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Wu is Bested by Senate Once Again

by Patti Sartori

There is no love lost between Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and certain members of the Massachusetts State Senate, especially Nick Collins and William Brownsberger. Collins easily beat back a primary challenge from Wu's hand-picked candidate earlier this month, but Brownsberger had a much rougher go of it. Following a two-day recount last week, the incumbent state senator finally declared victory after squeaking by Wu's former senior aide, Daniel Lander with a 35-vote win.

Brownsberger and Collins earned bullseyes on their backs after Wu blamed them for twice killing her proposed tax bill legislation. Wu publicly endorsed her former aide in an attempt to oust Brownsberger, a Democrat, who represents parts of Boston, Belmont, Cambridge and Watertown. The recount was completed and results certified late last week, returning the Belmont Democrat to Beacon Hill. "I'm looking forward to continued service to all the people of my district and I am eager to get back to work," Brownsberger



Massachusetts State Senator William Brownsberger

wrote in a statement following the recount results.

The Boston mayor just can't seem to break through the tight State House click, including Senate President Karen Spilka, "Will and Nick are deeply respected members of the Senate who have earned the trust of their colleagues through years of hard work, principled leadership and a commitment to the people they represent. I'm proud to call them colleagues and friends, and I'm grateful they will continue bringing their experience, independence and leadership to the Senate," said Spilka.

Santa Rosalia Di Palermo Society Boston Annual Procession



Members of the Santa Rosalia di Palermo Society of Boston prepare to step off on the 87th Anniversary Feast procession through the North End community.

In recognition of the 87th anniversary of Boston's Santa Rosalia Di Palermo an annual procession was held on Saturday, September 12 through the streets of the North End community. St. Rosalia, known as "The Little Saint - la Santuzza) is the patron saint of Palermo, Sicily. The tradition of honoring this catholic saint began in 1939 by immigrants from Palermo as they settled into Boston's North End neighborhood.

Santa Rosalia was born of a noble family descended from Charlemagne before being led by angels to a solitary life in a cave on Mount Pellegrino where she died alone in 1166. On the cave wall she wrote "I, Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, Lord of Roses, and Quisquina, have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ." In 1624, during

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Santa Rosalia di Palermo Society Boston members gather before they begin the 2026 procession through the streets of the North End. (Photos by Gerri Palladino)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Smoking's Other Risk

New research presented at the European Respiratory Society Conference in Barcelona found smoking leads to increased loneliness. Analyzing data from over 50,000 subjects who participated in the "Survey of Health and Aging" researchers measured the level of loneliness felt by smokers and nonsmokers. No matter the age or gender, current smokers were found to be lonelier than nonsmokers.

Smoking bans and limits on areas where people can smoke can also limit people's ability to convene with others and participate in social activities.

Long Ride Up Front for this Kitty

The engine on this vehicle must have been purring. A newborn kitten had the longest ride of its life traveling 76 miles inside the engine bay of a SUV from Rocksprings to Kerryville, TX. A staff member of Peterson Health said, "I heard this poor baby crying this morning when I was leaving work."

Contacting Kerrville Pets Alive, a nonprofit dedicated to saving animals from euthanasia, responded alongside an animal control officer rescued the kitten by removing the car's front grill.

Gas to Go Down After Election

President Trump now says oil and gas prices would come down right after the November 4 elections. When pressed by reporters how long the war with Iran could last, he said, "They can't hold out any longer."

Police "Trigger" Uproar

The Seattle Police Department sparked a wave on social media when it unveiled its new euphemism for "shooters," and is now opting to formally refer to such

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Massachusetts Outmigration Trend Growing Stronger

by Patti Sartori

According to multiple sources, Massachusetts is losing residents year after year, with approximately 182,000 fleeing the Bay State between April, 2020 and July, 2025. Where are they headed you wonder? It seems the top destinations are Florida, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Maine, and California. Why are they leaving you ask? Housing and affordability, taxes and competitiveness, and remote work and flexibility are some of the main reasons people are heading out of Massachusetts.

It's not just people that are uprooting and leaving, it's what they take with them in the process, mainly tax dollars and revenue. The Pioneer Institute suggests almost \$15 billion in adjusted gross income has been lost to other states since 2020, along with over \$4 billion from the millionaire's tax with Florida and New Hampshire snapping up almost \$3 billion of that fund.



Some business leaders feel Boston and Massachusetts should fight back and become more aggressive in keeping residents here while luring in newbies. This past summer the cities and towns, especially Boston, was a showcase

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Stirpe
Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



ROMANESQUE CHURCHES



Boston’s Trinity Church was designed by HH Richardson and borrows many elements from Romanesque Architecture. Although much different thanks to new technologies in masonry construction, Richardsonian Romanesque utilizes many of the distinct principles of Romanesque architecture. The heavy and bulky forms, paired with the rounded arches greatly resemble the Romanesque buildings that were popular in Europe during the middle ages.
(Photo by Daderot from Wikimedia Commons)

In previous issues, we discussed the origin of religion, how Christianity was brought to Rome, the persecutions which were started by Nero and continued for 250 years until the time of Emperor Constantine. We also learned how the Early Christians chose the pagan Roman Basilica as the style which most closely suited their religious needs, and how this style influenced the design of the Early Christian-style church.

Probably the most important thing for us to understand at this time is that the Church hierarchy can designate any kind of church to be a basilica. Historically speaking, a

basilican-style church is laid out in a rectangular plan with a broad nave running down the center, flanked with colonnaded aisles, a chancel rail, a raised altar, and with a semicircular apse behind.

The design and layout of the early Christian church with its masonry walls and timber roofs served their needs very adequately, except that the dry timber roofs were often struck by lightning and the lack of fire-fighting equipment as we know it, permitted serious damage to occur in their roof structures. The next logical step then, was to construct the roofs of stone by building a series of vaults

and arches. Inadequate knowledge about arch thrusts caused some sidewalls to spread and the roofs to fall. Many of the structural problems confronting these early Christian builders were fairly well solved during the Romanesque period that followed.

Romanesque means “Roman-ish” or “That which is like the Roman.” It was a style or a period in the development of world architecture, which began after the decline of the Roman Empire, and attained its highest development in Italy, France, Germany, and England. There was a decline of community life after the fall of Rome, when her strong guiding hand was removed from Western Europe. Cities disappeared and whole countries slid into the Dark Ages. For several hundred years, the people lived a rural life around the castles of the wealthy Barons, and in little villages. Christianity was the chief source of education when science, letters, art and culture, became the monopoly of the religious orders. Schools were attached to monasteries and monks with their pupils often designed cathedrals.

These medieval masons were prevented from copying the early Christian basilica because of their love for thick masonry walls and round arched openings, in addition to their concerns about roof fires. There were at least three great difficulties which plagued the Romanesque builders; first, the heavyweight of the stone roofs which required piers of great size, second, the difficulty in providing resistance to the thrust of the stone vaulting, and third, the difficulty in providing the tremendous amount of staging and formwork which were required to construct the stone roofs. A three hundred year struggle to conquer these problems reaped its rewards in the Gothic period that followed.

The Romanesque period in history is not without its characteristics. A few of the more prominent are:

- 1. Round arched openings;
- 2. Massive stonewalls with buttresses;
- 3. Large interior columns, and
- 4. Vaulted stone ceilings.

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Governor Healey
Accepts Law Enforcement
Endorsements

by Patti Sartori



Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey humbly accepted endorsements from Massachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers Association, State Police Association of Massachusetts (SPAM), the Massachusetts Coalition of Police (MassCop), and the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association (BPA).

The past few years have not been kind to state police as they have dealt with numerous scandals, and faced scrutiny over accusations of sexual and domestic assaults, drunk driving, public fist fighting, cover ups, and other dishonorable conduct. “Whenever there is an issue, people need to be held to account for that. And whatever has happened or transpired, people need to follow the rules. They need to follow codes of conduct, and if anything happens and they step out of line, then they swiftly need to be brought to justice and held accountable. That doesn’t mean, though, that people should ignore the incredible work that happens day in and day out,” Healey stated during an endorsement event.

Republican Gubernatorial candidate Mike Minogue also garnered support from law enforcement, including the Massachusetts Police Association who endorsed him this month.

History of 9/11 not on
Massachusetts Schools Agenda

by Patti Sartori

The 25th anniversary of the World Trade Center Terrorist Attack on September 11, 2001 has just passed and remains quite raw and vivid in the memories of those who witnessed it in real time. As I have written in the past, we are now a generation removed from the horrific events of 9/11, and it is incumbent upon all of us to teach the younger generation, those too young to remember or not yet born, the loss of life and carnage imposed upon America and its people from that horrendous day.

When I learned last week that Massachusetts is among dozens of states across the country that does not require 9/11 to be taught in schools, I was shocked, even more so knowing that two of the planes, used as weapons of mass destruction in my opinion, originated in Boston, resulting in the loss of hundreds of Massachusetts lives.

