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# What Tranquility Looks Like at the Peace Garden at St. Leonard Church



## **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

## Johnson & Wales Free Tuition Offer Grows

News out of Rhode Island, Johnson & Wales University has expanded its offer of free tuition to qualifying students from New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and South Carolina. Under the new initiative JWU Pledge, the university will cover up to 100 percent of tuition for undergraduate students with an annual household income of \$80,000 or less and at least 60 percent for those households with income below \$200,000.

## Bertucci's Closes Four Bay State Restaurants

The Massachusetts Italian restaurant chain Bertucci's has closed four restaurants in Massachusetts, including its Braintree site, as it files for bankruptcy. Posted on the doors stating the restaurant is permanently closed and directs customers to its Hingham and West Roxbury location.

Bertucci's once had 80 locations locally and along the East Coast. Bertucci's started in Somerville's Davis Square in 1981. Ironically, the chain was the 2024 Boston Pizza Festival's People's Choice Winner.

## **Dems Deportation Resistance**

Most Americans support deportation of people living here illegally but according to David Catron from the *American Spectator* "when a Wisconsin judge was arrested for aiding a 'migrant' in his efforts to escape immigration officials," the Democrats backed both the judge and the Mexican national living in this country illegally. Catron added other judges who act lawlessly on immigration issues "see themselves as part of the 'resistance,' but what are they resisting? It's the rule of law. Democrats say that no one is above the law but do they actually mean it. Says Catron, "This hubris' is worse than a crime — it's a blunder."

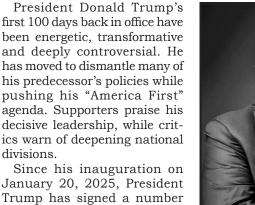
## **End Quote**

"Freedom must constantly be won over for the cause of good. Freedom is not only a gift but also a summons to personal responsibility. The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline and sacrificing for the common good and a sense of responsibility toward the less fortunate. It also demands courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate."

— Pope Benedict XVI

# **President Trump's First 100 Days in Office**TAKE 2

by Patti Sartori



Since his inauguration on January 20, 2025, President Trump has signed a number of executive orders that have reshaped various aspects of American government, including immigration, education, energy and federal operations, all reflecting his administration's priorities.

In his quest for stricter immigration policies, his declaration of the emergency and chaos at the southern border as a national emergency has enabled the deployment of law enforcement and military resources to support border security and stop the threats from criminal organizations and illegal immigrants from entering the U.S. His designation of drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations has allowed enhanced legal actions against them.



When president Trump was recently asked what he was most proud of since his return to office, he pointed first to his administration's success addressing the border crisis, "I think that people now realize the border is 100%. We want people to come in, but they have to come legally."

Securing the border was one of Trump's primary campaign goals. Since his inauguration illegal border crossings have steadily decreased. A report by the U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP) revealed fewer apprehensions at the southern border in the entire month of

March than there were in the first two days of the month in 2024 under the Biden administration. According to the report, this is the second consecutive month in which U.S. Border Patrol averaged its lowest daily nationwide apprehension in history.

Trump also expressed his pride over the administration's economic successes, including tariff policies. "We're making tremendous amounts of money taking in billions of dollars in tariffs from other countries that for many decades just ripped off the United States. And it's time that we do not allow that to happen."

Significant changes in educational directives have been introduced. One order prohibits the teaching of materials deemed anti-American or promoting certain ideologies in K-12 schools, with enforcement measures including legal action against educators violating the directive.

In another move that has sparked legal debates the president signed an executive order aiming to end automatic

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# CITY OF BOSTON Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Program Dries Up

Tax-Exempt Institutions Owe \$30 Million

by Patti Sartori

The City of Boston released 2024 fiscal year data for the Payment in Lieu of Tax Program (PILOT), highlighting the taxexempt institutions throughout the city, including colleges, hospitals and other cultural centers, have fallen \$30 million dollars short of their requested contributions. The majority of these entities have opted to rely more heavily on the option to offer community benefit credits rather than make cash payments directly to the city, ultimately leaving the city coffers \$30 million dollars drier, and homeowners facing an increase in property taxes.

Seventy-six percent of the requested \$128.79 million PILOT payment was collected from participating educational, medical and cultural institutions. Of the \$98.52 million in total contributions, only \$34.85 million was paid to the city in cash, the remaining balance was provided in "community benefits," or services, that the participating institutions offer

to the city and its residents.

As part of the program, taxexempt properties in excess of \$15 million, make voluntary payments of approximately 25% of what they would have been required to pay in property taxes, Payment are split between cash and community credits. I wonder if their students or patients are given the option of paying only a portion of their tuition and medical bills, and the remainder in credits. No doubt that would not be acceptable.

As the Wu administration deals with residential and commercial property tax hikes, these tax-exempt institutions, including some of the largest hospitals and colleges, have blatantly ignored their agreement with the city. This has been an ongoing issue under numerous mayoral administrations. Some elected officials feel these wealthy non-profits are not paying their fair share, while the representatives of these institutions believe the

community benefits offered should be sufficient. Most of these institutions enjoy huge endowments, while their students and patients fight to pay the exorbitant tuitions and medical bills.

According to data released by the city, Harvard University was at 79% compliance in fiscal year 2024, contributingapproximately \$4million in cash, about \$3 million shy of the requested payment and \$7 million in community benefits. Currently, President Trump is considering stripping Harvard of their tax-exempt status and cutting federal funding.

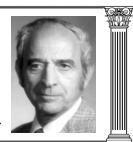
Compliance by educational institutions was at 76% compared to 91% for medical and 100% for the cultural institutions. Boston College, 23% compliant and Tufts Medical Center, 54% compliant sit at the bottom of their respective categories. Boston College contributed a paltry \$441,042 in cash out

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



## URANUS

God of the Heavens

According to Greek mythology, Uranus, the last of our Primeval Beings, became the personification of heaven and the husband of Gaea, Mother Earth. Uranus and Gaea then united to form three important groups as their offspring. The first group, the Titans, was originally thought to be the forces of nature. They will be discussed in the next issue. The second group was called the Cyclopes. They became a race of men, gigantic in size, and having only one eye which was located in the center of their foreheads. These Cyclopes became a rude and lawless people who dwelt separately, each in his own cave, on the tops of lofty mountains. They had no regard for their neighbors, and each giant governed his own family.

There are numerous references to these Cyclopes in mythology. One such reference is to the giant named "Polyphemus" who captured Ulysses along with twelve of his companions and shut them up in a cave. After the giant devoured six of the companions, Ulysses seized an opportunity to get him drunk. Polyphemus,



in this helpless condition, was then blinded and all of the remaining prisoners escaped. Another interesting mythological reference tells us that this race of lawless giants lived on land that was so fertile that they produced wines, barley, and wheat without planting.

According to Hesiod, however, there were only three Cyclopes. These were the energies of the sky and were named Brontes (thunder), Steropes (lightning), and Arges (rapid). Thunder and lightning were their playthings and they occupied their time making thunderbolts for Zeus (Jupiter).

The third group, "Hecaton-cheires" was sometimes called the three presumptuous children named Cottus, Briareus, and Gyes. They also became giants, but with this trio, each had 50 arms and 100 names. Their great strength made them almost invincible.

Uranus was not overjoyed about being the father of such monsters as the Cyclopes and Hecatoncheires. His fear of their great strength and hostile attitude caused him to confine them in a secret place in the lower world. Also, they were forbidden to return to the light of day. Mother Gaea, saddened at the imprisonment of her children, made a great sickle out of stone, which she gave to the Titan Cronus, to use against his father. Uranus was then ambushed, castrated, and dethroned, and from his blood which dripped to the ground sprang up the three avenging deities that became known as the Eumenidies. Their function was to pursue or hound anyone who was guilty of shedding a kinsman's blood. At this point, it appears that Uranus was retired from any further active part in the gallery of mythical gods.

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The Titans of Mythology

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of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 20, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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## **WILL ONUOHA**

# Announces Candidacy for **Boston City Council At-Large**



Boston is the best city in the world. It has given me, and countless others, access to limitless opportunity. When you love something as much as I love this city, it is important to not just celebrate our successes, but also to identify our challenges and work tirelessly to fix them. This is what I have committed my professional life to, and it is what I will do as your Boston City Councilor At-Large.

I'm a Boston kid. I grew up on Mission Hill in the 1980s in a large Nigerian family. I attended high-

quality parochial and public schools and graduated from BPS, UMass Amherst, and law school. Unfortunately, many friends from my neighborhood did not receive the same opportunities, education, and services they needed and ended up going down a different path — leading to incarceration and underemployment.

After graduating from college, I was given an opportunity that changed my life. Mayor Tom Menino hired me to be his neighborhood coordinator for Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Mission Hill, Fenway & Kenmore. Here, I delivered City services, working with residents on the little things and the big and seeing firsthand how responsive government can change the lives of people.

Under the leadership of Boston's last four mayors — Tom Menino, Marty Walsh, Kim Janey, and Michelle Wu – I have spent nearly two decades working daily to improve our city. From serving as Executive Director of the City of Boston's Office of Fair Housing, Equity & Civil Rights to my tenure as Deputy Commissioner/Director of Housing at Boston's Inspectional Services Department, I have a comprehensive understanding of what works in City government, and frankly, what needs to be overhauled.

I will be a City Councilor for all of Boston, bringing experience, professionalism, civility, and an appreciation for varying viewpoints to get things done for our residents.

Please join me as I bring this commonsense approach to expanding access to affordable housing and homeownership opportunities, investing in our public schools, ensuring our neighborhoods are safe and healthy, supporting Boston's small businesses and regional economic engine, standing up for our seniors, and delivering effective and responsive constituent services.

I look forward to connecting with you soon to talk about our shared vision for Boston and its future.

# Student Loans Come Due You Borrow, You Pay

Education recently announced it will restart the collection of federal student loans currently in default beginning May 5, 2025, years after the pandemicera pause. Reportedly more than five million borrowers are in default, which occurs when a borrower goes 270 days without making a payment. The Education Department's Office of Student Aid will restart the Treasury Offset Program, which collects debts by garnishing federal and state payments, such as tax returns or Social Security benefits.

