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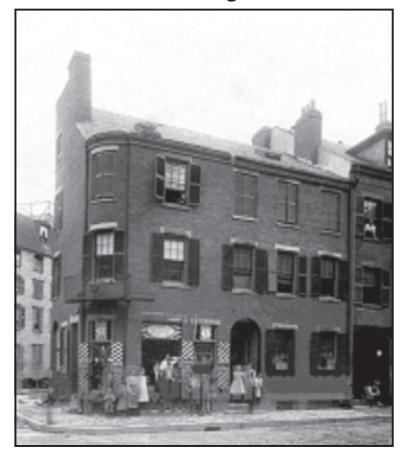
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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

I Wish Pat Buchanan Was on the Presidential Ballot this Year

Personally, I am afraid that President Obama could get re-elected by default and the fault is all those "Dead Men Walking" seeking to replace him next November. If Romney or Gingrich is their best shot, the Obama crowd must be smiling. The Republicans needed a principled conservative this year to counter Obama's leftward taking of America into the land of European social welfarism. The Democrats have long stopped being a centrist broad-based political party and have seemingly turned into the British Labor Party.

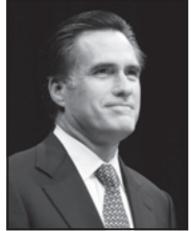
If ever there was a year for Pat Buchanan to run for president, this is it. Everything he warned us about 20 years ago at the Republican National Convention in Houston has come to pass. He warned of the coming cultural war and was ridiculed by liberals for spreading racist panic across the country. The GOP went with President George H.W. Bush that year unwilling to listen to Pat's warnings of impending doom.

Buchanan didn't run, Bush did and Bill Clinton beat him in November 1992. Things that Buchanan warned us of have come to pass. Multiculturalism and diversity have weakened us as a nation. Today we have a president will-

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South Carolina Upstages Romney Handing Gingrich Double Digit Victory

by Sal Giarratani



Mitt Romney

The race for the Republican presidential nomination took a right wing turn in the South Carolina primary this past Saturday. It had appeared as little as two weeks ago that Mitt Romney would carry the day in this southern presidential primary. However, in the week preceding the election, Newt Gingrich appeared to be making strong and steady gains in the polls after two good showings in recent days.

Many have said the challenge facing Romney is he needs to stop running like a candidate trying not to lose and start running like a candidate who wants to win. Gingrich right now has momentum and whether he can keep the big mouth going into the Florida Primary on January 31 is yet to be seen. Romney on the other hand appears to have slipped in voter confidence.

The Romney train has been derailed twice already. It now appears that Rick Santorum and not Romney actually won the Iowa Caucus. Add to that the double digit win by Gingrich in South Carolina where the former Speaker won 40 percent of the vote to Romney's 28 percent. Florida now is a must win for Romney. He must carry the state and carry it in good numbers. The Sunshine State is the first big market diverse state to hold a primary. There are several voting blocs here, who will win the very large Latino vote, especially in the Miami area where Cuban Americans are usually conservative Republicans in their politics? Not to be forgotten is the older vote as Florida has become America's retirement state for many from the Northeast. From the Keys to Jacksonville, this could be a make or break state for whether Romney or Gingrich. Eventually this will become a two-man race. Santorum doesn't have the finances to stay in this race for the long haul. If Gingrich picks up his evangelical conservative vote, Romney just might not make it to the convention podium to deliver his acceptance speech.

Republicans are caught between a rock and a hard place. Many in the party see Romney as the most electable candidate to face Presi-



Newt Gingrich

dent Obama but many others have a big problem with Romney's ideology or lack of such. Where does Romney stand on various issues seems too often to depend on the race he is in? Is he a real conservative with core values or is he a moderate willing to move left or right to defeat an opponent?

However, Gingrich has his wives problem. He handled the ABC News and its interview of Mrs. Gingrich #3 but this issue promises to return over and over again.

Meanwhile, now many Republicans are beginning to look around at a short list of possible Republican candidates for vice president. High on that list is Governor Chris Christe of New Jersey.

Next stop Florida, all aboard as we move toward the conclusion of the Republican nomination campaign period.

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS, Mr. President

by Sal Giarratani

decided against showing up at the White House with the rest of team to meet with the president at a White House ceremony honoring the team. Thomas, one of two Americans on the team decided to stay home and it was his right to do so. He didn't have to justify the choice he made to anyone criticizing his decision.

