026.

Spinelli’s Pasta and Pastry Shop, located in Day Square, East Boston, was one of the businesses honored during the recent ceremony. Established in 1983 by the Roberto Family, Spinelli’s began as

a humble local pasta shop. Over the decades, it has evolved into a beloved neighborhood institution, expanding into a full-service bakery, prepared meal-purveyor, and a prominent function facility.

Today, the multi-generational Roberto Family remains actively involved in all aspects of the business, maintaining quality service and customer satisfaction above all else, as they continue its valued tradition of supporting the East Boston community, its residents, agencies and organizations.

Join the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park as We Celebrate!

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park are inviting families from our neighborhood and beyond to a spectacular Independence Day event celebrating both the USA’s 250th and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park’s 25th birthdays on Saturday, **June 27, 2026** from **12:00-3:30 p.m.** at the **Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park**, 110 Atlantic Avenue, Boston.

Please Join the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park for a fun-filled summer afternoon filled to the brim with family friendly events. Marvel at a magic show with Peter the Magician. Gather around for mesmerizing storytelling by Big Joe the Storyteller. Enjoy the NEMPAC Musical Petting Zoo. Join the Knucklebones

crew for energetic lawn games. Line up to meet the artist Frankie B and her face painting crew. Little ones and not so little ones can express their creativity at our craft tables including one hosted by our very own North End Children’s Librarian, Ashley. Multitalented Bruce of Bruce’s Fun Company and his partner, Lady Jane, will be there to delight with balloon twisties. The event culminates on the west lawn with Bruce amazing the crowd with GIANT bubbles. The all-volunteer members of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park are delighted to bring this fabulous event to our spectacular neighborhood park.

Check out the entertainment schedule at foccp.org/foccpevents

2026 NORTH END FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

JUNE

SANTA MARIA DI ANZANO	June 7
<i>Italian Mass St. Leonard Church</i>	10:30 am
<i>Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.</i>	1 pm
SANTA ANTHONY of PADUA	Saturday, June 13
<i>Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.</i>	1 pm
<i>Mass St. Leonard Church</i>	5 pm
ST. THERESA SOCIETY	June 28
<i>Mass St. Leonard Church</i>	10:30 am
<i>Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.</i>	1 pm

JULY

MADONNA DEL GRAZIE	July 12
<i>Mass St. Leonard Church</i>	10:30 am
<i>Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.</i>	2 pm
SAN ROCCO	July 19
<i>Italian Mass St. Leonard Church</i>	10:30 am
<i>Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.</i>	1 pm
ST. JOSEPH	July 24, 25, 26
<i>Sunday Procession – Hanover – Prince Sts.</i>	1 pm

AUGUST

ST. AGRIPPINA	July 30, 31, August 1, 2
<i>Hanover & Battery Sts.</i>	Opens 7 pm on Thursday
<i>Sunday Procession</i>	12 noon
MADONNA DELLA CAVA	August 7, 8, 9
<i>Hanover & Battery Sts.</i>	Opens 7 pm on Friday
<i>Sunday Procession</i>	1 pm
MADONNA del SOCCORSO	August 13,14, 15, 16
<i>North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman’s)</i>	
<i>Sunday Procession</i>	1 pm - Flight of the Angel 8 pm
SAN GENNARO	August 21, 22, 23
<i>Mass Sunday, August 23,</i>	12 pm
SANTA LUCIA	August 27
<i>Thursday, Feast & Procession</i>	5 pm
<i>Thacher & Endicott Sts.</i>	
ST. ANTHONY’S FEAST	August 28, 29, 30
<i>Endicott & Thacher, N. Margin Sts.</i>	
<i>Sunday Procession</i>	12 pm

SEPTEMBER

ST. ROSALIA di PALERMO	TBA
<i>Procession Only - North Square</i>	1 pm

ADDITIONAL ITALIAN FESTIVALS

Gloucester, MA	
SAINT PETER’S FIESTA	June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
<i>Sunday Mass 10 am (Outdoor) - Procession</i>	12 pm
<i>For more details visit: http://stpetersfiesta.org/</i>	
Newton, MA	
ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL	July 15-19
St. Mary of Carmen Society	
<i>The Lake - Nonantum at Pelligrini Park</i>	
Malden, MA	
SAINT ROCCO FESTIVAL	August 7, 8, 9
<i>Pearl Street, Malden, MA</i>	
<i>Sunday Procession</i>	1 pm
Lawrence, MA	
FEAST of the THREE SAINTS <i>New Dates</i>	Sept. 4-6
Saints Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino	
<i>Sunday Procession</i>	3 pm
<i>Common & Union Streets, Lawrence</i>	
Cambridge Festival	
SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN	Sept. 10,11,12,13
<i>Sunday Procession</i>	1 pm
<i>Warren and Cambridge St., Cambridge</i>	



A Seat at the Table: LA FESTA DELLA MAMMA

Today, I invite you to join me at the table at Forcella’s, a restaurant nestled in North Square in Boston’s North End, where I had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with co-owner Nino Trotta.

As our conversation began, I looked around the restaurant and asked Nino to tell me where his story, the story of his business, really began. Was it here in the restaurant, or somewhere long ago and far away? His beautiful Italian accent suggested he may not have been born in this country. Perhaps it all began at a family table...