"American taxpayers will no longer be forced to serve as collateral for irresponsible student loan policies. The Biden administration misled borrowers. The executive branch does not have the constitutional authority to wipe away debt, nor do the loan balances simply disappear," said Linda McMahon, President Trump's Secretary of Education. While President Biden attempted to coax the younger voting block into his corner by repeatedly offering student loan debt forgiveness, the Supreme Court ultimately blocked him. However, he was able to win smaller victories such as relaxing eligibility requirements for existing programs.

On Monday, May 5th, defaulted borrowers are urged to contact the student aid office's Default Resolution Group to "make a monthly payment, enroll in an income-driven

The U.S. Department of ducation recently announced will restart the collection of deral student loans currently and beginning May 5, 225, years after the pandemicar pause. Reportedly more an five million borrowers are recently announced borrowers become outraged and begin pointing fingers or blame, maybe we should all ask the obvious question, "Why are college tuition and fees so high"?

If these colleges and universities would slash the massive administrative salaries and re-examine their annual budgets, the cost of tuition might actually decrease to an affordable rate and allow students to work and pay their way through school without amassing enormous debt. If elected officials were serious about providing all students with a fair shot at a college degree, they would strip these institutions of federal funding and of the bloated administrative salaries and force the institutions to provide education at a fair rate that will lead to well-paying careers.

Student loan borrowers have been taken advantage of for too long with empty promises. As Secretary McMahon wrote in a recent op-ed, "Many of the degree-granting programs that qualify for student loans are worthless on the job market, but colleges continue to accept students to these programs and encourage them to borrow to pay for them. Accountability is a two-way street. As we push to hold student borrowers to account, we will also push colleges to be responsible and transparent." And hopefully more conscientious with all of our hard-earned dollars.

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#### COMMENTARY

## TERM LIMITS are Long Overdue!

by Patti Sartori

Term limits are a necessity and a vital component of democracy. If the president of the United States is term limited, so should every other elected official. And it seems Americans are not only asking for it but rather demanding it. Recent polling confirms this issue enjoys strong support. RMG Research poll found that 83% of Americans support term limits for Congress across both political parties. A PEW Research poll showed even higher support, with 87% in favor.

Election results have also backed this data. In 2024, state and federal Republican and Democratic candidates who ran on pro-term limit platforms were elected to office. Voters are looking for change and fresh ideas. They are tiring of career politicians who come into office eager to transform government and end up using their position to garner power and wealth while settling in for lifetime tenure.

The obstacle to implementing term limits is congress itself. Very few want to remove themselves from office. In order to pass legislation on term limits, congress would need to propose an amendment through a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate, after which three-fourths of the states must ratify it. There are resolutions in both chambers of Congress recommending term limits. In the House, the resolution would limit House members to three terms, or six years and senators to two terms or 12 years.

However, Congress is highly unlikely to term limit themselves, which is why we the people must do it for them. Nine states have already passed resolutions calling for a convention to impose term limits on Congress. As more states ramp up their efforts, the pressure will be on Congress to act, similar to when states pushed for presidential term limits.

During the Dewey/Roosevelt presidential election of 1944, as FDR was seeking a fourth term, Dewey proposed a constitutional amendment to limit a president to two terms. Following Roosevelt's victory, states began taking action to propose this amendment, with Congress passing the 22nd Amendment in 1947, and ratified by the states in 1951.

The re-election rate for incumbents in Congress is approximately 99%, with most members serving well over 10 years. The longer the politician remains in office, the less they relate to the average American, the more deals are made with special interest groups, and the wealthier they become. We don't need to look any further than our very own elected officials. Take 78-year-old U.S. Senator Ed Markey, from Massachusetts, who recently announced he intends to seek another six-year Senate term next year, previously serving in Congress for 37 years, and prior to that he was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for three years. That's almost 53 years in an elected office.

Term limits would offer newer members of Congress a level playing field and an opportunity to lead from day one rather than seek permission from career politicians. The movement for term limits is growing each year and election cycle. It is a non-partisan issue, but rather an American issue. The only way to ensure politics remains clean and governed by the voice of the people is to ensure no one remains in office for a life-time. Career politicians must not be allowed to take root. It's long past time for Term limits.

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## Congratulations Serina D'Amico

## on Running and Completing Your 1st Boston Marathon!

The North End's own Serina D'Amico has flown across North Street as the Madonna del Soccorso "Fisherman's Feast Angel", practicing for weeks ahead of time, but nothing could prepare her for the grueling training and preparation she would endure for her run in the 2025 Boston Marathon.

After completing a half marathon in honor of her cousin's battle with brain cancer, and raising funds for Dana Farber in the process, Serina knew her next step would be taking on the Boston Marathon. Suffering from asthma since age 3, and often relying on inhalers and shots to deal with it, her announcement that she would be entering this elite race, took



her family by complete surprise. But knowing Serina's determination in life, they had no doubt

she would be successful in her goal and quest.

Even after injuring her knee, during a rainy 20-mile training run, Serina never quit. It was a true labor of love not only for her cousin, who 5 years later is in remission, but for all those Dana Farber patients who continue to fight each day.

Serina's family and friends, including parents, John and Karen D'Amico, her sisters Vitianna, Ciara and brother John are extremely proud of her as is the entire North End community. There is nothing better than watching one of your own succeed, especially when it benefits such a worthy cause and so many others.

Congratulations Serina!

## 105th Anniversary of the Sacco & Vanzetti Arrest

by Patti Sartori

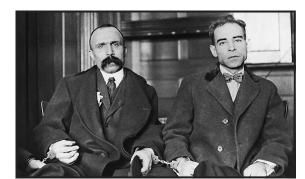
May 5, 2025, marks the 105th anniversary of the arrest of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, two Italian immigrants whose names became synonymous with one of the most controversial legal cases in American History. Arrested on May 5, 1920, and executed seven years later, their case continues to create debate about justice.

Sacco, a shoemaker and Vanzetti, a fish peddler, were accused of robbing and murdering a paymaster and guard during a payroll heist in South Braintree, Massachusetts. It's believed their arrest came as a result of wide-spread antiimmigrant sentiment, especially against Italians, and when anarchists, communists, and other radicals were viewed with intense suspicion and hostility.

Although both men were known anarchists and vocal critics of the capitalist system, the evidence against them was far from conclusive. Much of the prosecution's case relied on circumstantial evidence and contradictory eyewitness accounts. Critics of the trial have consistently argued that Sacco & Vanzetti were convicted more for their political beliefs and immigrant status than for any proven connection to the crime.

From the very beginning, the case stirred national attention, with high status individuals speaking out against the perceived miscarriage of justice. Massive protests broke out in cities across the country. Italians in Boston organized significant protests, including an estimated 20,000 demonstrators marching on the Boston Common with the banners reading "Free Sacco and Vanzetti."

The outpouring of support for the two men just wasn't enough. After years of appeals, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court upheld the conviction, and despite growing pressure,



(L-R): Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco

then Governor Alvin T. Fuller refused to grant the men clemency. On August 23, 1927, Sacco & Vanzetti were executed in the electric chair at Charlestown State Prison.

In the decades since their deaths, the Sacco &Vanzetti case has remained a powerful symbol of injustice. In 1977, on the 50th anniversary of their execution, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation stating that Sacco & Vanzetti had been unfairly tried and convicted, and that "any disgrace should be forever removed from their names."

Today, scholars, historians and judicial advocates continue to examine the case to explore civil liberties, systemic bias and the treatment of immigrants in America. The case is taught in law schools and often referenced in literature, film and political discussions.

As we look back on the 105th anniversary of their arrest, the story of Sacco & Vanzetti continues to stir deep emotions. At a time when immigration, civil rights and political dissent is at the forefront in America, their legacy pushes us all to embrace the strength, as well as the fragility, of justice in the American democratic society.

## **Richmond Street Bridge Preservation Project**

Overnight Work on Underside of Bridge Rescheduled to Begin Sunday night, May 4th Overnight Single Lane Closures on Route 1A North Beginning Sunday night, May 4th

What is Happening?

The previously announced overnight construction work on the underside of the Richmond Street Bridge has been rescheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 4th. Overnight work will continue on the underside of the bridge on Sundays through Thursdays, from 9:00 p.m., each night to 5:00 a.m., the following morning, throughout the rest of the project. MassDOT will implement overnight single lane closures on Route 1A Northbound during this time period.

The work beginning on Sunday night, May 4th, includes pre-construction work which will produce minimal noise and should be completed by the end of the week. Crews anticipate beginning concrete removal of the underside of the bridge on Thursday night, May 8th. Removal work is anticipated to continue for approximately two weeks. **Upcoming Work** 

Stage 1 construction work on the surface of Richmond Street is anticipated to begin in mid-May. The work will include vehicular detours

and parking restrictions. Additional details will be sent in advance of the start of Stage 1 to this

For more details on the project, you can review the March 12th public information meeting presentation or visit the Traffic and Construction page. About the Project

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is performing preservation work on the Richmond Street Bridge over State Route 1A Northbound in Boston's North End neighborhood. This project will return the bridge structure to its original condition through repairs to the concrete superstructure and substructure, as well as upgrades to the bridge railing system. The project also includes sidewalk and road replacement in the bridge area, which will improve pedestrian accommodations and conditions.

Crews will work on an accelerated schedule to minimize impacts to abutters and those traveling through the area. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete by late July 2025.

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

May's Natural World and Nurturing Feasts

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Italians love their sagre. These are the small, often highly localized feasts, scattered throughout the calendar that honor a particular saint, or food, or pleasures of the season. As May heralds warmer weather and the kind of sunshine that promises summer, more and more people find themselves called to the outdoors, to the company of others and the tantalizing pull of nature. No wonder,

then, that May in Italy proves laden with these quaint sagre that provide communities with bountiful reasons to celebrate, sharing in the universal delights of good food and good company. From fried fish to trees, flowers to risotto, the May festivals of Italy encompass the myriad facets of Italian life and herald the summer with joy and purpose. Here is a sampling of these feasts:

• Risotto Festival (First Sunday in May): If you were to visit the town of Sessame in the northern region of Piedmont on this day, expect a feast of creamy rice. Risotto is a popular dish in Northern Italy, a comforting meal of rice cooked in broth until it reaches a rich consistency. I love risotto because it is so versatile - I have had risotto with squash, extra cheese, warm spices, etc. When I visited Italy, I had a rather luxurious risotto in Milan with saffron and truffles — delicious! In honor of this festival, it may be a good idea to prepare risotto with seasonal vegetables like peas and asparagus.

