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## Boston Considers New Delivery Tax on Food Consumers to Pay the Price

by Patti Sartori

No one can deny the frustration we feel when food delivery drivers weave in and out of traffic on their vespers or double park their cars, while running in to grab their pick-up orders, creating back-ups on neighborhood streets. However, the newly proposed delivery tax, proposed as an amendment to an ordinance submitted by Mayor Wu, as an attempt to punish offensive food delivery companies like Uber Eats, Grubhub and DoorDash, may ultimately add more of a financial burden on customers and restaurants.

The Boston City Council is considering a potential amendment, offered by Councilor Sharon Durkin, to a "road safety and accountability for delivery providers ordinance" proposed by the Wu administration that would add a 15-cent delivery fee per order for food delivery companies that operate in Boston. Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata, chair of the sub-committee that held the hearings on the proposed ordinance said the new tax is "currently on the table as a possible addition" and requires Council approval. "It would theoretically be a 15-cent per order fee that would help cover costs of the enforcement of the ordinance."

The proposed fee has come under fire from the

Massachusetts Restaurant Association (MRA). Stephen Clark, President and CEO of the MRA expressed concern to all of the councilors regarding the fee. "This will make delivery more expensive in the city and discourage consumers from ordering and doing business with restaurants in Boston and lead to rising delivery costs. The proposed ordinance is intended to alleviate traffic congestion, but enforcing existing regulations will have a far greater impact and will only hurt small local businesses and consumers who rely on third-party deliveries."

Mayor Wu's spokesperson said "the mayor did not include any fee or tax on restaurant orders in the original ordinance filed. This order holds large, national delivery companies accountable and will ensure drivers have insurance coverage while making our streets safer for everyone."

Councilor Coletta-Zapata said the council would have to take action on the mayor's original ordinance and any amendments, including the new fee, by the first week of April to comply with the 60-day order. If the council chooses to take no action, it will go into effect with the language proposed by the mayor. A vote must be taken at the next weekly council meeting, April 2nd.

After a two-month delay, City of Boston Michelle Wu delivered her third annual State of the City Address in front of a full house at the MGM Music Hall, vowing not to back down, even in the face of the federal scrutiny she has been under since President Donald Trump was sworn into office this past January. Wu made it abundantly clear that Boston will continue to protect immigrants even as the city's sanctuary status is in the spotlight,

"This is our city. No one tells Boston how to take care of its own. Not kings, and not presidents who think they are kings. Boston was born facing down bullies," Wu exclaimed. In reference to the recent comments by Trump's Border Czar Tom Honan to bring "hell" to Boston for protecting illegal immigrants, Wu countered "come high water or hell, no matter who threatens to bring it, Boston has stood up for the people we love and the country we built. Today, Boston is stronger, more determined and prouder than ever to be who we are in a moment where we need each other, and our nation needs Boston. So, tonight I can say that the State of our City is strong. And we have to be."

## Boston Mayor Michelle Wu Delivers State of the City

*Offers No Apology for Standing Her Ground*

by Patti Sartori



Wu said Boston is home to the nation's best hospitals, colleges and universities, labs, research facilities, institutions that she said drive the city's economy, provide jobs and make the Hub America's engine of innovation. "Today they are all under attack. Boston is a target in this fight for our future because we are the cradle of democracy, pioneers of the public good, the stewards and the keepers of the American Dream. We were built on the values this federal administration seeks to tear down."

In addition to being one of four big city mayors called to

testify before a congressional oversight committee earlier this month as part of its inquiry into Boston's sanctuary status that limits local police and other city agencies from cooperating with federal immigration authorities and their impact on public safety, Wu was again one of four big city mayors to be notified by the Department of Justice this month of an impending visit by its federal task force to probe the city's response to incidents of antisemitism at Boston schools and colleges.

As part of her comments, Wu reiterated that Boston is the safest major city in America, offering Commissioner Michael Cox praise for his hard work, despite ongoing issues with crime in Downtown Crossing, Boston Common area. She also highlighted other goals and accomplishments including the city's public-private plan to rehab Franklin Park's White Stadium for a new pro-women's soccer team, efforts to improve housing affordability, a co-purchasing pilot program to help residents purchase multi-family homes with 0% deferred interest from the city, plans to tackle high energy bills through

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### **There are Lots of Sick People in This World Department**

An apparent heartless air traveler in Florida has been arrested for reportedly drowning her own dog in the woman's bathroom of the Orlando International Airport, so she could board her flight.

The woman in question was told by TSA that she did not have the proper paperwork to bring her dog on her flight. Instead of calling someone to pick the pup up or miss her flight, this woman allegedly took the dog to a restroom and drowned the poor pooch.

### **Trump Orders Plan to Dismantle the ED Department**

President Donald Trump signed an executive order last week calling for the dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education, advancing a campaign promise to take apart the agency and return oversight to the states.

Trump has derided the Education Department as wasteful and polluted by liberal ideology. However, this could require an act of Congress, which created

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## Massport Increases Rideshare Driver Fees

It may be less than originally planned, but it still raises the fee by 70% beginning July 1st. A plan to raise fees for rideshare drivers picking up or dropping off passengers at Logan airport was unanimously approved by the Massport Board of Directors during a recent meeting, after the board reached a "tentative agreement" with Uber and Lyft. The rideshare drivers, unions and individual drivers are all in opposition to the fee increase.

"These developments were shaped without the input of drivers, the people who will be hit hardest by the fee. Uber and Lyft drivers move thousands of passengers in and out of Logan every day. For these drivers, airport fares, are a critical source of income. the proposed fee could be a crushing financial blow to drivers who are already struggling to get by" said App Drivers Union spokesperson Mike Vartabedian.

Effective July 1, a one-time per trip fee for an app-based driver taking passengers to or



from the airport in Boston will jump from the current rate of \$3.25 to \$5.50. The agreement over a one-time increase to the ridership fee comes with a promise by Massport to "expand curbside access for rideshare drivers" while the companies agree to pursue carpooling options for passengers to reduce the number of cars heading to the airport. High occupancy trips to the airport would face a reduced-rate fee of \$1.50.

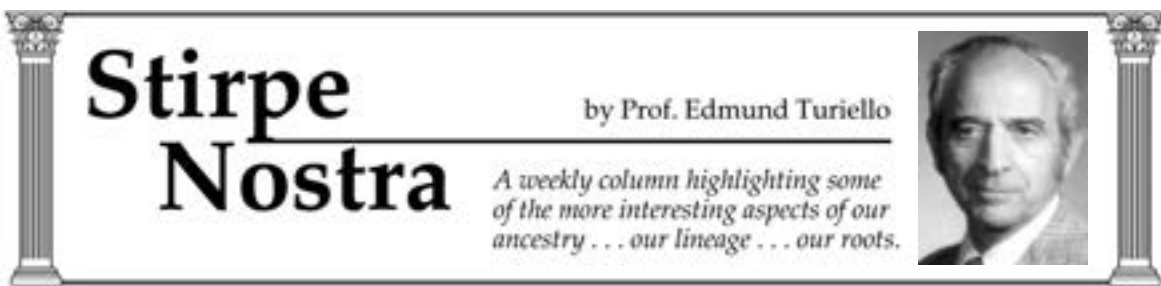
"Lyft appreciates the productive conversations we've been able to have with Massport since their initial announcement.

While we still have concerns about increasing fees on riders, this is a step in the right direction. It allows us to improve the rider experience at Logan as we continue to look for ways to equitably fund the airport's future success," Lyft's public policy manager, Brendan Joyce, offered in a statement. Josh Gold, Uber's senior director of public police and communications stated "Uber is pleased to have negotiated this compromise with Massport that will get passengers to and from Logan Airport more efficiently, while at the same time reducing congestion in the area. We will continue to work with Massport to get travelers as close to the curb as possible and will always advocate for the best service for riders and the best platform for drivers."

The fees are earmarked to help fund airport infrastructure improvements and to encourage people to use public transit

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## MYTHOLOGY ... A SKELETON OUTLINE

### A. Chaos

#### B. Primeval Beings

1. *Erebus* — Primeval darkness
2. *Myx* — Night
3. *Gaea* — Mother earth
4. *Hemera* — Day
5. *Aether* — Upper atmosphere
6. *Charon* — The boatman in Hades
7. *Uranus* — The heavens

#### C. Primary Titans ... Giant deities, forerunners of the gods

1. *Cronus* — Leader of the Titans. (Roman-Saturn)
2. *Oceanus* — God of the Ocean Stream
3. *Hyperion* — Original sun god, father of Helios
4. *Phoebe* — Goddess of Starlight
5. *Rhea* — An earthly goddess
6. *Tethys* — A sea goddess
7. *Iapetus* — Ancestor of the human race
8. *Theia* — Wife of Iapetus
9. *Crius* — Grandfather of Hecate, the goddess of witchcraft
10. *Mnemosyne* — The goddess of memory
11. *Themis* — Goddess of divine justice
12. *Coeus* — Grandfather of Apollo and Minerva

#### D. Secondary Titans — Offspring of the Titans

1. *Helios* — Sun god, (Roman-Sol)
2. *Selene* — Goddess of the Moon, (Roman-Luna)
3. *Eros* — Goddess of the Morning (Roman-Aurora)
4. *Atlas* — Bearer of the Heavens
5. *Prometheus* — Savior of the Human Race
6. *Epimetheus* — Provider for all animal life
7. *Pandora* — First woman on earth
8. *Dione* — Mother of Venus

#### E. Primary gods — Offspring from the union of Cronus and Rhea

1. *Zeus* — Supreme god (Roman-Jupiter or Jove)
2. *Hera* — Wife of Zeus (Roman-Juno)
3. *Poseidon* — God of the Sea (Roman-Neptune)
4. *Hades* — God of the underworld (Roman-Dis)
5. *Demeter* — Goddess of agriculture (Roman-Ceres)
6. *Hestia* — Goddess of the hearth. (Roman-Vesta)

#### F. Secondary gods — Offspring from the union of Zeus with other goddesses or titanesses

1. *Athena* — Goddess of wisdom, crafts, and war (Roman-Minerva)
2. *Apollo* — God of poetry, games, healing, and the sun
3. *Ares* — God of war (Roman-Mars)
4. *Aphrodite* — Goddess of love and beauty (Roman-Venus)
5. *Hebe* — Goddess of eternal youth
6. *Artemis* — Goddess of the hunt (Roman — Diana)
7. *Hermes* — Messenger of the gods (Roman-Mercury)
8. *Hephaestus* — God of fire and smith of the gods (Roman-Vulcan)
9. *Persephone* — Goddess of the growing grain (Roman-Proserpina)
10. *Dionysus* — God of wine and ecstasy (Roman-Bacchus)
11. *The Muses* — Goddesses of the arts
12. *The Fates* — Goddesses who determine the life and death of men
13. *The Seasons* — Goddesses of the changing seasons and the natural order of things
14. *The Charities* — Goddesses of joy, grace, charm, and beauty

#### G. Heroes and Demigods — Offspring from the union of Zeus and mortals

1. *Perseus* — Slayer of the Gargon, Medusa
2. *Minos* — King of Crete and stepfather of the Minotaur
3. *Helen of Troy* — The most beautiful woman in her time and the cause of the Trojan War
4. *Castor and Pollux* — Heavenly twins honored by the Romans
5. *Aeneas* — Trojan hero and ancestor of the Romans
6. *Asclepius* — God of medicine and ancestor of Hippocrates
7. *Hercules* — Greek strongman and most famous of all mythological heroes (Roman-Hercules)

**For those readers who intend to follow this series; may I suggest that you clip and save this schedule for future reference.**

**NEXT WEEK:** *Mythology — Its Origins*

## Judge to Deliver White Stadium Decision

All parties involved, defense, plaintiffs, City of Boston, neighbors, have all had their say regarding the present and future status of White Stadium with due diligence put forth by both sides. The decision now rests solely in the Judge's hands and is expected in the next week or so.