“I grew up with excellent cooks, including both of my grandmothers, maternal and paternal, and my mom, who was also an excellent cook. Even my father is an excellent cook, so I figured maybe I’ll make my parents proud and open a restaurant, that’s how the idea started. The name, Forcella, is from the neighborhood where both of my parents were raised in Naples, the same neighborhood where my siblings and I were born.”

Forcella is to Naples what the North End is to Boston, a neighborhood where family, food, faith, and tradition remain deeply rooted in everyday life. For generations, the narrow streets of Forcella have been filled with the same sense of community, resilience, and pride that have come to define Boston’s North End. When Nino left Naples for America, he carried those values with him, along with the memories, customs, and recipes that shaped his life.

The restaurant is named after the neighborhood in Naples where you grew up. When did you come here?

“I have been in the North End since 1988. I came here when I was 16 or 17,” Nino replied. Then, smiling, he added, “I left Naples, which was chaos, and I came to the North End, which was even more chaos. But I love the North End. I love the North End.”

The décor offers even more reminders of Italy. There is exquisite artwork by renowned Italian artist Giovanni DeCunto depicting both legendary Napoli soccer star Diego Maradona and Gianni Agnelli, the iconic Italian industrialist and longtime head of Fiat.

Then there is a photograph of a skull and crossbones hanging on the wall.

“That’s outside of the church where I was baptized. It’s the church that sits on the site where San Gennaro was decapitated. The feast was named after him. I’m one of the founders of the San Gennaro Feast in Boston, and my father, Pasquale, is the one who brought the feast here. The same company that created the bust of San Gennaro for the church in Naples also created the bust of San Gennaro that sits at Saint Leonard Church in the North End.”

Again, a powerful connection to Naples and its patron saint, San Gennaro.

And the menu, do you cook?

“A lot of the recipes were inspired by my mother, one of which is our bestseller, the Octopus Affogato. My mother made it over pasta. Here, we cook the baby octopus in tomato sauce and serve it with bread. Other recipes we’ve created to reach a bigger audience, but my mother, she was the reason. She was the reason I ever got involved. I don’t cook. I worked in restaurants most of my adult life and went to college for Business Management, so I’ve always worked in the front of the house, in management.”



Reflecting back with a smile and warmth in his eyes, Nino continued.

“It was my father’s mother. She was the cook. She was one of the best, if not the very best cook I’ve ever known. She was the one who taught my momma to cook. She was from Naples too, from the same neighborhood, Forcella.”

Your Mamma and Nonna, tell me about them.

“My Nonna, Carmela Rossi Trotta, and my Mamma, Pia Trotta, they are what made me love food. It’s so bad, I eat constantly, even when I’m not hungry.”

Reflecting further, Nino recalled:

“I remember my mom and I would take the bus to my grandmother’s house, and before we went, my mother would make sandwiches, put them in little plastic bags, and carry them in her purse so that any time I acted up, she would give me a sandwich to keep me quiet. My love for food grew, and when I was 14, I had my own tab, yeah, my own secret tab, in a grocery store in Naples. When my mother and father found out, I had charged up fifty dollars, and back then that was a lot of money, I got in trouble. The punishment my mother gave me, I think that was my initiation to a diet.

My mom, my grandmother’s cooking, and even my aunts, whenever I went to my aunt’s house she’d give me Nutella sandwiches, then say, ‘I just made cutlets, so have a couple.’ Not one, but two. Food was just outrageous in my family. It was everything.”

In Italian culture, food is not separate from life, it is life. It marks every moment, every emotion, every gathering. It was how she loved us... how she held us together... how she comforted us in times of joy and sorrow.

As we brought our conversation to a close, I asked Nino what dish reminded him most of his mother, most of home. Talking about his mother is clearly difficult. Nino lost her just a few years ago, and the love he carries for her remains evident. Without hesitation, however, he answered:

“The Genovese sauce. I grew up with a lot of sauces I loved in Naples, but this is a sauce that my mother learned from my grandmother, so it’s like a legacy. It’s not something that’s typical here. It’s in Naples, it’s amazing.”

By naming his North End restaurant after Forcella, Nino did more than honor the neighborhood where he was raised, he preserved a piece of Naples itself. Much like the generations of immigrants who settled in the North End before him, he brought across the ocean the traditions, flavors, and spirit of his homeland.

Maybe that is what makes places like the North End so special. They are filled with the pieces of Italy that immigrants carried with them; pieces preserved in family businesses, recipes passed down through generations, and stories that continue to connect the old country with the new. In naming his restaurant Forcella, Nino created more than a business; he created a lasting tribute to the neighborhood that shaped him and more importantly, to the women who shaped his life. Though his Mamma Pia and Nonna Carmela are no longer here, their recipes, traditions, and love continue to live on in many of the dishes served today, ensuring that their influence is still felt at every table. And in their memory, Nino has graciously decided to share with us his family’s recipe for Genovese Sauce.



GENOVESE SAUCE In memory of Nonna Carmela and Mamma Pia COURTESY OF NINO TROTTA CO-OWNER FORCELLA

Serves 4-6

1.5 kilos (3 lbs.) onions, finely chopped

1 carrot, finely chopped

1 stalk of celery, finely chopped

1 kilo (2 lbs) beef for stewing, like chuck

100g (3-1/2 oz) salumi (salame, pancetta and/or prosciutto)

White wine

Salt and pepper

Olive oil or lard

Cover the bottom of a large pot, preferably either terracotta or enameled cast-iron, with a generous amount of olive oil or, if you want true authenticity, melt a heaping wad of lard. I usually compromise and melt just a spoonful of lard in olive oil to give it that special savory flavor.