· Wedding of the Trees (May 8th): What a charming little festival this is! In the town of Vetralla, located in the central province of Lazio, people decorate two oak trees



with garlands and ribbons, and offer them bouquets of fresh spring flowers. Later, the citizens plant new trees, and everyone enjoys an outdoor picnic. The Wedding of the Trees, or Sposalizio dell'Albero, recalls holidays like May Day which revel in the rebirth and fertility of nature in the spring. I also love the ecological significance of planting more

 Saint Fortunato Fish Festival (Second Sunday in May): In the fishing village of Camogli, south of the Italian seaport city of Genoa, citizens honor the sixth-century Italian bishop Fortunato di Todi with a seafood banquet. The festival begins the night before with a fireworks display and bonfires. The next day, people feast on fried fish. As summer approaches, I think of days by the beach enjoying a clam bake or seafood platters as the smell of ocean water and the gentle rush of waves overwhelms me. This holiday serves as a wonderful introduction to a season spent by the sea.

• Infiorata di Noto (Third Weekend of May): Flowers rule at this festival in the Sicilian town of Noto. Artists receive allotted portions of the Via Nicolaci Street to create

elaborate mosaics made out of flower petals. The result is a burst of bright colors and intricate artwork that bring a sense of joviality and springtime freshness to the city. Other events during the festivals include parades and fairs. On Monday, when the festival is over, children are allowed to run through the mosaics, scattering petals everywhere. This colorful end to the feast reminds

us that things sometimes become more beautiful precisely because they do not last forever all the more reason to enjoy spring while it is here!

May in Italy is a fantastic time to revel in the spring weather and take heart from the presence of others. Spring and summer cause the outdoors to beckon at us, and the local Italian sagre enable people with the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of the season. Not to mention the food and drink besides the risotto and fried fish festivals, visitors to Italy in May can also enjoy a Polenta Festival in Piedmont and a Chianti Wine Festival in Tuscany! In turn, the joys of these festivals remind us of what is truly important in life: family and friends, laughter, a supportive community, nourishment for both the body and soul. Though we may not have these sagre here in the United States, we can honor their spirit whenever we hug a loved one or sit down, together with the most important people in our lives, to share a delicious meal.

## Нарру Мау!

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# by Sal Giarratani

## I Was Watching the Marchers at the Corner of Harrison Ave. and Eustis Street when ...

As someone who grew up in the Fifties and Sixties in Lower Roxbury, I well remember growing up in a neighborhood which too few elected officials barely acknowledged its existence. For most politicians of that time who represented my community, we were no more than add-ons for the district lines for elected officials. Our congressmen, our state senators? I don't remember any of them ever coming here to talk to their Roxbury constituents. The only elected person who recognized us was Rep. Charlie Iannello who did live among us on Harrison Avenue right next to St. Philip's Church. He was all we had. As far as the at-large Boston City Council or 5-member Boston School Committee, we were on our own.

I remember that April 26, 1965 rally headed up by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mel King, a candidate for school committee that year and other members of Boston's black community. From time to time, I travel down Harrison Avenue and remember exactly where I was when Dr. King passed by me. We acknowledged each other's presence and smiled. A connection of seconds that now has now lived on for over 60 years.

Much has changed over the past 60 years; many things are better but there will always be work to do because we are all imperfect. We continue to strive for a better place. Maybe someday we will get there. As a friend of mine Wayne Lucas said in a recent Boston Herald piece, "The message was ... we still have work to do."

I still remember that 1965 rally occurred about five weeks following that bloody Sunday in March when a march headed toward the State Capitol in Montgomery was attacked by local law enforcement as they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. This event emboldened the Civil Rights movement to never give

I also remember that both the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act happened in 1965 too. I was still a 16 year older who lived on Bataan Court in Orchard Park at the time. A week later I turned 17 years old. Fast-forward, today that teenager is now about to turn 77 years old.

Dr. King while in Boston then spoke to legislators in the Statehouse and reminded all that while Boston wasn't Birmingham and Massachusetts not Mississippi, it had its own issues involving race to address.

I believe that the City of Boston today is a much better place to call home for all of our citizens. We are a far more open city today where we have created the environment and the opportunity to grow wiser today. The fight Dr. King waged is still a fight for all of us still today. We are living in a better place today. We have always had more in common with each other as we march on into the future together.

We cannot change the past but we can change the future by our actions today.

## Sleep Just Doesn't Come Easy

Stress, temperature and various health conditions are just a few of the reasons why 90% of Americans are not sleeping through the night. Sleep is vital to good health, yet for so many, quality rest is out of reach. The National Institute of Health recommends seven to nine hours of sleep every night, with 58% reportedly sleeping six to one in five Americans (20%) only getting four to five hours per night.

A recent survey by  $U.S.\ News$ found 25% of respondents use

over the counter or prescription sleep aids. The largest finding revealed that 89% of U.S. adults wake up regularly during the night. More than 1 in 3 (40%) Americans said they wake up often, even if it doesn't happen

Sleep expert Wendy Troxel, shared a few reasons why Americans are not sleeping seven hours each night and through the night. "Given the stress and uncertainty in today's world, it is not particularly surprising that a striking number of people are facing trouble staying asleep." Other

health conditions like chronic pain, or sleep disorders such as sleep apnea or insomnia can also disrupt sleep, as can temperature, noted Troxel.

"As part of the circadian rhythm, which regulates sleepwake cycles among other things, the body's core temperature naturally decreases at night, signaling that it's time to sleep. A cooler environment facilitates this temperature drop, promoting deeper more restful sleep," added Troxel. The recommended temperature for quality sleep is between 65-68 degrees Fahrenheit, according to experts.

Troxel suggest using effective strategies to combat waking up in the middle of the night, "If you wake up and can't get back to sleep, get out of bed and do something calming but distracting, like reading a book or gently stretching. This can help break the habit of being awake and frustrated in bed. You want your brain to associate your bed as sanctuary for sleep, not a place for frustration or worry." She also urges people to resist the urge to check the clock in the middle of the night. "Seeing the time at 3:00 a.m. only exacerbates stress and anxiety."

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daily pressures. It's fascinating to see how something as enjoyable as dance can have profound effects on our mental health," said Jonathon Skinner, co-author of the study.

Skinner's team found that dancing facilitates the expression of emotions, strengthens social connections, improves mood and stimulates the release of "feel good" hormones like oxytocin and endorphins. The research, recently published in the journal *Psychology of Sport & Exercise*, reports that dancing reduces anxiety, restlessness, salivary levels of the stress hormone cortisol, heart rate and blood pressure.

"In a time when mental health is more critical than ever, our findings advocate for the integration of dance into community health move together can create a sense of belonging and support while enhancing their ability to cope with stress," Skinner said.

Researchers from China noted that dancing can be done everywhere, at home, solo or in large groups. It requires no special equipment, allowing anyone to participate. "Dance can be used as an appropriate and alternative physical activity mode for children, adolescents and adults. The

implementation of dance programs needs serious consideration by policymakers, schools, and parents to produce greater long-term increases in physical activity in the foreseeable future," the *Journal Frontiers in Physiology* wrote.

Adults should aim for 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity, so it can be done consistently and doesn't seem like a chore. A 150-pound adult can burn118 calories in 30 minutes of ballroom dance, while 207 calories will be burned in a half hour of swing dance. Some medical experts recommend ballet for muscle strength, balance, posture and cardio, while others suggest Zumba because it incorporates interval training.

Whichever your preference, jack up the music and let loose. It's good for your health.

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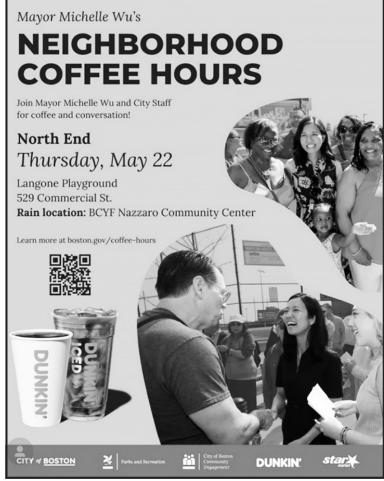
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Gabriela is City Councilor for District 1, representing Charlestown, East Boston, the North End and the Waterfront District. She was elected in May 2022 and is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks. Councilor Coletta Zapata will attend the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park's May meeting to share updates on her work inside and outside the Boston City Council.



## Pasquetta Joy at the ABCD NE\_WE NSC

"Little Easter" with Big Heart

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) recently came alive with the joy and warmth of Pasquetta, Italy's beloved "Little Easter" celebration. Traditionally a time to unwind after Easter and enjoy a countryside picnic with loved ones, Pasquetta gave our community a much-needed moment of togetherness, even if the cooler spring temperatures kept folks indoors.

Seniors from the North End and West End gathered for a festive feast featuring fresh garden salad and a delicious dish of chicken, broccoli, and ziti, generously sponsored by the center's wonderful friends at Antonio's Cucina Italiana on Cambridge Street in the West End. While there were no rolling hills or rustic scampagnate this time, the spirit of Italy was alive and well.



Office of City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata (Outreach and Communications Manager Gabriela Ramirez (Middle) with constituents

Adding to the celebration, staff from Senator Lydia Edwards and City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta's offices joined the fun, bringing sweet treats and warm wishes for their constituents.

On Pasquetta, everyone is Italian, and of course at the NE/WE NSC, everyone is family. Buona Pasquetta a tutti!



Office of Senator Lydia Edwards (District Director Manuela Gomez) with a senior



ABCD North End/West End NSC Director Julia Power with clients at lunch

## Memorial Day 2025 VFW North End Post 144

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Location: Paul Revere Mall, Hanover St.
Boston, North End



## MEMORIAL REMEMBERANCE SERVICES:

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 will conduct its annual memorial services to honor & remember the fallen heroes of the North End who served in World Wars I & II, Korean War, Vietnam War, & more recent wars.



## **CEREMONY LOCATIONS:**

- near the "PAUL REVERE STATUE," and at the
- "Memorial Garden" behind the Old North Church.