Closing arguments ended last Thursday with attorneys for both sides, the City of Boston paired with Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP) along with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and many Franklin Park neighbors, focusing on article 97 of the state constitution and the plaintiffs claim that the project will privatize protected parkland.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Matthew Nestor noted the significant community engagement and public dynamic he witnessed throughout the three-day trial has been unusual. "I've seen there's been people on both sides of this issue, that's not the usual. I am not sure how to describe it. You don't hate each other, which is great because no matter what happens in this case, the neighborhood is going to go forward in one fashion or another and you are all going to be neighbors."

Nestor dismissed a large portion of the plaintiff's case prior to the start of the trial but left intact a major claim which is that the proposed plan violates Article 97 of the state constitution, which was approved by Massachusetts voters in 1972 and requires two-thirds approval from the state Legislature for uses other than for land and easements taken or acquired for conservation purposes. The city and BUSP deny the privatization claim and have argued that the city and Boston

Public Schools would maintain ownership of Franklin Park's White Stadium through a lease agreement, with the National Women's Soccer League team as tenants and a shared use of the facility with Boston Public School student-athletes.

Gary Ronan, attorney for the city argued the proposal does not constitute a new use for the portion of relevant park land, in that the public-private plan is for an existing stadium to be rebuilt. "There is no case in the Commonwealth where the court has found something like a giant sports stadium is protected by Article 97. All that's happening now is a reconstruction of White Stadium. The existing facility was already approved by the General Court," Ronan stated in his closing argument.

Alan Lipkind, attorney for the plaintiffs believes otherwise. "This is putting a \$200 million sports and entertainment complex in what's supposed to be a schoolboy stadium. You have to go through land that is protected by Article 97 to get there," Lipkind argued.

Judge Nestor said he will take the case and testimony under advisement and make a decision soon.

Mayor Wu's office issued a statement at the conclusion of the trial reiterating the city's confidence in their legal position on this matter. "We believe state law and decades of evidence make clear that White Stadium is a school facility which Boston Public Schools has full authority to rebuild with the financial assistance of a private partner, to better serve students and the public. We are confident in our position and our plan to deliver a new home for BPS student athletics that Boston deserves."

## President Trump Calls for Lower Interest Rates

Not one to sit on the sidelines as events unfold, President Trump has jumped into the mix regarding the Federal Reserve's announcement they will hold interest rates steady amidst uncertainty over his plans for tariffs on imported goods. Trump called on the Fed to "do the right thing" and lower borrowing costs to keep the economy moving as many economists express concern that the tariffs will increase inflation.

"The Fed would be MUCH better off CUTTING RATES

as U.S. Tariffs start to transition (ease!) their way into the economy," Trump wrote on social media. The Fed voted last week to keep rates steady for a second straight month after lowering them at the previous three-monthly meetings. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said the impact and extent of Trump's tariff plan remains unclear.

The Fed's latest pause marks the second time in a row that the central bank held borrowing costs steady.

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## Bulfinch Triangle District Zoning Amendment

The Bulfinch Triangle District, considered to be located in Boston's West End, was recently subject to a zoning change allowing residential development. The Boston Zoning Commission voted earlier this month to amend the zoning code for this area. The Boston City Council previously voted 10-2 in favor of the amendment, sponsored by Councilor Sharon Durkan.

The purpose of the change was to dismiss zoning barriers and spur new housing development, piggybacking on the city's call for increasing residential units in this area and throughout the city. The approved amendment changes "Residential Use" from a "Conditional Use" to an "Allowed Use," encouraging housing development and conversion of underutilized buildings into housing. There

are a number of active office-to-residential conversion projects under review that encourage developers to convert underutilized offices into residences.

Last August the RMR Group LLC submitted a letter of intent with the Wu administration's newly implemented Boston Planning Department (BPD) to build a new ground up 40-story mixed-use building to include hundreds of hotel rooms and residences, along with retail space and restaurants. The hotel and residential project, located in the Bulfinch Triangle neighborhood and will encompass the area around North Washington Street, Causeway Street and Medford Street. The project, currently under review, has drawn the ire and concern of the North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) members who are remaining vigilant on the proposed project.

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## Catherine "Kitty" Dukakis

Former First Lady of Massachusetts

December 26, 1936 – March 21, 2025



Kitty Dukakis, wife of former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, and former first lady of the Commonwealth, passed away surrounded by her loving family due to complications from dementia.

A Massachusetts native, born in Cambridge, she resided with the former Governor in Brookline where she raised her family, including son John and daughters Andrea and Kara.

Governor Maura Healey offered her condolences to the Dukakis family, on behalf of all Massachusetts residents stating, "Kitty Dukakis was a force for good in public life and behind the scenes. She was a strong advocate for children, women and refugees, while also taking a leadership role in ensuring the horrors of the Holocaust are never forgotten. She spoke courageously about her struggles with substance abuse, alcohol and mental health, which served as an inspiration to us all to break down stigma and to seek help."

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## Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

1954 - 2025

by David Trumbull



Post-Gazette columnist Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull died March 18, 2025, after a long illness. She had written the "All That Zazz" beauty column, exclusively published in the Post-Gazette, since August 22, 2003.

Mary was born on Christmas Day 1954, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, first-born child of Alec DiZazzo (1920-2010) and Josephine (Catalano) DiZazzo (1923-2001). Both parents were natives of Lawrence Massachusetts. Mary's grandparents were immigrants. The DiZazzo family was from Rocca d'Evandro, Caserta, Italy. The Catalano and related Cosentino families were from Aci Catena, Catania, Sicily, and Aci Sant'Antonio, Catania. On September 29, 2003, Mary was wed to Post-Gazette columnist David Trumbull, in Rome, Italy.

In addition to love of family and the Boston arts and theatre scene, Mary was proud of her trade as a cosmetologist. She followed her mother and grandmother in this trade and earned her credentials at the M. Fazio Institute of Beauty Culture, Class of '74. She worked in various beauty salons until she operated her own business, Mary for Nails, from March 1996, until, due to declining health, she had to shutter the business in March 2018.

In retirement she continued to support the trade she had taken such pride in. Even in her recuperative bed she renewed her Commonwealth of Massachusetts license as a Cosmetologist. She gave back to her trade and encouraged its future by agreeing, in April 2015, to serve on the Greater Lawrence Technical School

We at the Post-Gazette are saddened at the loss of our longtime columnist. Mary dazzled and amused us all with her bi-weekly column. We would like to offer our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to her husband David on Mary's passing, and our appreciation for the opportunity to work with her over the years.

May she rest in eternal peace.

Cosmetology Advisory Board. Some readers may remember Mary's Saturday morning beauty culture talks at the North End Branch of the Boston Public Library.

Mary's hobbies were too many to list, but what stands out was her dollhouse and the miniature furnishing. The dollhouse had its own address to which a weekly newspaper was delivered. In 2014, the Beacon Hill Times newspaper published a front-page story about Mary's dollhouse. The reporter,

upon receiving a photo of the dollhouse said, "I see your living room, but where is the dollhouse?" Mary responded, "That is the living room of the dollhouse." That same year the Newseum, a museum in Washington DC published an online story about Mary's diminutive domicile.

Donations may be made in her name to the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, 185 Kneeland Street, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02111, or to your favorite organization that advocates for rights of disabled persons. Masses or other expressions of sympathy may be sent to David Trumbull, 130 Bowdoin Street, Apartment 1110, Boston, MA 02108, or to [trumbull@trumbullofboston.org](mailto:trumbull@trumbullofboston.org).

Final arrangements are through Boston Cremation, 287 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148 ([info@bostoncremation.org](mailto:info@bostoncremation.org)). No public ceremonies are planned.

The final words:

"She made me a better man."

— David Trumbull

## Trump to Cover Astronaut Pay

After being stranded in space for 286 days, astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore finally splashed down safely in the Gulf of America, off the coast of Tallahassee, Florida, thanks to the Elon Musk's company SpaceX launching a rescue mission at the urging of President Trump. In September, SpaceX launched a Crew Dragon Capsule to rescue the astronauts, but NASA chose to delay their return, claiming the pair would have to wait for another SpaceX rescue vehicle loaded with replacement scientists.

During a press conference hailing their return, Peter Doocy, Fox News, pointed out the astronauts had been trapped at the International

Space Station since June 2024 and noted that NASA has only agreed to cover just \$5.00 per day for incidentals for the crew, tallying approximately \$1,430 in back pay for each astronaut. "If I have to, I'll pay it out of my own pocket," responded Trump, promising to personally cover the overtime pay for Williams and Wilmore. "Nobody ever mentioned this to me. Is that all? That's not a lot, given what they had to go through," added Trump.

A NASA spokesperson said in a statement that the agency's astronauts are "on official travel orders as federal employees," effectively categorizing their stay as a business trip. So much for service to your country.

## Tesla Vehicles and Dealerships Targets of Vandalism

U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi issued a stark warning to "tread carefully" over calls for Tesla provider Elon Musk to be taken down by Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett, D-Texas. "She is an elected public official, so she needs to tread very carefully because nothing will happen to Elon Musk, and we are going to fight to protect all Tesla owners throughout this country." Bondi vowed. She also doubled down on her previous pledge that widespread violence against Tesla owners and dealerships, which have seen electric vehicles engulfed in flames and defaced with hostile imagery, will come to a stop.

Crockett's remarks were made during a national call with the Tesla Takedown movement, a self-described "peaceful platform protest" calling for Tesla owners to sell their vehicles and for all to dump their stock in the Electric Vehicle (EV) provider. "On March 29, it's my birthday. All I want to see happen on my birthday is for Elon to be taken down. I have learned, as I serve on the DOGE oversight committee, that

there is only one language that the people that are in charge understand right now, and that language is money," Crockett stated to the group in reference to an upcoming "Global Day of Action" intended for the Tesla company.