Then add lots of finely chopped onion to the pot, along with a carrot and a stalk of celery, both chopped finely as well. Then add a nice, large piece of stewing beef — my favorite is chuck, for its rich flavor — and some finely chopped bits of salumi (salame, pancetta and/or prosciutto) along with a glassful of white wine or water. Season the ingredients well with salt and pepper.

Cover and allow this mixture to simmer over very low heat for about 3 hours, uncovering the pot and stirring from time to time, and adding a bit of water if needed to keep the mixture moist, until the meat is fork-tender and the onion is well reduced and melted into a kind of ‘cream’. Finally, raise the heat and allow the onions to caramelize until they are a nice golden brown color — but be sure not to burn them.

Remove the beef for another use, possibly as a second course. The remaining onion cream is your sauce. Use the onion sauce to dress ziti or other stubby pastas. If you like, serve with grated parmesan or pecorino cheese. (I prefer the former over the latter.)

The West End Museum Presents Don’t Talk About Joe Mac WITH AUTHOR SPRINGS TOLEDO Thursday, June 11 • 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Spend an evening uncovering the hidden histories of Boston’s gang wars and warriors and one of the criminal underworld’s biggest bogeymen.

In conjunction with our Wild Times in the West End mini-exhibit, join author Springs Toledo as he traces the history of the infamous Winter Hill Gang.

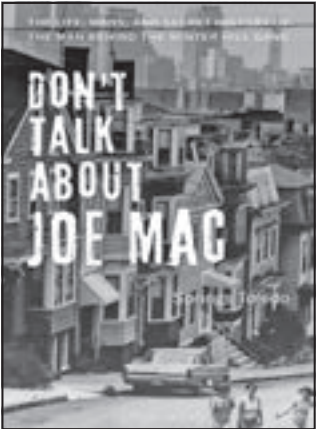
Joseph “Joe Mac” McDonald was a bookie, mobster, and career criminal. A man who graced the FBI’s Top Ten Most Wanted List, Joe Mac is still only spoken of in whispers.

Uncover Boston’s underworld and the man behind so much of it. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

If you would like to attend virtually, please purchase a ticket and email jaydie@thewestendmuseum.org. Those living outside of Route 128 may contact Jaydie for a discount code.

This program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The West End Museum is located at 150 Staniford Street, Suite 7, (entry on Lomasney Way) Boston, MA To purchase tickets, visit thewestendmuseum.org/



PORZIO PARK

Your Voice Matters!





***Online* Community Meeting 2**
Monday, June 8, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Join the meeting: bit.ly/porziopark2

Project page: boston.gov/porzio-park

Join us for an online community meeting about site analysis and next steps for Porzio Park!

Interpretation and translation services are available to you at no cost. If you need them, please contact us at kevin.bogler@boston.gov or 617-855-6482 by 6/1/2026.







**WATCH ME SLEEP (DVD)
Wild Eye Releasing**

In *Watch Me Sleep*, grief turns to obsession when Sean installs a “coffin-cam” to keep vigil over his recently deceased mother. What begins as a desperate attempt to stay connected soon spirals into terror as the video feed captures movement — scratching, shifting, and the unmistakable sound of something pushing from inside the coffin. When the grave itself starts to respond, Sean realizes too late that what he’s been watching has started watching him back. *Watch Me Sleep* explores voyeurism, guilt, and the haunting consequences of refusing to let go. What lies beneath the soil is not at rest — and some mysteries are too terrible to witness.

**THE UGLY (Blu-ray)
Unearthed Films**

A female psychologist wants to understand the minds of a confessed serial killer who spent the last five years in a mental hospital. Confined to a mental institution, disturbed young serial killer Simon is tormented by cruel orderlies and his own personal demons including “*The Ugly*” which compels him to kill. Now at his request, Dr. Karen Schumaker arrives to discover whether Simon is fit to be released back into society. As the terrifying secrets within Simon’s mind are revealed, no one will be left unscathed by the horrors about to be unleashed. One of the most stylish shockers of the late ’90s, this acclaimed New Zealand film is both touching and haunting, and after a long period of unavailability, has now been fully restored to its original colorful, haunting glory for the first time in North America. But be warned ... once you meet *The Ugly*, you may never be the same again.

**THE HIMALAYAN (Blu-ray)
88 Films**

The Himalayan is a breathtaking blend of revenge, mysticism, and martial arts mastery, starring the incomparable Angela Mao — the First Lady of Kung Fu. Set against the stunning mountain vistas of Nepal, this 1976 Shaw-era classic follows Tseng Ching Lam, a noblewoman betrayed and falsely accused of adultery by her devious brother-in-law. Fleeing into exile, she vows vengeance and begins her transformation by mastering the secret Tibetan fighting art of Mi — a discipline of spiritual strength and deadly precision. *The Himalayan* delivers the bone-crunching action and emotional depth that define the golden age of Hong Kong cinema. Combining the beauty of its high-altitude landscapes with the intensity of Mao’s fierce screen presence, the film transcends the typical revenge saga to explore themes of honor, perseverance, and inner awakening.