Following the ceremonies, Veterans will attend MASS at SAINT LEONARD CHURCH
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## Mira Wu Pewarski

an Influential Bostonian at Four Months Old

by Patti Sartori



Mayor Michelle Wu and daughter Mira

City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has a unique common denominator with her new baby daughter, both have been included on Boston Magazine's 2025 annual list of the 150 most influential Bostonians, a rarity for a four-month-old. Mira Wu Pewarski, the infant daughter of Mayor Wu, born in January, was included as a "bonus baby" due to her numerous appearances around the city.

"Baby Mira clearly runs this town. She goes everywhere advocating for the city, with nothing but rave reviews and reception. Forget campaign strategists, the Hub's tiniest VIP has already mastered the art of winning hearts, and she's not even walking," the magazine staff wrote. You would be hard pressed to miss Mayor Wu without baby Mia in tow at virtually every event she attends throughout the city. Many are curious if the mayor is opting to go nannyless and instead might be choosing to take her daughter to work every day, rather than the traditional once a year, as most working mothers do.

Mayor Wu is the first Boston mayor to give birth while in office, announcing early on that she would be taking minimal, if any maternity leave, as she noted that her role didn't really allow for it. Not long after Mira was born on January 13th, she began appearing at events around the city and beyond, even on Capitol Hill while her mother was testifying before Congress regarding Boston's status as a sanctuary City.

As for the chronological order of the Boston Magazine influential list, it's unclear where Bay Mira came in, but Mayor Wu was number 7.

## Thomas J. MacDonald



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## Saint Óengus

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

St. Óengus was a monk, abbot and bishop. He lived in Clonenagh, County Laois and came to the monastery of Tallaght at the end of the eighth century during the abbacy of Maelruain to spend a period under his direction.

Öengus was known as a son of Óengoba and grandson of Oíblén, belonging to a ruling class in the northeast of Ireland. He was born in County Laois, Ireland not far from the present town of Mountrath, and brought up at the monastic school founded there by Fintan of Clonenagh.

He was renowned for his devotion to both foreign and native saints, he returned to Clonenagh, where he became both abbot and bishop.

He was part of a reform movement in Irish monasticism in the 8th and 9th centuries that undertook more austere forms of prayer, penance and fasting. It was called the Culdee movement, from Céilí Dé, meaning "the companions or intimates of God."

Óengus was educated there by St. Fintan who is noted for his austere tradition of monasticism. After his training Oengus first was a hermit at

Dysert Beagh and later at Dysert Enos, where he became so well-known or his austerities of prayer, penance and fasting that people called him a Céile Dé, a companion or intimate of God.

So many came to visit him that he eventually sought refuge in the monastery of St. Maelruain of Tallaght, where at first, he concealed his identity and great knowledge. But his talent was discovered when one day he went to the aid of a young monk student frustrated at a particular lesson

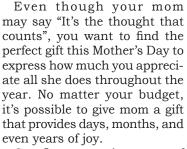
Maelruain and Óengus collaborated on The Martyrology of Tallaght. After Maelruain's

death Aengus returned to Clonenagh, where he became abbot and bishop. He later wrote his own Féilireor Festilogium, a calendar of saints, in metrical form. It became one of the chief sources of information for the early Irish saints.

Both Óengus and Maelruain are regarded as the founders of what came to be known as the Céilí Dé movement, a reform which sought a return to a purer and more ascetical form of monasticism. Oengus passed away at Clonenagh in 824 AD. The feast day of Saint Óengus is March 11th.

## Gift Ideas for Mom that Keep on Giving

by Melinda Myers



Cut flowers rank as one of the most popular Mother's Day gifts. No dusting and maintenance are required, and they are sure to generate a smile. Behavioral research at Rutgers University found the gift of flowers had immediate and longterm benefits.

Extend her enjoyment further by helping her grow, tend, and enjoy gardening throughout the growing season. A gift certificate to her favorite garden center, hobby store, or retail location allows mom the freedom to select her own gift. She can enjoy time shopping for something special that she wouldn't normally buy for herself.

A hanging basket or container garden is another way to give mom a season of flowers and much more. Gardening helps improve health and well-being by reducing stress, lowering blood pressure, strengthening muscles, and increasing flexibility.

If mom likes to cook, a potted tomato, container of greens, or window box of herbs may be the perfect gift. She can grow, prepare, and boost the flavor and health benefits with fresh, flavorful, and nutrient-rich vegetables and herbs.

If she prefers to do her own planting, consider giving her a container, potting mix, and some seeds or plants. Add some plant labels and let her create her own container garden.

Update her garden tools and accessories with something colorful like the Burgon & Ball® British Meadow pruner and holster set. This pretty and functional gift with comfort grip handles allows mom to keep gardening longer. The colorful holster keeps them right where



Stylish garden gloves and a pruner with comfort grip handles are functional gifts, allowing mom to garden longer.

(Photo courtesy of Corona Tools)

she needs them for deadheading and pruning small branches.

No matter what mom's age or fitness level is, it's important to protect her joints when gardening. Gifting her a colorful Kneelo® kneeler or knee pads (coronatools.com) will encourage her to do just that. The bright colors make them easy to find and the shock-absorbing foam interior provides a very comfortable surface that helps reduce knee stress.

Add a hat to further protect mom from the heat and sun when working outdoors. If it's comfortable and looks good, she's more likely to wear it. Include some sunscreen and a pair of sunglasses for added sun protection.

Many mothers appreciate the gift of time. Helping mom in her garden, working around her home, or assisting her with another hobby is a great way to spend time together and create memories while doing something mom loves.

Consider giving mom one of these or another gift that provides immediate and long-term enjoyment. She'll appreciate your thoughtfulness when she opens the package, unwraps the flowers, or puts the tools and accessories to use all season long.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

## Eleanor of Aquitaine



Eleanor of Aquitaine was the daughter and heiress of William X, duke of Aquitaine and count of Poitiers, her mother was Aénor de Châtellerault.

Upon William's death in 1137, Eleanor inherited the duchy of Aquitaine (Southwestern France) and in July 1137 married the heir to the French throne, who succeeded his father, Louis VI, the following month. Eleanor became queen of France, a title she held for the next 15 years.

Beautiful, capricious, and adored by Louis, Eleanor exerted considerable influence over him, often goading him into undertaking perilous ventures.

From 1147 to 1149 Eleanor accompanied Louis on the Second Crusade to protect the fragile Latin kingdom of Jerusalem, founded after the First Crusade only 50 years before, from Turkish assault. Eleanor's conduct during this expedition, especially at the court of her uncle Raymond of Poitiers at Antioch, aroused Louis's jealousy and marked the beginning of their estrangement. After their return to France and a short-lived reconciliation, their marriage was annulled in March 1152.

According to feudal customs, Eleanor then regained possession of Aquitaine, and two months later she married the grandson of Henry I of England, Henry Plantagenet, count of Anjou and duke of Normandy. In 1154, he became Henry II, king of England. Eleanor had only two daughters by Louis VII, but to her new husband she bore five sons and three daughters.

During her childbearing years, she participated actively in the administration of the realm and even more actively in the management of her own domains. She was instrumental in turning the court of Poitiers into a center of poetry and a model of courtly life and manners.

The revolt of her sons against her husband in 1173 put her cultural activities to a brutal end. Since Eleanor, 11 years her husband's senior, had long resented his infidelities, the revolt may have been instigated by her; in any case, she gave her sons considerable military support. The revolt failed, and Eleanor was captured while seeking refuge in the kingdom of her first husband, Louis VII. Her semi-imprisonment in England ended only with the death of Henry II in 1189.

On her release, Eleanor played a greater political role than ever before. She actively prepared for Richard's (the Lionheart) coronation as king, was administrator of the realm during his Crusade to the Holy Land, and, after his capture by the duke of Austria on Richard's return from the east, collected his ransom and went in person to escort him to England. During Richard's absence, she succeeded in keeping his kingdom intact and in thwarting the intrigues of his brother John Lackland and Philip II Augustus, king of France, against him.

In 1199, Richard passed away and John was crowned king. Eleanor, nearly 80 years old, fearing the disintegration of the Plantagenet domain, crossed the Pyrenees in 1200 in order to take her granddaughter Blanche from the court of Castile and marry her to the son of the French king. By this marriage she hoped to ensure peace between the Plantagenets of England and the Capetian kings of France. In the same year she helped to defend Anjou and Aquitaine against her grandson Arthur of Brittany, thus securing John's French possessions. In 1202, John was again in her debt for holding Mirebeau against Arthur, until John, coming to her relief, was able to take him prisoner. John's only victories on the continent, therefore, were due to Eleanor.

Eleanor passed away in 1204 at the monastery at Fontevrault, Anjou, where she had retired after the campaign at Mirebeau. Her contribution to England extended beyond her own lifetime; after the loss of Normandy (1204), it was her own ancestral lands and not the old Norman territories that remained loyal to England. Eleanor was politically astute, and energetic, beautiful and just, imposing and modest, humble and elegant.





#### YUSUF / CAT STEVENS (Vinyl) Cat-O-Log Records/UMe



Yusuf / Cat Stevens' little known 1974 concert album, Saturnight: Live From Tokyo, was released in the U.S. in multiple formats for the first time ever, more than 50 years after it was originally released only in Japan, due to contractual restrictions. The record will be available on CD, vinyl and digitally for streaming and download via Cat-O-Log Records/UMe. The CD will be packaged in a digisleeve with a 16-page booklet featuring lyrics and new retrospective recollections from those who

were there, including bassist Bruce Lynch and the band's 1974 tour manager Carl Miller, and additional notes. The vinyl will be available on black vinyl or as a limited edition pressing available only via CatStevens.com, uDiscover Music and Sound of Vinyl, on lava splatter vinyl, both packaged for the first time in a gatefold sleeve with the aforementioned liner notes. Cat Stevens' first-ever live album, Saturnight, was recorded on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1974, at Sun Plaza Hall in Nakano, Tokyo, Japan on the Japanese leg of Cat's 1974 "Bamboozle World Tour." The tour comprised 50 shows across North America, Europe, Australia and Japan to support the release of Buddha and the Chocolate Box. Cat had long felt an affinity with the aesthetic elegance and spiritual depth of Japanese culture, especially the principles of meditation and reflection upon which their traditions of poetry, design and craftsmanship are founded.