Crockett attempted to clarify her remarks by claiming her calls to action are "nonviolent, and that the group is peaceful, loving people and this is not about violence." Republicans believe differently and have accused Crockett of inciting violence against the EV provider with her hateful speech. The Justice Department has cracked down on the violence, with three people accused of damaging Tesla's and EV charging stations facing up to twenty years in prison for alleged domestic terrorism.

"People need to know that the three people in custody right now will receive severe and swift consequences. We are not backing off these charges. We are looking at everything, especially if this is a concerted effort. This is domestic terrorism," Bondi exclaimed.



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

### Announcing April's Arrival

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

As April arrives, a whole month of spring and sunshine stands before us, dazzling for our enjoyment. April smells like fresh flowers and the pungent scent of trees after a delicate rainfall, like balmy breezes and juicy strawberries. Soft rains drizzle down outside my window, making the grass seem lush and greener than a mint sprig, the pavement shiny and smooth like obsidian. I am reminded of the old rhyme



I cheerfully intoned as a young girl: "April showers bring May flowers!" Indeed, April is the time of the year when spring finally feels in full bloom, when flowers, rain and abundant sunshine meld together to form an energetic, playful month. The purported origin of April's name also reflects its qualities of rejuvenation and rebirth. April may derive from the Latin word *aperire*, which means "to open." Truly, all of nature is opening and awakening at this point, from the purple tulips peeking out of the dirt to the buds on tree branches and the baby animals walking on wobbly legs. As the Latin origin of the name suggests, April is a significant month in Italy. Not only is it a full month of spring and the frequent home of Easter, but April brims with its own folk traditions, holidays and customs particular to Italy. Italians even start the month in a jovial fashion, surreptitiously pinning paper fishes to each other's backs during *pesce d'aprile*, or April Fools' Day. The following is a sampling of quirky and culturally rich practices that characterize April in Italy:

**April Proverbs:** Italian folklore abounds with multiple proverbs related to months and times of the year. These hearken back to the days when Italian society was primarily based on agriculture. Farmers needed to pay special heed to the weather in order to determine important and vital times like when to plant and what crop yields to expect. As such, most of the Italian proverbs related to April (which I gathered from the wonderful website *italy revisited.org*) concern themselves with the weather of the month. One proverb declares: "*L'aprile piovoso, fa il maggio grazioso.*" Translating to "a rainy April makes a grateful May," this is the Italian version of the April showers bring May flowers dictum. Another proverb says "*Marzo tinge, aprile*

*dipinge*" — meaning that what March dirties, April cleans up; just as April rains and vegetation takes over the muddy or snowy changeable weather of March. However, another proverb admonishes "*Aprile, non ti scoprire.*" It warns against discarding your coat during April, as there are still cool days left!

**Easter (April 20<sup>th</sup>):** Oh, Easter! I love everything about this feast, from its rebirth symbolism to the large family gatherings laden with delectable, seasonal food. Easter is one of the most important holidays in Italy, where it is known as *Pasqua*. There, people attend Mass in churches decorated with olive branches and flowers, then head home for a banquet featuring Italian Easter delicacies like *colomba pasquale* (a sweet bread shaped like a dove, sometimes with colorful Easter eggs tucked inside) or *pastiera* (a pie made with wheat berries, sweetened rice, or ricotta cheese, depending on the region). As a little girl, I knew Easter was approaching when my father brought home a large *uovo di cioccolato*, or chocolate egg, from a specialty shop in the North End. Waiting to break open the egg and discover the treasures hidden inside served as a wonderful metaphor to the surprise and promise of Easter.

**Rome's Birthday (April 21<sup>st</sup>) and St. Mark's Day (April 25<sup>th</sup>):** Italy is filled with many city-specific holidays, and two of the most intriguing fall during April. Rome's Birthday honors the founding of the city, all the way back in 753 B.C. Romans celebrate with festivals, parades, concerts, and fireworks displays throughout *la città eterna* (the eternal city). Four days later, the charming maritime city of Venice displays similar gaiety for St. Mark's Day, or *la Festa di San Marco*, the feast day of Venice's patron saint. Carnivals, markets and parties center around the enormous St. Mark's Square, the

beating heart of the city. Celebrate both holidays by enjoying food from each region. How about a plate of *spaghetti alla carbonara* (spaghetti with egg sauce) on Rome's Birthday and some *risi e bisi*, or risotto with peas, on St. Mark's Day?

**Liberation Day (April 25<sup>th</sup>):** This patriotic holiday honors the liberation of Italy from Nazi and fascist occupation during World War II. On April 25<sup>th</sup> of 1945, the cities of Turin and Milan were the first to be freed from the occupation, and their liberation prompted a chain of events which culminated in Italy's freedom. Italy celebrates Liberation Day, or *Festa della Liberazione*, with processions, speeches and countrywide events. My ancestors, including my grandparents, still lived in Italy during the Second World War and had to deal with all the horrors that accompany an armed conflict, from bombings to mob violence to food shortages. As such, I always feel compelled to remind people of this springtime feast, a holiday commemorating the ordinary Italians who fought so hard to free their beautiful land from the terror of fascism.

**May Day Eve (April 30<sup>th</sup>):** I love this holiday! Since ancient times, European folklore has attributed the first day of May with magical properties. People believed that elves, fairies and witches were especially active on this day. In Italy, May Day is known as *Calendimaggio*, and celebrations begin the night before, on the last evening of April. Cities hold festivals and events with a spooky twist, replete with witch decorations and magical themes. Honor this day by taking a walk during dusk and contemplating the wonder and mystery still left in the world.

**Sagre:** In conclusion, I would like to point out that towns and cities all over Italy hold *sagre*, or food festivals, throughout the year. They focus on seasonal, local ingredients and the various way to highlight them in delicious dishes. Most Italian *sagre* focus on the country's premiere spring vegetable, the artichoke, or *carciofo*. I absolutely love artichokes and look forward to them every spring. Enjoy artichokes the way Italians do — stuffed in pastas like ravioli or tortellini, fried, or simply marinated in olive oil. Yum!

Collectively, these April celebrations typify the folklore and love of the seasons so often found in Italian culture. When spring finally arrives, everyone is in the mood for a party, and Italians are no different! No matter which April holidays you choose to honor, make sure you do so with love in your heart and optimism for the upcoming spring. That way, all of your days are sure to be filled with joy!

Happy April!

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# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



## Don't Buy a New Car Without AM Radio, Warns 770 WABC AM Radio in NYC

Last week, while reading the *New York Post* one morning, I noticed a full-page advertisement by 770 WABC Radio in New York City. 770 AM in New York City and 107.1 FM in Long Island has been warning radio listeners that the future of AM radio is under attack. The radio station's warning is quite clear, "Don't Buy a New Car Without AM Radio."

### Keep AM Radio Free

Did you know that FEMA relies on AM radio to reach over 95 percent of us during emergencies? Listen, I love listening to the radio while driving around, sometimes during long distance traveling or other times during a quick run to the supermarket for groceries. I have choices. I can listen to AM or FM on the dial. Depending on what I want to hear, I just switch the radio dial. I also have Sirius Radio that are sans commercials. As somewhat more conservative here in this area, I appreciate being able to listen

For the past century, AM radio has been free to all radio listeners. Recently, General Motors and other auto manufacturers have been spending millions trying to eliminate the AM radio dial. Do not buy a vehicle without AM radio even if you seldom listen to it. General Motors Company has been attempting to influence Capitol Hill and thus making consumers — all of us their enemy.

to Jeff Kuhner and his radio audience exchanging ideas back and forth. If I want good classic rock, I can go to 100.7 WZLX on the FM dial or go to 1510 AM and WMEX for good old rock 'n roll music with Larry Justice or Bunny Rabi.

This morning driving into work, I listened to John Garabedian on WJIB now at 720 AM. If Kuhner gets too crazy just up the dial on 680. I like choices. If I feel like Willie Nelson, I switch to Sirius Radio at Willie's Roadhouse channel 61.

## Boston City Councilor Open to Hiring Laid Off Federal Workers

City Councilor Benjamin Weber filed a hearing order suggesting the City of Boston consider ways to hire recently laid off federal workers "who have recently fallen victim to draconian mass layoffs" by the Trump administration as a mechanism to fill the thousands of vacant jobs throughout city government.

According to Weber's order, other municipalities and states across the country, including Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Montgomery County in Maryland and Fairfax Virginia have attempted to recruit fired federal workers. "As of April 2024, the City of Boston should examine whether it should recruit and train federal employees who have recently fallen victim to draconian, mass layoffs without cause," wrote Weber.

Weber's order mentioned that more than 100,000 federal employees have been laid off by the Trump administration over the last few months.

Weber's suggestion calling for additional city hiring, may not come at the most prosperous

time for the city. Over the past year, Mayor Wu and the city council have been dealing with falling tax revenues as commercial values and tax revenue has decreased shifting more of the budgetary tax burden onto homeowners who have been hit with double digit tax hikes.

Post-pandemic work patterns have resulted in falling commercial values as the city's \$4.6 billion dollar budget grew by 8% this fiscal year and the city's payroll grew by more than 2.28% last year, from \$2.14 billion to \$2.19 billion. Last year Mayor Wu's administration created 54 new positions, as part of the 301 new positions that were created since Wu became mayor in November 2021.

"These mass layoffs are being done without any thought to the impacts that may have on the public or to the workers themselves. I think it makes sense to see if we can bring in experienced government workers to provide some of the basic services that our residents are going to be deprived of if we don't take action," said Weber.

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## North End Youth Organization (NEYO) Fundraiser a Huge Success



The North End Youth Organization (NEYO), recent fundraiser was a sold-out, phenomenal success. Bingo, dancing, singing, limbo, raffle prizes and so much more took center stage last Friday evening at St. Joseph's Hall. NEYO is a nonprofit which funds the Nazzaro Center summer camp and after school program. A huge shout out to the committee who worked so hard to ensure this event was a success, to all those who attended, bought tickets or made donations, your generosity was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to the many businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes, desserts or other items.

## New Data Shows Gen Z

### Most Conservative Generation in Decades

David Shor, head of data science at Blue Research, a Democratic polling firm, recently released charts and data showing Gen Z, those born between 1997 and 2012, ages 28 down to 13 years old, are the most conservative generation in decades. The pollster explained "is that among 18-year-olds, women of color are the only, of the four race and demographic groups, that Harris won, while Trump narrowly won nonwhite men."

The researcher pointed to one surprise result that defies a core Democratic belief, that young people don't like Donald Trump. "This is the thing I am most shocked by in the last four years, that young people have gone from being the most progressive generation since the Baby boomers, and maybe even in some ways more so, to becoming the most conservative generation that we've experienced in fifty to sixty years," said Shor.