**THE SLIME PEOPLE +
THE CRAWLING HAND
(Blu-ray)**

VCI Entertainment

Slime People: “Golden Turkey” fans, attention! It’s a veritable voyage to the bottom of the sci-fi barrel as prehistoric *Slime*

People emerge from the sewers of Los Angeles! The atom-age U.S. Army is no match for this small band of spear-toting boogeymen and the city is evacuated. Left behind and forced to fight for survival are a TV sportscaster, a science professor, his two glamor puss daughters, a bashful Marine and a nutty author in love with a sheep. *The Crawling Hand: A* manned rocket returning from the Moon is invaded by an alien life force that possesses the astronaut, maintains control of his disembodied hand after a California beach crash-landing, and then imposes its will on a local medical student.

**BORN A NINJA +
COMMANDO THE NINJA
(Blu-ray) Visual Vengeance**

Born a Ninja is a wild martial-arts action romp where espionage, absurdity, and vanishing ninjas collide. When unlikely heroes Larry and David stumble onto a long-lost WWII germ formula created by the mysterious scientist Tanaka, they’re pulled into a deadly web of shadow warfare and secret assassins. On their trail is Simon, a merciless ninja enforcer working for the cold-blooded mastermind Martin, whose scheme threatens global catastrophe. Outnumbered and outmatched, Larry and David rely on nerve, instinct, and their own unconventional fighting discipline — Hocus Pocus, a martial art as unpredictable as it is lethal. *Commando the Ninja* cranks the chaos up even higher, continuing the covert war over germ-warfare secrets more dangerous than ninja blades. Once again caught in a storm of espionage, double-crosses, and stolen science, Larry and David find themselves facing more ruthless power brokers and endless waves of attackers. As the battle escalates, two fearless allies — Becky and Brenda — join the fight, driving the action toward an outrageous finale of acrobatics, ambushes, and full-blown ninja madness.

**BLOOD BITCH BABY (Blu-ray)
Blood Sick Productions**

Blood Bitch Baby drags the infamous legend of Countess Elizabeth Bathory out of 17th-century Hungary and into the sleazy underbelly of modern-day America. Forged in a pact with Satan himself, Bathory has survived through the ages, feeding on innocence and plotting the birth of her unholy master’s monstrous heir. The immortal countess, wields her deadly allure to ensnare Jenny, a woman whose torment takes a dark new turn after Bathory grants her demonic powers. Those powers become both a curse and a weapon when Jenny turns them against her violently unstable boyfriend, Kevin. With its trademark mix of blood-drenched camp and VHS-era grit, director Farmer transforms the Bathory mythos into a fever dream of gore, temptation, and revenge. *Blood Bitch Baby* doesn’t just update the legend — it mutates it, colliding satanic horror with exploitation cinema’s raw energy to produce something gleefully grotesque and utterly unpredictable.

North End Library Recognizes Two 8th Grade Eliot School Students



(L-R): Executive Director and Principal of the Eliot School Traci Walker, 8th Grade Eliot School student and Avelina’s best friend Addison Ciccotelli, Eliot School 7th and 8th Grade English Language Arts Teacher Katie Corrigan, 8th Grade Eliot School Award Winner Avelina Fabbo Barrasso, 8th Grade Eliot School Award Winner Farhan Naqibullah, 8th Grade Eliot School student and Farhan’s best friend Yazan Bouaouida, North End Branch Library Children’s Librarian Ashley Runnals and Head of Eliot School for Grades 4-8 Kiki Moschella

Some individuals leave such a strong impression on those around them, that their legacy lives on long after they are gone, as is the case with Mary U. Nichols, former North End branch librarian. From 1941-1948, Mary served the North End community, particularly students from Christopher Coumbus High School and Julie Billiard, with whom she worked from its inception in 1945. To honor Mary’s commitment to the North End community and students a fund was established and used annually to honor one boy and one girl from each



Alan Andres Writer in Residence with Associates of the Boston Public School Library Zarlisht Niaz shared experiences and words of wisdom with the award winners.

of the graduating classes who demonstrated outstanding work in English.

When Columbus High School, then co-ed, closed in 1990, many thought that would be the end of the award and Ms. Nichols legacy. But in 1992, it was resurrected, this time to honor the rising 8th grade students at both the Eliot and St. John School. Today 77 years later, a group gathered at the North End branch library to honor two eighth grade students from the Eliot School, as St. John currently serves early childhood through sixth grade only.

This year, the 2026 Mary U. Nichols Book Prize Fund

honored two Eliot School 8th graders who have demonstrated excellence in English Language Arts throughout their time at the school: Avelina Fabbo Barrasso and Farhan Naqibullah.

Avelina is an avid reader, with a true passion for psychological thrillers and murder mysteries, bringing the same curiosity and intensity into the classroom each day. Avelina is a talented writer who consistently challenges herself and puts thoughtful effort into her work. An aspiring author, she is already developing a story she hopes to publish one day. Her ambition, creativity, and commitment to writing are incredibly impressive.

Farhan is fairly new to the Eliot, entering last year in 7th grade, but from the very beginning his love of reading was evident. He has a particular passion for dystopian literature, which made him a perfect fit for this year’s 8th grade unit. Farhan brings genuine enthusiasm to class discussions and engages deeply with his readings. He is the type of student who forms meaningful connections with literature and is eager to share his thinking with others. His excitement for reading is contagious, and his thoughtful contributions have made a lasting impact in the classroom.