Saturnight, which is being previewed with an impassioned performance of "King Of Trees" today from Buddha and the Chocolate Box features Cat at his peak, performing an incredible concert of songs from that then newest album such as "Oh Very Young" and "A Bad Penny," alongside some of his greatest hits, which dominated the charts in the early '70s. These include the classics "Lady D'Arbanville" (Mona Bone Jakon - 1970); "Wild World," "Where Do The Children Play?" "Hard Headed Woman," "Father & Son" (Tea for the Tillerman - 1970); "Peace Train," "Bitterblue" (Teaser and the Firecat - 1971); and "Sitting" (Catch Bull at Four - 1972). Also included is a soulful cover of Sam Cooke's "Another Saturday Night." Cat and his band were fresh from recording the song at a studio in Tokyo using a Japanese brass section — the very same version that would go on to become a hit single later that year. The performance on *Saturnight* captures the first time they ever played "Another Saturday Night" live. Live From Tokyo Track list: SIDE I — "Wild World," "Oh Very Young," "Sitting," "Where Do The Children Play?" "Lady D'Arbanville," and "Another Saturday Night (Sam Cooke)." SIDE II "Hard Headed Woman," "Peace Train," "Father & Son," "King Of Trees," "A Bad Penny," and "Bitterblue."

## SMITH/KOTZEN - BLACK LIGHT

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Adrian Smith and Richie Kotzen have released "Black Light," the second upfront single from their brandnew sophomore album of the same name. It is accompanied by a dynamic, multi-layered video, again produced and directed by Kevin and Richard Ragsdale a/k/a The Ragsdale Brothers, and featuring the duo performing with bassist Julia Lage and drummer Bruno Valverde, alongside acclaimed Russian

acrobat, contortionist and former Cirque de Soleil performer Gyulnara Karaeva. "Black Light" was a song that very nearly didn't make it on to the album until a late-night session saw them strike studio gold. And it's lucky they did as not only is it a song about deceit and deception, where the black light is a metaphor that reveals the truth about a person lurking under the surface, but it's become a true album highlight, even lending its name to the album title. The track itself, rides in on a thunderous drumbeat and a seething riff, before Adrian's raw bluesy vocal explodes from the speakers complemented by Richie's higher pitched rock tones. A dramatic bridge leads into a knockout chorus, demonstrating the quality and infectious hooks that are to be found throughout their second album, Black Light/White Noise.

Recorded at The House, Los Angeles, California, produced by Richie and Adrian and mixed by Jay Ruston, the ten-track album is a master class in modern rock, with Adrian and Richie's prodigious talents as songwriters, musicians and vocalists on full display. Black Light/White Noise is a truly magnificent collection of songs that stands shoulder to shoulder with some of their finest work to date. Atmospheric, ambitious, diverse and brilliant, it not only features stratospheric guitar solos and phenomenal rock vocals but soulful touches, intricate playing, beautiful songwriting and an assured poise and style that brings to mind a host of legendary bands and musicians (Thin Lizzy, Jimi Hendrix, Prince, Cream, Free, Deep Purple) yet is undeniably the work of Adrian Smith and Richie Kotzen in perfect harmony. Deliciously varied, exquisitely composed and rounded out by a breadth of flavours that can only come with years of experience, Black Light/White Noise is a new sound with the depth of a fine vintage. The full track listing includes: "Muddy Water," "White Noise," "Black Light," "Darkside," "Life Unchained," "Blindsided," "Wraith," "Heavy Weather," "Outlaw," and "Beyond The Pale."

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

#### JEFF KUHNER HOLDS STATE HOUSE RALLY SUPPORTING PARENTAL RIGHTS



Here we can see Jeff Kuhner at the mic addressing the crowd standing before him

A large gathering of Kuhner Country showed up outside the State House on Thursday, April 24th. This rally was called by WRKO's Jeff Kuhner on short notice and this midweek protest brought out many who supported Kuhner's call for parental rights, which to him and crowd members are under attack by our elected officials behind the gates of the State House in the foreground. Jeff Kuhner has already announced plans for yet another rally on Saturday, May 17th, again at the State

House at 10:00 a.m., in support for that State House audit that voters most recently supported by a 72 percent margin and which legislative leaders up on Beacon Hill continue resisting.



A large crowd showed up at the April rally in joint support with Kuhnerman

#### **ROCK & ROLL** HALL OF FAME **INDUCTEES**

This year first time nominees Chubby Checker, Joe Cocker, Cyndi Lauper, Bad Company and Outkast have all been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

It was about time for Joe Cocker and even more so for Chubby Checkers. The late Cocker sang at Woodstock and was best known for his cover of The Beatles' "With a Little Help from My Friends." Chubby Checkers' recordings of "The Twist," and "Let's Twist Again" are among the most popular songs in rock and roll history.

It shouldn't have taken so long for him to get into the Hall. Back in 2014, he said, he was frustrated that he hadn't been granted entry back then and added that he hoped he'd be alive for that happening and that he wouldn't be 85 years old. He got in this year at 83. What a shame for him. However, he's smiling today because the right thing was done for him and the important role he played in rock and roll history was recognized.

## HAS ANYBODY SEEN THAT AI BILLBOARD ON THE RAMP AT NEPTUNE ROAD



I couldn't believe the line of traffic I was stuck in. "STOP HIRING HUMANS: The ERA of AI Employees is Here." I am not sure I like this messaging at all. To me, it feels like George Orwell's 1984 has landed right here. Anyone out there see this billboard and what are your thoughts on a sign saying "Stop Hiring Humans"?

#### **CLASSIC ROCK REVIVAL** SATURDAY, SATURDAY, SATURDAY IN THE PARK

Lately, Quincy has become a music destination down at The Hancock-Adams Common in Quincy Square. On Saturday, May 24th, there's a Classic Rock Revival concert taking place from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

If you love listening to the music of some amazing cover bands in the local area, get there on May 24th. Starting at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., it's CHICAGO TOTAL ACCESS

THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE BAND. At 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., it's DOOBIE OTHERS BAND and starting at 5:30 p.m., until closing time 7:00 p.m., The ULTIMATE QUEEN CELEBRATION.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)



Paul Revere riding into City Square Park in Charlestown during the re-enactment of Paul Revere's Ride to Lexington and Concord to warn folks that the Red Coats were coming for them. This year's ride was also celebrating the 250th anniversary of Revere's ride into the history books too. Shown in photo are little Drew Mio with his dad Preston as both stood with "Deacon John Larkin" on the right and a second "patriot both of whom were awaiting the arrival of Paul Revere on horseback. (Photo by Lindsey Mio)

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(L-R): Al Salsgiver, Sal Fasulo, Lucia DiMarzo, and Angelo Fasulo

Lately, I have been leaving extra copies of the *Post-Gazette* at Vinny's Market on Malden Street in Revere and the newspapers seem to be flying off the newspaper stand. You can usually find the papers there Thursday afternoons.



by John Christoforo



A Nostalgic Remembrance

Monday, May the 5th, is my son John's 44th birthday. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating his birthday with balloons, finger food, ice cream, a cake, and a clown running around. This all happened at the Ground Round, a burger restaurant that existed in the Fresh Pond area of Cambridge. The kids who were birthday guests were all a foot smaller than I back then. Now, they are a foot taller. When did I get

I have always loved parties in general. The first family party that I remember taking place out of the house was a 25th anniversary shindig that I threw for my folks. Uncle Nick spoke to Stanley Blinstrub, and plans were made for a surprise get together. I told my folks that I was receiving an award and the ceremony was being held at Blinstrub's in South Boston. When I brought my folks in, there was the rest of the family and their closest friends waiting for them. The table reserved for us was in front of the stage and could accommodate about 25 people. The entertainment that night was Sammy Davis Jr., and, thanks to Uncle Nick, he made a big deal out of my folks celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>.

The most memorable birthday party was the one the family threw for Nanna in 1958.

My grandmother was being treated for breast cancer and not responding to treatment as well as the doctors expected. Babbononno, my mother and her brothers, tried to keep stiff upper lips through the party and kept smiling, but Nanna was weak, in pain and needing rest. Just before Christmas that year, she closed her eyes for the last time. From that point on in his life, Babbononno wore a black necktie whenever he had to dress up. He would celebrate Christmas and Easter, but not birthday parties nor non-religious holidays. It was his way.

For their birthdays, my folks preferred quiet dinners at a restaurant. Throughout their lives, especially after WWII, Dad worked days and played music just about every night of the week. Dinners at restaurants were treats for them, and beginning when I was in my teens, it was dinner reservations at some restaurant on whatever night Dad was free. Thinking back, Dad liked the quieter dinners, but Mom liked the bigger parties, so I tried to satisfy both, depending whose birthday it was.

Once out of my teens, Sal Meli, my best friend back then, and whatever young lady I was enamored with, would combine efforts and throw me a birthday party. There were only two birthdays that scared me, when I turned 25 and again when I turned 30. Twenty-five was bad because I was a quarter of a century old, and 30 was worse, because I considered myself an old man after hitting that mark. (I'm now going on 87)

The wildest party held for me was when I turned 24. Sal and my lady friend, at that time, put together a surprise party at the young ladies home. Her folks were away and a large group of my friends were invited, including my ex-girlfriend. Sal and my current interest had a birthday cake made with blue and white icing covering chocolate cake. Around the circular edge of the top of the cake were blue flowers, and in the middle was my name and the words happy birthday in Italian. All seemed to be going well, but there were subliminal strains of emotion just below the surface, due to current and past girl- friends being in each other's company.

After the candles were lit. blown out and an off-key chorus of happy birthday sung to me, the ex-girlfriend, staring at the cake said, "Ooh, what beautiful blue flowers." The current girlfriend offered her a couple of them and swept a few of them off the cake with her right hand and slapped her frosting covered palm across the face of my ex. The ex then did exactly the same thing and smeared frosting over the face of my latest love. Sal Meli went into hysterics laughing with uncontrolled abandon. The next thing I observed was a joint effort by the former and current girlfriends. They hit Sal with frosting and chunks of the cake, covering his face with pieces of the now semidestroyed cylinder. The next thing I knew, a food fight was underway. The only way I can describe the scene would be to tell you to look for an old Three Stooges episode where they pummel each other with constant barrages of pies. When things finally calmed down, all of the guests showed signs of having been part of the battle. We did help clean the house and I admitted to my guest, as they left, that I had never experienced a party like that at any time in my life.