Lack of education on this horrific event leaves students without knowledge about “perhaps the most transformative day in the country’s history,” according to Pat Bavis, chairman of the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund’s education committee, which is leading the push to ensure 9/11 lessons are part of all schools’ history curriculum throughout the state. The gap, Bavis believes, comes down to “simply a matter of generations,” noting that today’s high school students and many teachers were not alive on September 11, 2001, to witness al-Qaeda extremists hijack four commercial airline jets, crashing them into New York’s World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Bavis’s brother, Mark Bavis, an NHL scout, was a passenger on United Airlines Flight 175 out of Boston’s Logan Airport that morning. It hit the South Tower at 9:03 a.m. “Today, I challenge every history teacher in Massachusetts, and actually in America, to take the time to remember our loved ones and remember what happened that day,” Bavis stated in an emotional plea at an annual commemoration at the State House last Friday, the 25th anniversary of that fateful day.

Only a handful of Bay State schools include 9/11 in their curriculum with Massachusetts one of some 29 states in the country that “dabble in talking about” the events of that day and how they changed society, pretty much leaving the decision up to local school districts, according to Bavis. Only 14 states explicitly mandate 9/11 be taught in school.

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund is hoping to change this way of educating and has partnered with GBH on interactive, online videos on the events of 9/11. A GBH video screened on last week’s anniversary featured students acknowledging their disconnect from the attacks. One student commented that he has heard about 9/11 but did not understand what happened or why, while another admitted that since she wasn’t born yet, she had no idea how 9/11 affected her life.

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund-GBH initiative is broken up into three sections: what happened on that exact day; how the world changed; and how that day is commemorated with memorials and remembrances. Last year, on the 24th anniversary of the attack, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey directed state education officials to ensure that 9/11 history was “fully incorporated” into school curriculum across the state. “I ask that every high school in Massachusetts adopt the 9/11 curriculum. We need to teach our kids about 9/11,” stated Governor Healey.

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*Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Our Parents,
Anthony & Bertha Termine!*



Anthony Termine was born on North Street in The North End to parents Michael & Josephine Termine. Bertha (Brunelli) Termine was born in Southington, Connecticut to parents Paul & Annette Brunelli, and she wed Anthony 60 years ago on September 17th in her hometown. They enjoy gardening, cooking, taking walks together, and attending summertime feasts, especially the "Fisherman's Feast - La Madonna del Soccorso," as Anthony's father immigrated from Sciacca, Sicily and was a member of the original society. They recently attended opening day of "The North End Historical Museum" and enjoy coffee & gelato at one of the many local neighborhood cafes.

Through your devotion to one another, you have shown us by example the true meaning of love, honor, and respect. Your kindness and patience with one another is exemplary of what it means to have taken those vows six decades ago. We have watched you show endless love and care to your own parents, with both sides celebrating their marriages beyond sixty years.

As a family, we are truly blessed to have celebrated milestones, birthdays, graduations, holidays, travel to Italy and Sicily, recipes handed down through generations, North End Feasts, traditions, snowstorms (Blizzard of '78), a worldwide Pandemic, and the delicate balance and art of aging well.

What started out as an "arranged blind date" blossomed into a life well lived together, filled with compassion, travel, laughs, not sweating the small stuff, taking care of one another, tending to your garden, and growing a bounty of love.

There is no better example than what you each live & breathe every day. We are grateful to call you our parents, have you in our lives, still leading by example every single day!

Happy anniversary Ma & Dad! Cent'anni!

Love,
Christina & Michelle

#thatsamore, #60thweddinganniversary,
#loveitalianstyle, #tohaveandtohold, #AnthonyandBertha

NEW Health Expands Access to Primary Care with Addition of Three New Providers

*New Clinicians Bolster Internal Medicine, Pediatric Practice,
and Family Medicine at the Health Center*

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health), a community health center in Boston, announces it is expanding access to primary care with the addition of three new providers to its medical staff: internist Dr. Catherine Yu, pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta, and family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott. The new providers strengthen the health center's ability to meet the growing demand for primary care services. **New patients — both adult and pediatric — are being accepted immediately from throughout the City of Boston, with a particular focus on individuals who live or work in the North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods of Boston. Patients who live or work in Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett and Somerville are also accepted.**

"As our communities continue to grow, so does the need for accessible, high-quality primary care," said Vincenzo Scibelli, CEO of NEW Health. "We're excited to welcome these talented providers, whose experience, compassion, and commitment to community-based care will help us continue delivering exceptional care to patients of all ages and of many cultural backgrounds. All our new providers are bilingual."

Dr. Catherine Yu joins NEW Health as an internal medicine physician with additional specialty training in infectious



(L-R): family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott, internist Dr. Catherine Yu, pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta

diseases. She earned her medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and completed her residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Dr. Yu is passionate about improving access to care and serving the diverse medical needs of the community.

Joining the pediatric team is Dr. Patricia M. Guglietta, an experienced primary care pediatrician who graduated from Harvard College and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Before coming to NEW Health, she spent more than 20 years at MGH Chelsea, where she served as the sole pediatrician in the refugee program. During her tenure, she was part of a team recognized with a Partners in Excellence Award and was a

finalist for the Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver Award. Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Guglietta has extensive experience in complex pediatric care, school advocacy, and caring for refugee families. She looks forward to growing NEW Health's pediatric practice while providing compassionate, equitable, and collaborative care to children and families.

Bianca Mara Dias-Pigott, MSN, APRN, FNP-C is a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in Family Medicine. She is fluent in English and Portuguese and brings a diverse healthcare background shaped by her training and experience in both Brazil and the United States. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Duke University and completed her Family Nurse Practitioner clinical training at NEW Health, caring for pediatric, adult, geriatric, and OB/GYN patients. She chose to return to NEW Health because of its commitment to compassionate, culturally sensitive care and its mission to improve the health and well-being of the community. Passionate about building lasting relationships with individuals and families, she strives to empower patients through education and partnership in their healthcare journey.

Patients can make appointments with new providers at www.newhealthcenter.org or by calling 617-643-8070.

L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Balance, Harvest and an Equinox of Fulfillment

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



(Photo by Magnific)

After a stifling hot summer, during which even five-minute walks in the sweltering sun immediately drove me back to the air-conditioned interiors of my home, I was relieved when one morning dawned overcast and cool. Finally, the smell of September — that wonderful month when the leaves begin to blush with shades of red and gold, and chilly nights creep in cat-like with their early darkness — permeated the air. Wherever I turn my head, it seems, signs of autumn wink at me playfully, announcing the presence of the season with a crisp and snappy flair. Juicy apples lent their tartness to an old-fashioned crisp I baked for my family not too long ago. Scarecrows smile from store shelves, their broad grins and crackly hair joyfully heralding the feasts to come. Leaves shine in the slick pavement after a rainfall. There will even soon be a carton of iced pumpkin spice coffee sitting in my refrigerator, waiting for me to enjoy its creamy goodness. These hallmarks of fall intensify as we near the autumn equinox, which this year occurs on Tuesday, September 22nd. This equinox embodies the rhythm that pulses throughout the fall, its measured dance of harvest and community and interplay between light and dark. Indeed, the autumn equinox is celebrated throughout the world, including Italy, as a seasonal marker and as a significant date in which people honor the generosity of the Earth.

The autumn equinox falls about halfway between the summer and winter solstices, and as such is used to indicate the passage of time. While some people may mourn the end of the astronomical summer and its idyllic, carefree nature, it is important to look at the autumn

equinox as an opportunity to begin anew. The return to work and school fills the air with a sense of purpose and organization, a feeling that will guide us as the cadence of autumn eventually dissipates into the jollity of the holidays. Since autumn brims with renewal, it is little wonder that many cultures begin their new year around the equinox. One such example is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which began on the evening of September 11th this year and is celebrated with meals of apples and honey to ensure the sweetness of the upcoming year. However, the equinox also signifies another important time change: while the day of the equinox consists of equal hours of day and night, after this date the darkness will overwhelm the light. The darkness beckons me indoors, to cozy evenings spent with my family and friends as our stories and laughter form a barrier against the dim night. I may even spend the early nights alone baking with the abundant produce of autumn, filling my kitchen with warm and spicy scents. The equinox affords us opportunities to reconnect with our families and our deepest selves, to devote time to projects and hobbies and take pleasure in the spirit of the season, which is at once both communal and introspective.

In addition to the turning of time, the autumn equinox is also a wonderful time to pay homage to the bounty of the Earth. In Europe, the last collection of harvest takes place around the time of the equinox. Our Italian ancestors, living off the land in a primarily agricultural society, may have waited until the Harvest Moon to finish harvesting their crops. The Harvest Moon, or the full moon closest to the equinox,

illuminated the fields sufficiently so that farmers could work well into the night. This year, the Harvest Moon occurs on September 27th, and as usual I will celebrate the occasion by baking my appropriately-named Harvest Moon cookies, or almond cookies half-dipped in melted chocolate. As the harvest ended in Europe, many cultures would ritualistically cut the last sheaf of grain, a practice which stems from ancient times, when people believed that the goddess of the grain was embodied in the final remaining bundle. It was then time for cozy feasts known as “Harvest Home,” which still exist to this day and can be seen in the harvest fairs that dot event calendars throughout the fall. For Harvest Home, the community gathers together at tables laden with the foods of autumn — apples, pumpkins, pears, carrots, nuts, ginger, spices — and celebrate the generosity of the land and the fruits of their labors. In Italy, these kinds of feasts often take the form of *sagre*. Derived from the Latin word “sacrum,” which also lends itself to the English word “sacred,” *sagre* are festivals devoted to a specific crop or product. Italians love their *sagre*, and the various regions of Italy each have feasts that honor a local delicacy. Villages in Northern Italy, for example, may host *sagre di mele* — apple festivals — while Southern Italians often honor grapes in their *sagre di uve*. No matter what autumnal staple is being celebrated, these European feasts remind us that good food, a strong sense of community, and the love of family are sacred treasures indeed.

