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One hundred and fourteen years ago, an Italian immigrant who arrived in Boston when he was only 16 years old saw the realization of his fondest dreams, to establish an Italian language newspaper that would be the genuine voice of the increasing flow of Italians to the United States. The boy was James V. Donnaruma, the newspaper was LA GAZZETTA DEL MASSACHUSETTS which is now published in English as the POST-GAZETTE.

He remained at the helm of this well-known publication until his demise in 1953 at which time his son, Caesar, took over the reins of running the now famous national weekly newspaper located in the North End of

Boston. Caesar was loyally assisted by an ingenious wife, Phyllis, who assumed the role of publisher in 1971, as one the nations first Italo-American women publishers. Upon Phyllis' death in October 1990, their daughter, Pamela, continued the tradition as the third generation publisher of the POST-GAZETTE.

The GAZZETTA, as it was properly called, was very short in financial means but had a large vision, to give its readers a better and wider understanding between two countries. The so-called Italian Colony, or "La Colonia," had to face a complexity of problems and the GAZZETTA had to understand the slow and hard

transition of men who, in most cases, had been engaged in agriculture in the home country. Here, they were to work in construction, factories and restaurants, eventually emerging as small storekeepers and finally the professionals, heads of business enterprises and eventually to become industrial leaders, heads of state, people to be respected by others.

If America was to some a bitter disappointment, to more it remained its great adventure and excitement. There were new ways to be learned as well as new institutions. There were speculators and exploiters to

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Where Will We Go When America Becomes Like Everywhere Else?

by Paul Ibrahim

I immigrated to America because it was supposed to be special. And it is. Few nations have sincerely grown on the basis that God grants every human being freedom and basic rights, and that as a matter of convenience, the people will delegate only some of their powers to achieve legitimately communal functions such as building roads, enforcing contracts, resisting crime and fighting off foreign threats.

As true and obvious as such a principle should be,

it is sadly rare and unique in the modern world. It is therefore no surprise that America's distinctive non-interference with God-given rights has attracted many millions of immigrants from around the world, and that its capitalist system has allowed it to become the most prosperous and powerful country in the world.

Yet what is astounding is that, instead of continuing on the track that has made America flourish to an unprecedented extent, the people have been electing

governments that rewrite contracts instead of enforcing them, that tax the people to a degree beyond the wildest imagination of the founding fathers, and that design enormous social experiments as instruments that can be used to infringe on individual rights and freedoms. In other words, through their politicians, Americans are trying to make America like every other country in the world.

Does it not strike them

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

A Tale of Two Bostons

On Sunday, July 12, Boston was literally a tale of two cities. Along Boston's long waterfront from the Charlestown Navy Yard to the Seaport World Trade Center, thousands upon thousands were touring the tall shops in Boston for Sail Boston 2009. At the same time over in Dorchester, folks were taking part in the ninth annual Parents' and Children's Walk for Peace. While driving through Uphams Corner in Dorchester, I passed by this peace gathering sponsored by the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy watching sad but hopeful faces, the relatives of murdered victims carrying their message of peace.

This crowd was much smaller than the one viewing those majestic Tall Ships but what they lacked in quantity, they made up in their

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Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

It's often overlooked, but part of effective government is about maintaining a personal touch with the people we serve. When residents call a City department or agency for help with an issue, they want to speak with another person, not an automated system, but above all else, good government adapts and innovates. In Boston, we're harnessing the best tools available to provide the highest quality services to residents and businesses. By delivering innovations that incorporate the latest technologies while maintaining an individual connection, we're working hard to bring government far beyond the walls of City Hall.

This week, I unveiled an innovative online system to help recover stolen bicycles — www.stolenbikesboston.com.

Over the past two years, our Boston Bikes initiative has helped make Boston a much friendlier place for cyclists by installing miles of dedicated bike lanes and hundreds of new bike racks. The new "Stolen Bikes Boston: Community Alert" system builds on these efforts by creating a safety net for those that fall victim to bike theft.

The alert system utilizes the power of social networks to notify the maximum number of relevant individuals when a bicycle theft occurs. Real-time posts to Twitter, Facebook, and e-mails transmit a picture and description of the stolen bike to the cycling community, including local bike shops, as well as the Boston Police and other public safety

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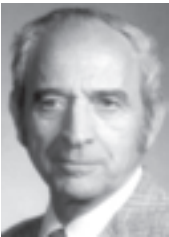
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SACRIFICIUM (The Sacrifice)

Most readers understand that "sacrificium" is the Latin root for our English word "Sacrifice". The pagan sacrifice was serious business to the pre-Christian ancients, as it formed the major part of every religious act.

Their sacrifices were either bloodless offerings or blood offerings. The bloodless variety used fruits, cakes,

and choice articles of food that were either burned at the altar or placed on special tables before it. Liquid offerings were also made and these included wine, milk, water, and honey. Cattle, goats, swine, and sheep were normally used for blood offerings; however, special animals were also used as they identified with certain gods.

Horses were sacrificed to Poseidon (Roman-Neptune), and dogs to the goddess Hecate, as she was often associated with the dog of the lower world and together they haunted gravesites. Both ancient Romans and Greeks followed the rule of sacrificing male animals to gods and females to goddesses, while dark or black colored animals were sacrificed to the gods of the lower world.

The Romans eventually established special rules regarding the victims that were considered appropriate to the various divinities. A young white steer was reserved for Jupiter, Neptune, or Apollo, while a red calf was used for Vulcan, and a male goat for Mercury, to name just a few. Firm rules were also established regarding the condition of the animals; only those that were without blemish, and had not yet been used for labor were sacrificed.

Rules were also set down to govern the age of the victims. Lambs could not be offered before their first shearing, and sheep could be offered only after they had given birth to lambs. Suckling pigs had to be five days old, and calves had to be thirty days old. Mature animals that were used for sacrificial rites were considered to be those whose upper and lower rows of teeth were complete. It appears then, that the use of animals for religious sacrifices was controlled by firm rules, and those who varied from the exact requirements were required to atone, or make amends if discovered. When victims meeting the specific requirements could not be obtained, then the law permitted the substitution of a wax representation, one made of dough, or a specific substitute animal. Instances where animals were sacrificed in great numbers at one time have been recorded but are rare. One such mass sacrifice occurred in commemoration of the Athenian victory at the battle of Marathon, where five hundred goats were slain.

NEXT WEEK: The Sacrificial Altar

Don't Be an Idiot

We have become a nation of observers and consumers. We buy (or illegally download) our music rather than entertain ourselves, we watch *Dancing with the Stars* rather than going out to the few dance venues for anyone over the age of 22. We vote in smaller numbers than before and when we vote we make our decision based on slick television advertisements, not on personal participation in political organizations. State and local political committees struggle to recruit members. There was a time in America when attending political meetings and listening to "stump" speeches were highly popular leisure-time activities, just as was listening to, and critiquing, sermons. It's time we take back control of our lives, make our own decisions, and learn again how to

enjoy time passed with friends in conversation, active sports, or entertaining each other.


The just over nine percent voter turnout in the last election held here in Boston suggests that the "Athens of America" is far from the idealized democracy of ancient Athens. Under the laws of Solon, an Athenian could be stripped of his citizenship for failing to participate in public affairs. Fifth century Athenian leader Pericles, in his oft quoted funeral oration over the dead fallen in battle, said: "Our ordinary citizens, though occupied with the pursuits of industry, are still fair judges of public matters; for, unlike any other nation, regarding him who takes no part in these duties not as unambitious but as useless."

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Friday, July 24, 2009

Anthony I.E. DeMarco "Mayor of Maverick Street"

by Marie Matarese

Anthony DeMarco, simply known as I.E. passed away July 10, 2009 after a brief illness. He was fondly referred to as the "Mayor of Maverick Street", residing at the same address for the past fifty years in East Boston. I.E. was a Marine in the Armed Forces earning the Purple Heart and several medals of Honor for serving on the front lines during war time. Marines were at the gravesite to honor Mr. DeMarco with a six gun salute.