My wife, Loretta, is not one for big parties. When her birthday arrived each December, I make it a point to have a dinner party with just family and her closest friends. We used to occupy the back room at LaSumma's on Fleet Street in Boston's North End. The late Barbara Summa, the owner, supervised evervthing in advance, and Loretta was always happy with the

I, on the other hand, love big parties. Knowing this, my wife went overboard when I turned 70. She called Barbara Summa, reserved the entire restaurant and invited everyone in my life to a surprise birthday party. When we entered LaSumma's. I couldn't believe what I saw: relatives, old friends, new friends, business associates, musician friends, and even my doctor and dentist. She went overboard, as I said, but I loved it.

My sons are now adults. Michael, his wife and two boys lives in New York. He is an actor who also does training in health and wellness. His schedule dictates when his social activities can be addressed. John, my oldest, is also, married and the father of a girl and boy. It is now their wives responsibilities when it comes to celebrating birthdays, not mine nor Loretta's any longer.

Why am I mentioning all of this??? This coming Monday, is son John's birthday. He was born on May the 5th in 1981. If he happens to read this week's column, then, to you my son, "Felice compleanno." We are so proud of you because of your accomplishments in finance and for being the husband and father you've become.

Oh by the way, I am looking forward to coming back home at the end of June. I miss my friends even though we talk at least every other day. In reality, I can't take the winters in Boston any longer and I think it is a lot healthier walking around in southern Florida wearing shorts and a sport shirt during the winter months, rather than wearing a heavy overcoat, a pair of gloves and storm boots.

If you don't mind, when the weather turns cold late next fall, and there is a possibility of snow, I will head back to southern Florida and again don my shorts, a T shirt that says something in Italian on the front and celebrate my birthday which falls in October.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA** 

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25P2195EA

Estate of MARY A. KELLY Date of Death: February 06, 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 Norman G. Simard of Arlington, 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 Norman G. Simard of Arlington, 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 May 27, 2025.

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

## **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: April 29, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/02/2025

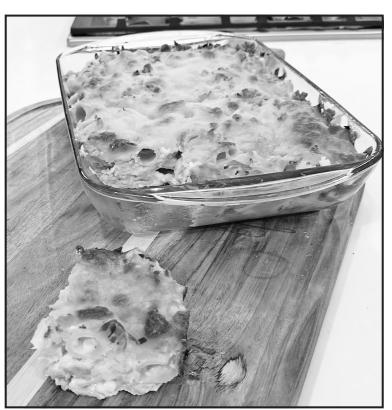


In traditional Italian kitchens, nothing goes to waste — not even a sliver of Easter ham or its bone. Guided by the values of cucina povera, this culinary philosophy turns humble leftovers into inspired dishes. As my Nonna often said, wasting food — especially bread — was a sin. It's a legacy built on resourcefulness, respect, and a deep sense of gratitude, where every meal carries a story of heritage, gratitude, and culinary inventiveness.

My Nonna brought the spirit of cucina povera to life in every dish she made, especially after Easter. She could turn leftover ham into a week's worth of comforting meals. One of her go-to recipes was a simple pasta with ham and peas, but my favorite was always her Pasta al Forno Prosciutto e Besciamella — a golden, bubbling casserole layered with pasta, tender ham, and creamy béchamel. Sometimes she'd combine both recipes, tossing in peas for a touch of sweetness.

It was rustic Italian cooking at its finest — humble ingredients transformed into something unforgettable through love, tradition, and a slight bit of imagination!

#### **BAKED PASTA, HAM and BESCIAMELLA** Pasta al Forno Prosciutto e Besciamella



1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter 10 tablespoons all-purpose flour 3 cups whole milk 1 pound pasta (penne, rigatoni, or ziti), cooked al dente 1½ cups leftover Easter ham,

diced or shredded (a food

processor works well)

- sliced or shredded  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese Salt and pepper, to taste *Pinch of ground nutmeg* Optional: 1/2 to 1 cup frozen peas, thawed

mozzarella cheese, or a mix

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups provolone or

Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Butter a 13x9-inch baking dish and set aside.

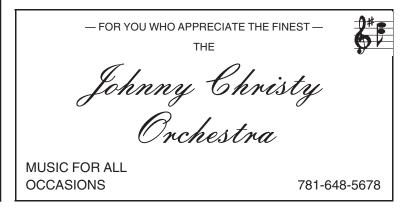
Make the besciamella sauce: In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Lower the heat slightly and whisk in the flour to create a roux. Slowly add the milk, whisking constantly until the sauce thickens. Season with salt, pepper, and a pinch of nutmeg. Remove from heat.

Lightly coat the bottom of the baking dish with a few spoonful's of the besciamella sauce.

In a large bowl, mix the cooked pasta with the remaining besciamella. If using, gently fold in the peas. Spoon half of the pasta mixture into the baking dish. Layer with the ham, followed by the provolone or mozzarella, and a generous sprinkle of Parmesan. Repeat the layers, finishing with cheese on top.

Bake uncovered for 20 to 30 minutes, or until the top is golden and bubbling. Let cool for a few minutes before serving.

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

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## **Tom & Jerry's Forgotten Cartoon**

Even a devoted animation fan may be forgiven for not having heard of Blue Cat Blues. Even younger fans of Tom and Jerry may likely not have seen the 1956 short and for good reason. Television and home video have been, until recently, hesitant to re-run it. The reasons are self-evident in the narrative, but there were other factors weighing in. Even among the fan base of the famous cat and mouse the short has proven divisive. Defenders venerate the courage to break out of the formula into darker and bleaker elements, in doing so adding emotional layers to the battling duo. It's this very departure from the lighter tone and comical violence that has made it something of a pariah in the series.

As it often does, timing explains a lot. By the mid-'50s the golden age of animation was drawing to a close. By the early '60s, Disney would stop producing animated shorts, Warner Bros would close its cartoon studio after mulling over the decision for nearly a decade and M.G.M would lose two of its best animators, William Hanna and Joseph Barbera, to television. Somber as the times may have been, this proved a time with little to lose by experimenting. Mostly this came in terms of technique as new cinematic innovations such as 3D and Cinemascope (which the Tom & Jerry series took on early) provided animators with some much-needed artistic inspiration. One can argue that a lot of the cartoons released in the late 50s are a triumph of style over substance, but they were a hopeful remedy to revitalize an artform. The scarce cartoon shorts that made it to the following decade did so by sacrificing style rather than expanding and limited animation became the norm.

Conceptually, however, very little changed across the different studios which makes the tonal risk taken in Blue Cat Blues all the more curious. It is more jarring almost 70 years later after decades of Tom and Jerry (and other classic characters) marketed to children, erasing the memory that theatrical cartoons were made as much for adults as the younger sets. Indeed, the first three decades of the American animated shorts abound with adult humor, situations and references that would be foreign to a child in any decade.

If there is one thing certain about Blue Cat Blues is that it's a reminder of the original intent of classic cartoons. At its lightest, it's the tale of a toxic relationship. In an Annie Hall-esque move, it begins after the relationship has ended in disaster and proceeds to tell the story of its downfall through flashback.

There are some hints that it's not only the nature of the short that has turned away some fans but also how it breaks established traits of its two cartoon stars. To be sure, the initial idea is a common one in the series. Tom falls for a feline coquette only to be upstaged by his romantic rival Butch the black cat. But almost at its opening, in a desolate railroad track where a dejected Tom sits awaiting his demise, Blue Cat Blues reveals itself to be an atypical vehicle. An omnipresent voice (that of legendary cartoon voice actor Paul Frees) is heard narrating Tom's sad story. As the camera pans upward, the voice is revealed to be coming from Jerry or, more specifically, Jerry's mind. Apart from the humans who shared Tom and Jerry's world and the threats from Spike the bulldog, spoken word was used minimally in the series and then often as a one-word gag. Fans who were repulsed to hear the duo break their silence in the 1992 revival feature Tom & Jerry: The Movie, likely forgot this short; some perhaps willingly so.

As the flashback begins, we are next shocked to see an uncharacteristic friendship between cat and mouse that contradicts almost two decades of brutal antagonism though, it must be said, there was a degree of respect between the two beginning with their third short, 1941's The Night Before Christmas.

Be that as it may, this idyllic life is disrupted when a sly lady cat walks in on the scene and Tom loses both heart and mind despite Jerry's attempts to warn him that she is fatal. For a while the romance flourishes, but then Butch spots the object of Tom's affection and woos her with his wealth. This too is a subtle change. It was always inconsistent but in his early appearances Butch was always depicted as an alley cat lacking the domestic comforts of Tom. Here the roles are reversed and Butch is a penthouse cat that can afford to win the heart of the feline female with diamonds and fancy cars. Tom begins to fall apart





and throws away his life savings to win back his love but to no avail, the cold-hearted cat drives off into matrimony with his rival, bringing us to the point the cartoon opened.

Stark as the premise is, there is humor in the cartoon. For instance, when Tom begins his downward spiral after losing his love to Butch, we are told he "started drinking", only to be shown the cat washing away his sorrows with bottles of milk. Despite the careless animation frequent in this era of the series the short abounds with visual puns and the very voice over-narration feels like a spoof of the tense psychological dramas in vogue at the time.

Admittedly, however, there is little build up to the tragic finale as Jerry, who has found out his own mouse girlfriend has jilted him, joins Tom at the tracks as train is heard approaching in the distance. This is a shocking ending, but golden age cartoonists had a fondness for playing with death since it never really stuck with toons. Tom himself was sent up to Heaven a number of times only to be back again. At M.G.M, Tom & Jerry's home studio, animator Tex Avery "killed off" many of his creations ... but not really. In his last classic cartoon appearance Screwy Squirrel is a victim to the crushing affection of a lonesome dog named Lenny parodying his counterpart in Of Mice and Men, only for the crumpled squirrel to hold up a sign acknowledging it is a sad ending. George and Junior, two bears presenting a more obvious spoof of Steinbeck's novel, blow their brains out in Half-Pint Pygmy (a cartoon rarely seen today due to its depiction of Africans) and in The Cuckoo Clock, Avery's best cartoon, Blackie the black cat is tricked into swallowing an explosive toy bird as the real canary plays taps followed by an apparently fatal explosion off screen.