This equinox, let’s bring back a sense of balance and purpose to our lives by enjoying the season. Rather than bemoan the darkness, we can welcome it by resolving to use nighttime as an opportunity to do something that makes us happy — whether it involves spending extra time with our families and friends or crafting some alone time in which we may develop our interests and hobbies. We can honor the bounty of the Earth by enjoying the fruits of all and truly relishing them, slowly biting into a tart and juicy apple and inhaling the spicy scent of a cinnamon-flecked cider. Moreover, we can spread the love of the Earth by donating our time or our food to those less fortunate. Let us carry the lessons of the equinox to our heart, and then the pleasures of fall will always have a home — a harvest home, if you will — inside our souls.

Happy Fall and Harvest Blessings to All!

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.



Post 9/11 America

We just passed the 25th anniversary of the day that forever changed our lives. Over the years, I have written a lot about that day. I still remember vividly everything that happened and everything I did. This past Sunday, I attended East Boston’s annual 9/11 gathering. Due to the rain, it was moved from Piers Park over to the lower church hall at Sacred Heart Church.

I still remember where I was that day. I was a 53-year-old police officer who took the day off to work the polls on Election Day that year in the City of Quincy. It was so beautiful and warm on that September day and it seemed within seconds that it wasn’t anymore. One poll worker came up with her little radio on and was telling us a plane crashed into the World Trade Center. Then a minute later she reported another plane just hit the second tower.

Life as we knew it ended. We had entered a new era where everything seemed up for grabs. Anyone alive that day who remembers it all will never forget the events of that day and the days that followed.

At schools across America this year, a moment of silence was held for the victims who perished in that act of terror. We need to teach our school students today what September 11, 2001 meant. A moment of silence is not enough; it should be taught in our classrooms today. If we don’t teach it, how will it be remembered? We promised to Never Forget. Teach our children well. They are our future as all of us also were once. Who we are and what we represent is a transitional gift that must be passed on from generation to generation and kept alive for those to come forward.

Supreme Court Draws Trump Rebuke

by Patti Sartori

President Donald Trump was not happy with the members of the U.S. Supreme Court and of course didn’t hesitate to make it known, blasting his three personal nominees after they each sided with the more liberal faction of the court, voting to block new rules governing mail-in ballots from taking effect ahead of the upcoming November 3 midterm election.

“These are not the people I interviewed to serve on the United States Supreme Court, they are merely a shell of their original selves,” Trump wrote about Justices Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, claiming that “certain Justices are petrified of these crazed and depraved Democrats, and are totally unable to show the courage necessary to save our America,” referring to what he calls the radical left.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, two long-time members of the court, appointees of George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush respectively, agreed with President Trump, who asked the court to stay a lower decision enjoining the new mail-in voting regulation. In attempt to weed out potential voter fraud, Trump signed an executive order earlier this year urging the United States Postal Service to tighten rules around absentee ballots.

New regulations put into place in late August, would require states to adopt a uniform style envelope for mail in ballots and to submit a list of eligible voters. Twenty- four states and Washington DC sued to block the order. Justice Kavanaugh area of concern was the abbreviated window of time for rules to be implemented prior to the impending November 3 national election.

“In my view, based on the briefing the court has received at this interim stage, there is at least a fair prospect that the final rule falls within the Postal Service’s statutory authority. But applying the rule in the 2026 elections would be arbitrary and capricious in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act because state and local election officials do not have sufficient time to reasonable implement the rule before the elections,” Kavanaugh wrote as part of the opinion, but did indicate he might be open to ruling in Trump’s favor if the issue appears in front of the court at a later time.

The majority ruling, supported by Barrett and Gorsuch, found “The Government is unlikely to succeed on the merits of its challenge to the District Court’s preliminary injunction.” On the other side, Alito and Thomas wrote in the dissent that Trump’s new regulation was most likely lawful. “The Postal Service had broad authority to regulate the mail.”



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Why I’m Walking for Nursing Home Reform

by Julie Piantedosi

On Sunday, September 27, at noon, people will gather at the Veterans Memorial in Watertown to walk for something that affects every one of us: the way we care for people when they grow old.

I am helping lead the Watertown ROAR Walk for nursing home reform, part of a national movement founded by filmmaker and advocate Susie Singer Carter. Her documentary, *No Country for Old People*, grew out of the neglect and suffering her mother experienced during the final six months of her life in a highly rated Los Angeles nursing home. That experience led Susie to create R.O.A.R. and bring families and advocates together to demand change.

Over the past several years, nursing home advocacy has become an important part of my life. As an attorney, the Massachusetts Director of Dignity for the Aged, an advisory board member with Voices for Seniors, and host of the podcast *Sealed Lips and Broken Hips*, I have spent countless hours listening to families, advocates, experts and caregivers.

I have heard stories that are difficult to forget. Families have told me about loved ones left waiting for help because there were not enough staff — about falls, unexplained injuries, neglect and abuse. I have spoken with families desperately trying to get answers after something went wrong, only to find themselves navigating a system that can be confusing, fragmented and very difficult to hold accountable.

There are amazing people working in nursing homes and I have enormous respect for the nurses, CNAs and other caregivers who show up every day and care for residents under extraordinarily difficult circumstances. Many of them are being asked to do too much with too little.

The more I learned, the more one question kept bothering me: Why aren’t more of us talking about this? Maybe it is because we don’t like to think about getting old. Nursing homes are easy to put out of our minds until we or someone we love needs one. But eventually, aging touches every one of us.

The people living in nursing homes today are someone’s mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, husband, wife, neighbor or friend. They worked, raised families, served their communities

and lived full lives long before they ever became a “resident” in a facility.

They are people first. Their rights do not end when they enter the doors of a nursing home.

This issue has taught me that nursing home reform should not be Republican or Democratic. Growing old isn’t partisan. Wanting your mother or grandmother to be safe isn’t political. Expecting someone to answer a call bell, help a resident to the bathroom, prevent a fall, make sure a resident is fed, or simply treat another human being with kindness and dignity should be something we can all agree on.

That is why we are walking.

We are walking for adequate staffing, transparency, meaningful oversight and accountability. We are walking for residents whose voices too often go unheard, for families who have spent years trying to get answers, and for caregivers trying to do an incredibly difficult job without enough help. We are walking because a person does not become less valuable because she is 85 instead of 45. A man with dementia is still someone’s father. A woman who can no longer walk is still someone’s mother. A resident who can no longer speak for himself is still entitled to safety, compassion and respect.

I am especially proud to be co-leading the Watertown walk with Zoe Raymond, a Watertown High School senior. I love that someone so young cares so deeply about an issue affecting older people. It is a reminder that we shouldn’t have to wait until we are old, or until someone we love needs a nursing home, to care about how people are treated there.

You don’t need to have a loved one in a nursing home to join us. You don’t need to be an expert on nursing home care or belong to an organization. You simply need to believe that people living in nursing homes deserve dignity, safety and good care.

On September 27, we will meet at noon at the Veterans Memorial in Watertown and walk together — for the people living in nursing homes today, for the people who care for them, and for the generations that will follow them.

We will all grow old. The question is how we will choose to treat one another when we do.



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Love is Never Lost

by Rita Pagliuca

It was the summer of 2006 and I was reeling from all my recent losses. My Dad passed away in 2003 and then in 2005 I lost my husband and my mother. I had bravely gotten through the transfer to widowhood and now finally I got the courage to leaf through all my parents’ belongings.

My parents had a happy wonderful marriage for 67 years and were devoted to each other. As a child I remember that every night before they went to bed Dad would say “Did I forget to tell you today how much I love you?” The only thing that was missing was my father’s wedding band. Whenever my mother brought up the subject of replacing my dad’s lost ring he would say, “With all the losses in the war you want me to worry about a wedding band?”

My dad came from farm country in New York and in his teens moved to Boston. He must have stuck out like a sore thumb because he had a twang of an accent and was so shy he would literally faint when he was forced into social situations. He met my mother through her brother D.G. Dad was so swept off his feet that a city girl would actually pay him attention that when love blossomed, they rushed to a Justice of the Peace and got married. The only material sign of their union was the two gold bands he had purchased and engraved with their initials and date of their wedding.

When the war broke out my father was drafted and after 6 months basic training in Florida he was deployed to Naples, Italy. During his furlough my mom became pregnant but she miscarried the evening before he left. So, I guess his losses were more than those on the battlefield.

Dad told very few stories about the war. He did tell me that all the Catholic boys got a little prayer book that they kept in their left shirt pocket. It was one we used at Mass every Sunday. He said when times got tough and the soldiers were praying; they would put their hand was over their hearts believing words of the comforting book.

Dad put all his ‘memories and the love letters he sent mom in a little security box. He called it his ‘army box’ and told us when he died to throw it in the ocean. He never wanted to look in his ‘army box;’ “Too many bad memories” he would say. Mom never did throw it away. She found the key and taped it to the bottom.