I.E.'s door was always open to family and friends. After his beloved wife Rose passed away in 2002, I.E. began his career in baby-sitting his grandchildren and doing what he liked doing best, cooking and entertaining, making different authentic Italian dishes such as giambotta, eggplant, frittata, pasta and Italian sauce; the list goes on. Barbecue was his specialty, especially lamb. He had special skewers made and placed in a state of the art case for safe keeping only to surface when he barbecued. I.E. was also a gardener, planting a garden every year with herbs, tomatoes, and all sorts of vegetables which he handed off to neighbors. He was a fun loving special kind of guy. Everyone wanted to be with I.E. He will truly be missed by his family; children Steven, Loreen, Robin, Erika, Chris and Justin, daughter in laws Loren and Marisa, Son in-law Joe, his ten grandchildren, sister Marie, and her husband Joe Fowler, brothers Joe and Pat "Chuck" DeMarco, sister in-laws Jennie, and Rita, and all his friends who loved him dearly. A funeral was held at Magrath's Funeral Home, in East Boston followed by a gathering at Spinelli's in Lynnfield where family and friends spoke fondly of their friend, father, grandfather, and brother.

The Sorrento Cheese Fisherman's Feast

Boston's Oldest Continuous Italian Festival Celebrates Its 99th Anniversary Year

Since 1910, this North End Feast has celebrated the devotion of immigrant Sicilian fishermen to the Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca (Our Lady of Help). This year the Feast takes place August 13-16, 2009 on North, Lewis, and Fleet Streets with its usual enticing selection of entertainment, food and traditional processions that runs from Thursday, August 13 to Sunday August 16, 2009.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE Thursday, August 13

Procession of the Madonna del Soccorso to the waterfront for the blessing of Fishing Waters (7:00 PM)

The 7th Sorrento Cheese Tower Building Competition featuring local Italian-American personalities competing to win money for their chosen local charities (9:00 PM)

Friday, August 14

Music by the Tokens on the Main Stage on North Street

Saturday, August 15

Special Children's activities, including face painting, games and prizes (12:00 PM). Chef Demonstrations using various Sorrento Cheese products. Music on the Main Stage

Sunday, August 16

Seven hour Procession of the statue of the Madonna del Soccorso through the North



The Fisherman's Feast proudly presents on Friday, August 14, 2009, The Tokens, an American male doo-wop group, whose 1961 chart topper "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" is still a fan favorite today.

End Streets (12:00 PM)

The famous **Flight of the Angel**. As the statue of The Madonna returns to North Street, a young angel flies from a fourth floor window and recites a prayer to the Blessed Mother (8:30 PM)

The festival is located at North, Fleet and Lewis Streets, Boston's North End

All entertainment is free and open to the public. Visitors will have to pay at vendor stands. For further information, log on to www.fishermansfeast.com or 617-248-0066.

Al Natale's Classic Swing Band

Summer Concert Dates Announced

by Ray Barron



Al Natale

Al Natale, the noted big band era trumpeter and band-leader announced he will be appearing with his popular 16-piece Classic Swing Band from 6-8 PM, Thursday, August 6, at the Nazzaro Center, Boston's North End and at East Boston's Piers Park, Sunday, August 2, from 5-7PM. Admission is free to both concerts.

According to Natale, both concerts offers the opportunity to relive the big band era by listening to the original musical arrangements of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Count Basie, Jimmy Dorsey, Les Brown and other notable big bands. It was the music that captured the hearts of young Americans from 1936 to 1945. The noted vocalist Jim Bramante will be singing some of the hit songs of that famous era. Yes, Bramante will sing a few

of Frank Sinatra's big hits.

"It will be truly a music event that will stir the hearts of people of all ages," says Natale.

Albert A. "Al" Natale, the youngest of 12 Natale children raised at 11 Sheafe Street in the North End, is a living personification of the swing era having played with famous Big Bands and later,

stepping forward to benefit and mentor young musicians. Natale, a talented trumpet player, began his professional career with the house orchestra at the RKO-Boston Theater, which featured Big Bands on stage.

He left the theater job to go full time with traveling

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Financially Speaking *with Ben Doherty*

IT'S EARNINGS TIME

Banc of America's earnings fell 54% to .33¢/share beating views by 5 cents. Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, and JP Morgan topped second quarter views for the week, as all four banks benefitted from strong second quarter trading and investment banking results. Bad debt continued to hurt Banc of America as it had \$13.38 billion in bad loans, up 25% from the first quarter. CEO Ken Lewis predicted that tough economic conditions will hurt results into next year. "We have to get through the next couple of quarters and into 2010, that the returns will be more normal," he said. Wells Fargo is due to report next week and Goldman Sachs closed unchanged and JP Morgan advanced 2%. Citigroup reported a profit of \$4.3 billion or .49¢/share with profits from the sale of Smith Barney which closed on June 1st. Thompson Reuters pegged the loss @ 37¢/share, but Citi estimates its loss amounted to 5.6% of total loans.

GE's second quarter earnings fell from 52¢/share to 26¢/share beating views by 3 cents. Sales fell 17% to \$39 billion below estimates. GE said sales fell across divisions from healthcare-broadcasting and it cut its target for its industrial units to break even. GE's profit fell 80% to \$590 million, but its capital units are still on target for the year. Its shares fell 6%.

On the good news front, June housing starts rose 3.6% for a second month in a row to an annual rate of 582,000 units, 103,000 over April's low. Single-family homes starts shot up 14.4%, the biggest gain since December 2004, with permits rising and a sign that housing construction is stabilizing, but still, the starts were 46% over a year ago levels.

Stocks were mixed along with volume and the NASDAQ rose to break even and the U.S. 10-year Treasury rose eight ticks to 3.65%. Commodities including the Reuters CRB Index settled up 1.7% helped by corn, wheat, soybeans, coffee, cocoa, cotton and gold. The housing numbers together with a weaker dollar helped these gains as the housing begins to stabilize. Copper rose \$3.35 to \$2.4337/lb., up .50¢ to \$5.31 a metric ton. Oil prices rose 6% on the week after a 10% plunge the previous week. Crude oil closed @ \$1.54/bll., to \$63.56/bll. Oil prices were rebounding as they overplayed the pessimism about the economy and prices have fallen too far, said Phil Flynn of BFG Best Research.

Stocks had their longest winning streak since May 5th, its eighth straight up day and the S&P 500 ended up breaking even, as volume was mixed. The 10-year U.S. Treasury rose 8 ticks to 3.65%. Goldman Sachs sur-

prised everyone by its 2nd quarter earnings on Monday and then IBM trounced earnings estimates, and raised guidance. Also, Citigroup and Banc of America did better than expected. Banking Analyst Meredith Whitney, who was bearish on the banking sector did a 180° turn and put a buy order on the banks, and Nouriel Roubins, called "Dr. Doom" for his bearish analysis, lifted the gloom when he declared that the worst of the pain was behind us. On Wednesday, the market left little doubt, as the market up-trend resumed and the NASDAQ market had its biggest gains since April as the Dow was up 22%.

Apple rose 3% as JP Morgan raised its forecasts to \$1.23/share versus \$1.16/share.

Mattel's earnings were better than break-even as sales of Barbie's fell 15%. Shares rose 8% on the news.

Hewlett-Packard is buying privately held storage maker Ibrix to catch up with IBM and EMC in the \$20 billion market for data storage gear. HP didn't disclose the terms, but HP edged up IBM rose 4% on the news.



Mt. Washington Savings Bank and East Boston Savings Bank agreed to merge. Mt. Washington assets have been drained by the slumping economy. This merger will create a \$1.2 billion bank. East Boston Savings bank located in Peabody has a dozen branches in Boston. Mt. Washington will retain its name. It will operate as a division of East Boston Savings Bank. Mt. Washington will continue to expand in Jamaica Plain and Dorchester, while East Boston will expand in the Boston area. East Boston Savings Bank owned by Meridian Interstate Bank will not be affected by the merger, and has plenty of capital as it sold 44% of Meridian for \$100 million in early 2008.

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THINKING OUT LOUD 
by Sal Giarratani

FIREFIGHTER FRANK RICCI

New Haven firefighter Frank Ricci has been turned into a star witness at the Sonia Sotomayor's Senate confirmation hearings. When Sotomayor served on the federal appeals court she ruled against Ricci and other New Haven firefighters in a reverse discrimination suit. Now that the United States Supreme Court overruled the appeals court ruling, liberal groups supporting Sotomayor have put a bulls-eye on Frank Ricci.