Both of these exceptional students are a reflection of Ms. Nichols’ ideals and memory. May they stand as proud of themselves as we all are of them.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle(s) on **June 24, 2026 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public if no sale then by private sale to satisfy their garage keeper’s lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. The following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, “as is” condition, no keys.

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Run dates: 06/05, 06/12, 06/19/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 831-2200

Docket No. WO26A0142AD

CITATION

G.L. c. 210, § 6

In the matter of

ORION EVEREST BLANK

To: any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth. A petition has been presented to said court by: **Alexandra Jennifer Shryock Blank of Millville, MA, Robert Avery Squires, Jr. of Millville, MA** requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to **shall remain the same.**

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **WORCESTER** ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **AUGUST 04, 2026.**

Witness, HON. KATHRYN M. BAILEY, First Justice of this Court.

Date: **May 28, 2026**

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

Run dates: 06/05, 06/12, 06/19/2026

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10-U Commerce Way

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Docket No. MI26C0388CA

In the matter of:

MANDY GOODFRIEND BARRY

CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Mandy Goodfriend Barry of Tewksbury, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Mandy Rebecca Goodfriend.**

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 June 24, 2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: **May 27, 2026**

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 06/05/2026

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Vin #JH4CU2F67AC040745

2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE

Vin #1G1PG5SB6E7390907

2007 TOYOTA PRIUS

Vin #JTDKB20U377658236

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Run dates: 05/22, 05/29, 06/05/2026

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I was just a kid and I heard Dad and Mom talking about Ralph Pepe. Ralph was married to my mother’s favorite cousin, Louise, one of Zi’Antonio’s daughters. As a result of Mom and Louise being so close, Dad and Ralph became close friends. Their youngest son Ralph, Jr., is my closest relative and we, for years, combined our families on the holidays. I think you might remember some of the Easter and Christmas stories about the dinners at Ralph’s house. Anyway, after hearing Dad and Mom talk about Ralph Sr., I asked what was wrong. Dad said that Ralph never received Confirmation and had to receive this sacrament of the Catholic Church before he died. Ralph and my father were in their late forties or early fifties, I’m not sure but I assumed that they must be ancient (I was just a kid).

I didn’t go to a parochial school, but on Monday mornings, we had religious education at the schools belonging to our respective parishes. The nuns at East Boston’s Sacred Heart Church made sure we kids knew that if we didn’t receive all of the seven sacraments, we wouldn’t go to Heaven. So, of course, we kids told our parents to make sure that we received each sacrament as scheduled. Anyway, Dad in conversation with Ralph, discovered that he hadn’t received the sacrament of Confirmation.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, this sacrament is the one in which the Holy Ghost is given to those already baptized in order to make them strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ. When they told this to us kids years ago or when it was told to cousin Ralph’s father, it was made to sound like our lives and souls depended on receiving the sacrament. According to the custom, someone receiving Confirmation must choose a patron, someone to stand up for them just like when a Catholic is baptized, someone stands up for them as a Godparent.

Ralph Sr., asked my father if he would be his sponsor. Dad told him that he was honored and would do anything necessary to help him out. Seeing that kids were supposed to go for religious classes to prepare for the sacrament, Ralph was given a waiver by the pastor of his church due to his age, as long as he learned the same things the kids were told to study to prepare for the Confirmation. He was given a book similar to a First Communion Catechism and he and Dad were told what

to study. And so, they began their preparation for Ralph’s Confirmation.

Finally, the big day arrived and both Dad and Ralph took time off from work. They reported to the Holy Redeemer Church and a bishop was on hand to perform the ceremony for all the kids receiving the sacrament along with two guys in their late 40s or early 50s. All of the Pepe family members were there, as well as Mom, Dad, yours truly, Nanna, Babbononno, Zi’Antonio, Ralph’s father-in-law, Zia Mariuccia, his mother-in-law, and several members of the Ceruolo family.

Everything went according to plan and Ralph received Confirmation. He was happy, Dad was proud of his cousin-in-law and everyone in the family was looking forward to celebrating. I believe we headed to Zi’Antonio and Zia Mariuccia’s house on Orleans Street in East Boston following the ceremony. A Sunday type of Italian dinner was mostly prepared. Evidently, Zia Mariuccia had gotten up early that morning and made the pasta for the day. Just before she and my great uncle left for the church, she had everything cooked except for the macaroni. This could not be cooked in advance. According to the old-timers, this would have been an infamia. (a symbol of disgrace)

As everyone began to arrive, Zi’Antonio brought out bottles of his best homemade wine. Of course, everyone toasted Ralph with a taste of the dark red vintage. Babbononno probably toasted his nephew-in-law more than most, because by the time the food was served, he was feeling no pain. He was laughing, giggling and even singing while the food was being served. Nanna tried to quiet him down, but he just kept brushing her off, with several slang Italian versions of, “Leave me alone, woman, I’m having a good time.”