So here I was sitting with Dad’s ‘army box’. I cautiously opened the ‘box of bad memories. There inside I found his medal of bravery, dog tags, and his discharge papers. Then I started reading the love letters he sent her. It seemed he was cryptic in what he wrote I guess because he knew his letters were censored. One could tell that as the war progressed so did the tension in his letters. He started using phrases like “if I make it home” where in others he said ‘when’. Of all the letters the one that got my close attention was one in which he discussed his wedding band. “I don’t want to lose it honey”, he wrote “so I put it in a place only God and I will know.”

Underneath the ribbon tied love letters was the little black leather prayer book stamped “US ARMY ISSUE.” I took the book put it over my heart and caressed it like the soldiers did. And then, I felt something bumpy tucked inside the binder of the book. Carefully I used a file to pry out what was jammed between the cover and the binding. I was in awe! It was my dad’s wedding band! I wanted to jump and shout and call my mom and dad with the good news but I sat alone in the room rejoicing. If they only knew!!!! Ah yes, Dad and God knew but Dad forgot!

Deep within that box of all that hurt was this symbol of good memories of love and faithfulness one man had for his wife and how he sacrificed to serve his country. God knew and God remembered. Today, I am left with two meaningful wedding bands: one missing a diamond, worn down from years of wear and one practically brand new but both a symbol of faithful and true love.

Saint Pacificus of San Severin

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

The life of Saint Pacificus of San Severino stands as an enduring testament to the spiritual power of patience, mortification, and contemplative prayer.

Saint Pacificus of San Severino was born Carlo Antonio Divini on March 1, 1653, in San Severino Marche, Italy. Orphaned at the age of three, he was raised by a strict archdeacon uncle. Despite facing severe mistreatment from household servants, young Carlo displayed remarkable patience, humility, and early signs of deep piety. At the age of 17, he entered the Order of Friars Minor at the convent of Forano, taking the religious name Pacificus.

Carlo pursued philosophical and theological studies and was ordained a Franciscan priest on June 4, 1678. Following his ordination, Pacificus served as a professor of philosophy for younger members of the order from 1680 to 1683. Driven by a desire to win souls and embrace the Gospel, he then embarked on an active missionary career. For several years, he traveled extensively across the rugged Apennine preaching to poor shepherds and uneducated country people. His words moved many to return to God.

However, his active preaching ministry was cut short by illness.

At age 35, Pacificus contracted a debilitating illness that changed the course of his life. For nearly twenty-nine years, he suffered from severe physical infirmities, eventually becoming completely blind, deaf, and lame.

Bound to the friary and unable to walk, he could no longer travel, celebrate public Mass, or hear confessions. Instead of falling into despair, Pacificus embraced an “apostolate of suffering,” bearing his chronic pain with patience. He shifted his focus entirely toward a

deeply contemplative life of prayer, night vigils, and intense penance. His patient resignation was rewarded by extraordinary mystical graces, including prolonged ecstasies during Mass, the gift of prophecy — such as predicting the 1703 Abruzzo earthquake — and the power of miraculous healing. Despite his severe ailments, he capably served as guardian of the Santa Maria delle Grazie monastery in San Severino from 1692 to 1693. He passed away on September 24, 1721, and canonized in 1839, remaining the patron saint of chronic pain sufferers. Numerous miracles of physical healing were widely attributed to his prayers during his lifetime and at his tomb. The Feast day of Saint Pacificus of San Severino is September 24.



This week, we are taking a little seasonal pause from Around the Table: The Legacy Continues to welcome fall with a few traditional Italian recipes from our Nonnas’ kitchens. As the seasons changed, so did what appeared on their tables, using the ingredients available to them and carrying on traditions passed from one generation to the next.

For this week’s fall table, we’ll begin with a little something to enjoy as an appetizer or aperitivo: homemade fig jam, made from the

last of summer’s figs and served with Ricotta, Mascarpone or Gorgonzola on toasted baguette slices. From there, we head to Naples for Crostata di Tagliolini, a hearty baked pasta with béchamel, peas and beef or veal. And, of course, fall means apples, so we finish with a traditional apple strudel from Northern Italy.

Next week, we’ll return to the North End and Around the Table: The Legacy Continues. Until then, pour yourself a glass of wine, head into the kitchen and let’s get cooking!

Cosmas and Damian Society Celebrates 101st Annual Feast



The Saints Cosmas and Damian Society in Cambridge, Massachusetts recently held their 101st Annual Italian Feast. This beloved festival is always a huge draw, with a blend of faith, family, food, and outstanding live musical performances.

The Society, formed in 1926 by Italian immigrants, honors the Catholic Saints Cosmas and Damian, twin brothers, skilled physicians and early Christian martyrs who practiced medicine and surgery completely free of charge.

The event’s grand procession winds through East Cambridge and Somerville, with the statues covered in gold and money by the end, thanks to the generosity of all the followers and devotees.

The original members may have passed on, and the neighborhoods may have changed but the feast and celebration continue to live on in its original form with the traditions continuing thanks to the descendants of those who began the festival over a century ago, returning to the “old Neighborhood” for this annual reunion.



NONNA’S APPLE STRUDEL



CRUST:
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. sugar
1½ cups chilled butter-flavored shortening
¾ cup cold water

FILLING: 6–8 apples, peeled and chunked
juice of 1 lemon
¼ cup flour; 2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
¼ cup + 2 Tbsp. brown sugar

ICING: 2 cups confectioners’ sugar
1 Tbsp. softened butter
6–8 Tbsp. whole milk

TO PREPARE: Combine flour, salt and sugar. Work in shortening until sandy; add water and mix. Wrap dough and chill 30–45 minutes. Toss apples with lemon juice, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg.

Heat oven to 400°F. Roll dough on floured parchment into a 13 x 19-inch rectangle. Spoon filling down the center. Cut 14–16 slits along each side and braid strips over filling to seal. Transfer parchment and strudel to a 13 x 9-inch baking sheet. Brush with an egg wash of 1 egg beaten with 1 Tbsp. water; sprinkle with sugar. Bake 40–45 minutes, until golden. Cool, combine icing ingredients and drizzle over strudel.

CROSTINI WITH FIG JAM & ITALIAN CHEESE

INGREDIENTS: Italian baguette
fig jam (homemade from the summer’s figs)
Ricotta, Gorgonzola or Mascarpone
Prosciutto di Parma (optional).

TO PREPARE: Slice and toast baguette. Spread with your choice of cheese, top with fig jam and, if desired, a fold of Prosciutto di Parma. Serve as a simple appetizer or with a glass of wine for aperitivo.

Dr. Marianna Bisignano is a licensed psychologist and author whose doctoral research focused on expanding psychological services in Italy’s public schools.

TAGLIOLINI TART OR CROSTATA DI TAGLIOLINI



BESCIAMELLA:
¼ cup butter
10 Tbsp. flour
3 cups whole milk
pinch nutmeg
salt and pepper

PASTA: ½ cup olive oil
2 sweet onions, chopped
1½ lbs. ground beef or veal
8 to 16 oz. frozen peas
1–2 cups beef, chicken or vegetable broth
1½–2 cups provolone, mozzarella or both
1 lb. egg noodles, tagliatelle or tagliolini, cooked al dente
2 cups breadcrumbs.

TO PREPARE: For the besciamella, melt butter over medium heat; whisk in flour, then gradually whisk in milk until thickened. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper; set aside.

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a 13 x 9-inch baking dish by brushing on besciamella and then coating with breadcrumbs. Sauté onions in olive oil until soft; add meat and cook through. Add peas and 1 cup broth; cook a few minutes. Stir in besciamella, pasta and cheese, adding additional broth if needed. Transfer to prepared dish, sprinkle with breadcrumbs and bake uncovered 20–30 minutes, until lightly golden. Rest a few minutes before serving.



• **Santa Rosalia** (Continued from Page 1)



Statue of Santa Rosalia

a plague in Palermo, Rosalia appeared to a sick woman and then to a hunter to whom she directed to find her remains. In a procession of her bones through the city, the plague was lifted. Santa Rosalia is also known as The Little Saint.

The celebration honoring this beloved saint, began during an 11:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in North Square, celebrated by Father Joaquin. Society members, devotees, neighbors and families gathered in front of the Fisherman's Club on Lewis Street before stepping off at 2:00 p.m. for the procession. Members of the Santa Rosalia Society would like to thank everyone who participated and paid respect to Santa Rosalia, 2026.



Society members proudly carry Santa Rosalia through the North End.



A dedicated follower of Santa Rosalia displays a ribbon.



A young donor meticulously pins his money on Santa Rosalia.



Frank DePasquale generously donates to Santa Rosalia Society.



Members of the Italian American Band of Lawrence lead the Santa Rosalia Procession through the North End.

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Please note: Only tables of ten (10) may be reserved.

We look forward to seeing all the girl friends of the North End once again on September 26th.

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A Santa Rosalia devotee holds on tightly to the beloved saint as she makes a ribbon donation.



Placing a ribbon on Saint Rosalia is serious work



Claudia Sapagnuolo never misses an opportunity to place her ribbon on Santa Rosalia.



It's always a blessed opportunity to join the Santa Rosalia di Palermo Society's annual procession in the North End of Boston.