Ricci was asked by Republicans serving on the Senate Judiciary Committee to testify before the committee. His lawsuit against the City of New Haven was rejected by a three-judge appeals court panel that included the United States Supreme Court nominee. A few weeks ago, the Supreme Court on a 5-4 ruling overturned the appeals court panel. The city decided to scrap the results of the promotion test because minorities didn't do well. Ricci challenged that city decision on the test.

Now, "People for the American Way", the Normal Lear/Ed Asner liberals have turned their guns onto Ricci saying he got his job as a firefighter "by claiming discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act, which protects Americans from discrimination over disabilities." Ricci suffers from dyslexia, a learning disability. Mary Baker, vice president of those American Way liberals says Ricci can't have it both ways when it suits him. Ricci's attorney called the attacks against Ricci "the worse of gutter politics." US Senator Orin Hatch, R-Utah said to do such is "beneath both contempt and the dignity that this process demands."

A conservative group, Judicial Confirmation Network stated that the nominee's supporters have launched an attack campaign "to intimidate and smear him ... They have chosen the wrong target. People who run into burning buildings

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Healthy Main Streets Walk a Great Fit for All!



On Thursday, July 16, 2009, East Boston Main Streets sponsored a healthy fitness walk with help from the East Boston YMCA and local businesses, over 40 people participated in a Healthy Main Streets fitness walk. Youngsters and more experienced walkers were treated to fresh fruit from La Esquina Super Market, delicious samples of seafood from Off the Boat Seafood and healthy salad alternatives from Sonny Noto's restaurant. Al's Shoe Store offered participants 50% off athletic footwear. The participants began

the walk with some stretching exercises from Michael Streeby who is a fitness instructor with the YMCA. After visiting local businesses the group finished up with a visit to the farmers market in Central Square. The farmers market is held on Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm from July to October and is sponsored by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. To find out more about healthy alternatives around the city, please log on to the website at www.healthymainstreets.com

**EAST BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Hosted its 4th Annual Golf Tournament**



On Monday, July 13, 2009, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce hosted its 4th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser at Mount Hood Golf Club in Melrose, MA. The Chamber would like to thank all those who were involved in the event, especially Ace Sponsor, East Boston Savings Bank, and

Eagle Sponsor, SERVPRO of East Boston, Chelsea, and Charlestown. The event was a giant success, thanks to the event sponsors, hole sponsors, golfers, prize donors, and volunteers. For more information on the East Boston Chamber, please call 617-569-5000 or visit www.EastBostonChamber.com.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ATTRACTS SUPPORTERS



Our Lady of Mount Carmel in East Boston is attracting supporters from near and far. As can be seen in this recent photo taken after the weekly prayer service, from left to right is Paula Contini originally from Eutaw Street, East Boston, now living in Virginia, Arianna Vitale (center) from Grottaminarda (AV), Italy and Connie Correale originally from Orleans Street, now living in Revere.

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All Dorothy Curran Wednesday Evening Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are presented by Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with night series sponsors Laborers' Local Union No. 22, the Michael Francis Cahill Fund/City of Boston, and the US Air Force Band of Liberty. Series sponsors include WCVB-TV Channel 5, *Boston Herald*, Magic 106.7 FM, Berklee College of Music, and the Boston Police Activities League with support from the Boston Elderly



Stardust

Commission and the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events. The series concludes **August 12** with the return of the **US Air Force Band of Liberty** and special guest **Ann Hampton Callaway**.

Each show opens with "Spotlight on Youth," showcasing outstanding local youth performers from the Berklee City Music Program.

Waterfront Performing Arts Series at Christopher Columbus Park
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AUGUST 4

Disco Night, featuring Soul City. Presented by Nico's Ristorante in the North End.

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AUGUST 11

Opera Boston - The Three Tenors: Presented by Fairmont Battery Wharf

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AUGUST 18

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Starry, Starry Night

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

For many years we have been frequent visitors to Saint Joseph Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts where we came to know many of the Trappist monks. In recent years we were not able to make the trip for it had become difficult for Mom so we maintained our contact through E-mail and letter writing.

We received many condolence letters from the monks on Mom's passing; they remain constant and loyal friends. She was perpetually enrolled at the Abbey with prayers and masses offered for her for as long as the community exists.

We have had many wonderful experiences through the decades when we frequented Saint Joseph's; one in particular continues to come to mind, with Mom's passing that will forever have greater significance. It was on a cold winter day in January, about fifteen years ago, Mom and the two of us drove up to the Abbey with our friend Elvira. She wanted to attend Vespers and Compline, two hauntingly beautiful evening services that are sung by the monks. Vespers begins at five ending at six with Benediction. Compline, which is the evening prayer, takes place at seven-thirty. With an hour and a half between services, we decided to have dinner at a nearby restaurant and return for Compline.

The night had grown colder and incredibly still. The bell for the beginning of Compline was slowly chiming as we

drove up the hill to the Abbey Church. We entered the side chapel, we were the only visitors, the night was simply too cold, lights had already been turned down as Compline is traditionally sung in a darkened church. We sat aside one another, not a word was exchanged between us. The chanting was unworldly, evoking a sense of holiness unique to Gregorian chant.

With the conclusion of Compline we stepped out of the church into a world of silence as only a snow covered landscape is silent. The sky was filled with the glow of millions of stars, never was there a sky so filled with stars. They formed a canopy over our heads and seemed to touch the horizon in the distance.

In an instant, Elvira was lying in the snow, in a clearing in front of the church. One by one she formed snow angels, one for each of us, until four perfectly formed angels lay side by side. She then began to dance in the snow, she spun slowly as she circled the angels, it was a dance stirred by the evening, at one with the silence and beauty of that holy evening. We then stood side by side admiring the four angels, one for each of us glistening in the snow under a sky that spoke of God and eternity.

As time moves on, and love ones are lost, how we cherish those special memories, where now there are three, there once were four on a hill-top by a church on a starry, starry night.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

B E W A R E, Eastie police are clamping down on motorists not stopping at crosswalks to allow pedestrians to cross. You risk getting a juicy fine if you don't respect the rules of the road ... **DOUBLE STANDARD:** The BRA mandates (aka forcing taxpayers) with plans to build new development (homes or businesses) to include "green space" around their property! That's right! In order to get a permit to build new construction, you must make provisions to include some green space. It sounds like a good idea, but almost impossible to squeeze green space into land lots no bigger than your thumb. The double standard, and irony is, the city wants the taxpayers to keep the city green, and maintain their property while the DPW, Department of Public Works does not keep up with the already existing green space belong-

ing to them in East Boston. Why doesn't the DPW clean up their green space, where weeds, and other debris can visibly be seen? In fact the piece of green space that joins Massport's Bremen Street Park is so overgrown with weeds and unkempt, not only unsightly but also appearing to be unsafe! ... Sail Boston was really appreciated by Boston businesses. Over a million spectators crowded into Boston to see the Tall Ships, providing the economy with a much needed boost. Questions now being asked is why politicians and organizations in East Boston didn't push to provide Ferry rides into East Boston which would have promoted Eastie's economy during Sail Boston week. One of the sail boats was docked on Marginal Street ... If you take a cruise along the Boston harbor, you will be surprised to see large parcels of underdeveloped waterfront land in the East Boston area that is dilapidated and appalling to those living in and out of Boston. Without the beautiful Piers Park on Marginal Street that enhances Eastie's waterfront, harbor land surrounding East Boston appears back dated and depressed. The economy is blamed for everything that doesn't happen in Eastie, but this parcel of precious prop-

erty should have been developed long ago. Are those who control the waterfront deliberately ignoring Eastie??? ... Once upon a time, I believe when Diane Modica was City Councilor, a ferry was set up to bring people back and forth from East Boston to Boston. It was a great idea, perhaps not heavily promoted to keep going, but it's something to definitely reconsider and bring back! ... Politics at its worse: Al Gore has reached the billion dollar mark for selling the American people a false bill of goods on Global Warming. We will all be paying dearly soon via inflated utility bills, etc ... Kudos to the First Priority Credit Union on Swift Street in Day Square for enhancing, and brightening the area. Before First Priority was built, the area was an eyesore ... I noted a while back how smelly the Kappy's bottle redemption entrance is and appalling to shoppers. Taking a whiff of the old bottles being returned could turn just about anyone's stomach. Would Kappy's allow this to happen in a store, based in another community? Final Comment: Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson never miss a photo-op. Along with popsy Jackson, the trio turned the Jackson funeral into a media circus ... *Till next time!*

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On Friday, June 12, the Museum of Fine Arts' Fashion Council — a group dedicated to the fashion arts — hosted an exclusive event at the home of Malcolm Rogers, Director of the MFA.