Avery may have always hinted that none of these deaths were final but Hanna and Barbera always made it clear that their cat and mouse were indestructible. A Tom and Jerry death would have no permanence beyond the end title. Tom and Jerry were too valuable an asset, single-handedly breaking Disney's practically unbeatable streak in Oscar wins for Best Animated Short Subject.

Nonetheless, apart from a few home video appearances Blue Cat Blues was largely forgotten by the fandom when classic animation moved to television. Many of those who remembered it had little enthusiasm for its revival. Warner, which acquired the rights to Tom and Jerry in the '80s, also felt it thematically unsound for TV repackaging. Suicide gags, once common in cartoons (especially at M.G.M and Warner Bros, though even Disney toyed with the concept on occasion), would begin falling out of fashion with increased suicide rates among youth. Still, older cartoons with this punchline were grandfathered. Blue Cat Blues, however, works differently because the pending doom is not a punchline but a framework with little humor leading up to it.

Like many people my age I was introduced to Tom and Jerry through television in the '80s and though I had heard of this cartoon thanks to a video guide I owned I had never seen it. I discovered it as an adult fan over twenty years ago and have since held it with reserved esteem in the classic canon and not without fascination. It offers almost none of what we come to Tom & Jerry for, but it took guts and ingenuity to tear down an established formula, replace it with a gloomy premise and somehow made it work for the Tom and Jerry characters. Still, there is comfort in knowing that after Blue Cat Blues, Hanna and Barbera brought Tom and Jerry back to form with the zany Barbecue Brawl and Tops with Pops. Not long after the two legendary animators would finish their tenure at M.G.M and both Hanna and Barbera and their cat and mouse creations would move on elsewhere. Indeed, nothing in Blue Cat Blues was the end.

#### • President Trump's First 100 Days (Continued from Page 1)

citizenship for children born in the U.S. to non-citizen parents.

The administration has also shifted energy and environmental policies, reversing from the previous administration's commitment, citing economic concerns, as well as declaring a national energy emergency, aimed at boosting domestic energy production and reducing regulatory barriers to fossil fuel development. In the area of technology and information, Trump signed an executive order removing barriers to American leadership in artificial intelligence (AI) and instead focuses on promoting AI development by rescinding previous policies

and emphasizing innovation free from ideological constraints.

These executive actions reflect the administration's focus on national security, economic growth and cultural issues. The pace of these changes has prompted discussions and legal challenges concerning their implications for American society and its government. His bold promise to "Finish What We Started" and to push his "America First" agenda during this second term may ultimately prove to be as combative and transformative as his first. With only 100 days in, and thousands more to go, it will be interesting to see how it all plays out.

#### • PILOT Program (Continued from Page 1)

of the \$4.9 million payment requested, leaving \$3.8 million on the table and has stated they do not intend to settle up with the city. "As a Catholic, nonprofit educational institution, Boston College chooses not to participate in the voluntary PILOT program. Instead, BC makes an annual payment for municipal services to the city of Boston, \$441,000, under an agreement that has been in place since 1995. BC believes the best way it can assist the City of Boston is through the more than \$40 million in community benefits we provide to the city and its residents each year through scholarships, financial aid, community grants and the public and private funding we procure for Boston's public and parochial schools," said BC spokesman Jack Dunn. I bet the residents and taxpayers of Boston think differently.

Tufts Medical Center will continue to participate in the PILOT program at a reduced rate due to its current financial situation. in FY24 the hospital contributed \$150,000 in cash and approximately \$2 million in community benefits, about \$4.1 million less than the requested payment, per city data. "Tufts Medical has a long-standing commitment to supporting the health and well-being of Boston's communities. We remain deeply committed to Boston's neighborhoods and supporting local organizations and initiatives in meaningful ways."

It's not unreasonable to mandate these institutions to pay their full share, if anything it's long past the time for these institutions to do what Boston residents and business owners do, to pay their full share, in cash!

## • **Hoops & Hockey** (Continued from Page 12)

was signed by the Celtics in 2016 as a free agent and later signed as a free agent with Philadelphia in 2019. He was traded to Oklahoma City in 2020, followed by a trade back to Boston in 2021.

Luke Kornet grew up in Kentucky, went to Liberty Christian High School and then Vanderbilt University where he graduated in 2017 with a double major in computer science and math. He left Vanderbilt having set a school record for blocked shots (210). He averaged

13.2 points in his senior year. Undrafted in 2017, he played in the NBA Summer League and was signed by the Knicks. He later signed with Chicago, was briefly traded to the Celtics, then went to Cleveland in 2021. From there it was on to Milwaukee before returning to the Celtics in February, 2022.

We wrote about Payton Pritchard in a recent column. We know we have not covered everyone but hope to as time goes on. Keep enjoying the playoffs.

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25C0480CA In the Matter of TANZEELA HOSSAIN RANMAN CITATION ON

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Tanzeela Hossain Ranman of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Tanzeela Hossain Rahman.

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 14, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: April 16, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 05/02/2025

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25C0502CA In the Matter of ALEXANDRA PATRICIA MANDELL CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Alexandra Patricia Mandell of Shirley, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Alexandra Seabright Everest

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 14, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: April 16, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 05/02/2025

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after May 26, 2025 by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees

> 2007 JEEP COMMANDER Vin # 1J8HG48K27C512646 2006 GMC CANYON

> Vin # 1GTDT198368272740 2006 FORD E350 Vin # 1FTSE34P46DA97627

2007 FORD E250 Vin # 1FTNE24W07DA25128

2006 TOYOTA SCION xA

Vin # JTKKT624X65004807

2015 SUBARU LEGACY Vin # 4S3BNAC6XF3024264

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

Run dates: 05/02, 05/09, 05/16/2025

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI25P1937EA

Estate of **LOUISE C. JORDAN** Also Known As: **LOUISE CLAIRE JORDAN** 

Date of Death: March 05, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Albert J. Gingras of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Albert J. Gingras of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

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

Run date: 05/02/2025

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

Docket No. MI12P4940GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Resignation or **Petition for Removal** of Guardianship of a Minor

In the interests of **JULIAN GABRIEL FOURNIER** of Dracut, MA

## NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Pauline Fournier on April 17, 2025 will be held 05/21/2025 9:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852 - Courtroom 13
- 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

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

- 3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the
- 4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests

Date: April 17, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 05/02/2025

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25C0506CA In the Matter of KERRY RUTH WALSH CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kerry Ruth Walsh of Arlington, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Kerry Walsh Shah.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 16, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: April 18, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 05/02/2025

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI25P2191EA

Estate of **ANJA FJELD** Also Known As: ANJA SEYCHELLE-GRACE FJELD Date of Death: June 13, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Brian Field of Providence, RI. Petitioner Annelise Joseph of Providence, RI.

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

Run date: 05/02/2025

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2005 HONDA ACCORD Vin # 1HGCM56765A000882

2002 TOYOTA 4RUNNER Vin # JT3HN86R220372505

2011 DODGE RAM Vin # 1D7RV1GP6BS627011

2004 GMC SIERRA

Vin # 1GTEK14X44Z258777

2018 HONDA ACCORD Vin # 1HGCV1F32JA235972

2009 HONDA ACCORD Vin # 1HGCS21849A003287

2004 PORSCHE CAYENNE Vin # WP1AB29P54LA73684

2015 TOYOTA CAMRY Vin # 4T1BD1FK4FU147740

2016 CHEVROLET CRUZE Vin # 1G1BC5SMXG7255312

**2008 LEXUS IS** Vin # JTHCK262185025224

2006 HONDA PILOT

Vin # 2HKYF18466H506605

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

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



## **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani

who was one of the found-

ing members of the Hall of

Fame for Women hosted by

Christine Barrett (inducted

2012) and Nancy MacDonald

Krue (inducted 2012). Former

coaches, teachers along with

friends and families celebrated

an evening of revisiting old

stories, the rise to Title 9 and

the glory days of being a female

student athlete and repre-



Saluting Three Quincy High School Hall of Fame Inductee's



These year's inductees representing Quincy High **School were Marybeth Torpey** Volleyball, Basketball, Softball. Class of 2008; Jacqui Niosi - Volleyball, Class of 2001; and Michele Miller Mulkern - Basketball, Class of 1984

The Quincy High School Women's Athletic Hall of Fame held their fifth induction ceremony on Friday, March 28th at the Tirrell Room in Quincy. Approximately 250 plus guests attended this event. There were 22 women, and one (1) state championship team inducted this year. Since inception, 2012, there have been 69 women inducted, 7 coaches and 2 extraordinary teams and 2 state championship teams. This year at the induction ceremony the 1988 Volleyball State Championship Team was

This includes the retired QHS Principal Frank Santoro

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephens

Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions

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## senting Quincy High School Presidents. Fan Ejected for **Heckling Duran** Jarren Duran who recently

revealed in a Netflix documentary a previous suicide attempt, said a fan in the front row near the Red Sox visitor dugout said, "something inappropriate" to him after the All-Star left fielder flied out in the seventh inning of a recent 13-3 victory over the Guardians.

During the seventh inning stretch, before the singing of "God Bless America," Red Sox teammates and coaches kept Duran away from the area as umpires and park security gathered to handle the situation. The fan tried running away but was caught by security and removed from the stadium.

#### Should Boston Have a WNBA Team Franchise?

News is that there are some folks out here in the Boston area led by Donnie Wahlberg and others to secure a WNBA franchise here as the league

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

Docket No. MI25P2073EA

Estate of LINDA M. BRENNAN Date of Death: December 01, 2024 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 Robert H. Lee of Newton 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 Robert H. Lee of Newton. 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 May 21, 2025.

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

**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: April 23, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/02/2025

has been in expansion mode. At the moment, New England has one team, the Connecticut Sun, and the Sun likes it just that way and seems to be opposing any other team setting up in New England. However, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said this past Monday that the Connecticut team has a 75-mile "marketing territory," but that it doesn't include the Boston market.

In the next two years, San Francisco, Portland and Toronto will have WNBA franchises and Cleveland is slated to get one in 2028. Alright, what about you out there, should Boston get a WNBA franchise? Let me know, at sal.giarratani@gmail.