Santa Rosalia di Palermo Society members proudly participate in the annual procession through the North End.

(Photos by Gerri Palladino)

VIDEO
VIEWS... more than meets the eye

by Bob Morello

STAR TREK – THE ORIGINAL SERIES (Blu-ray) Paramount

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PASSENGER (Blu-ray) Paramount

After a young couple witnesses a gruesome highway accident, they soon realize they did not leave the crash scene alone, as a demonic presence called the *Passenger* that won't stop until it claims both of them, turns their van life adventure into a nightmare.

TULSA KING – SEASON THREE (Blu-ray) Paramount

As Dwight's (Sylvester Stallone) empire expands, so do his enemies — and the risks to his crew. In *Tulsa King*, he now faces his most dangerous adversaries in Tulsa yet: the Dunmires, a powerful old-money family that doesn't play by the rules, forcing Dwight to fight for everything he's built and protect his family. Robert Patrick co-stars as the patriarch of the Dunmire family and Beau Kapp is his son, Cole, while the rest of the outstanding cast includes Martin Starr as Bodhi, Jay Will as Tyson, Kevin Pollack as Agent Musso, Dana Delaney as Margaret Devereaux, Neil McDonough as Cal Thresher, Frank Grillo as Bill Bevilacqua, and James Russo as Quiet Ray. Enjoy all 10 dynamic episodes from Season Three.

NADINE – (Blu-ray) Tri-Star

When Nadine (Kim Basinger) accidentally comes into possession of a property map worth millions, Vernon (Jeff Bridges), her financially strapped husband, comes up with a plan to make a killing. Unfortunately, so does Buford Pope (Rip Torn), an unscrupulous businessman who'll stop at nothing to get the map. As Vernon's plan gets Nadine mixed up in police ambushes, roof-to-roof chases, salvage yard shootouts and cold-blooded murders, it's only a matter of time before Buford's got them in front of a firing squad with no chance of escape. But Nadine needn't worry, Vernon's got a plan.

THE BORROWERS (Blu-ray) Universal

They're charming and small and live behind the wall. They're *The Borrowers*, tiny people whose big family adventure is filled with some of the most eye-popping effects ever seen on film. Based on the beloved classic novels by Mary Norton, and starring John Goodman, *The Borrowers* is a film treat to be enjoyed by people of all sizes!

MOBLAND – SEASON ONE (DVD) Paramount

Power is up for grabs as the Harrigans and Stevensons, two

warring London crime families, clash in a kill-or-be-killed battle that threatens to topple empires and ruin loves. Caught in the crossfire is Harry Da Souza (Tom Hardy), a street-smart fixer as dangerous as he is handsome, who knows all too well where loyalties lie when opposing forces collide. As kingdom goes up against kingdom, lines will be crossed — and the only saving grace is a bet-your-life guarantee: family above everything. Also starring Pierce Brosnan and Helen Mirren.

ENONGO (Blu-ray) IndiePix Films

What does it mean to be a Black woman rapper, a Cornell Ph.D. candidate, a teacher, and a proud nerd — all at once? *ENONGO* sets out to answer that question with honesty and style. An award-winning animation-documentary hybrid from Director Kevin Schreck, the film follows Enongo Lumumba-Kasongo — known as SAMMUS — as she tours North America, records a new album, and navigates a full-time music career alongside academic life. With her autobiographical, afrofuturism-inspired music, she tackles mental health, identity, race, gaming, and feminism, earning a devoted following that spans activists, hip-hop heads, punks, and proud geeks alike. The film blends vérité footage with hand-drawn animation created entirely by an all-Black women team — the first in the history of feature filmmaking — bringing to life the interior world behind the public persona: the Ithaca upbringing, the years teaching in Houston, the return to Cornell, and the music that threads it all together. Intimate, empowering, and wholly original.

I LOVE BOOSTERS (4K UltraHD/Blu-ray) NEON

The Velvet Gang, a crew of professional shoplifters, led by aspiring designer Corvette (Keke Palmer), target cutthroat fashion icon Christie Smith (Demi Moore). When she steals one of Corvette's designs, the crew embarks on a hilariously absurd sci-fi heist adventure.

SCARY MOVIE (4K UltraHD) Paramount

Twenty-six years after the original massacre, Cindy, Brenda, Shorty, and Ray get dragged back into the chaos by a brand-new masked killer who clearly never learned when to quit, Marlon Wayans, Shawn Wayans, Anna Faris, and Regina Hall reunite, alongside returning favorites, for the wildly unhinged return to the franchise's original roots — where every target is fair game and every line gets crossed.

TWIGGY: THE WOMAN BEHIND THE ICON (DVD) Cleopatra Ent.

An intimate, star-studded look at the life and legacy of the 1960s supermodel starting from Twiggy's meteoric rise from a working-class London teen to a global "it-girl" and cultural icon. The 90-minute film blends rare archival footage with exclusive, modern-day interviews with famous friends and fans, including Paul McCartney, Dustin Hoffman, Brooke Shields and more!

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

CVS SORTA OPENS UP IN NUBIAN SQUARE

When I was growing up in lower Roxbury back in the '50s and '60s, the neighborhood had, if I remember correctly, two neighborhood drugstores. There was Kornfields at the corner of Williams and Washington Streets near Dudley Station. The other was the Rexall Drugstore near the Cathedral Projects on Washington Street. No chains back then. Oh, there was also Harrison Drug on Harrison Ave and Hospital Pharmacy in Worcester Square.

Lately we don't see too many mom-and-pop drugstores and, unfortunately, the big chains seem to frown about the area. I recently read that there is a new CVS Pharmacy that opened in Nubian Square but, apparently, it's just a pharmacy with little if any retail items behind the cashier's glass barrier according to the media reports. Should neighborhood folk be cheering all this? It appears to be the same old, same old. Nothing new to see here.

BOTTOM LINE ON THE DISCO FLOOR

The folks working on the return of a grand Italian American Heritage Parade



(L-R): Yanira Calles, Ricardo Eslava, Elena Rios, and Margaret Kelly
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Ricardo Eslava from the East Boston Branch Library recently left the branch library after nine years to a new position at the Copley Square Public Library. Everyone wishes him well.

next month will be holding another Disco Party over at the Beachmont VFW. The tix price is really just right. DJ Jimbo LaGrassa will be playing those great disco songs like he did just a few months ago at the same site and for the same cause. I can tell you for sure Disco Sal here will be back on the dance floor. You should be too. Remember we need this parade back. Dance, dance, dance.

North End Waterfront Residents Association Monthly Meetings Resume

Following a brief hiatus over the summer, the North End Waterfront Residents Association was back in action on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at the Nazzaro Community Center. Area A-1 Community Service Officer Michael Mustacchio praised the quiet summer, noting very few issues within the community, even during feast season.

Attorney and architect for the owners of 139-145 Richmond Street requests a change of occupancy and zoning relief to increase from 17 residential units to 20. The building currently has 3 offices which would be converted to apartments. The owners also seek approval to add a common roof deck. Following open discussion a vote was taken; 16 members supported the increase in residential units, 2 were opposed, while 7 supported the roof deck and 10 were opposed.

Dr. Jessica Dello Russo, North End resident, discussed a grant that was approved to document locations that commemorate North End Jewish residents and businesses and requested feedback and suggestions on historical sites and those of interest for possible historic markers.

Derek Anderson, engineer for the North End Waterfront Climate Alliance and Wharf District Council's Flood Resilience Plan. There are 3 action plans under consideration:

- Plan 1 - is to Do Nothing;
- Plan 2 - is to provide city wide coastal flood protection; and
- Plan 3 - favors specific protections against flood pathways at Moakley Park, exclusively,

with no protection in place for the North End/Waterfront neighborhood.

NEWRA will submit a letter of support for Plan 2 prior to the comment period deadline.

Attending the meeting was State Representative and Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means Aaron Michlewitz, who spoke about a number of issues including, energy costs, state initiatives, FY 26

and 27 budgets, and took questions from NEWRA members. As always Representative Michlewitz is always engaging and generous with his time.

NEWRA meets the second Thursday of each month. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Recently, a Florida-friend named Jay, asked me about my love for old cars and I reminisced with him for an hour reflecting on the cars of the '40s, '50s and '60s. I remembered the great times owning and driving those beautiful American tanks, many of which are no longer in production due to the foreign influence. In my conversation, there was no mention of flooded carburetors and hard starting episodes. There was no mention of bias ply tires and all too frequent flats. There was no mention of body rust due to our climate here in the northeast. And of course, there was no mention of the poor mileage of 8, 10, or 12 miles per gallon of gas. We tend to forget the bad aspects of the past and speak only about the great times with those machines of our youth.

The aspect of transportation is generational. As an example, Babbononno was born in 1875, before the birth of mechanized vehicles. As a result, he didn't understand the new invention which showed up when he was in his 20s. He didn't understand the invention and therefore feared it. He never drove and had a battle with every car he attempted to enter. As an example, take this happening as an indication. One Saturday when I was about 12 years old, he said to me, "Johnny, you a bringa me a la cassa di Zi'Antonio, a gedda summa vino." The translation of his Engliano is, Johnny, bring me to Uncle Tony's house to pick up some wine." My comment was, "Babbononno, I don't drive, I'm too young. Ask Dad if he can take you." Dad had nothing to do that morning and agreed to bring my grandfather to his brother-in-law's house to pick up a couple of gallons of wine. At that point in time, Dad had what was left of a '37 Plymouth he had bought used in 1938, right after I was born. It was now 1949, and the car was on its last legs or wheels, whichever.