To get food into him to counter the amount of wine he had consumed, Mom served him copious amounts of antipasti. First she served him provolone, soppressata, marinated mushrooms, olives and chunks of cut up bread from an old fashion round loaf, so popular with the folks from his generation. When Zia Mariuccia served the minestrone, Babbononno got the biggest bowl. Following the soup, out came giant sized dishes of ravioli. Babbononno refused to eat them saying that the ricotta and wine didn’t mix and he would get sick. Fortunately, there were a couple of other forms of macaroni that

were cooked and he accepted one of them. Next, Mom and Nanna filled his plate with chunks of pork, veal parmigiana, braciolo, stuffed mushrooms and a stuffed artichoke. By the time he had finished, he had sobered up.

We kids, Ralph Jr., his older brother, Anthony, and a few other of my second cousins finished eating before everyone else so that we could go outside and play half ball.

In case you don’t know what half ball is, I will explain. First, if there are any New Yorkers in the crowd, you know what stick ball is. Kids take a broom, cut the sweeping end off, reduce the length to a baseball bat size and then hit a pink rubber ball and run the designated bases determined once you were in the middle of a street. Well, half ball is played in a similar fashion with a broom stick. The ball was usually a pink rubber ball or a white pimple ball cut in half. The hitter stood on the sidewalk, the pitcher in the middle of the street and the fielders in the street and on the opposite side walk. A single was the half ball landing on the opposite sidewalk, a double hit the first floor of the house across the street, a triple hit the second floor and a home run the third floor. Truthfully, I don’t know if kids still play this game in places like East Boston or the North End.

Once we got tired or were called back into the house, we knew that there was dessert to be considered. Cannoli filled a serving dish in the middle of my great aunt’s table as well as other Italian pastries and several different types of cookies. Before we were allowed to touch anything we had to line up at the bathroom door and wash up once it was our turn. When we looked decent, we were allowed to join the family again and help our-selves to the dessert.

Before we all left, everyone congratulated Ralph Sr., on his belated Confirmation and we kids secretly hoped that there was someone else in the family who missed receiving a sacrament so we could have a similar party in the near future.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Run dates: 05/29, 06/05, 06/12/2026

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Jeane Kirkpatrick

Jeane Kirkpatrick was born on November 19, 1926, in Duncan, Oklahoma, a town famous for its connection to the Chisholm Trail of the Old West. She received an associate’s degree from Stephens College in 1946, a bachelor’s degree from Barnard College in 1948 and a master’s and Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University in 1950 and 1968, respectively.



Kirkpatrick was a research analyst with the Office of Intelligence Research at the U.S. State Department, studied at the Institute of Political Science in Paris, served on several Democratic Party committees and worked for the U.S. Department of Defense from 1956 to 1962. In 1962, Kirkpatrick served as assistant professor of political science at Trinity College. She became a faculty member in political science at Georgetown University in 1967, retiring as professor emeritus in 2002.

Kirkpatrick was active in Democratic politics in the early 1970s, she worked with the 1972 presidential campaign of Hubert Humphrey. She grew increasingly dissatisfied with the party, however, and served as Ronald Reagan’s foreign policy advisor during his 1980 presidential campaign. After Reagan’s election, Kirkpatrick served on his cabinet and national security team. She served as the United States ambassador to the United Nations from 1981 to 1985 becoming the first woman to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

After her tenure as ambassador, Kirkpatrick returned to teaching at Georgetown University. She also joined the Republican Party and served as chief foreign policy advisor to Senate Republicans. She also became a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank and in 1993 co-founded Empower America, a conservative public-policy organization.

Kirkpatrick passed away on December 7, 2006.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU26P0997GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of
HARBIN S. PIMENTEL
of Boston, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Bianny Pena of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Harbin S. Pimentel** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Bianny Pena of Boston, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **June 18, 2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Witness, HON. JANINE D. RIVERS,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 21, 2026

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 06/05/2026

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Remembering Rick Rescorla:
Decorated War Vet, 9/11 Hero and
Patron Saint to Security Teams Everywhere



Rick Rescorla

On September 11, 2001, I still had no idea where my life was going to lead me. It was my first year of college and it is safe to say my vision for the future was hazy at best. I had my aspirations and I began college with a declared major, but the realities of life were already making themselves known. The world held no promises.

If my life plan was in chaos my country was about to be shaken into a darkness without a clear path forward. And yet, when the mist cleared our nation found its way, in the process rising as a new land of stronger people. In the year following the attacks I began to learn the name of some of the people who rose to heroism when a whole city was torn apart. It was not until more than twenty years later, however, that I first heard the name of Rick Rescorla, an Englishman who seemed destined to become a legend long before he even came to America. In the year since I've been learning about the Brit who became an American hero, Rescorla has become an inspiration in my daily and professional life.

Cyril Richard Rescorla's early life was humble enough. Born in the town of Hayle in west Cornwall to a housekeeper in 1939, Rescorla developed a deep admiration for the American soldier when his hometown became the headquarters for the 175th Infantry Regiment of the U.S. 29th Infantry Division in the months leading up to the D-Day Invasion.

Here was where Rescorla's love for the United States began and, likely, his destiny written. But his first step began at the age of sixteen when he joined the British Army where he trained as a paratrooper. By 1957, he was fighting off the insurgency in Cyprus. When that conflict ended in 1960, Rescorla joined the Northern Rhodesian Police as an inspector. There he met American Daniel Hill who had aided in the fight against insurgencies in Hungary, Lebanon and Cuba before his mercenary travels took him to Northern Rhodesia. The two men began what would evolve into a lifelong friendship; one that would ultimately bear witness to Rescorla's courage.