#### Now What about Pete Rose

Looks like steps are being taken that could end up lifting the lifetime baseball ban on Pete Rose. Should the ban be lifted and should he be inducted into Cooperstown and the Hall of Fame? President Trump and Commissioner Rob Manfred have been talking about him and it seems Trump thinks Rose should be forgiven and brought back into Major League Baseball.

Personally, I still think he is a pariah and never apologized for his seemingly despicable actions while as a player and manager. A Major League Baseball investigation found that he bet on the Cincinnati Reds to win while both as a player and manager from 1985-87. Rose himself agreed on the permanent ban in 1989. There is a part of me that's okay with lifting the ban but there's another part of me that hopes it sticks.

Let me know what you think. Remember there's no right or wrong answer. We all know he was one of the greatest hitters in baseball but he was never someone I ever warmed up to. He was what he was. I can live with whatever the MLB higher ups decide. Let me know your views at sal.giarratani@ gmail.com.

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI25D1026DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY** 

**PUBLICATION AND MAILING** MARIA I. ALVES LEONAM F. ALVES

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: Maria I. Alves, 29 Butler Ave., Apt. 5, Maynard, MA 01754 your answer, if any, on or before May 27, 2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

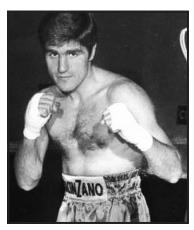
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 16, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 05/02/2025



# **Buon Compleanno Nino Benvenuti!**



Nino in his prime

Former Super Middleweight and Middleweight Champion Nino Benvenuti turned 87 on April 26th.

I have long held that Nino Benvenuti doesn't get the credit he deserves for his talent in the ring. After all, he beat Emile Griffith, an all-time great, two out of three times.

Before becoming middleweight champ Nino held the Super Middleweight title. He won that belt by defeating another highly talented fighter, Sandro Mazzinghi, winning by knockout in 1965. The two would meet again six months later with Nino winning a fifteen-round decision. Six months later he would lose the championship to Ki Soo Kim by a split decision in Kim's home country of South Korea. This was Nino's first taste of defeat after running up 64 straight victories.

After losing the Super Middleweight title to Kim, Benvenuti decided to campaign as a full middleweight. In just eight months he ran off six wins, earning himself a shot at Middleweight Champion Emile Griffith.

The fight against Griffith took place on April 17, 1967 at Madison Square Garden. This was Nino's first appearance in the United States. In an exciting bout which saw both fighters hit the canvas, Benvenuti took a unanimous fifteen round decision. He not only won the title but also the admiration of the American fans.

Five months later, on September 29, 1967 Griffith got revenge with a fifteen round majority decision. This time the fight was held at Shea Stadium, a testament to the drawing power of the champion.

A rubber match was held a short time later on March 4, 1968. In another hard-fought contest Nino won a unanimous decision. He dropped Griffith in the ninth round. The fight was a co-main event along with the Joe Frazier vs Buster Mathis fight for a version of the Heavyweight Title. The gate of \$683,503 broke the record for an indoor fight.



Emile Griffith and Nino Benvenuti

Benvenuti held onto the title until 1970. He stayed very active with both title defenses and non-title fights. It wasn't all smooth sailing for the champion. He was held to a draw by Doyle Baird, lost to former middleweight and light heavyweight champion Dick Tiger, and was stopped by Tom Bethea. All of these were non-title fights.

He avenged the Bethea and Baird losses, kayoing Bethea in a title fight, and stopping Baird in the tenth round of a non-title match. he never fought Tiger again.

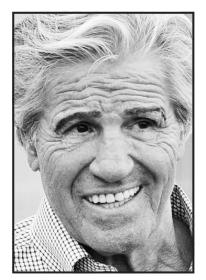
Nino defended the title four times. This included the win over Bethea, a disqualification win in a bout with Fraser Scott, a decision victory over Don Fullmer, and a stoppage of former welterweight king Luis Rodriguez.

Benvenuti was clearly starting to slide by now, and on November 11, 1970 he stepped into the ring to defend his title against Carlos Monzon in Rome. Carlos stepped into the ring having won 60 straight fights. The match was one sided with the Argentine winning the championship by a devastating knockout in the 12th round. It was the first time Benvenuti had been defeated in Italy.

Benvenuti would fight just two more times, losing both bouts. Clearly his best days were behind him when he was knocked down twice while losing a decision to Jose Chirino in Bologna, Italy on March 3, 1971. Just two months later



Dick Tiger winning a decision over Nino



**Enjoying retirement** 

he would get a chance to win back the middleweight crown when he faced Carlos Monzon in Monaco. This fight was brutally one sided and never should have taken place. Nino was down twice in the second round and once in the third when his manager mercifully threw in the towel.

Fortunately, that would be his last fight. The former three-time world champion was also a Gold Medal winner at the 1960 Rome Olympics. He had a stellar record of 82 victories, with seven losses, and one draw. He was stopped just three times, two of those being to Monzon. He recorded 35 wins by knockout.



Dick Tiger winning a decision over Nino

While Nino was popular in the United States, after the third fight with Griffith he never again defended the title here. He had just two more fights stateside, both non-title; the loss to Dick Tiger and the draw with Doyle Baird. After his final victory over Griffith he began to slide. He struggled in fights. He was behind and cut in his defense against Rodriguez, but pulled out the win with a spectacular left hook in the eleventh round.

Retirement has been good to the former champ. He went into business, opened a restaurant, and became a TV personality. He has remained loved in Italy to this day.

He maintained friendships with former rivals Monzon and Griffith, both of whom have passed away.

Nino was an active and exciting fighter. He had a charisma about him that continues to serve him in retirement. He was also a gifted fighter. While not an all-time great, he should talent in the ring should still be appreciated. he fought all comers and acquitted himself

Buon Compleanno Champ!

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

## WHERE THE PRINCES PREPARED PRIOR TO PLAYING ON THE PARQUET

— We have always enjoyed history. It was the favorite academic subject of your faithful correspondent in both high school and college. He always had a natural fascination with all those dates, names, events and famous places.

We thought we might delve into a brief history of some of the players on the current team as the C's make their way through the playoffs.

Jayson Tatum was born in St. Louis and attended Chaminade College Preparatory School for four years. Missouri is the "Show Me" state and wow did he show everyone what he could do on the court.

As a freshman he averaged 13.3 points per game and was named the Metro Catholic Conference Co-Player of the Year while leading the team to the conference championship.

As a sophomore he averaged 26 points and 11 rebounds per game while as a junior he put up 25.5 points and 11.7 rebounds per contest. Then as a senior he averaged 29.5 points and 9.1 rebounds per game while leading his team to a state championship. He was named the 2016 National Player of the Year.

He went to Duke for one year, playing in 29 games while averaging 16.9 points and 7.3 rebounds. Named to the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman team, he chose to declare for the NBA draft and was selected in the first round (third overall) by Boston in 2017.

Jalen Brown was born in Georgia and attended Wheeler High School in his hometown of Marietta. He averaged 24.1 points as a junior while leading his team to a 29-5 record. He then capped his high school career by leading Wheeler to a state championship as a senior, hitting two foul shots with less than a second left in regulation.

For his efforts in leading his team to a 30-3 record, he was named the Georgia Boys Player of the Year, Georgia's Mr. Basketball and *USA Today*'s All-USA Georgia Player of the Year.

Brown chose to attend the University of California Berkeley where he played in 34 games and averaged 14.6 points as a freshman, earning Pac-12 Freshman of the Year and first team All-Pac-12 honors.

He declared for the 2016 NBA Draft after one year and was selected in the first round (third overall) by the Celtics.

Jrue Holiday, a veteran at age 34, played for UCLA for one season after a stellar high school career that saw him lead Campbell Hall School near Los Angeles to a 31-5 record and a state championship. He was named the Gatorade National Player of the Year and a Parade Magazine First Team All-American.

Off the court he was active in music as a member of the high school's gospel choir and a member of the school orchestra.

At UCLA he played in 35 games as a starter in his lone season there, leaving for the 2009 NBA Draft where was selected 17th overall by Philadelphia. He would

later play for Milwaukee, winning the NBA Championship in 2013. He was traded to Portland in the early fall of 2023 but four days later wound up being sent to the Celtics for what turned out to be the memorable Banner 18 season.

Derrick White may well have a singular status in the NBA. Having signed a \$125.9 million contract extension with the Celtics back on July 1, 2024, he may well be the only player in the NBA who earlier in his career had to use part of his rookie salary to pay off student loans.

That was because he was lightly recruited and the only school that would take a chance on him was the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a division two school that made him pay tuition.

But he left the school a star, scoring 1,912 points in his three years there. In 2015, he was named a division two All-American. For his senior season he chose to transfer to division one Colorado where he was named to the All-Pac12 team as well as a member of the league's All-Defensive Team. He graduated in 2017 with a degree in business management.

White was selected with the 29th pick overall in the 2017 NBA Draft by the San Antonio Spurs. He was traded to the Celtics on February 10, 2022 and has been a key member of the team since then.

Kristaps Porzingis grew up overseas in Latvia and began playing basketball at age six. Unlike in the United States, teams there usually are not affiliated with schools but rather play representing clubs. While playing in Latvia an agent contacted teams in Spain. He eventually signed with Seville.

He won the EuroCup Rising Star Award in 2015 at age 19 and declared for that year's NBA Draft. He was selected in the first round (fourth overall) by the New York Knicks. He was traded to Dallas in January of 2019, then to Washington in February, 2022 and finally to the Celtics in June of 2023 where he has emerged as a fan favorite.

Al Horford is in his second stint with the Celtics. The first encompassed the 2016-2019 seasons while the second began in the summer of 2021 and continues to this day.

All things come to he who waits — that is a well-known saying. And thus it was last June when Al Horford at age 38 was finally a member of an NBA championship team following the Celtics win over Dallas. It was his 186th career playoff game.

Born in the Dominican Republic, his parents moved the family to Michigan where Horford was a star on the Grand Ledge High School team.

He chose to go to the University of Florida where the Gators won the national championship two straight years — in 2006 by defeating Florida and in 2007 with a win over Ohio State.

Horford was selected by Atlanta in the first round of the 2007 NBA Draft and played for the Hawks until 2016. He

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