We headed out to the car with Babbononno carrying empty whiskey bottles in old paper bags and Nanna following him with two empty gallon jugs. The bottles were placed in the back seat with me, and Babbononno attempted to enter the right front seat. First, he didn't bend down enough to enter, knocked his fedora off with it landing on Nanna's feet. He grabbed his head which he hit on the roof line and let a barrage of profanity ring into the air in both English and Italian. Nanna picked up his hat, straightened out the brim and placed it on her husband's head. You

could tell that she was ready to break out in laughter but didn't dare. Once inside, Babbononno slammed the door hard enough to shatter the shatter proof glass of the window. My father grumbled something that was undistinguishable.

As we pulled away from the house on Eutaw Street in East Boston, Babbononno held onto the door handle so hard that his right hand began to turn red. Dad stopped the car trying to tell him about what could happen if he lifted the handle while he was driving. My grandfather then grabbed the arm rest and repeated the squeeze. Dad was satisfied and we headed toward Meridian Street and then left toward Central Square. When we reached Maverick Square, Dad had to turn left to head toward Jefferies Point and the house of my great-uncle Zi'Antonio Ceruolo.

What Dad didn't see was where Babbononno's hands were. He had let go of the arm rest and was squeezing the daylights out of the door handle once again. As Dad tried to negotiate a left turn with one hand on the floor shift and the other out the window to indicate a left turn, Babbononno lifted the door handle and the door opened, pulling him out of the car. Now at Maverick Square, two main streets, Meridian and Chelsea run north to south opening into the square parallel to each other. Dad pulled his left arm in from the open window, grabbed the steering wheel with it and reached over and grabbed my exiting grandfather with his right hand. Instead of a 90-degree left turn, the car made a U-turn from Meridian Street to Chelsea Street as Dad tried to pull his father-in-law back in the car. Near the corner of Chelsea Street and Maverick Square was a funeral parlor owned by the Rapino family. There must have been a wake or a funeral in progress as people were on the sidewalk in front of the establishment.

Unfortunately, the car was, well, sort of out of control and it climbed the sidewalk scattering all of the people in front of Rapino's. Dad pulled hard on Babbononno's jacket yanking him back in the car and allowing the car door to slam closed. He then maneuvered the car off the sidewalk, and made a U-turn to head back to Maverick Square. En route, he received a few choice words and a few unfriendly single fingered hand gestures from the crowd he had scattered.

We finally made it to Zi'Antonio's house and Dad and

I had to carry Babbononno's empty bottles to the second floor as Babbononno was shaking and had to hold on to the banister with both hands. We explained the events of the morning to my great-uncle and his blind son, John, who was with him in the kitchen. Zi'Antonio filled a water glass with wine and gave it to my grandfather. He immediately downed it as if it was water. Within minutes he finally calmed down. Each subsequent glass of wine was from a different vintage and he felt that he had to rinse the glass before the next vintage was poured in. Each time he got up to head to the sink, he bumped into his blind nephew, John. This happened three or four times and finally, in a state of exasperation, John yelled out in dialect, "Zi' Michele, chi e ciggado, tu o me?" (Uncle Mike, who is blind, you or me?)

Well, when we headed home, Babbononno was feeling no pain, and this time, he sat in the back seat and held onto the strap that hung from the vertical post that separated the door and the right rear window. When we arrived at Eutaw Street, Dad and I had to carry the bottles of wine into the house as my grandfather was three sheets to the wind, but calmed due to the effects the wine. We said nothing to Nanna except that Babbononno needed a nap which was indicated by look on his face. When he was out of site, she said, briaggone (big drunk) under her breath and went off to continue her chores.

The next day was Sunday and the entire family sat at Nanna and Babbononno's dinner table for the traditional weekend dinner. Dad, in English told my uncles the story of the day before and Babbononno almost exiting his old Plymouth the hard way. Their bodies bounced up and down as Dad spoke, but they didn't dare laugh out loud, a sign that Dad was telling the story of Babbononno's adventure.

Well, Nanna and Babbononno are gone and so are my folks and all my uncles and aunts. The old Plymouth was junked a few months later and replaced by a new '49 Chevy. They don't even make Plymouths any more.

The one thing that is still around is my collection of memories of the mishap that took place between my grandfather and Dad's old Plymouth.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Willow Park Receives State Funding to Redevelop Public Housing Apartments in Watertown



Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Gov Kimberley Driscoll announced that Willow Park on Quimby Street, Melendy Ave., and Nichols Ave., is one of the 29 housing developments that will receive state funding to modernize the current property and add new apartments to increase the affordable housing stock.

State officials announced the awards in a statewide tour of future developments including \$154.7 million in subsidy financing from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, \$61.8 million in state low-income housing tax credits, \$47.9 million in 4 percent federal low-income housing tax credits and \$13.2 million in 9 percent federal low-income housing tax credits. The state and federal tax credit awards are expected to generate nearly \$500 million in equity for the developments.

The Redevelopment Project, a partnership between Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and the Watertown Housing Authority (WHA), is dedicated to transformative redevelopment and community enrichment. The project will reimagine the current 60-unit public housing property to increase density while fostering sustainability, inclusivity, and accessibility for both present and future residents.

The redevelopment of the 2.3-acre Willow Park property will create a safe, stable and enriched community for current and future residents, including 60 replacement public housing apartments and 78 new units across three buildings.

The development will be built according to Passive House Design which creates environmentally sensitive structures that use little or no energy.

"POAH is grateful for the Governor's leadership on affordable housing and for helping us to advance both the production of new affordable homes and the preservation and revitalization of existing affordable housing. Our current and future residents in Watertown will greatly benefit from this critical state funding," said POAH President and CEO Aaron Gornstein.

"We are incredibly grateful to Governor Healey and the Commonwealth for this investment in Willow Park. This award reflects years of planning, partnership, and commitment to our residents and affordable housing in Watertown," said Jacqueline Weir (Sullivan), Watertown Housing Authority Executive Director. "As one of the most significant initiatives in the Watertown Housing Authority's history, it brings us one step closer to transforming Willow Park into a modern, sustainable community that will serve current and future residents for generations. This is an exciting moment for the Willow Park community and for the many residents and community members who have supported this vision from the beginning."

POAH is a national nonprofit organization that owns and manages over 14,000 affordable homes in thirteen states and the District of Columbia. www.poah.org @poahcommunities

POAH specializes in the preservation of existing affordable housing that is at risk of being lost due to market pressures or physical deterioration. POAH has expertise in new construction and neighborhood-scale mixed-income development and mixed-use redevelopments.

POAH's communities serve a broad range of households, including families, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

Watertown Housing Authority, which currently owns and operates more than 1,200 apartment homes and administers 210 housing choice vouchers, has ably stewarded this critical affordable housing asset since its inception. By soliciting a partnership with POAH, WHA looks to secure the long-term physical and financial health of these 60 homes, while creating more affordable homes for the benefit of the City and the Commonwealth.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

The Doge’s Palace



The Doge’s Palace, or *Palazzo Ducale*, stands as a magnificent masterpiece of Gothic architecture and the historic epicenter of Venetian power. Located in St. Mark’s Square, this grand structure served for centuries as the residence of the Doge, the seat of government, and the courthouse of the Venetian Republic. Its striking facade features delicate pink Verona marble and white limestone, supported by two tiers of beautifully carved stone arches. Inside, the palace is a labyrinth of opulent golden chambers, monumental staircases, and walls adorned with masterpieces by legendary Renaissance artists like Tintoretto and Veronese.

At the heart of the Venetian Republic was the Doge, the supreme leader of Venice. Derived from the Latin word *dux* (meaning leader or duke), the Doge was the chief magistrate and the symbolic face of the Republic. Unlike hereditary monarchs, the Doge was elected for life by a complex, multi-tiered voting system among Venice’s noble families. The position carried immense prestige, symbolized by the iconic *cornu ducale* — a unique, horn-shaped crown.

The Doge was not an absolute ruler. The Venetian nobility fiercely guarded against dictatorship, tightly binding the Doge’s authority. He could not open official letters alone, meet foreign dignitaries without witnesses, or leave the palace or Venice without permission. His role was primarily diplomatic and ceremonial, representing the collective will of the Republic’s oligarchic councils.

The palace perfectly mirrored this blend of supreme majesty and rigid control. Beneath its lavish state rooms lay a dark network of administrative offices, secret archives, and grim torture chambers. The palace was physically linked to the New Prison via the famous Bridge of Sighs. When a Doge passed away, his life’s work was heavily scrutinized by a committee of inquisitors to ensure he had not abused his station. Today, the palace stands as a profound monument to Venice’s unique, centuries-long experiment in republican governance and maritime dominance.

Prepare the Landscape for the Change of Seasons

by Melinda Myers



Beneficial shredded leaf mulch added to a fall perennial garden. (Photo courtesy of www.MelindaMyers.com)

As summer comes to an end, it’s time to prepare landscapes for fall and winter. Proper fall care helps increase plants’ winter survival, supports pollinators, and promotes the overall health, longevity, and beauty of a landscape.