The event featured a Chanel fashion show, organized by Mary Nobile-King, Director of the Chanel Boutique in Boston.

Boston's fashion elite were in attendance, including Jane Burke, Chair of the Advisory Committee for the MFA's Fashion Council and one of *The Boston Globe's* "25 Most Stylish Bostonians of 2008"; Pamela Parmal, the Curator of Textile and Fashion Arts and Department Head of the MFA's Textile and Fashion Arts Department; and Erica Corsano, editorial director of "Stuff" magazine, just to name a few.

As the guests enjoyed their lunch, models wearing fashions from the Chanel Paris-Moscou 2008/2009 Collection strolled by to give them a closer look at the craftsmanship of the ensembles.

Funds raised by the MFA Fashion Council support the Textile and Fashion Arts department and are used for the acquisition of 20th and 21st-century fashion.

..... The "Roxbury Film Festival 2009" takes place from Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2 at various locations throughout Boston.

The largest festival dedi-

cated to celebrating people of color, past celebrity guests have included Ruby Dee, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Robert Townsend, Michael Ealy, and many more others who have showcased films and hosted events at the Roxbury Film Festival.

Organizers look forward to highlighting some of the best local, national and international films from a variety of independent filmmakers and engaging us in

The Socia

by Hilda M. Morrill



MFA Director Malcolm Rogers poses with, left to right, Chanel's Mary Nobile-King; Jane Burke, Chair of the Advisory Committee for the MFA's Fashion Council; and Pamela Parmal, Head of the MFA's Textile and Fashion Arts Department, at the Fashion Council benefit luncheon.

(Photo by Roger Farrington)

will spotlight selections from her new CD, "More To Say," an album that features her vocals and a range of musical styles: funk, neo-soul, Latin, and classic jazz.

Carrington was born in Medford, Massachusetts. She has had an extensive touring career of more than 20 years with Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Al Jarreau, Stan Getz, David Sanborn, Joe Sample, Cassandra Wilson, Clark Terry, Dianne Reeves, and others.

Millions saw her on TV as the house drummer on the Arsenio Hall Show, and on Quincy Jones' VIBE. She was



A model wears Chanel Paris-Moscou at the MFA Fashion Council Luncheon.

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..... The "Patriot Daylily Festival" takes place on Saturday, August 1 at Partridge Hill Gardens in Dudley, Mass. The event is co-sponsored by the non-profit Patriot Daylily Society, Inc. and Partridge Hill Gardens. The festive-and-fun and "very social" event takes place rain or shine from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Talks and demonstrations about daylilies will be held throughout the day with experts and volunteers on hand to answer all daylily questions. There will be numerous raffles for some of the newest daylily introductions as well as other garden related items.

For more information, call Ellen Laprise at 508-943-1885 or Karin Cooke at 603-778-0409.

..... Berklee College of Music and ParkARTS will present an outdoor concert in Roxbury's historic Fort Hill neighborhood featuring the Terri Lyne Carrington Group and the Berklee City Music All-Stars.

The annual "Jazz at the Fort" concert is free and will be held on Sunday, August 2, at 5 p.m., at the four-acre Highland Park on Fort Avenue, Roxbury. The rain date is August 9. Folding chairs, blankets, and picnics are encouraged.

Drummer/composer/producer Terri Lyne Carrington

nominated for a Grammy award for her debut album, 1989's "Real Life Story." She recently returned to her hometown where she was

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The group consists of Paul Redmond on lead vocals and harmonica, Diamond Jim Baker on sax and background vocals, Mike Finstein on keyboard and backing vocals, Joe Baglione on bass, John Litwin on drums, and Mark Anderson on guitar and background vocals.

They are a favorite of the Dorchester community and have performed locally for more than twenty years, in-

cluding concerts annually for the ParkARTS neighborhood performances.

Hemenway Park is located at 531 Adams Street in Dorchester. ParkARTS neighborhood performances are summer outdoor concerts presented in Boston's parks free of charge. ParkARTS is made possible through leadership support from Bank of America.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.cityofboston.gov/parks. For more information, call 617-635-4505.

Enjoy!

(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, www.bostongardens.com. In addition to events covered and reported by the columnist, "The Socially Set" is compiled from various other sources such as news and press releases, PRNewswire services, etc.)



Another fashion from the Chanel Paris-Moscou 2008/2009 Collection.

(Photo by Roger Farrington)



Daria Petrilli-Eckert and Penny Vinik enjoy the MFA Fashion Council Luncheon at the home of Malcolm Rogers. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

appointed professor at Berklee College of Music, her alma mater, and artistic director of the BeanTown Jazz Festival.

Opening will be the Berklee City Music All-Stars, an ensemble comprised of scholarship students from Boston's urban neighborhoods. The group will perform a mix of standards, contemporary jazz, and Latin music. In April,

the All-Stars performed in New York City at an event hosted by Quincy Jones to promote national music education for youth.

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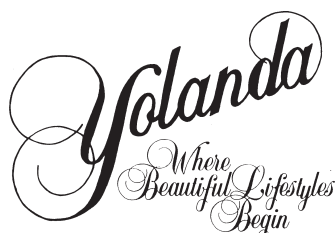
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HIGH SCHOOL PREP NOTEBOOK

The 48th North-South Harry Agganis All-Star High School Football Game took place this week at Lynn's venerable Manning Bowl. The South came from behind

to win the game 28-20. The North MVP was Corey Spenser of Arlington Catholic. The South MVP was Meikke Van Alstyne of Salem.

PRO LINE

Congratulations to former Red Sox leftfielder Jim Rice, who will be officially inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday and to Tampa Bay star and Northeastern alum Carlos Pena, who took part in both the Homerun Derby and the All-Star Game as a member of the victorious American League Team.

It's official! The Boston Bruins will battle the Philadelphia Flyers on New Year's Day at Fenway Park in the Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic.

TIDBITS

- Happy Anniversary to the Post-Gazette!

- Mark your calendar: The Bell of Remembrance returns to the North End Tuesday, September 8th.

- Celeb Sightings: The lovely Margaret DeMarco, Post-Gazette sports writer Richard Preiss at the Hockey Classic announcement at Fenway Park, Richard Settiane on Hanover Street, Jordan Amoroso and her friends at the Jonas Brothers concert, Mayor Menino taking in the Gospel Fest at City Hall Plaza, Pate Papa setting up the Gospel Fest, the great Olivia, live via text from NYC, Chris Perieria, Carol Fabiano and Mary Agrippino taking in the rays on the Greenway!

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Good work! Malaysian authorities confiscated 900 boxes of coffee laced with Viagra. "The distributor attempted to mislead the public by claiming that the coffee mixture could provide an energy boost," explained a government spokesman, "besides being beneficial for men."

The unexpected announcement that Sarah Palin will resign as Alaska's governor, 18 months before her term ends has created talk about her running for president. Palin will now be free to travel outside of Alaska.

Carlo Scostumato says he is looking forward to Sarah Palin coming to Boston. "I plan to treat her to a bowl of pasta fagioli at the North End's Dolce Vita."

Must admit, we do hope Sarah Palin does make it official she is running for the White House. Our country is ready to have her as our president. Remember, women make better "managers" than men. Think about it! Mothers fed us, toilet trained us, provided us with clean clothes, kept the home clean, worried about our mental and physical health, inspired us, educated us, and they were always there when we needed them.

Mother Superior Frances Fitzgerald reminds us, God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers.

Low cost European airline Ryanair asked Boeing to design a plane with a standing room to pack in more people. Standing passengers would fly with a belt buckling them to a metal pole. Let's hope some of the standing passengers aren't obese.

Wow! The casket Michael Jackson was buried in was a custom-built model fashioned from bronze, plated with 14-carat gold, and lined with plush velvet. Jackson was impressed by an extravagant casket at the funeral of music legend James Brown three years ago, says the *New York Daily News*, and ordered one for himself. It cost \$25,000.