At the end of Rescorla's contract with the Rhodesian Police, he was encouraged by Hill to come to America.

Rescorla would return to England first, but his stint with the Metropolitan Police brought little excitement and so, in 1963, he left his homeland once

more and enlisted with the United States Army with training beginning at Fort Dix. Two years later, he would be shipped to Vietnam. In the Battle of Ia Drang, the hero that had always been inside Rescorla came out like a lion. Leading his unit safely through sieges, his calm demeanor helped his men forget the instant death that surrounded them.

"We were all sitting in our holes with our knees knocking, we have dead guys all around us, and here comes Rick singing Cornish songs. Pretty soon you are saying to yourself, 'If this guy can walk from hole to hole checking to see if you have your grenades in the right place, checking to see if you have your magazines, and standing up like he is going on a Sunday afternoon's walk, what do you have to worry about?'" said Rescorla's radio operator Sam Fantino.

For his heroism and bravery in Vietnam, Rescorla was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. After returning to the United States, by now his new home, Rescorla entered civilian life. Completing a law degree, he found work in corporate security, a career that ultimately led to his position as director of security for Dean Witter Reynolds at the South Tower

practiced twice a year, ensuring a familiarity with the escape route should an emergency occur.

And occur it would, in a day that still shakes my generation upon each reflection. Few will forget where they were when they first heard the news of the first plane hitting the North Tower. Rick Rescorla was where he needed and always wanted to be, in the South Tower guarding the people there. The first person he called would be Hill, now living in Florida. With his usual foresight, Rescorla knew there was no time to lose in evacuation the South Tower.

"Everything above where that plane hit is going to collapse, and it's going to take the whole building with it. I'm getting my people the #@!*" out of here," he told his friend Hill over the phone.

Armed with a loudspeaker and the assistance of two other members of Morgan Stanley's security team, Wesley Mercer and Jorge Velasquez, Rescorla began directing the office workers out to safety, maintaining a calm but firm composure. As a result, at the end of the horrible day, out of nearly 2,700 Morgan Stanley employees working that day (over twenty-two floors) all but six made it out alive. For comparison, Aon Corporation, also located in the South Tower, lost 176. Rescorla, Mercer and



Rick Rescorla with his security team (Jorge Velasquez and Wesley Mercer) leading the evacuation out of the South Tower on 9/11

of the World Trade Center, a company which would merge with Morgan Stanley in 1997.

From early on Rescorla noticed many security blind spots in the complex. Five years into the job he hired his old Army buddy, Dan Hill, as security consultant who also noticed many deficiencies in the company's emergency preparedness. Little attention was paid to these warnings until the 1993 bombing, a tragedy that unfolded much like Rescorla and Hil had predicted.

Consequently, in the years between the bombing and the attacks of 9/11, the executives at Morgan Stanley became a lot more accepting of Rescorla's emergency drills, evacuation route blueprints and warnings. Rescorla warned that as the tallest building in the city and a symbol of America's economic might, the World Trade Center was a particularly vulnerable target for terrorists. Drills were

Velasquez, however, would never make it out to learn how many people owed their lives to them.

Rick Rescorla could have made it out and was warned to do so once the Morgan Stanley offices were emptied. His reply, "You hear those screams? There's more people up there. I have to help get them out."

He was last seen on the 10th floor before the tower he had done so much to protect came crumbling down with him inside.

A question I find myself asking more often as the years go by is who I want to be remembered as. This often leads to the concept of legacy and what heroism means. This, in turn, often leads to me reading more about Cyril Richard Rescorla. We, as people, like to draw commonalities with our heroes but besides our shared love for the



LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
Docket No. SU26D0949DR
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BRUCE HYLTON
vs.
PATRICKA HYLTON
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Bruce Hylton, 1 Derry Rd., Hyde Park, MA 02136** your answer, if any, on or before **August 13, 2026**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. JANINE D. RIVERS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 26, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 06/05/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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vs.
JESSIKA M. PEIXOTO
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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: **Arilson Peixoto, 96 Golden Avenue, Medford, MA 02155** your answer, if any, on or before **July 08, 2026**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 27, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 06/05/2026

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Vin #5J6RE48317L018833
2007 KIA SPECTRA
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Norfolk Probate and Family Court
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PUBLICATION
LATARSHA PARHAM
vs.
JAMEL PARHAM
To the above named defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
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your answer, if any, on or before **July 08, 2026**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. LEE PETERSON,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 02, 2026
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate
Run date: 06/05/2026

BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

SCAM ALERT

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- Online romance? It's a scam.
- Grandchild in trouble? It's a scam.

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• **E-Bikes** (Continued from Page 1)

their families,” Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll told the Joint Committee on Transportation.

Currently, the legal definition of a motorized bicycle includes bicycles powered by electric battery and gas powered engines. This bill defines and tiers the micro-mobility vehicles by speed capacity, with Tier 3 devices required to obtain a state registration, license plate and insurance. Tier 3 devices will also be banned from bike lanes and biking-walking paths. The legislation defines Tier 3 devices as those able to reach speeds of 41 miles per hour or more. Tier 2 devices are defined as those able to exceed speeds of 31-40 miles per hour, Tier 1 devices capable of traveling at speeds between 21-30 miles per hour and Tier 0 are devices defined as

those able to reach up to 20 miles per hour. Lowest speed devices, 20 miles per hour and under, will be treated like bicycles.