He then went on to discuss what he called "the scariest chart in this entire presentation," showing the massive and unusual polarization between young men and women. "What's crazy is that if you look at people under the age of thirty, the gender gap has exploded. Eighteen-year-old men were 23 percentage points more likely to support Donald Trump than 18-year-old women, which is just completely unprecedented in American politics," Shor added. Various factors that may influence this trend in recent years are the #MeToo movement and the sense the Democratic Party is becoming more of a pro-women party and somewhat anti-young men, which may have had a huge effect on young men's political opinions.

The thought was that if Trump couldn't hit record numbers among seniors and millennials and Gen Z's were coming into their voting power, that would be the end of the Republican Party. However, this past election may prove to be the beginning of a new Republican Party.

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## Eastie Farm Celebrates Spring Equinox



Joel, Jenny, Kannan, Olivia, Adrian, and Jose ready to cut the ribbon (or in this case, an ivy vine) on Eastie Farm's Freight Farm

On Thursday, March 20th, Eastie Farm celebrated the Spring Equinox with a party and held a ribbon cutting to commemorate their acquisition of Field Farm, a new investment for growing fresh produce such as lettuce and leafy greens hydroponically. They featured the new facility offering a popular and rewarding method for producing fresh, leafy greens requiring a soilless growing medium and a nutrient-rich solution. The event was well attended offering insight into the agricultural programs offered here in East Boston. The East Boston Chamber of Commerce was on hand along with Congressman Adrian Madaro and representation from Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata's office. The community welcomed this addition to Eastie Farm's operations as part of their mission pursuing urban agriculture, education, and building an equitable local food system.



Event attendees viewing inside the Eastie Farm Freight Farm used for growing leafy green produce hydroponically



# Pirandello Lyceum Announces the 2025 I Migliori in Mens et Gesta Award - the Best in Mind and Deeds

Dr. Dom Amara, President of the Pirandello Lyceum, has announced the 2025 recipients of the I Migliori in Mens et Gesta Award (The Best in Mind and Deeds). This award recognizes outstanding Americans of Italian descent who have made significant contributions to the Italian American community, their professions, and society. The Honorees will receive the I Migliori Award at the Annual Awards Dinner, Saturday Afternoon, April 12, from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM at Spinelli's Banquet Hall in Peabody, MA. The Master of Ceremonies will be Cheryl Fiandaca, the chief investigative reporter for the I-Team at WBZ-TV. Fiandaca is an award-winning broadcast journalist who joined WBZ-TV from the former NBC affiliate in Boston.

The dinner tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds from the event benefit the Pirandello Scholarship Fund. Reservations for the I Migliori Awards Dinner may be made by sending checks, payable to the Pirandello Lyceum, to James Pinzino, Treasurer, Pirandello Lyceum, PO BOX. 227, Marlborough, MA 01751.

For additional information, contact Pirandello Lyceum President, Dr. Domenic Amara, @ 617-913-6842 / domamara@aol.com



## President's Award CARLO MASTROMATTEI Law Enforcement

A proud first-generation Italian American, Carlo's parents emigrated to the United States before he was born. His first language was Italian, and he remains a fluent speaker. He is active in the Italian community and volunteers at heritage events.

Carlo has been a Massachusetts State Trooper since 2006. Currently assigned to the Community Action Team (CAT) an anticrime unit.

He is a member of the Suffolk County Animal Cruelty Task Force and investigates animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect cases. Over the years, Carlo has been involved in a number of high-profile cases and recently saved a dog that was tied up and left to die at Revere Beach.

He is the recipient of the Departments lifesaving award for helping to save a woman who attempted to jump off the Tobin Bridge. Carlo has also received a Bachelor of Science degree from Suffolk University.



## THE HONORABLE PETER C. DIGANGI (RET.) Judiciary

Peter C. DiGangi was appointed Circuit Justice of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, in September 6, 2001. He served as the First Justice of the Middlesex Probate and Family Court for six years and retired from the bench after serving a total of 15 years.

He served as house and trial counsel of the North Shore Chapter, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for fourteen years and was a partner of DiGangi & Legassey, P.C.

He is a recipient of the Congressional Angels of Adoption Award, the 2012 Jurist of the Year Award, the Public Service Award presented by the Middlesex County Bar Association and in 2014 the Justice Award presented by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Order Sons of Italy in America. He has been on boards of directors, lecturer to many bar association programs and judged moot court competitions in China and Cambodia.

Nominated by Gr.Uff. Lino Rullo



## DR. JOY A. CAVAGNARO Public Health & Sports Coaching

Dr. Joy Cavagnaro is an internationally recognized expert in preclinical drug development and science-based regulatory strategies supporting the clinical development of drug and biologic medicines. Her 40 plus year career spans academia, government (FDA), the contract services and biotechnology industries. As a translational scientist with expertise in animal models of disease, her focus has been optimizing the extrapolation of safe and effective doses of novel therapies for first-in-human studies, especially important for rare diseases. For her contributions she has been the recipient of the FDA Award of Merit, the Arnold J. Lehman Award, the Distinguished Scientist Award in Toxicology and the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy Catalyst Award. Dr. Cavagnaro currently serves on scientific advisory boards for biopharmaceutical companies and non-profits and consults and lectures globally on preclinical development strategies. For over 20 years Dr. Cavagnaro, "Coach joy", has been a volunteer for Special Olympics Virginia. In addition to being a multi-sport coach, she has been a mentor and Chair of the Board of Directors - empowering athletes with intellectual disabilities to develop their abilities and to realize their boundless possibilities.

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Nominated by Charles Centore,  
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## NINO RICCI Literature

Nino Ricci's first novel was the internationally acclaimed Lives of the Saints, a New York Times Notable Book and winner in Canada of the Governor General's Award and in England of the Betty Trask Award and the Winifred Holtby Prize. Published in seventeen countries, it formed the first volume of a trilogy that continued with *In a Glass House* and *Where She Has Gone*. The Lives of the Saints trilogy was adapted for a television miniseries starring Sophia Loren and Kris Kristofferson.

Ricci followed his trilogy with *Testament*, a Booklist Choice for the Top Ten Historical Novels of the Year as well as a Times Literary Supplement Book of the Year, and *The Origin of Species*, which earned him his second Governor General's Award and the Canadian Authors Fiction Award. His most recent novel is *Sleep*, also the winner of the Canadian Authors Award.

Ricci is a past president of PEN Canada and has taught at institutions across North America, including the University of Toronto, Colorado College, and Princeton University. Most recently he was the Killam Visiting Professor at Bridgewater State University.

Nominated by Dr. Anthony Cicerone



## MARIANNE LEONE Acting & Journalism

Marianne Leone is a first-generation Italian American born in Newton, Massachusetts to immigrant parents: her mother, Merinda, was from Sulmona, Ovid's birthplace and her father, Gerardo, was born in San Donato Val di Comino in Lazio. Marianne is a writer, actress, and screenwriter. Her essays have appeared in the *Boston Globe*, *Lithub*, *Ploughshares*, *Post Road*, *Bark Magazine*, *Coastal Living*, *Solstice*, and others. She is the author of three memoirs, *Jesse, A Mother's Story* (Simon & Schuster, 2010), *Ma Speaks Up* (Beacon Press 2017) and *Five Dog Epiphany* (Akashic 2024). She had a recurring role on HBO's "The Sopranos" for four seasons as Joanne Moltisanti, Christopher's mother. She has also appeared in films by David O. Russell, Larry David, John Sayles, Nancy Savoca and Martin Scorsese. *JESSE* is published in Italy by Nutrimenti. She is married to Chris Cooper, an academy award winning actor and was mother to the late Jesse Cooper.

Her coming of age novel, *Christina the Astonishing*, will be published by Akashic Books in September 2025.

Nominated by Virginia Gardner



## BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD "Rick" CIPRO Military & Public Service

Brigadier General Richard "Rick" Cipro was born in Worcester, where he has lived and worked his entire adult life. He is a third generation Italian American and is the oldest of four children.

Rick considers himself a "dual career" professional, serving both his City and Country. Rick has worked as a Worcester Police Officer for over 30 years. He began his Police career in 1994 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2006. Rick has held numerous assignments including Patrol Supervisor, SWAT Team Member, and Traffic Sergeant. He was a Police Officer of the year in 2003.

Rick has served our nation for 39 years, first as a member of the US Coast Guard and later enlisting in the Massachusetts Army National Guard in 1991, graduating from OCS in 1999. Since that time, he served at both the command and staff levels. He served in Operation Noble Eagle immediately following 9/11 and is a Combat Veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His numerous awards include the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal. Rick now serves as the Assistant Adjutant General, Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Rick has long been a strong labor advocate in the City of Worcester serving both the Police Officers and Police Officials Unions, as the elected President of both during this time. He recently received the 2024 Central MA AFL-CIO Labor Award.

Rick is a graduate of Worcester State University (BA, History), Anna Maria College (MA, Criminal Justice), and the US Naval War College (MA, National Security and Strategic Studies). He also completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Leadership in Homeland Security program.

Rick has four grown children and 6 grandchildren.

Nominated by Dr. Dean J. Saluti,  
I Migliori Recipient and Pirandello Vice President



# Ieri e Oggi

## Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

### Dorothea Dix

Dorothea Dix was an early 19th century activist who drastically changed the medical field during her lifetime. She championed causes for both the mentally ill and indigenous populations. By doing this work, she openly challenged 19th century notions of reform and illness. Additionally, Dix helped recruit nurses for the Union army during the Civil War. As a result, she transformed the field of nursing.



Dix was born in Hampden, Maine in 1802. Little is known about her childhood. She moved to Boston to stay with her grandmother. Dix attended school in Boston and tutored children.

She became ill several times and was forced to stop teaching. During one of her bouts of illness her physician suggested she spend time in Europe. While visiting overseas, Dix met with groups of reformers interested in changing the way the mentally ill were cared for. Once Dix returned to the United States, she set out to tour mental hospitals across the country. Dix pushed states to care for the unfortunate. She eventually established asylums in New Jersey, North Carolina, and Illinois. She worked to pass federal legislation that would create a national asylum, though the bill did not pass. Dix also toured overseas, reporting on the conditions of hospitals in various countries.

When the Civil War started, Dix completely dedicated herself to the Union cause. She was designated as the Superintendent of Army Nurses for the Union Army. Although many believed she set impossibly high standards for recruited nurses, the army of nurses was extremely successful and crucial in advancing the role of nurses in the war and in the medical field. Dix was also known for treating both Confederate and Union soldiers, a practice which gained her respect from many.

During a period when male doctors openly expressed disdain for female nurses, Dix continued to push for formal training and more opportunities for women nurses. Over the course of the war she appointed more than 3,000, or about 15%, of Union Army nurses. She stepped down from the position in 1865.

After the war, Dix raised funds for the building of a national monument to honor deceased soldiers, which stands at Fort Monroe, Virginia today. She continued fighting for social reform throughout her life. Her work in support of better care for the mentally ill culminated in the restructuring of many hospitals both in the United States and abroad. After suffering from illness, Dix returned to New Jersey where she spent the remainder of her life. She died on July 17, 1887 and is buried in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Garden Volunteer Potluck

Sunday, March 30th

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If you can't make the potluck, please send us an email at [info@foccp.org](mailto:info@foccp.org) and we will let you know when we plan to begin gardening, depending on the weather.