We were surprised to learn Michael Jackson's favorite song was also my favorite song "Smile." Yes, we both liked the song and here are the lyrics:

*Smile though your heart is aching
Smile, even though it's breaking
When there are clouds in the sky, you'll get by,*

*If you smile, through your fear and sorrow
Smile, and there'll be tomorrow*

*You'll see the sun come shining through
If you'll
Light up your face with gladness*

*Hide every trace of sadness
Although a tear, may be ever so near,
That's the time, you must keep on trying
Smile, what's the use of crying?
You'll find that life is still worthwhile,
If you'll just smile.*

Personally speaking, each morning we enjoy sitting at the Baldwin Organ to make music. We play a few Italian songs, songs popular during World War II; "Somewhere My Love," "Indian Summer," and "When Your Lover Has Gone." Yes, my dear wife used to enjoy my "concerts." Enough said, Time to smile.

Juicy reading. Just months after John F. Kennedy's assassination, Jackie Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy began a four year affair that became so blatant that it was common knowledge among relatives, friends, and Bobby's wife Ethel, a new book says. "The two of them carried on like a pair of lovesick teenagers," the late Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., who served as JFK's Under Secretary of Commerce, is quoted in the book, *Bobby and Jackie: A Love Story*. Author, David Herymann reports that numerous Kennedy family and friends saw Jackie and Bobby kissing, hugging, and touching each other in an intimate fashion. "You had to be deaf, dumb, and blind not to see it." recalled Kennedy's friend Chuck Spalding. The passionate affair ended only when RFK was assassinated in 1968, the book says.

A Chinese rabbit has become addicted to television soap operas. Owner Jiang Chuniel, of Fujian Province, says his rabbit, Jia Xiaoyu, climbs between him and his wife every evening to watch her favorite show and becomes irate, even violent, if one of them moves or tries to watch something else. "Her favorite show is called "Ms. Mermaid," said Jiang. "If we accidentally switched to another channel, she would be very angry, biting the pillow and attacking us."

Fatten up! Kevin Federline has gained nearly 100 pounds since his divorce from Britney Spears, says The National Enquirer. The former dancer and rapper, 31, who receives some \$40,000 a month from Spears has ballooned from a chiseled 150 pounds to a portly 235, and Spears has been taunting him mercilessly, addressing him as Kevin "Fatterline" and asking him, "When is the baby due?" A friend of Federline's, however, says that K-Fed isn't worried about his dramatic weight gain "because women still love him."

The stately Tom Analetto of Medford says, "The Agriculture Department says the average American eats 1,148 pounds of food a year. Of course, a lot of it goes to waist."

Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston thinks we'd better go easy on "stick to the ribs" food because that's not where it usually sticks.



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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STUFFED QUAHOGS ALLA SALEMITANA

6 quahogs
3/4 cup of plain breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon Romano grated cheese
2 or three small garlic cloves chopped
3/4 cup of crushed tomato
1 tablespoon parsley
Red or black pepper (optional)
Olive oil
Salt (optional)

To prepare quahogs for steaming, SCRUB shell under running water to remove all sand and set aside.

Add three cups water in a four quart saucepan. Place pan on stove over medium heat, cover and bring water to a boil. Remove saucepan from stove. Carefully place washed quahogs into water. Cover and return to stove over medium heat to boil. Quahog shells will separate slightly after a few minutes of boiling. As soon as the shells show signs of separating, remove pan from stove. Take quahogs out of water and save liquid.*

In a bowl, combine bread crumbs with grated cheese, chopped garlic, parsley, and black or red pepper. Set aside.

When quahogs cool enough to be handled take them out, one at the time. If it is difficult to separate the shell, take a sharp, short bladed knife, and carefully insert the blade into center of thicker back end of quahog to separate the top and bottom shells. Place meat of quahog in a bowl. Set shells aside separately.

On a cutting board cut quahog meat into pieces. Place a full tablespoon of chopped quahog meat into each half-shell. Add a full tablespoon of crushed tomato and *a tablespoon or two of liquid saved from first boil of quahogs. Top each shell with a tablespoon of bread crumb mix. Add a few drops of olive oil over each stuffed shell. Bake these on a baking tray in a preheated 400 F oven for fifteen to twenty minutes. Check frequently. These bake quickly.

Note: Each time I prepare stuffed quahogs, I find my mind wandering to places where I spent splendid moments digging with my little shovel as a child or by hand on low-tide flats in later years. We walked quite a distance to find quahogs. What amazed me most was that even if we only found two, four or six, we were happy with our find. It was always exciting whether we were in Lynn Beach, Plymouth area, Wollaston Beach or a beach in Gloucester.

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A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I left off talking about the amount of Italians that exist in the U.S. Babbonnonno told me that the world was full of Italians; He insisted that the civilized parts of the world became civilized due to the influence of Italians traveling to all corners of the planet. In conversation with travelers and having had my own experiences vacationing around the globe, I discovered Italians are everywhere. Most were from southern Italy (south of Rome) and many were in the food industry. I know that there are several countries that have larger populations of Italians than others, Canada, the U.S., Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

The United States has had Italian immigrants almost since the beginning. Before the 1880s, most were from northern Italy and blended in physically a bit better than those who came later. Many from northern Italy were even Protestant, a fact that allowed them to be more accepted in the 1700s and 1800s. Beginning in the late 1880s, the United States experienced an influx of Italians from southern Italy and Sicily. From the mid 1880s until around 1930, several million Italians immigrated to America. For most of us, these folks were our ancestors, the nonni, grandfathers and grandmothers from Sicilia, Calabria, Napoli, Avellino, Abruzzo, Bari and all the provincial areas of the south. They, for the most part, were the Mediterranean type of people, darker skin, darker hair, short, Catholic and uneducated. Many had been farmers-working like our southern share-croppers. Others had learned trades like building, cutting hair, tailoring, cooking, etc. Even more had no trade skills what so ever, and most (around 97%) were illiterate in Italian and English. These were the people many of us are descended from. It has taken a longer time to make it in America than some of the other settlers, over 100 years, but today, we are up there with the rest of the Americans, holding our own in all phases of business, industry and society.

One thing that was learned early on, "You need an edu-

cation or a trade to make it in America." These points are what the "old-timers" stressed with their children and this is why, today, the second, third and fourth generations are so successful.

Last week, I left off talking about the places in each state where Italian populations settled. I believe I had mentioned Colorado before I ran out of space. Alphabetically, the next state is Connecticut. There are thirteen cities in this state with more than 40% of the populations classifying themselves as Italian American. In the 1960s, New Haven was over 60% Italian. Washington, D.C. has about ten thousand Italians and heading south, Wilmington, Delaware has a Little Italy.

Florida's Coral Gables, Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach are the homes for large numbers of northerners with Italian ancestry who fell in love with the sub-tropical climate, and after vacationing in those spots, came back to stay. As a matter of fact, there is a sizable population of Italians in the Ibor City section of Tampa that goes back to a point in time before the Civil War. They joined with the Spanish as cigar makers, and before Cuba came into the picture, made this section of the state the cigar capital of America.

Atlanta, Georgia has become quite the city since the Civil Rights movement happened. Today, it is an international city with Coca-Cola and Delta Airlines, just to mention two giants, calling Atlanta their corporate capital. A sizable population of Italians is becoming evident as a result of the opportunities that now exist there.

Illinois is a state with one of America's largest cities, Chicago. The city's Little Italy on the South Side and several other neighborhoods are the home for over a million people with Italian names. If you include cities like Addison, Chicago Heights Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Melrose Park and Riverton, you can multiply the numbers.

Indianapolis, Indiana has to be added in as the home of an Italian population. The same can be said for Louisiana cities like New Orleans, Kenner,

Independence, Marrero and Donaldsonville.