Healey’s bill holds Tier 3 the most accountable, with owners of those devices required to acquire and pay liability insurance. The owners must present a certificate with proof of insurance in order to obtain a Massachusetts registration for the micro-mobility devices. Not only will the bill require anyone under the age of 16 to wear a helmet while operating or as a passenger on an e-bike, it also requires anyone, including adults, operating or riding as a passenger on any Tier 1-3 e-bike to wear a helmet.

If the bill is passed and signed into law, it would not take effect until January 1, 2028.

• **Thoughts by Dan** (Continued from Page 10)

writings of Rudyard Kipling and Rescorla’s interest in learning Italian, my second language, Rescorla’s life was very different from my own. Nonetheless, had we ever met, I believe the point on which Rick Rescorla and I would have found the strongest bound was in finding fulfillment keeping people safe.

Although, Vietnam and 9/11 were the moments that defined it, Rescorla’s heroism is more about a way of life, one that is made evident each day. In this vein the legacy of Rick Rescorla has influenced my life at work

and around the people close to me and helped me answer some of my own reflections on heroism and courage. It’s about being the sort of person who can rise to the urgency of the occasion, that others will turn to in the darker moments. When your own fear is overcoming you remember there are those who are looking up to you. When the worst of moments come, be remembered as the person who made everyone feel better just knowing you were there. There is no greater honor, no greater legacy.

4th Annual Viva Le Bocce Tournament



NEW Health CEO Vin Scibelli

On Sunday, May 31, 2026, NE/W Health held its annual Viva Le Bocce Tournament at Langone Park, on Commercial Street in the North End of Boston. Originally scheduled for Saturday, May 30, the event was postponed for a day due to the impending rain, fortunately Sunday’s weather cooperated and allowed the event to move forward, offering participants and spectators an opportunity for friendly competition, share some laughs with co-workers, neighbors and friends and ultimately provide the winning team with bragging rights.

The 4th annual tournament was a huge success, raising almost \$45,000, thanks to the generosity of the sponsors, including CVS, Community Care Cooperative, Eastern Bank, Mass League of Community Health Centers, the Team participants, local residents and Roxy’s Grilled Cheese Yellow Truck, who provided lunch for the players.

The proceeds raised from this event critical to supporting all of the various programs offered by NE/W Health.



The winning team was Next Stage Benefits. (L-R) Emily Horn, Vincenzo “Vin” Scibelli (NEW Health CEO), Ted Wallus, Creighton Horn, and Brian Foley



Roxy’s Grilled Cheese Yellow Food Truck provided bocce participants with a delicious lunch.
(Above Photos courtesy of New Health)



Darlene in Action



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Natale DeMarco and Joe Blazo



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Boston World Baseball Championship IN EASTIE



Team Ireland



Team Ireland Champions
Brock Riley (left) and
Jonathan McDonald (right)
28+ Division

The Boston World Baseball Championship, presented by Be Clutch Sportswear, took place over Memorial Day weekend for the fourth consecutive year. This adult wood bat tournament features two age divisions: 18+ and 28+. This year, the event hosted 16 teams and over 300 players, with each team representing a different country or nationality. Participants hailed from the Dominican Republic, USA, Puerto Rico, Ireland, Italy, Canada, Venezuela, Latin America, and Asia.

In the championship games, the 18+ division finals were held at West Roxbury Academy, where Team Dominican Republic staged an impressive comeback. Trailing 4-0 in the

last inning, they scored five unanswered runs to secure their back-to-back championship title.

Meanwhile, the **28+ division finals took place at East Boston Memorial**, featuring a matchup between Team Ireland and the USA Stars. Team Ireland emerged victorious, thanks to ace pitcher Brock Riley, who threw a complete



Elijah Perez (Dominicana Rojo
28+ from Lawrence, MA



Left to Right, Curtis Brown
(USA 28+) from Washington
DC and BJ Wentzel (USA 28+)
from Pittsburgh

game shutout. With this win, Ireland has now claimed two out of the last three Boston WBC 28+ championships.

You can catch games this summer at Memorial Stadium and other fields. Check out the complete schedule at www.bba-boston.com for the 3 divisions Age 18+, 28+ and The Saturday League called BBA Sandlot.

It's Lights Out Over Fenway

For the next six months, it will seem slightly dimmer over Kenmore Square. For over sixty years, the CITGO sign has served as a beacon over the local skyline. As of last week, the sign went dark, at least for the time being. As part of the One Kenmore Square redevelopment, the iconic sign will be reconstructed and repositioned thirty feet higher and 120 feet to the East. The work is expected to last approximately six months.



Originally installed in 1940, the sign was updated to its current look in 1965, becoming one of Boston's most recognized landmarks. The sign is widely visible from many areas of Boston and beyond, and for many years has been a focal point during Red Sox games at Fenway Park. With the construction of seats atop the Green Monster in 2003, the sign has been less visible from certain areas within the park.

Once the sign is placed in its new location, on the same rooftop, its visibility from numerous vantage point should be restored. "CITGO is ready to take this final step in the redevelopment process of this iconic site, ensuring that our beloved CITGO sign will continue to illuminate Kenmore Square and the city of Boston skyline for generations to come," said Karl Schmidt, vice-president of supply and marketing at CITGO Petroleum.

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