TV's Current Keith Olbermann called him a "fool" on twitter. Former state Democrat Party chair Phil Johnson said, "My advice to him is to stick to hockey." Another party spokesman Kevin Franck questioned

Playoffs MVP Tim Thomas why anyone would not want for standing up for his personal 'to shake the hand of the man who got bin Laden." Lastly, Boston Globe sports writer Kevin Paul Dupont wrote, Shabby. Immature. Unpro-Self-centered. fessional. Bush league. Need I go on?" He and the others mentioned need not go on, they have a right to their opinions. I have a right to mine. You have a right to yours. Lastly, Tim Thomas has a right to his. He exercised his right as a free citizen. Should be end of story but many in the liberal media are blasting him for the choice and keeping this non-story alive.

I congratulate Tim Thomas

principles about what government should or should not be doing. This wasn't an act of civil disobedience; this was Thomas deciding where or where not to go. He wasn't personally dissing President Obama but rather the direction our federal government and its leaders, Democrat and Republican alike, are taking us.

Tim Thomas is an American who loves his country and took his stand for it by missing the White House ceremony. He knew he would be attacked for it but took it nevertheless. We should be praising him for his stand not bashing it.

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COMMODUS,

The Bastard of the Roman Empire

We all know by this time that Roman emperors often adopted sons as successors and often honored those sons by bestowing their own names upon them, or at times even the names of illustrious ancestors. We are minded that these were still pagan times in old Rome, and ancestor worship was a recognized part of their religion. The eighteenth emperor of the Roman world, and the one that now occupies our attention was popularly called Commodus or Commodus Antoninus. Eventually he bore the full title of Commodus Lucius Aelius Aurelius Antoninus. He was the natural son of Faustina, the wife of Marcus Aurelius, but in fact a bastard child to the emperor. There seems to be no question regarding the illegitimacy of his birth, as most historians tell of his mother's escapades with the Roman gladiators, and of his birth out of her adultery.

Commodus was probably conceived in a hay stack, but was born in Lanuvium, near the Appian Way on August 31, 161 A.D., and it was a sad day for the civilized world. He was one of twin boys, and when pregnant, his mother dreamed that she had given

birth to serpents. The twin brother, named Antoninus, died at the age of four, but as for Commodus, even from early childhood he was cruel, dishonorable, debauched, and appeared to have inherited all the vices of his mother. At the age of twelve his cruel and brutal nature really surfaced when he ordered that his bath keeper be cast into the furnace because the bath water was not hot enough. Fortunately, for the bath keeper, a compassionate slave in charge of the furnace, burned a sheep-skin instead, and the resulting stench satisfied Commodus that the job had been done.

During his early adulthood he showed no regard for decency or expense, kept a brothel for his personal pleasure, and had it continually staffed with women of unusual beauty. He also developed an attraction for the criminal element, the dishonest, and those persons with little or no moral standards. The most honorable men in his employ were usually degraded, insulted, and assigned duties that were far below their status. Even when some actors alluded to him, that he was a man of depraved life, they were immediately banished

and were lucky to get off without being executed. This is the nature of the person that was destined to become the eighteenth ruler of the Roman Empire.

Commodus had accompanied his father on two expeditions to Germany during the wars against the barbaric tribes. He ascended the throne as a joint ruler with his father and together they led the second expedition. Marcus Aurelius died while hostilities were still going on and notwithstanding the fact that the opposing forces were at the point of complete subjugation. Commodus made a hasty and disgraceful peace with them and hurried back to Rome. Once back in the capital city he led a triumphal procession with a boy friend named Saoteus. Both were seated in a chariot, and from time to time Commodus would turn and kiss his friend openly.

In spite of all the care with which Marcus Aurelius had supervised his son's education, Commodus was extremely ignorant, and it quickly became apparent that as the sole ruler he was indulging in the grossest

> **NEXT WEEK:** The Bastard Ruleth

Res Publica

bu David Trumbull



Now That's an Idea!

Every year since 1991 the Pioneer Institute has conducted a "citizens' idea contest" that seeks out and rewards the most innovative public policy ideas. The 2012 competition will focus on programs federal that can be devolved

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Sample topics include:

Regulations — Are there federal regulations that can be devolved to the states, resulting in job creation or increased economic vitality?

Urban Redevelopment — Are there federal programs aimed at helping revive older, industrial cities that would be better provided by state and/or local governments?

Transportation — Currently the federal government collects taxes and redistributes transportation funding back to the states with strict limitations on expenditures. Is there a better way?

Interstate Commerce — Are there federal restrictions on interstate commerce that harm job creation?

Banking and Finance — The Sarbanes-Oxley and Dodd-Frank laws aimed to address failings in the banking and financial services industries. Could a statebased approach be more effective?

Health Care and **Insurance** — Since World War II, the federal government has expanded its role in financing and regulating health care delivery and insurance. Are there more effective ways to insure and care for Americans through state

policy?