Continue watering as needed. This is especially important for new plantings, evergreens and moisture-loving plants; but don’t overlook established trees. Drought stress makes plants, even established ones, more susceptible to life threatening insects and disease.

Remove weeds in gardens and mixed borders. Cooler temperatures and a shorter to-do list make it easier to squeeze in more time for this task. Eliminating weeds now means fewer weeds to pull next year.

Don’t pack away the mower just yet. Keep cutting the lawn as long as it keeps growing. Mow over fall leaves and leave them and grass clippings on the lawn. The short clippings and quarter-size leaf pieces add nutrients and organic matter to the soil. Just make a second pass with the mower, if needed, to cut the leaves down in size.

Put some of the fall leaves to work in gardens as a mulch. They insulate plant roots from temperature extremes, help suppress weeds, conserve moisture, and improve the soil as they decompose. Leaves also provide insulation and winter protection for a variety of beneficial insects, toads and frogs.

Start a compost pile by mixing fall leaves with other landscape trimmings. Don’t add invasive plants, aggressive weeds or those gone to seed. Leave insect and disease infested or chemically treated plant debris out of the pile. Don’t add fat, meat and other animal products that can attract rodents. Moisten and occasionally turn the pile to speed up the process. Soon it will be a wonderful soil conditioner to put back into the landscape.

Leave healthy perennials stand for winter. Many provide motion, form and texture to the winter garden. This subtle winter beauty may not be as colorful as your summer garden, but it adds interest to what may be an otherwise drab winter landscape.

The standing perennials also support songbirds and beneficial insects. Seed heads of many perennials attract seed-eating songbirds, adding color and motion throughout the winter. They also provide winter homes and shelter for beneficial insects that pollinate plants, help manage insect pests and more.

Remove diseased plant debris and those infested with plant-damaging insects. Removing these from the garden reduces

the source of future infestations which means healthier plants with less pest management required. Local municipalities can provide guidance on disposing of pest infested plant debris.

Wait for several hard frosts when cutting perennials back in the fall. This allows the plant to maximize energy produced and store it in the roots for healthy growth next spring. Make the cut two to three inches above the ground to avoid damaging the crown of the plant.

Protect plants and gardens susceptible to *animal damage*. A cylinder of hardware cloth at least four feet high sunk several inches into the ground can reduce the risk of rabbit, deer and vole damage. A five-foot-tall fence around small gardens, 8 feet by 13 feet or smaller, with a

secure gate can reduce the risk of most critter damage.

If fencing isn’t a practical option, consider using repellent. Applying repellent before animals begin feeding provides the greatest success. Look for rain- and snow-resistant repellent, allowing gardeners to re-apply less often.

Once fall landscape chores are complete, take time to clean, repair, sharpen and store tools for the winter and winterize the lawn mower. Move granular landscape care products to a dry place and liquids to a frost-free location. Store them in a secure location away from pets and children.

Take advantage of the often-cooler fall days to prepare gardens for winter. Time spent now can help reduce winter damage and save time as the next garden season begins.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the *Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything”* streaming courses and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Docket No. PL26P1876EA

Estate of

ADAM S. JANUS

Date of Death: March 9, 2025

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Emily J.H. Janus** of Middleborough, MA.

Emily J.H. Janus of Middleborough, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 09/18/2026

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Docket No. MI26P4639EA

Estate of

WILLIAM J. KELLY

Also Known As:

WILLIAM KELLY

Date of Death: March 23, 2026

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Pauline C. Jakowicz** of Holbrook, MA.

Pauline C. Jakowicz of Holbrook, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 09/18/2026

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK AND LONG WHARF

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In-Person Community Meeting 1

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 | 12:30-2:00 pm

Christopher Columbus Park, 110 Atlantic Avenue

Boston, MA 02110

In-Person Community Meeting 1

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 pm

Civic Pavilion, 5 Congress St

Boston, MA 02203

Project page: boston.gov/columbus-long-wharf

Join us for **in person** community meetings about site analysis and next steps for Christopher Columbus Park and Long Wharf!

Interpretation and translation services are available to you at no cost. If you need them, please contact us at abigail.chatfield@boston.gov or 617-504-7709 by 9/21/2026.

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PROJECT NAME

Kitchen, Bath Rehab & Electrical Compliance -

Phase 2 at McSherry Gardens

Where to find Bid Package: Biddocs.com

Estimated job cost: \$4,882,000.00

BID DATES:

Go live: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 @ 8:00 AM

SITE WALK-THRU

Thursday, September 24, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

FILED SUB-BIDS DUE:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

GENERAL BIDS DUE:

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

Run date: 09/18/2026

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Docket No. MI26P4591EA

Estate of
CIRO TENAGLIA
Date of Death: October 21, 2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Claire Tenaglia of Melrose, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: **Claire Tenaglia of Melrose, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/01/2026.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 03, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI26P4662EA

Estate of
ABIGAIL HORAN
Also known as:
ABIGAIL M. HORAN
Date of Death: July 23, 2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael S. Bizzozero of Waltham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: **Michael S. Bizzozero of Waltham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/08/2026.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 10, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/18/2026

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Massachusetts Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI26P4633GD

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

In the interests of
JAYVIES N. ELIZA
of Lowell, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **09/04/2026** by **Samantha J. Santana** of Lowell, MA will be held **09/25/2026 09:00 AM** **Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **370 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852 4th Floor Courtroom 8**
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
1. File the original with the Court and
2. Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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 (MPC 263). Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
Date: September 04, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court (North)
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
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Docket No. MI26P4689GD

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

In the matter of
JANNESY MARIE FIGUEROA
of Framingham, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Luz J. Ramos of Framingham, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Jannesy Marie Figueroa** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Luz J. Ramos of Framingham, 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 **October 07, 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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 09, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/18/2026

• Mass Outmigration
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of events and activities, including Sail250 and the World Cup Soccer matches. Bars, restaurants and establishments across the city and state were packed with large numbers of international and domestic visitors and tourists. Boston has proven it is a world-class city capable of hosting major events.
Boston also continues to hold an advantage in medical institutions and universities but keeping people here on a long-term or permanent basis is a struggle right now, Young people are looking for more professional opportunities, including working remotely, lower taxes and more affordable housing options. It's been a slow crawl out of the COVID-19 pandemic haze. Until Massachusetts and Boston can take some positive action, pivot and make serious adjustments, they will continue to hemorrhage residents and a valuable and vital workforce.

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Docket No. MI26D0611DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ERNSTA DESHOMMES THELUSMA vs. YVENS THELUSMA

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: **Ernst Deshommes Thelusma, 14 Autumn St., Everett, MA 02149** your answer, if any, on or before **October 15, 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: September 03, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at **147A Summit Street, Peabody, MA 01960**, under the provisions of Mass G.L.c.255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after **September 28, 2026** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.
2000 HONDA CRV
Vin #JHLRD1763YC031560
2007 ACURA MDX
Vin #2HNYD288X7H530747
2015 HONDA PILOT
Vin #5FNYP4H99FB013996
2021 ZNEN ZN50QT
Vin #L5YACBPZXM1154154
2007 ACURA TL
Vin #19UUA66277A016373
2012 FORD FUSION
Vin #3FAHP0JA2CR196023
2007 HINO CONVENTIONAL
Vin #5PVNE8JTX72S52268
2019 KIA OPTIMA
Vin #5XXGT4L31KG305740
2006 BMW 325xi
Vin #WBAVD13546KV10515
2020 HONDA ACCORD
Vin #1HGCV1F32LA042045
2002 MERCEDES BENZ E-CLASS
Vin #WDBJF82JX2X070556
2024 ZHILONG KY6
Vin #H22TABGF8R1006640
2017 INFINITI Q50
Vin #JN1EV7AR2HM837403
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information *info@todiscotowing.com*
Run dates: 09/04, 09/11, 09/18/2026

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

criminals as “trigger-pullers.”
The interim police stated his department is now looking for “trigger-pullers.” One person posting on social media wondered what the police department was doing about the actual shootings themselves?
Baby Donkey Killed by Cop
A one-year-old baby donkey named “Hee Haw” was shot and killed by a Georgia police officer. He claimed the donkey charged at him after he had entered the

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1985 CHEVROLET P-SERIES
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2020 YONGFU YN50QT-8
Vin #LL0TCAPHOLY962171
2023 JEEP WRANGLER
Vin #1C4JJXN68PW685833
1995 CRMT UTILIT TRAIL
Vin #4PKU61257SL002210
2007 TOYOTA COROLLA
Vin #1NXBR32E67Z792615
2010 JAGUAR XF
Vin #SAJWA0FA7AHR61786
2013 HYUNDAI SONATA
Vin #5NPEB4AC7DH774156
2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
Vin #1J4GW48S34C146286
2012 HYUNDAI SONATA
Vin #5NPEC4AC2CH383492
2016 DODGE JOURNEY
Vin #3C4PDCBG8GT126571
2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO
Vin #3GCEC13C88G229493
2021 CARRY-ON TRAILER
Vin #4YMBU1227MV019703
2008 FORD ESCAPE
Vin #1FMCU03Z98KA18150
Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information *info@todiscotowing.com*
Run dates: 09/11, 09/18, 09/25/2026