Alphabetically, Massachusetts is next. Before there was an Ellis Island, there was an immigration station in East Boston. Beginning in the 1880s, when many southern Italians stepped off the boats, they stayed in Boston with no ideas of moving westward as so many other immigrant groups did. They were attracted to the work in the many industries that existed here and places like Boston's North End became synonymous with all things Italian. Let's see, where did they head: Brockton, East Boston, East Cambridge, Gloucester, Medford, Milford, Revere, Saugus, Somerville, Everett, Lynn, Springfield, Lawrence, Waltham, Hyde Park, and Quincy. They worked the textile mills, the shoe manufacturing centers, the stone quarries ... they became the small independent merchants, selling goods, supplies and food to an eager American public. They built the roads, neighborhoods and in-town skyscrapers. They became the next generation of fishermen, taking over from the Yankee and Portuguese who preceded them in cities like Gloucester. People like my grandfather made furniture, pianos and caskets to meet the demands of Massachusetts residents, and after dark, musicians like Babbonnonno and his sons and son-in-law entertained the dance crowds with their bands. Yes, these were our people in Massachusetts.

There is a Little Italy in Baltimore, Maryland and about fifteen other cities and towns throughout the state that have a recognizable Italian population. Even Detroit, Michigan has an Italian section. You might not think that the colder states like Minnesota would attract Italians but the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area is the home to thousands whose ancestors ventured there to work the iron mines of the north.

Missouri can't be left out. Kansas City with its stockyards and early slaughter houses attracted an Italian population. Columbia, Missouri and especially The Hill in Saint Louis have Italian names that fill their phonebooks. Yogi Berra came from "The Hill."

I'm out of space and will continue with Italian America next week. Until then, GOD BLESS AMERICA.

• **Al Natale** (Continued from Page 3)

big-name bands and for four years criss-crossed the country playing at ballrooms, theaters, nightclubs, hotels, Army and Navy bases, Armed Services clubs in the trumpet section in the bands, successively, of Al Donahue, Jerry Wald and Bob Chester.

After tiring of the travel, he returned to Boston to form his own band, and having seen enough of the country (mostly through the band bus window), saw to it that the Natale band took bookings only in New England. At the same time, he became active in the Boston Musicians' Union and was elected as vice president.

Natale thanks his mother for encouraging him.

Today, he is proud of financing a bronze casting of St. Leonard surrounded by the stations of the cross, which he presented to the North End's St. Leonard's Church. Add to this, his donations to many charities such as the Red Cross, and the Home for Italian Chil-

dren. He also established the Virginia Natale Scholarship for graduating high school seniors through the Professional Musicians Club, and a scholarship for brass musicians at the Berklee College of Music.

Remember, come and enjoy reliving the Big Band Era with the Al Natale Classic Swing Band concerts Thursday, August 6 at the North End's Nazzaro Center, and Sunday, August 2 at East Boston's Piers Park.

Al Natale's Classic Swing Band concert at Piers Park, East Boston is sponsored by East Boston's Zumix, Inc., and the Recording Industries Music Performance Trust Funds.

For the record, some of the popular big band hits were created by East Boston's Jerry Gray/Gennaro Graziano.

The North End's Nazzaro Center concert is sponsored by the North End's Knights of Columbus and the Recording Industries Music Performance Trust Funds.

• **Thinking Out Loud** (Continued from Page 4)

to save others do not frighten easily."

Personally, if "People for the American Way" with the Americans with Disabilities Act then should start a campaign to end it. Hardly, something they'll do since that would be so unliberal of them. You can't compare reverse discrimination and racial quotas with the A.D.A that's like comparing oranges with apples and calling both bananas since this whole idea sounds bananas to me.

Sotomayor is probably going to be confirmed for the United States Supreme Court but she needs to get over this Latina woman thing that she's better than a white guy. The law is the law. It is

colorblind. Can Sotomayor get beyond that soundbite of hers and actually be a real Justice? Right now she sounds like Archie Bunker goes to the Supreme Court. Didn't Archie Bunker think he was number one too?

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• **Where Will We Go** (Continued from Page 1)

that America is a nation of immigrants precisely because just about every other country has been getting it wrong in just about every era? And if America becomes like those countries, where are we, immigrants and descendants of immigrants who escaped those other countries, supposed to go next?

The fact is that big government of every flavor is available just about everywhere else in the world for Americans who so embrace it. The socialists can collectively enjoy mediocrity in Europe, and the theocrats can have a blast in the Middle East. The communists can reap the fruits of their ideology in North Korea, and the monarchists still have reliable options around the globe.

But where would the rest of us, who actually wish to retain the freedoms given to us by God, and who are willing to work hard in exchange for rewards without government interference, end up if America went the way of the rest of the world? There is nowhere else.

Now America has had the blessing of being divided into relatively self-governing states, a rare luxury that has allowed Americans to vote with their feet by abandoning weary states with big, intrusive governments, and embracing the prosperous states most loyal to small government ideals. This movement has been an incredible source of checks and balances among the states.

Researchers have found that between 1998 and 2007, more than 1.100 people moved from the nine highest income-tax states (the bluest of states) mostly to the nine tax-haven states every single day. This movement is consistent with the fact that the recipient group of states created 89 percent more jobs and 32 percent faster personal income growth during that period. Indeed, those states that have the highest taxes now also face the biggest budget gaps due to the exodus of their tax base (see California, New York, etc.).

Assuming that ACORN does not "help out" too much with the 2010 census,

Americans' embrace of small-government states will be reflected by the reapportionment of congressional seats. At this point, Georgia, Nevada, South Carolina, and Utah are expected to gain one seat, Florida one or two seats, Arizona two seats, and Texas, with its pro-growth policies and rejection of nanny statism, four seats. That makes for five solidly red states and two swing states.

On the other hand, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania are each expected to lose one seat, and Ohio two. All of these were blue states in 2008, with the exception of Missouri (which went red by roughly 0.001 percent of the vote), and Louisiana, which has endured a serious loss of population due to Hurricane Katrina.

Those who move include people in all economic brackets – the "rich" take their money and their job creation with them, and those they employ follow.

But when the federal government attempts to erase all differences between the states through massive federal taxes and spending, Americans' ability to choose among 50 laboratories becomes decreasingly feasible. What's the point of moving between states if you will face the same exact taxes and policies in each?

And this is what the federal government is doing. It is eliminating our choices within the U.S. by giving us one giant central government that we cannot escape. We've already established that foreign countries are out of the question. So when America descends to their level, where will we go?

Texas Governor Rick Perry has already hinted at secession, and the libertarian movement, through the Free State Project, is already coalescing in New Hampshire to give our founders' vision one last stand. One can only hope that it won't get to that, but it's not looking so bright.

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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

SAY,
GOOD MORNING GRACIE!



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

While down in the Southwest visiting family in Austin, Texas, I met many interesting folks and one very special Texas size rabbit named Gracie. Gracie's mommy is Candice Ashton. I met Gracie and Candice one day while taking a good long walk up and down River Place where my nephew and family live. I stopped in my tracks when I spotted that rabbit. Gracie came to live with Candice six years ago from a shelter at age 6 and is still going strong today. She's even litter boxed trained. Candice said she can't imagine life without Gracie and told me, "She has taught me so much about the behavior and temperament of bunnies; about unconditional love ... We have gone through a lot together. I have shared with her my deepest thoughts, feelings and fears and she has not shared any of them with another soul. I have come to take great pride in providing for her an impeccable living condition, nutrition, sunshine and love. Gracie perhaps has given me more

than I have given her. She asks for little and gives so much.

When Gracie is not in the grass outside in a spacious caged area watching Candice at work in the garage workshop, she enjoys another spacious cage in the air conditioned garage. She gets held many times over the day and talked to and replies by purring back. She loves her dried carrots and alfalfa sprouts. This 13-year-old bunny adds a plethora of uniqueness to the River Place neighborhood in the city of Austin which prides itself in keeping itself unusual!

"A MATTER OF FACE"



Left to Right: Lisa DeCobert and Paula Tierney, owner and make up artist at "A Matter of Face."

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

"A Matter of Face" opened across the street from the firehouse on Hanover Street in May 2007. If you're looking for make up or maybe just a little makeover, this could be the place for you.

Paula Tierney is both owner and make up artist. The guys over at Contrada's even gave her a nickname which means she must be okay. They call her "Paula La faccia" and she's quite proud of the name. Shown in photo

on the left is Lisa DeCobert, a visiting makeup artist.