# Saint Ceallach

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Ceallach was born in 1080. He belonged to a powerful family, the *Clann Sínaigh*, which controlled what was then the hereditary lay abbey of Armagh. That was the ecclesiastical structure in Ireland at that time. Bishops and priests seem to have had little influence and were probably under the control of lay abbots. Ceallach of Armagh, a man of learning and piety, not yet married, made the decision to become a priest. In 1106 Ceallach was ordained a bishop, in Munster. In 1111, the reforms of Cashel were made nationwide and the whole country was divided into formal dioceses with Cashel and Armagh as the two archbishoprics.

In the face of stern opposition, most from within his own family, Ceallach administered Armagh, whose diocesan boundaries were laid down at this time. As a metropolitan province, Armagh was given twelve suffragan dioceses. Dublin at this stage had a strong Norse population and was more linked with Canterbury. In 1121, after Bishop Samuel Ó h-Aingli died, Ceallach went to Dublin as the new bishop.



In his absence Ceallach appointed the young monk Malachy, who later succeeded him, to act as his vicar in Armagh. Possibly his lengthy absence in Dublin was connected to a dispute there between the Norse and Irish factions or to his desire to assert Irish influence in that city. Ceallach, when he returned to Armagh in 1122, saw that Malachy had sterling qualities suitable in a bishop. He sent him first to Lismore where he could have contact with Benedictine influences from England and the continent. Ceallach continued to administer Armagh. When Malachy returned, Ceallach gave him the task of restoring Bangor as a monastic community and in 1124 he consecrated him as bishop of Connor. Knowing that his own family would try to regain control of Armagh when he died, Ceallach named Malachy as his successor as bishop there, sending him his crozier in token. In 1129 while visiting Munster, Ceallach passed away at Ardpatrick and was buried in Lismore at his own request. The Feast day of Saint Ceallach is April 1st.

## Columbia University Agrees to Trump Administration Demands

Columbia University saw the light and the lure of money and gave into the demands of the Trump administration, agreeing to policy changes, including a mask ban and allowing campus police to make arrests, after the federal government pulled \$400 million in funding over how the Ivy League school handled anti-semitism. The campus, which had become the poster child for violent anti-Israel protests, will review curriculum for its Middle East, South Asian and African studies departments and Center for Palestine Studies and install a new provost to oversee it.

Administration will now allow campus police to arrest students or remove them from campus when found appropriate. The university's interim president, Katrina Armstrong, suggested the changes are a progression toward making the campus a safer place for all students, but neglected to mention it's Jewish student body. "We teach the brightest, most creative students in the world and we care deeply for each and every one of them. We stand resilient and brilliant."

The Trump administration pulled approximately \$400 million in grants and contracts from the Ivy league institution earlier this month for its failure to pushback on antisemitism throughout the campus and threatened to hold back even more. The newly announced steps to be taken by the university include banning unnecessary masks for students and requiring protestors and demonstrators to identify themselves when asked or face disciplinary action, as well as suspending, expelling or temporarily revoking the

degrees of the students who stormed Hamilton Hall in April 2024. "Meaningful discipline means expulsion or multi-year suspension," the Trump administration demanded. The Ivy university also announced they are reviewing their admission policies to ensure all standards are unbiased, noting a recent drop in both Jewish and African American enrollment.

The university considered legal options in fighting the Trump administration but decided it would be an uphill battle. "Since October 7, 2023, Jewish students have faced relentless violence, intimidation,

and anti-Semitic harassment on the campus, only to be ignored by those who were supposed to protect them. Universities must comply with all federal antidiscrimination laws if they are going to receive federal funding. For too long, Columbia has abandoned its obligation to Jewish students studying on its campus. Today we demonstrate to Columbia and other universities that we will not tolerate their appalling inaction any longer," stated Linda McMahon, Secretary of Education when she announced the federal funds would be frozen.

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Charles Mingus' thrilling, little-heard 1977 quintet finally gets its due on the revelatory *In Argentina: The Buenos Aires Concerts*. The collection, which succeeds Resonance's first Mingus release *The Lost Album from Ronnie Scott's* (2022), will be issued as a two-CD set on April 18th.

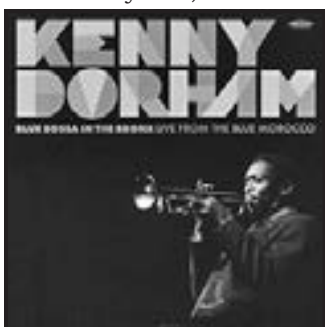
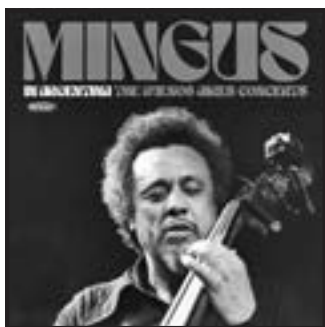
Like its predecessor, it is being released with the full cooperation and authorization of the Jazz Workshop, Inc. and the Charles Mingus Estate. Recorded in concert at the Teatro Coliseo and the Teatro Sociedad Hebraica Argentina on June 2-3, 1977, *In Argentina* affords a revealing look at the great composer-bassist's little-documented working band of the era. He is joined by trumpeter Jack Walrath, a veteran of the storied "Changes band" of the mid-'70s that included tenor saxophonist George Adams and pianist Don Pullen; their gifted successors, tenorist Ricky Ford and pianist Robert Neloms; and the leader's long-tenured drummer Dannie Richmond. The shows took place only six months before Mingus was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease), which claimed him on January 5, 1979. Exhorted vocally by Mingus, the spirited combo bravely essayed material ranging from classic compositions like "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" and "Fables of Faubus" to such expansive latter-day compositions as "Duke Ellington's Sound of Love," "Three or Four Shades of Blue," and the aptly Latin-infused "Cumbia and Jazz Fusion." Mingus also stepped to the piano for a pair of short solo performances. Additional tracks include: "Noddin' Yo Head Blues," "Koka/Cherokee," "For Harry Carney," "Sue's Changes," and "Koka/Cherokee/Band Intros."

## FREDDIE HUBBARD – LIVE FROM THE BLUE MOROCCO – (2CD) Resonance Records

Trumpet master Freddie Hubbard is heard at the apex of his early brilliance in the newly unearthed collection *On Fire: Live from the Blue Morocco*, released by Resonance Records. Remastered from the original tapes by Matthew Lutthans, the previously unreleased set was captured by recording engineer Bernard Drayton in 1967 at the Blue Morocco, a jazz spot located in the New York borough of the Bronx and operated by Sylvia Robinson, later a co-founder of Sugar Hill Records. The collection was produced with the full endorsement of the trumpeter's son and estate representative Duane Hubbard. Hubbard's work with Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers, his appearances on historic recordings by John Coltrane and Ornette Coleman, and his own brilliant recordings as a leader for Blue Note and Impulse! Records led contemporary observers to hail him as the masterful successor to the late Clifford Brown. He is heard on the new release playing a storming set of his own compositions and a pair of smartly arranged standards. Hubbard is backed by his working group of the day, a skilled unit, which included saxophonist Bennie Maupin, pianist Kenny Barron, bassist Herbie Lewis, and drummer Freddie Waits. Contained are seven, tasty tracks: "Crisis," "Up Jumped Spring," "Echoes of Blue," "True Colors/Breaking Point," "Bye Bye Blackbird," "Summertime," and "Breaking Point." The package — will be issued as a two-CD set on April 18th — is co-produced by Bernard Drayton, his celebrated son and drummer Charley Drayton, and Zev Feldman, the award-winning "Jazz Detective" and co-president of Resonance Records. It includes an introductory essay by jazz scholar John Koenig; new interviews by Feldman with Maupin and Barron; and interviews and appreciations by trumpeters Charles Tolliver, Eddie Henderson, Steven Bernstein, and Jeremy Pelt; and more.

## KENNY DORHAM – BLUE BOSSA IN THE BRONX: LIVE FROM THE BLUE MOROCCO (CD) Resonance Records

Resonance Records will release *Blue Bossa in the Bronx: Live from the Blue Morocco*, a never-before-heard live performance from master hard bop trumpeter Kenny Dorham, as a two-LP set. The storming all-star club date will be issued as a deluxe CD on April 18th. Included are notes by two-time Grammy winner Bob Blumenthal and more. Bernard Drayton recorded the collection in 1967 at the titular New York venue, a local bar at Boston Road and 168th Street that was operated by Sylvia Robinson. *Blue Bossa in the Bronx* features a hard-hitting band comprising alto saxophonist Sonny Red, pianist Cedar Walton, bassist Paul Chambers, and drummer Denis Charles. It leads off with Dorham's best-known composition, "Blue Bossa." The remaining six creative cuts on this outstanding collection shines via: "Confirmation," "Memories of You," "My One And Only Love," "Bag's Groove," "Blue Friday," and the finale "The Theme." The repertoire also includes an untitled blues by Dorham, numbers originated by Charlie Parker, Milt Jackson, and Miles Davis, and the standards "Memories of You" and "My One and Only Love."



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

### THE KUHNERMAN NEEDS TO STOP JUMPING INTO ALL THOSE RABBIT HOLES OF HIS

Over the past few weeks, as I listen to Jeff Kuhner on WRKO in the morning, I see him jumping over again from one rabbit hole to another, wasting his precious radio time ranting and raving over some horrible thing somebody did to Trump. Recently, it was someone from PBS who may or may not have accidentally hit President Trump during a press briefing with part of the video equipment in the room. Kuhner says without any facts, that it had to be on purpose. Then his callers on the show start calling in backing him up.

Jeff Kuhner has so many rabbit holes to fall into from calling Chief Justice John Roberts "compromised" over Trump talking about impeaching a federal judge, which got him a tongue-lashing from Roberts. Kuhner's reaction? He said Roberts must be compromised and actually thinks he should be removed from the bench.

The best rabbit hole to date for the Kuhnerman? He actually thinks Trump can un-pardon members of the J-6 Committee, especially Liz Cheney, who apparently is still living rent-free inside Trump's head. Putting all your Easter eggs in one basket over AutoPens being possibly unconstitutional is such a meaningless distraction.

Trump has done much good in his second term so far, but some of the stuff Kuhner is saying sounds very stupid to me. When it comes to catching violent migrants here illegally, Trump is spot on. When it comes to government waste,

same thing. However, he needs to know what hill is worth dying over. It is also okay to slow down the pace so we can move forward smoothly together. Same goes for Jeff Kuhner. We don't have to move at the speed of light, just keep moving step-by-step and inch-by-inch.