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Docket No. MI26P4504GD

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

In the interests of
NAIUMY KAYLE PAIVA
of Everett, MA
Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **08/27/2026** by **Laura Rosa De Paiva** of Everett, MA will be held **11/18/2026 08:30 AM** **Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 Judge Gargas Session Courtroom 4**
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
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3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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 (MPC 263). Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
Date: August 28, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 09/18/2026

pasture searching for a missing 12-year-old girl. The officer has been placed on administrative leave pending a probe.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court - North
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700

Docket No. MI25C0326CA

In the matter of:
DANIEL AARON ORNEAS

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of **ADULT** has been filed by **Daniel Aaron Orneas of Westford, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Mario Najjar**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: 370 Jackson Street, 5th floor, Lowell, MA 01852 before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 13, 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: September 14, 2026
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 09/18/2026

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Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **September 19, 2026 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:
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Vin #JM3KE4CY8G0679018
2008 HYOSUNG MOTORCYCLE, BLACK
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2025 ZHILONG ST MOPED, BLACK
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Run dates: 09/04, 09/11, 09/18/2026



EXTRA Innings



by Sal Giarattani

**Cam Schlitter
Now Looks Like
Cy Young Material**



Although I was pushing Sonny Gray for the Cy Young nod — as he is having a Cy Young caliber season for the Sox that no one expected — I still think Cam

Schlitter deserves the award for his incredible performance this season. As of this past weekend, Schlitter stands at 14-6 with a 1.95 ERA. His latest win was his 21st start allowing one run or fewer. The only pitcher aged 25 or younger with more such starts was the Angels’ Dean Chance, who had 22 in 1964.

Not to be forgotten, 36-year-old Sonny Gray’s numbers are also nothing to sneeze at: 17-5 with a 2.76 ERA.

Sox Down to a Dozen Games to Go

As of Monday morning, the team stands at 82-68, 8 1/2 games behind the Rays, and should finish a few games behind the Yankees with 86 or 87 wins. It has been a much better season than almost anyone expected, especially given how strong the AL East was this year.

Happy Birthday Rick Wise



Rick Wise turned 81 the other day. He had a great 18-year career, which included pitching for us from 1974 to 1977. He went 47-32 with a 3.96 ERA for teams that averaged 90 wins. He was also the winning pitcher in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series, throwing a scoreless 12th inning to set the stage for Carlton Fisk and we know the rest.

Sydney Sweeney, Female Athletes and the Line Between Empowerment and Objectification

by Patti Sartori

Sydney Sweeney’s latest advertising campaign has once again put her at the center of a national conversation and controversy following a provocative advertising campaign for sports prediction company Novig. However, this time the backlash is coming largely from female athletes who say her provocative Novig sports betting advertisement crosses a line by sexualizing women in sports. The ad features Sweeney in little or no clothing while posing with sports equipment and pretending to participate in various sports.

For those of you unfamiliar with Sweeney, as was I until my daughter brought her and the issue to my attention, she is a prominent American actress who gained widespread recognition for her roles in the hit HBO series *Euphoria* and *White Lotus*, in addition to films like *Anyone But You* and *The Housemaid*. In addition to acting, Sweeney is a successful businesswoman and brand ambassador, but Not an Athlete. However, her marketing campaigns seem to ignite intense public discourse including the recent Novig “Just Sports” Campaign and the 2025 American Eagle “Great



Jeans” Campaign that drew viral criticism.

The condemnation is understandable. Female athletes have spent decades fighting to be recognized for their talent, discipline, strength and accomplishments, not simply for their appearance. Olympic swimming Champion Ariarne Titmus called the campaign a “kick in the face” to women who have dedicated their lives to their sport, while athletes including gymnast Gracie Kramer and sprinter Amy Hunt have used social media to show what they believe women in sports should represent: hard work, sweat, competition and achievement.

But there is another side to this debate that should not be ignored: Sydney is an

independent, adult woman who has the right to decide how she presents herself. Women should not need permission from athletes, the public, critics or anyone else to embrace their sexuality or use their appearance professionally.

Sweeney has not issued a lengthy public response, but has appeared to address the criticism by sharing images of famous athletes who have previously posed nude for ESPN’s Magazine *Body Issue*, including tennis great, Serena Williams.

The athletes have a fair point when they say women’s sports should be promoted for athletic excellence. But Sweeney can also legitimately argue that being feminine, attractive or sexual does not automatically make a woman less accomplished or less empowered.

Perhaps the real lesson is that women shouldn’t have to choose between being strong and feminine, athletic and glamorous, accomplished and sexy. There should be room for all of those things. The controversy is ultimately bigger than Sydney Sweeney. It is about who gets to define how women are represented, and whether women themselves should be allowed to make that choice.



HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

He was named for a watch but the record the fans consulted was set in the original Boston Garden — one of the few that have stood the test of time and have outlasted the numerous milestones set in the current building over the past half century or so.

You have to go back 64 years to reflect on the accomplishment — and then recall all the great players that came after that time to fully appreciate it.

It was, of course, an NBA Finals game between the Celtics and the Lakers — it just had to be.

And it had to be in an iconic setting — the original Boston Garden — a building constructed in the 1920s primarily for hockey and boxing. Some decades later the Celtics would become the third tenant and commence writing a legacy of their own

In 1962, the classic series went the full seven games and several records were set — none more memorable than Baylo’s 61-point effort in Game Five of the Finals.

It is a record that still holds the top spot for an individual scoring performance in the NBA Finals. Remember that Michael Jordan’s famous 63-point game came against the Celtics in an Eastern Conference first round clash against Cleveland in 1986.

Since the 1962 championship finals went seven games you know that the Celtics were not invincible — and neither were the Lakers. In fact, Game One at Boston Garden failed to draw a championship crowd for whatever reason. Only a little less than 7,500 fans made their way to Causeway Street to witness the C’s take a 1-0 lead in the series by a 122-108 score.

Baylor led all scorers with 35 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Literally one night later it was a different story as the Lakers took revenge and evened the series by taking Game two, 129-122. This time there were over 12,000 fans sitting next to the parquet.

Three years before Johnny Most’s memorable call in the Eastern Conference playoff series with “Havilcek steals it! It’s all over!” Jerry West did essentially the same thing against the Celtics in Game Three of the 1962 NBA Finals.

West stole an inbounds pass from Sam Jones and hit a buzzer beating basket, giving the Lakers a 177-175 victory.

But the Celtics turned right around and beat the Lakers 115-103 the next night to even the series at 2-2. Each game in LA had attracted more than 15,000 fans.

Back in Boston three nights later it was Baylor who captured the limelight, scoring 61 of his team’s 126 points as LA once again took the lead in the series by a 126-121 score.

With their backs against the wall, the Celtics won Game 6 in LA 119-105 to set up a dramatic Game 7 in Boston.

This culminating contest won by the Celtics 110-107 in overtime was memorable for several reasons.

Bill Russell set a rebounding record for a seven-game series that still stands with 189 — helped by 40 in game seven against the Lakers that tied his personal record.

As always there was drama at the end as Frank Selvey of LA missed an open 12-foot shot with five seconds to go that would have given LA the championship, instead, the Celtics went on to win 110-107 in overtime before a sellout Garden crowd of over 13,000.

Oh yes, and about that watch. It seems that Elgin Baylor’s father favored the Elgin brand of watches (a popular make in the era). Thus, he named his son Elgin.

And throughout his basketball career Elgin Baylor was watched by a lot of fans. Baylor was the number one pick in the 1958 NBA Draft by the Minneapolis Lakers and went on to become the NBA Rookie of the Year for the 1958-1959 season.

In 1960, the Lakers moved from Minnesota to Los Angeles. As if to crown the seismic move Baylor went out and scored 71 points against the Knicks on November 15, 1960 while adding 25 rebounds, thus becoming the first NBA player to score more than 70 points in a game.

However, for all his success, there was often sadness at the end. In 14 seasons as a Lakers forward, he was a key factor in helping LA make it to the NBA Finals on eight occasions. But each time they came up short. As timing would have it the year after he retired the Lakers won the 1972 NBA Championship. He later served as the vice president of basketball operations for the Los Angeles Clippers for 22 years. Baylor died on March 20, 2021. He was 86 years old.

Joe “Big” Bucks Extends ESPN Contract

It looks like professional National Football League (NFL) players may have some competition from the broadcast booth when it comes to earning the big bucks. ESPN *Monday Night Football* play-by-play guy, Joe Buck, just signed a \$108 million, six-year contract extension, with a potential Major League Baseball (MLB) component.

This extension increases his annual salary from \$15 million to \$18 million. Buck has been part of ESPN since March 2022, when he and broadcast booth partner, Troy Aikman, departed



Fox after 20 years. The two will call their first Super Bowl in February, 2027.

This extension may also offer Buck the opportunity to start calling MLB games again, although there doesn’t seem to be a specific clause in this upcoming contract. He formerly served as a lead announcer for Fox, while also fulfilling his NFL duties.

Buck’s salary bump makes him one of the highest paid ESPN announcers, just behind Stephen A. Smith (\$21 million per year). It’s no wonder so many retired professional athletes end up in the broadcast booth. It sounds like a well-paid gig.

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