MENINO TRIES PLUGGING UP RETAIL HOLES

Recently, city officials took visiting retailers on a tour of Newbury Street showing just how badly the Recession has hurt even Newbury Street. There are now more than 40 vacant spaces on this stretch of road. Mayor Tom Menino was pitching the street as part of this second annual "retail opportunities tour," which last year focused on Downtown Crossing. Says Menino, "It's true that the national Recession has created some great challenges but it also created opportunities." The retailers were in town for the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference.

On the same day, developers and other city officials were taking another group of visiting retailers over near Fenway Park. According to Pat Lyons, owner of "Game On" a sports bar, "In the last 5 years, \$44 million has been invested on this street (Landsdowne Street) for hospitality, entertainment and food service. We are bullish on this section of Boston." Meanwhile, despite many successes, more than 25,000 square feet of retail space is still available at 900, 1260 and 1330 Boylston Street.

Finally, developer Steve Samuels wants to develop the old Goodyear Tire Store and a parcel at the corner of Brookline Avenue and Boylston Street. Currently, rents near Fenway Park and especially along Newbury Street have created a buyer's market.

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continued drive to drive out violence from their communities. I viewed the march for a few minutes as it turned off Columbia Road onto Dudley Street. Ten minutes down Dudley Street and

I am back in my boyhood neighborhood of years ago. Things have not been right in my old neighborhood for decades and if things are ever to get right again, it will be because of people like these marchers working for change. Actions speak louder than words. Marches bring people together, but once brought together a commitment to real change begins as soon as the march ends. The Tall Ships docked inside the harbor but there is no safe harbor for young people today as violence robs many of their futures.

nor Patrick defunding the zoo's necessary operating funds. Our legislators have sided with the people and hopefully, can override a veto of the \$46 million budget item for the two zoos if Patrick takes that action.

Zoos are important for our children and our children's education. Their value is irreplaceable. The fact that a governor doesn't see this is reprehensible. I can't wait for the 2010 election when we can send this guy packing to Milton or wherever he wants to go. The important thing is he has to go.


Saving Our Zoos

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the crisis over funding for both the Franklin Park and Stone Zoos has been averted. God knows what got into Gover-

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A.T.P.

• **114 Years** (Continued from Page 1)

be fought, a "padrone" system was needed to be destroyed. There were churches to be built and above all, immigrants took advantage of America's free education while learning the process of citizenship. We devoted pages and pages to that very mission!

The *GAZZETTA* became, in a way, a sort of guide, so to speak, the go-between that brought American political life to the Italian immigrant. Many times our people were sent unknowingly to work in places subject to a strike and were therefore exposed to physical violence on the part of strikers ... in time, the situation changed as they learned more about the new land of opportunity.

The Italian immigrant was a hard worker, a thrifty man, a family man. He had pride. The *GAZZETTA* stressed on these virtues. We began to publish an all-English section which became a real forum, discussing many problems, criticizing discriminating laws while advocating Americanization and responding to community needs such as the Red Cross appeals.

A typical Horatio Alger story could be repeated by thousands of immigrants and their American-born children who became an integral part of this great country, fighting in its wars, facing every national crisis. It would be impossible space wise to enumerate the many initiatives taken by our publication from its inception as "*LA GAZZETTA*" to its present-day format the "*POST-GAZETTE*" in its 114 years of uninterrupted publication. We never missed an issue, even when the going was very hard.

The moral reward, over the years of hard work, came in many ways when American Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, Governors and other officials publicly praised the work of the newspaper in times of national disaster, in war and in peacetime. The newspaper had to fight vigorously against all forms of discrimination in employment and immigration laws, yet on the issue of loyalty and patriotism, there was never any question.

The Italian immigrants

after a long period of confusion, which was often bewildering, has accepted in full the American concept of school, church, and state and has become part of this democratic society, bringing to it all the qualities the Italians always possessed as builders, dreamers, organizers, fighters, artists, inspired teachers and defenders of Italo-American ideals.

Throughout the United States and in Boston, especially where freedom began over 200 years ago, the *GAZZETTA* or the *POST-GAZETTE* has played a vital part in history.

Today, the University of Minnesota and the University of Florence in Italy have compiled all of our issues from the first to its current publication on microfilm for future generations, there-by recognizing the *POST-GAZETTE's* historical contribution to this country and the development of our unique race of people on these shores.

We continue to bring to our readers the incredible stories of Americans from coast-to-coast who are the "Builders of America." We salute these great men and women who have made a unique contribution to our country and heritage.

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BRAMWELL O. OTUDA,
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vs.
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Defendant

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A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **BRAMWELL O. OTUDA**, seeking a DIVORCE.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Did Ya Know?

Boston Red Sox players hold the record for both least homers in a season winning the HR crown and the lowest batting average for the batting crown. In 1965 at age 20, Tony Conigliaro hit 32 homeruns to lead the American League and in 1968, Yaz batted .301 to win the crown for highest season average that year. In that era of baseball, pitchers were pretty strong. In 1968, St. Louis Cardinals Bob Gibson led the National League with a 1.12 ERA with 22 complete games. The same year, Denny McClain won 31 games for the Tigers. Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers retired after the 1966 season because his arm was sore. He was only 33 years old and was 27-9 that season. The two biggest homerun hitters in 1963 were Harmon Killebrew of the Twins with 43 homers fol-

lowed by Dr. Stonefingers Dick Stuart of the Red Sox with 42 homeruns.

Has it Really Been Ten Years?

Isn't it difficult to believe that it has been ten whole years since Boston hosted the All-Star Game back in 1999. I still remember Ted Williams riding into the infield in that golf cart to the cheers of the Fenway crowd. I think he even tipped his cap something he never did during his career. He passed away a few years later. It was kind of sad to see him that one last time looking like a frail old man rather than the cocky young outfielder. Prior to 1999, the only other time Boston got an All-Star game at Fenway was back in 1961 when MLB used to play two such games in mid-summer. One held in a NL city and the other in an AL city. Our game that year was rained out in the middle of the game with no final score.

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Or as a less literal translation puts it bluntly:

"Here each citizen is interested not only in their own affairs but in the affairs of the city ... we do not say that a person who takes no interest in politics is a person who minds his own business; we say that this per-

son has no business here at all."

The Greeks even had a word for such private citizens who minded their own business while neglecting the business of the commonwealth; it's a word still in use, although the meaning has shifted a bit—the

word was *IDIOT*. Don't be an idiot!

David Trumbull is the chairman of the Boston Ward Three Republican Committee. Boston's Ward Three includes the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, downtown, waterfront, Chinatown, and part of the South End.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

MARIA TERESA ALVES FRANCO,
Plaintiff
vs.
ANGEL RIVERA,
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **MARIA TERESA ALVES FRANCO**, seeking a Complaint for Annulment.

You are required to serve upon Howard M. Lewis, Esq., - attorney for Plaintiff - whose address is 411 Union Avenue, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer on or before August 27, 2009. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at CAMBRIDGE.

Witness, **Peter C. DiGangi**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE, this 16, day of July, 2009.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

MERIDITH MARTIN,
Plaintiff
vs.
CLIFFORD CARRAHA,
Defendant

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

EVELYN FERNANDES,
Plaintiff
vs.
ELISEU V. FERNANDES,
Defendant

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You are required to serve upon Evelyn Fernandes - Plaintiff - whose address is 252 Kennedy Drive, Malden, MA 02148 your answer on or before August 27, 2009. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the Office of the Register of this Court at CAMBRIDGE.

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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

VICTORIA T. HIDALGO,
Plaintiff
vs.
CARLOS R. GRAMAJO,
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **VICTORIA T. HIDALGO**, seeking a DIVORCE.

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EDWINE GODFREY SSAKU,
Plaintiff
vs.
DEIRDRE ANTOINETTE WINDER,
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:
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The Trial Court
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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

LIAN RONG DONG,
Plaintiff
vs.
DAVID CASTONGUAY,
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **LIAN RONG DONG**, seeking a DIVORCE.

An automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. Please refer to the Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon Wei Jia, Esq. - Attorney for Plaintiff - whose address is 59 Temple Place, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02111 your answer on or before August 24, 2009. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and the adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the Office of this Court at CAMBRIDGE.

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.