### I JUST LOVE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES ON PBS

Late last year, I caught up with this great mystery series on PBS and I just love it. This TV series comes out of New Zealand. The main character is a police inspector named Mike Shepherd. His character reminds me of Peter Falk in *Columbo*. He goes about his investigations methodically. Others around him don't really understand his m.o. but in the end, he always gets his man or woman. Like Lt. Columbo he drives an old car, a 1971 Holden Kingswood SS. The lead character is Neil Rea who seems born for this detective role of his. This series started back in 2014 and just came back for another new season last month.

Recently, I watched an episode concerning the suspicious death of a popular country singer planning on moving to the States and the Grand Ole Opry. The whole cast of the series works well together, especially his DC Kristin Sims sidekick played by Fern Sutherland.

I just watched a great episode last week "Killing Me with Too Much Kindness." The plot concerned the death of a country singer. On the show her name was Holly C. and was played by Tamara "Tami" Neilson, who is an actual country singer/songwriter who sang her own

song "Killing Me with Too Much Kindness" on the show.

Each week on this series you get to know a lot about quirky Mike Shepherd and his love of country music, his love for his classic cars and many divorces over his lifetime, too.

If you love good TV dramas, this is your show. Try it, you'll like it.

### BACK TO THE SPRING OF '57

One of the biggest hits on Billboard was a cool song by Sonny James called "Young Love." It first hit the charts January 5th that year and by March 20th hit #1 and stayed in that spot for nine whole weeks. The only reason I brought this up is I was listening to this old tune on Classic Vinyl Channel 26 on Sirius Radio. It brought back many old memories for me, though I was only eight when it first came out.

### REMEMBERING CHARLEY PRIDE'S BIRTHDAY

Country singing legend Charley Pride who passed way back on December 12, 2020, would have celebrated his 91st birthday on Tuesday, March 18th. That Tuesday on the Sunny Sweeney's Willie's Roadhouse Channel 61 played one of his best tunes "Does My Ring Hurt Your Finger" in his honor.

### WHO SINGS IT BETTER Y'ALL?

Recently, I heard two different versions of country hit "I Dream of a Hillbilly Heaven." One is by Tex Ritter and the other by Dolly Parton. Which version is your favorite? Both versions are good, but which one would you say is better? Go to [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com)

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



A while ago, I was talking about my problems when I started working at the Seville Theater. I had told the management that I was sixteen years old and they believed me because I looked older than my age. When I started, I was on the bottom of the food chain. I inherited the shifts that no one else wanted. After working for two weeks, Mr. Wall, the assistant manager, asked if I would be interested in doing some maintenance work. As an usher, I would earn the minimum wage, fifty-five cents per hour. Doing maintenance, I would earn \$1.00 an hour, and I agreed. When I told Babbononno, he didn't know what kind of maintenance work I would be doing and gave me a pair of work gloves to use to avoid splinters in my hands. I didn't want to burst his bubble by telling him that I wouldn't be handling any lumber, but that was his point of reference and he was proud of his grandson, so I took the gift and kept my mouth shut.

At the end of the first week of ushering and doing maintenance, I received two pay envelopes, one with my usher's pay and the other for the other work which consisted of helping to repair theater seats, painting the floor of the balcony and running a few errands. When I looked inside the corresponding pay envelope, there were just two dollars waiting for me. I questioned Mr. Wall the assistant manager and he told me that he didn't think my work was that good and the two dollars was all that it was worth. I wasn't happy and told Dad and Babbononno. Dad was ready to intervene, but I told him that I wanted to handle it. I knew that the head of maintenance had the ear of the assistant manager and I mentioned to him what I found in my pay envelope. He just shrugged. I also told him that my father was going to have the family attorney look into the matter and walked away. The next day I was working a shift in my usher's uniform and was called into the office by Mr. Wall. He stared at me for a few seconds without saying anything and then handed me an envelope. I opened it and the rest of the money that was owed to me was there. He then said, "I guess you're not one of those people just off the boat." At that point, I knew exactly where he was coming from. I thanked him for the remainder of what was owed me and began to walk out of the office, and as I did, he smiled saying, "Hey kid, you're not so dumb."

When I arrived home, I told Dad and Babbononno just what happened and they just smiled. Dad said something I didn't get at first, "Justice is sometimes its own reward."

What I also didn't know was that Dad and Mr. Ray, the manager, knew each other from years back. Mr. Ray was well known in society circles and Dad played with bands that catered to the society crowd, hence the relationship. Word had gotten back to Mr. Ray about the pay situation and I think he exercised his authority regarding the scenario.

Well, I labored under the gun of Mr. Ray. Wall from then on. He didn't make it easy for me, but Mr. Ray did. He was what Dad called, "Very Yankee." He sometimes was abrupt, and always formal or semi formal in his approach to me. Years later when I was a young adult, Mr. Ray would tell me to call him, Jim, when we went out to dinner or when he joined me and my musician friends after work at Ken's in Copley Square late at night. However, I could never bring myself to call him anything but, Mr. Ray. Behind his back, some of the long-time ushers referred to him as Papa, but face to face, it was always, Mr. Ray.

I survived the summer of 1952. That fall, I began my tenure as a student at Boston English High School. Mr. Wall approached me again regarding my working papers, a situation which seemed to slip my mind every time it was brought up. It got to a point where Mr. Wall became exasperated and threatened to fire me if I didn't obtain them. I thought my career as an usher was over because I was only 14 years old by late October, still two years younger than the minimum age to obtain work documents. Then, one day, I headed for work and all traces of Mr. Wall were gone. I asked Mr. Ray where he was and was told that he was transferred to another theater. I didn't say I was glad, but I was happy about the situation. Then I thought about it, "Sometimes, the enemy you know is better than the enemy you don't know." So, I asked Mr. Ray who was going to take his place and I was told that the company was doing away with the position of assistant manager, and he, Mr. Ray, would be running things by himself.

As time went on, I worked my way up the ladder. I would give Mr. Ray excuses whenever he mentioned working papers and thought I was conning the man. When I turned sixteen

and actually obtained them, I discovered that Mr. Ray knew how old I was all along. He just let things slide.

Ushers and candy girls came and went over time. When I was sixteen, Mr. Ray called me and one of the candy girls into the office one evening. He told us in his abrupt way that he had caught both ushers and candy girls stealing goods and money from the candy concession, and had fired them. Theresa, the candy girl and I just stared at each other. Mr. Ray then added, "I discovered that you two were not involved," and pointing to each of us added, "You are now head candy girl, and you are now head usher. Go out and hire new crews to work for you, go-go, I'm busy." With that, I became the head usher, a position I would maintain through high school, college and beyond.

I hired a new crew of ushers including a fellow English High student named Henry Giggi. I have lost touch with him over the years, but we were pals back then, and when I made out the schedule, I made sure we worked the same shifts. Some of the young men I hired didn't last long. Mr. Ray either liked you or took an immediate dislike to you. I never asked him his rationale for those reactions, but for those he didn't like, he would find an excuse to get rid of them and make me do the dirty work of letting them go.

A few years ago, I received a phone call from a woman who identified herself as a replacement ticket seller. I remembered her and we had a conversation that almost had me in tears. She told me that she and Mr. Ray had become romantically involved. He was an older bachelor whom I looked up to. I saw the refinement in his manner and copied his method of dress, suit, shirt, tie ... fashionable, never flashy, but always dignified. The woman added that I was the son Mr. Ray never had. He presented me with gifts when I graduated from high school and college, but I thought this was something he did with all his employees. She added that he was as proud of me as was my father when I began my college career and just as proud when I graduated. I did reach a point in my early 20s when something had to go, and I quit working at the Seville, ten years after I had started. The time spent in an ushers uniform was some of the most memorable in my young life and I will never forget those experiences. **GOD BLESS AMERICA**



by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

Easter, or *Pasqua*, in Italy is far more than a holiday — it's a vibrant festival of faith, renewal, and family, brought to life through customary traditions and the flavors of spring. For me, Easter has always been a celebration that evokes memories of tradition. It's the delicate sweetness of my Nonna's Cassatelli, those golden Sicilian fried ravioli stuffed with creamy ricotta, and the unmistakable taste of Pastiera di Grano, a dessert that captures the essence of spring's rebirth. The season is also marked by the artistry of Pane di Pasqua and Pupa Cu L'ova's, those beautifully decorated sweet breads and biscuits, as well as the indulgent richness of a velvety Ricotta Pie, each bite a comforting reminder of home.

In every Italian home, Easter is a time to honor tradition and savor the richness of nature's offerings. Freshly gathered eggs, fragrant citrus, homemade ricotta, and candied citron and orange peels all find their way into festive recipes that embody heritage, resilience, and the joy of the season!

## HOMEMADE RICOTTA and CANDIED ORANGE PEELS



### Ricotta:

- 1-gallon whole milk (not ultra-pasteurized)
- 1-quart heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ½ cup white vinegar or freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Cheesecloth
- Fine mesh strainer
- Slotted spoon
- Bowl

In a large saucepan, combine the whole milk, heavy cream, salt, and sugar. Whisk to blend. Cook the mixture over low to medium heat, stirring occasionally, until it begins to boil. Once it reaches a boil, reduce the heat and continue to stir for about 2 minutes. Remove the saucepan from the heat and add the vinegar or lemon juice. Stir slowly for a minute or two until the ricotta starts to separate. Let the mixture stand for 10 to 15 minutes, allowing the curds to form and the whey to separate.

Line a fine mesh strainer with a double layer of cheesecloth and place it over a bowl.

Use a slotted spoon to carefully transfer the ricotta mixture into the strainer, allowing it to drain. Since the ricotta is homemade and preservative-free, it should be used within 2 to 3 days.

### Candied Orange Peels

- 4 to 6 organic oranges
- Granulated sugar (equal weight to orange peels)
- Water

Cut the oranges into quarters and carefully peel away the skin. Use the back of a spoon to scrape off the white pith from the skin. Slice the orange skin into strips, then cut them into small squares or your preferred shape.

Place the orange peel strips into a medium saucepan. Fill the pan with water to cover the peels and bring to a boil. Let it cook for 10 to 15 minutes.

Drain the peels and rinse them with cold water. Refill the saucepan with fresh water and repeat the boiling process two more times.

Once the peels are drained after the third rinse, weigh them to determine their weight. Measure an equal amount of water and sugar based on the weight of the peels. In the same saucepan, combine the measured water and sugar over medium-low heat. Stir until the sugar is completely dissolved.

Add the drained peels to the syrup and cook, stirring occasionally, until the syrup begins to thicken. This should take about 20 minutes.

When the syrup has thickened, carefully remove the peels from the syrup and place them on a baker's drying rack or a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Let the peels dry at room temperature for several hours or overnight.

Once dry, you can either store them in the remaining sugar syrup or keep them as-is in a glass jar in the refrigerator for up to a few weeks.

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## World Champion Boston Celtics Sold for Record Breaking Amount

The eighteen-time World Championship Boston Celtics will be under new ownership at the end of the current season. The new ownership group, headed by Georgetown, Massachusetts native and life-long Celtics fan, William Chisolm, reached an agreement last week to purchase the team for a record price of \$6.1 billion dollars, making it the highest price ever paid for an American professional sports franchise.

"Growing up on the North Shore, and attending college in New England, I have been a die-hard Celtics fan my entire life. I understand how important the Celtics are to the City of Boston. I also understand that there is a responsibility as a leader of the organization to the people of Boston, and I am up for this challenge," Chisolm said in a statement regarding the sale.

Chisolm is the co-founder, managing partner and chief investment officer of Symphony Technology Group, a California-based private equity firm. He previously co-founded the Valent Group, worked at Bain & Company and PaineWebber, Inc. The group also features Celtics minority owner Robertt Hale, Related Companies



president Bruce A. Beal, Jr. and global investment firm Sixth Street.

If this purchase is confirmed, pending a review by the NBA Board of Governors, in late June or early July, Chisolm will take over a franchise that has won 18 NBA championships, the most recent last summer, and is in contention for a 19th this season. It also comes with the most expensive roster in NBA history in the 2025-2026 season, hitting almost \$500 million dollars in salary and luxury tax penalties.

Chisolm's bid beat out long time Celtics co-owner and managing partner Steve Pagliuca, who was part of the group that bought the Celtics for \$360 million in 2002. "I made a fully guaranteed and financed offer at a record price befitting the best sports fans in the world, and with all the capital coming from individuals who are fully committed to winning on and off the court. We had no debt or private equity money that would potentially hamstring our ability to compete in the future. We felt it was the best offer for the Celtics. It was a bid of true fans, deeply connected to Boston's community, and was saddened to see it rejected," said Pagliuca.

## Grow, Harvest, and Enjoy All Parts of Cilantro

by Melinda Myers

Growing cilantro is easy, but this cool-weather herb quickly flowers and goes to seed as temperatures rise. This can be frustrating as some vegetables typically combined with cilantro, like tomatoes and peppers, ripen during the warmer summer months. Try making multiple plantings, using all parts of the plant, or growing more heat-tolerant options to extend your enjoyment.

Sow seeds every three to four weeks throughout the summer for continual harvests if your summers are relatively cool. Gardeners in hotter regions will have the best results growing cilantro in spring, fall, and even winter when temperatures are cooler. Grow cilantro in full sun or light shade as temperatures climb and in moist, well-drained soil for best results.

Mulching the soil with leaves or evergreen needles helps keep the roots cool and moist, helping delay flowering. Avoid overwatering, which can lead to root rot.

Cilantro grows quickly, and its leaves can be harvested when the plants are four to six inches tall. Harvest as needed and as much as a third of the plant at one time to allow it to keep producing. Or cut the whole plant back to an inch above the ground and wait for it to regrow. Cilantro should be harvested often to encourage new growth and before the plants flower for the best flavor.

Store freshly cut leaves like a bouquet in a glass of fresh water. Place in the refrigerator to use for the upcoming week. Hang leaves upside down to dry or freeze. Just wash the leaves, pat dry, and place them in a freezer bag or air-tight container in the freezer. Or chop up the rinsed cilantro into smaller pieces, place in ice cube trays, and top with a splash of water before placing in the freezer.

Don't be surprised as temperatures rise, the plant will flower and set seed. Look at this as an opportunity to utilize the other parts of this plant. Enjoy the beauty and flavor of the



**Cilantro is a favorite ingredient in guacamole, tacos, rice dishes, and salsa, but as summer temperatures rise, cilantro quickly goes to seed.**

*(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)*

lacy white flowers that attract beneficial insects to the garden.

Seeds will appear after the flowers fade. Wait for the plants and seeds to turn brown if you plan to harvest and use the seeds, known as coriander. Cut off the seed heads, place them in a paper bag, and allow the seeds to drop to the bottom. The seeds are ground and used in breads, cakes, pickling spices, and Asian food. Store in sealed containers until ready to use.

You can also let the plant self-seed. Allow the seeds to drop to the ground in the garden and grow new cilantro plants to harvest and enjoy. Cilantro seeds sprout readily when soil temperatures are 55 to 68° F and the plants can withstand a light frost.

Don't forget to harvest the roots. These have a strong peppery, citrus spicy flavor, so are often used for seasoning Thai and Vietnamese food. They taste best when harvested in the fall.

Extend the season by growing more heat-tolerant varieties that are slower to develop flowers and seeds like Slo-Bolt, Longstanding, Cruiser, and Santo. *Papalo*, also known as summer cilantro, has a similar but stronger flavor than cilantro with a hint of citrus and mint and thrives in hot weather. You

will only need one or two plants since this annual grows up to five feet tall and several feet wide. Harvest young leaves for the best flavor and use only 1/2 or 1/3 the amount of cilantro called for in recipes.

Extend your cilantro harvest and enjoyment by utilizing every part of the plant. Adjust your cilantro growing techniques and plant selection to help beat the heat.

*Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, Revised 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. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

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Docket No. MI25P1114EA

Estate of  
**CHARLES R. LONGSWORTH**  
Also Known As:  
**CHARLES ROBERT LONGSWORTH**  
Date of Death: January 08, 2025

#### INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Amy P. Longworth of Somerville, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Amy P. Longworth of Somerville, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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

the department back during the Carter Administration. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt stated, "The great responsibility of education, educating our nation's students will return to the states."

Tiffany Justice, co-founder of Moms for Liberty, said on social media, "States, communities, and parents can take the reins tailoring education to what actually works for their kids."

The department sends billions of dollars annually to schools and oversees \$1.6 trillion in federal student loans.

#### More Bad News for Tesla

U.S. safety regulators last

Thursday recalled virtually all Cybertrucks on the road, the eighth recall of the Tesla-made vehicle since deliveries to customers began just over a year ago. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recall, which covers more than 46,000 Cybertrucks, warns that an exterior panel that runs along the left and right side of the windshield can detach while driving, creating a dangerous road hazard for other drivers and increasing the risk of crashes.

#### End Quote

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."

— Margaret Mead

### • Mayor Wu Delivers State of the City (Continued from Page 1)

a partnership with Eversource and National Grid as well as a commitment that starting this summer all new buildings in Boston will be net-zero from day one.

Wu's speech took place later than a traditional State of the City speech due to the birth of

her third child in January and a maternity leave. She seems to be back on track and prepared to deal with the many issues that go with being the mayor of a major urban city and to ready to face off in her first mayoral re-election bid against challenger Josh Kraft.

### • Massport Increases Rideshare Fees (Continued from Page 1)

for airport trips. One board member noted the heavy traffic in and around Logan and the cost required to accommodate growing demands for air travel. "I'm pretty sure that nobody on this board wants to raise fees. Nobody likes to do that, nobody enjoys that. I know I don't, but to do nothing right thing now

could be a disaster waiting to happen. It's almost irresponsible not to do what's needed here today to raise these fees for so many reasons having to do with Logan and the Authority," said Massport Authority board member, John Nucci.

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Docket No. MI25P1420EA

Estate of  
**MATTHEW HANLEY**  
Date of Death: March 02, 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 **Paula Hanley 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 **Paula Hanley 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 April 15, 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: March 18, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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In the matter of  
**JAMES MAHONEY**  
of Arlington, MA

RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Park Avenue Health Center of Arlington, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **James Mahoney** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Jonathan Spirm, Esq. of Waltham, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **April 16, 2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: March 19, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/28/2025



**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. MI25P1188EA

Estate of  
**RICHARD KIMBALL**  
Date of Death: January 31, 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 Michael A. Bass of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Michael A. Bass of Boston, 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 April 18, 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: March 21, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/28/2025

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Woburn, MA 01801  
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Docket No. MI25P1270GD

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

In the matter of  
**FRANCESCO RAMOS NIETTO**  
of North Billerica, MA

**RESPONDENT**  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dayane Ramos of North Billerica, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Francesco Ramos Nietto is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Dayane Ramos of North Billerica, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of April 08, 2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Date: March 11, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/28/2025

**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. MI25P1063EA

Estate of  
**THOMAS WILLIAM IZZO**  
Date of Death: November 23, 2024  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Gary S. Izzo of Norton, MA.

Gary S. Izzo of Norton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 03/28/2025

**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 April 07, 2025 by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

2016 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE

Vin # 1GNKVFKD2GJ232253

2006 DODGE CARAVAN

Vin # 1D4GP24R96B625124

2009 NISSAN SENTRA

Vin # 3N1AB61E19L680568

2009 HONDA CIVIC

Vin # 2HGFA16599H542126

2012 INFINITI M37

Vin # JN1BY1ARXCM393784

2002 GMC ENVOY

Vin # 1GKET16S926109265

2008 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER

Vin # JTEEW44A982016725

2008 CHEVROLET AVEO

Vin # KL1TD666X8B232581

2005 HONDA PILOT

Vin # 5FNYP18575B049406

2002 TOYOTA AVALON

Vin # 4T1BF28B32U261686

2008 FORD EDGE

Vin # 2FMDK48C68BA71081

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only.

Please email for specific information  
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Run dates: 03/14, 03/21, 03/28/2025

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2013 INFINITI G37

Vin # JN1CV6ARXDM352101

2007 MERCEDES BENZ S-CLASS

Vin # WDDNG86X07A103157

2017 HYUNDAI ELANTRA

Vin # 5NPD74LF4HH067591

2005 HONDA ODYSSEY

Vin # 5FNRL38445B417184

2004 HONDA PILOT

Vin # 2HKYF18104H616200

2009 NISSAN MURANO

Vin # JN8AZ18W79W151845

2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO

Vin # 2GCEK19V031385539

2008 HONDA ODYSSEY

Vin # 5FNRL38448B412684

2004 FORD F150

Vin # 1FTPW14584FA36286

2012 SUBARU IMPREZA

Vin # JF1GPAD60CH219048

2012 KIA FORTE

Vin # KNAFU4A26C5635329

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Run dates: 03/21, 03/28, 04/04/2025



**EXTRA Innings**

by Sal Giarratani



**Golden Anniversary of the 1975 Red Sox Pennant Winners**

The 1975 AL championship team got as close to winning the World Series as they did back in 1967. They made it to Game 7, first to Bob Gibson and the Cardinals and then to the Big Red Machine and Tony Perez. Who can forget Luis Tiant, Bill Lee, Bernie Carbo, Yaz and Carlton Fisk? I was 27 years old and full of hope, just as I was back with the Impossible Dream in 1967.

However, I remember while the end of the Curse of the Bambino was nearly 30 years in the future, I do believe and still do that Red Sox Nation was born sometime between 1967 and 1975 and between Jim Lonborg and Luis Tiant too.

**Verdugo Signs with Atlanta Braves; Starts Season in Triple A**

The Braves added outfield depth by signing Alex Verdugo to a \$1.5 million, 1-year deal. Verdugo, 28, hit .233 with 61 RBI for the Yankees in 2024 following four seasons with the Red Sox. He took a big pay cut last year, when he had an \$8.7 million base salary and earned \$50,000 in performance bonuses for plate appearances.