RIP Peter Santoro with Drake Thazdi, Goody Petronelli

Another bad past couple of weeks for boxing. Recently **Peter Santoro**, a Marine and true American boxer/hero, and two-time recipient of the Purple Heart, at the infamous World War II Pacific Battle of Iwo Jima passed away. Now **Arturo Gatti**, friend and battle foe of **Micky Ward** of Lowell. **Micky Ward** and **Arturo Gatti**, are both etched in boxing history for eternity. Their trilogy of, "**Fights of the Century!**" rank amongst the great battles in boxing history. **Peter Santoro**, and **Arturo Gatti** have both entered that **Golden Ring in Heaven Refereed by God**. Both are legitimate to the sport of warriors, boxing. They faced adversity **face to face**.

I want to thank all, for their contributions to this weekly boxing article. This is truly an article from all. Thank you for the giving of

your time, when I call you. Auditor **Joe DeNucci**, **Bobby Bower**, **Dan Couco**, **Jimmy Connors**, **Joe Dias**, **Mickey Finn**, **Pat Kelley**, **Goody Petronelli**, **Iron Mike Pusateri**, **Tinker Picot**, **Ted Sares**, **Chris Sarno**, **Rich Torsney**, **Bob Trieger**, etc. You know what the most gratifying part of this is, that I notice? When I call or receive calls, it is usually to compliment and praise another. The Boxer Family, is the best.

Happy Boxer Family Birthdays in July to: on the 9th **Vinny Marino**, 13th **RIP George Kreger Sr.**, 17th **Jimmy Burchfield**, 24th **Tony Petronelli**, 29th **Mickey Dwyer**, 30th **Dick Flaherty**, on August 1st **Ted Sares**, 5th **Kevin Green** and **Tom Dargin**, 7th **Tommy Martini**, 15th **Leo Gerstel** and **Joe Feeney**, 16th **Antonio Cipollo**, 19th **George**

Kreger. *Happy Birthday to you all.*

Super Six Tournament on Showtime appears to be talent full. Six of the top 168 pound, Super-middleweights have come together for this great tournament between themselves. In the first round **Andre Dirrell** (18-0-0, 13 KO's) of Detroit, a south-paw who stands 6'2", on October 10, 2009 battles Super-middleweight WBC World Champion **Carl Froch**. **Carl Froch** is from the UK, and has an orthodox stance. He's a fighter that stands at 6'1" with a 25-0-0, 20 KO record. In his last bout he beat **Jermain Taylor** by way of a 12th round TKO on April 25, 2009 in Connecticut. In his fight before that, he beat **Jean Pascal** on April 25, 2009. Speaking of **Jermain Taylor** (28-3-1, 17 KO) of the USA, his three losses have been to **Kelly Pavlik** (2), and to **Carl Froch**. Others on his record are; **Jeff Lacy**, **Cory Spinks**, **Ronald Wright**, **Bernard Hopkins** (2), **William Joppy**. He does battle with **Arthur Abraham** 30-0-0, 24 KO's in Germany, on October 10, 2009, and then we'll have 2004 Olympic light-heavyweight Champion, **Andre Ward** of the USA 9-0-0, in battle with WBA Super-middleweight Champion **Mikkell Kessler** 41-1-0, 31 KO's of Denmark. His lone loss was to **Joe Calzaghe** back on November 11, 2007. He's 6'1" and good. This appears to be a very good tournament. Who do you think will win this?

Congratulations to **Matt "Too Smooth" Godfrey** 19-1, 10 KO's of Providence, RI, on his victory over **Shawn "Sioux Warrior" Hawk** 18-1, 16 KO's. They fought in Philadelphia. In this battle, **Matt Godfrey** demonstrated that he has talent, and to why he is the NABF Cruiserweight Champion. **Shawn Hawk** himself demonstrated that he has the desire, and talent to challenge **Matt Godfrey**, who is still the Champ after the fight!

Upcoming Battles: July 24th ESPN2 from Texas **Antonio Escalante** dukes it out with **Cornelius Lock** as Featherweights. Then **Carlos Velasquez** versus TBA, 25th on PPV from Mexico, **Julio Cesar Chavez Jr.**, battles **Jason LeHoullier** Junior Middleweights, then **Yuriokis Gamboa** battles **Whyber Garcia** WBA interim Featherweight Title and two other Title fights **are presented** on this card. 30th on Versus from California **Charles Huerta** versus TBA and **Luis Ramos** battles TBA, the 31st, on ESPN2 from Florida, **Julio Diaz** takes on **Victor Manuel Cayo**, and Heavyweights **Carl Davis Drummond** fights **Derric Rossy**. With five other bouts. 15th **Roy Jones Jr.** battles **Jeff Lacy** September 19th from Las Vegas **Floyd Mayweather Jr.** versus **Juan Manuel Marquez**, and **Zab Judah** versus **Matthew Hatton**.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss



In outward appearance the day seemed a most unlikely one for a discussion of a winter sport. Here it was the middle of July, a day when warm temperatures were the rule for once during this somewhat cool summer.

There wasn't a cloud in the sky and the white items that were so numerous were not snowflakes but belonged to people with napkins holding their ice cream cones.

Our destination also was an unusual one. Instead of out the office door and down Staniford Street to the Garden, it was up and over Beacon Hill where a Green line trolley awaited to convey us to our destination.

Yes, we were going to a hockey event — the official announcement of the NHL Winter Classic — but this one would be held at a venue somewhat different than the Garden. For on this bright, sunny day our destination would be Fenway Park, with the famous Green Monster left field wall and its green-as-Saint-Patrick's-Day outfield grass.

We must admit, we don't get to attend as many baseball games at any level as we did in earlier years. It would be fair to say that a good number of baseball seasons had slipped by since the last time we gazed upon the field that is impressively embraced by the historic edifice that is known throughout the sports world.

You know you are getting close when you step out of the subway and your eyes encounter baseball posters at Kenmore Square. Then just a few steps beyond the Turnpike overpass and we were there — Fenway Park Gate D — where we saw the familiar faces of some Bruins front office personnel. We registered and were on our way.

It was a glorious day for baseball — not a cloud in the sky with the field bathed in sunshine. But the Home Town Team wasn't there. It was the day after the All-Star game and there wasn't a Major League game scheduled that day anywhere in America.

After a couple of Fenway Franks and a soft drink we took our seats for the main event formally announcing the outdoor game between the Bruins and Philadelphia Flyers set for New Year's Day at Fenway. It is Boston's most anticipated event since the Celtics-L.A. series last year and its worst kept secret — word having leaked out several months ago.

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino actually provided a nugget of new information for the day — noting that there would be two days of public skating at Fenway in conjunction with the event.

Sometimes it's better to be covering the news than making the news and this was one of those occasions. While the luminaries spent a good half hour on stage extolling the positive attributes of Fenway, the city of Boston, and the Bruins and the Flyers organizations as the hot sun beat down on them, members of the Fourth Estate found their retreat to the highly prized shade provided by the overhead grandstand. More than a few took advantage of that option.

Suffice it to say that the best seats in the house for the hockey contest will be the opposite of those considered best for a baseball game.

During the press conference we were seated in prime baseball seats — behind the dugout on the first base side about 15 rows back. Yet looking at the outline of the proposed rink on the field, we could not see the ground of the outlined rink nearest third base and could barely see the goal at that end.

A lesson learned. For those who are able to purchase tickets or acquire them from friends or the tickets-with-a-premium "secondary market," the best seats for those wanting to see this game will be high up. The closer you are to the field — an ideal for baseball — will cut down on your view of the hockey action. Sit high and bring binoculars — that would be our recommendation.

And those who frequent the Garden for Bruins contests — be forewarned. The closest seats to the action at Fenway will be farther away than the most distant seats at the Garden.

By far, the best part of the day for us was being able to experience the Fenway press box area at our leisure. We enjoyed viewing the historic photographs that lined the hallways — the ones on one side being of more recent vintage and featuring the two World Series triumphs. But we were more attracted to those on the opposite wall. They were black and white and featured players from the past, individuals who played baseball because they loved it, who sometimes had to take off-season jobs to make ends meet and who thought it most fortunate that they could still play as adults the game they had grown to love as children.

But January 1, 2010 will bring a different sport and create its own memories for Fenway Park. As the second decade of the 21st century commences, the Winter Classic will be a nod to Fenway's future and a reverential look at its storied past.

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