The left-handed hitter played for the Dodgers for three seasons, beginning in 2017 and has a career batting average of .272.

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Docket No. MI25P1423EA

Estate of  
**JOHN J.M. MANNING, III**  
Also Known As:  
**JOHN MANNING**  
Date of Death: February 25, 2025

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 Laura Ortiz of Lowell, 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 Laura Ortiz of Lowell, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

Date: March 19, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/28/2025

I am thinking he kinda missed the boat, didn't he? He did sign with the Braves but so late, he had to be sent to Triple A Gwinnett until he's ready. The Pirates had wanted him and were prepared to sign him early, floating maybe \$8 million. He waited and just got \$1.5. It seems like a miscalculation in free agency to this guy here.

**Ottavino Has Been Released**

Adam Ottavino's second time with the Red Sox wound up pretty short. The Red Sox have announced that they've released the pitcher. Ottavino, a 39-year-old right hander was trying to make the team as a non-roster invitee. The veteran has now exercised an opt-out provision in his contract that would allow him to look elsewhere for another big-league opportunity. He was a key member of the 2021 bullpen and had spent the last three seasons with the Mets. Last year in New York with the Mets, he posted a 4.34 ERA with 70 strikeouts in 56 innings.

**Alex Bregman Hits Well at Fenway and Plays Good Defense Too**

Of course, Alex Bregman was going to play third this season

for the Red Sox. That was why Boston got this guy. Rafael Devers is moving to DH where his bat which still works places him where he needs to be for the good of the team. At first Devers was doing lots of huffing and puffing but in the end a promise made to him apparently by Bloom means nothing with Bloom departed. Bregman is a far better fielding third baseman which is why he's starting the season at third base. Bregman has a .357 batting average against Boston in Fenway with seven homers in 21 games. He's also usually good with at least 23 homers in a full season going back to 2017.

**Trout When Healthy is Great, But He's Often Not That Healthy**

Trout has not been that healthy over the past five seasons. He's only played in 100-plus games in only one of the past five seasons. Last season, Mike Trout played in 29 games and had 10 home runs. The season before, he hit 18 homers in 82 games, and in 2022, when he played 119 games, he hit 40 home runs. One can only imagine how many homers this guy could whack out of the park if he stayed healthy a whole season.

**Happy Birthday Time**

Hall of Famer #4 Bobby Orr just turned 77 years old last Thursday, March 20th. I still remember him back in 1966 when he first came up to stay with the Boston Bruins. I still remember reading a newspaper story down in San Antonio, TX at Lackland AFB on this young 18-year-old kid who had joined the Bruins that year. Instantly the team went from dismal to amazing overnight. When he came up at 18, I was also 18 years old. Funny how time slips away just as Jeannine Seely sings in that country hit. One day you're a kid, the next day hardly so. OUCH!

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2001 TOYOTA COROLLA

Vin # 2T1BR12E51C505701

2007 ACURA TSX

Vin # JH4CL96867C000565

2010 HONDA ACCORD

Vin # 1HGCP2F36AA179406

2021 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

Vin # 1C4RJFAG2MC779506

2009 NISSAN VERSA

Vin # 3N1CC11E89L475502

2011 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA

Vin # 3VVDZ7AJ8BM367412

2006 HUNDAI SONATA

Vin # 5NPEU46F46H121882

2005 FORD F150

Vin # 1FTPW14555FB00365

2024 BAODIAO 9 LINES

Vin # L2BB9NCC6RB110127

2012 SUBARU IMPREZA

Vin # JF1GV7F61CG015578

2015 HONDA ACCORD

Vin # 1HGCR2F3XFA088575

2005 TOYOTA SIENNA

Vin # 5TDDZ22C45S230152

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Please email for specific information  
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Run dates: 03/28, 04/04, 04/11/2025

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Docket No. MI24C0873CA

In the Matter of  
**DEWAYNE LEWIS DUDLEY**

CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Dewayne Lewis Dudley of Devens, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Katie Jean Delacruz

**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: March 12, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 03/28/2025

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Docket No. MI25C0394CA

In the Matter of  
**CONNOR MICHAEL LENNON**

CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Connor Michael Lennon of requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Connor Michael Zangari

**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 April 18, 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: March 21, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 03/28/2025

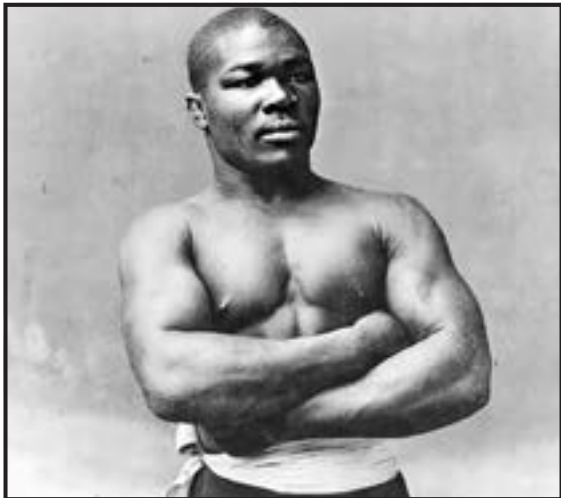


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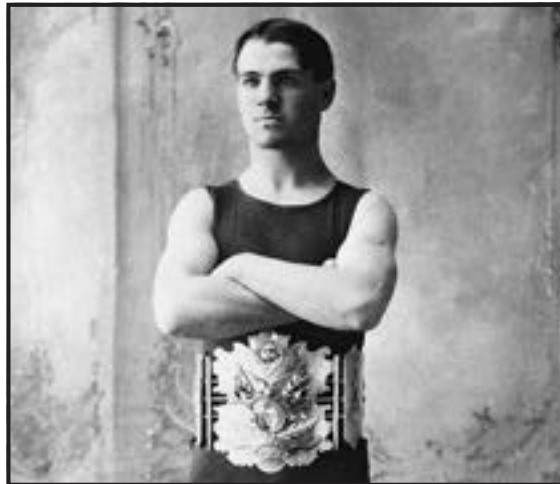


WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

**Happy Birthday  
to these Champions and Contenders  
All Born in March**



**Welterweight Champion Barbados Joe Walcott,  
March 13, 1873**



**Bantamweight and Featherweight Champion  
Terrible Terry McGovern, March 9, 1880**



**Uncrowned Heavyweight Champion Sam  
Langford, March 4, 1883**



**Lightweight Champion Freddie Welsh,  
March 5, 1886**



**Middleweight Champion Johnny Wilson,  
March 23, 1893**



**Light Heavyweight Champion Jack Delaney,  
March 18, 1900**



**Heavyweight Title Challenger Tony Galento,  
March 12, 1910**



**Heavyweight Contender Red Burman,  
March 18, 1915**

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



**PLAYING ON BUT NOT PLAYING IN** — Put down National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman as not being a big booster when it comes to considering whether or not to institute a play-in event to determine the teams that claim the wild card slots for the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The NBA instituted play-in games to determine the teams for wild card slots back in 2020 with teams that finish seventh through tenth in each conference playing games to determine who gets the two remaining berths in both the East and West respectively.

Bettman does not want to see that format introduced into the NHL, saying that a number of teams as of mid-March were already engaged in what amounted to a free for all play-in competition for the final playoff spots.

"I'm pretty dug in on this," said Bettman at the recent NHL general managers meetings in Florida. "I like exactly what we have and if you look at the races we are having for the regular season, the playoffs have started already. We are in our play-in tournament."

He noted that "the best team to win the Cup has to go through the best teams. And having great matchups in the first rounds, that is a great thing." That was in reference to the fact that each division winner gets to play a wild card team while the teams that finish second and third face each other, meaning one highly ranked team in each conference will be eliminated in the first round.

That may increase interest for the NHL which usually has lower TV ratings than the NBA. If some of the better teams play each other early, it is obvious that some will not advance. However, interest may be higher, thus boosting ratings for the tournament as a whole.

**SWITCHING SEASONS FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS** — As the NHL entered the last week of March there was still a believer — a lone entity that still held out the possibility that the Bruins — in some twisted mathematical way — could still qualify for the upcoming 2025 Stanley Cup Tournament.

It should be stated that the aforementioned entity was not human — but rather a computer residing in isolation somewhere in the headquarters of the NHL in New York City.

Any individual with a human brain knew by then that the postseason possibilities on the part of the B's were essentially dead. Just to prove that fact the Bruins entered the last full week of March dragging with them a six-game losing streak.

So what have we left in the final weeks of the regular season before the Bruins pack up for an elongated summer off the ice?

We have essentially imported the start of the September preseason into those closing weeks. It is now that players will be evaluated with the coaching staff and the front office paying close attention as they determine who they feel will be

retained to help the team next year. There also could also be a prolonged evaluation of players on the Providence roster before on ice activity shuts down in Boston.

All of this points to a summer of major activity in the Hub as undoubtedly significant decisions will be made concerning who will be offered contracts, who will be released, who will be acquired in trades as well as what players in free agency around the league will be considered. The list is extensive and the summer will be lengthy.

It is hard to believe that this is a franchise that just two years ago set the all-time NHL records for victories amassed and points accumulated during the regular season.

But ironically, both that excellent year and this particularly disappointing one do share a commonality. Neither team wound up playing in May. This year, the B's will play their last game on April 15th when they face the New Jersey Devils at the Garden.

Back in 2023, the B's were eliminated by the Florida Panthers in the first round of the Stanley Cup when the Panthers scored the winning goal in overtime in the series-deciding seventh game. The date of that fateful elimination was April 30.

**O FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, UCONN COULDN'T CONQUER** — There he was, with tears welling up around his countenance as he sobbed his way through a post-game national television interview with a CBS reporter.

Yes, that was Dan Hurley, the head coach of the UConn men's basketball team, the two-time defending national champions, who had just been defeated by Florida, a top seeded quintet that came from behind to take out the eighth seeded Huskies in the closing minutes of the second round March Madness game.

It is certainly hard to feel sorry for a coach who possesses a multi-year contract worth some \$30 million and has already won back-to-back national championships.

Trying for a "three-peat," his team wound up getting beat, thereby not accomplishing the feat.

And he did not take it lightly. Coming off the court into a tunnel, he could be heard swearing and blaming the officials for the setback, rather than the shortcomings of his own team on that particular day.

The score was close at 77-75, meaning the Gators moved on while the Huskies headed home to Storrs. But there were multiple opportunities along the way for a different outcome.

If, at any point during the game, UConn had made an additional three-pointer that would have provided a one-point final margin of victory. Making a two-pointer along the way would have resulted in a tie at the end of regulation, sending the game into overtime.

It isn't just the final moments of a game that decide the outcome. It is the entire game that should be taken into account.