Education — Since its establishment in 1979, the U.S. Department of Education has gained control over reporting, spending, behavior, academic content, testing, special education, and more. Are there better ways to achieve common goals at the state and local level?

The Competition grand prize is \$10,000; three runners-up receive \$1,000 each. The contest is open to all people and organizationsacademics, non-profits, entrepreneurs, government officials, and all concerned citizens. Entrants from outside Massachusetts are eligible. Ordinary citizens will not be at a disadvantage, because Pioneer Institute will work to provide quality entrants with the resources to develop their ideas.

All applications must be postmarked or e-mailed by Monday, April 9th, contact the Pioneer Institute for details.

Got an idea for better government? Here's your chance to promote it, and maybe even win ten grand!

Mayor Menino Leads First Ever US Conference of Mayors Food Policy Task Force

Mayor Menino Chairs Committee of Mayors Who Will Work to Shape Food Policy for Cities and Towns Across the Country

Mayor Menino hosted his first official meeting as chair of the US Conference of Mayors (USCM) Food Policy Task Force, held at the annual USCM event in Washington, DC. Mayor Menino was asked to lead the new Task Force due to the successful food and nutrition initiatives he has spearheaded in Boston, from starting Boston's first farmers' market 25 years ago to together to lose one milalso attended by Kathleen bring people together to build

Merrigan, Deputy Secretary stronger, healthier commuof the USDA, and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake, who will serve as the vice-chair of the Food Policy Task Force.

"All across our cities, a local food revolution is taking place — we see it at our farmer's markets, in community gardens, in our schools and in small and growing businesses — from food trucks to incubators his most recent initiative for new food producers and inviting Bostonians to work caterers," Mayor Menino said. "I see this revolution lion pounds in 2012. The in Boston every day and I Task Force meeting was see how these initiatives

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nities. As mayors, we must ensure that all of our residents take part in this revolution.'

The Food Policy Task Force will focus on a number of food policy programs and initiatives expected to impact the nation's cities this year, including the upcoming 2012 Farm Bill, growing local food economies, school meals, and nutrition policies.

The Federal Farm Bill

More than \$960 million federal farm bill dollars have been spent in Boston over the last 5 years, representing nearly \$1.5 billion in

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GUEST EDITORIAL

MODERN SOCIETY Suffering from Leadership Gap?

by Sal Giarratani

The Costa Concordia disaster that happened Friday night, January 13 when this ocean liner crashed into a reef off the Italian coast started taking on water and listed to one side. About 11 people were killed and as of this writing (January 18) 22 people are still missing. The ship was carrying more than 4,200 passengers and crew. How did the ship drift so close to the rocks?

Right now all eyes are on Capt. Francesco Schettino who is under fire for not following rules of conduct. Reportedly, the captain abandoned ship leaving others on board when he jumped ship. We have come a far cry in the last one hundred years. Back in April 1912 the Titanic sank after striking an iceberg. Few survived the sinking of the largest ship of its kind back then. The captain and crew stayed with the ship directing the evacuation of passengers. People helped each other. Some even sacrificed themselves handing over the limited lifejackets to women and children. The ship's captain behaved like a captain and not a coward.

As I listened to the audio communications on the Michael Graham radio show between the port captain and the ship's captain, I wanted to laugh. It sounded like a "Saturday Night Live!" skit. No one should have to order the captain to return to his ship and no captain should ever defy such an order as reportedly happened off the Italian coastline. I guess the new motto for some ship captains must be "Captains, women and children first?"

When you think about it though. What happened on the ship is happening to nations all across the world drowning in a sea of red ink. Leaders are leaderless. No one is steering away from those rocks in the way making nations like Greece and Italy destitute. When debt outranks the national GNP, you have no place to go but down. Soon the United States might be in the same boat as Greece, Italy or an Italian ocean liner taking on water quickly.

Where once we had leaders like Teddy Roosevelt or Franklin Roosevelt, now, we have President Obama. Instead of inspiring us to do great things, we are told we have been too lazy. The Roosevelt's didn't believe we were a victim nation, they believed we were a great nation and world leader.

Nowadays we need to return to the heroics of those aboard the Titanic. We need to look out for each other and help each other. We need unity and not class warfare. Ask Jennifer Hutton who sings in her TV commercials, "You are us. we are you."

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Carl Salvi Retires

A retirement luncheon for Carl Salvi was held recently which many friends and coworkers attended. Carl has been a dedicated employee for 33 years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston Veteran's Services.

Congratulations Carl!



Carl Salvi receiving citations. L-R: State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Commissioner Francisco Urena, Carl Salvi, City Councilor Rob Consalvo and City Councilor Sal LaMattina



Carl's co-workers L-R: Jocelyn Choate, Mike Sheridan, Paul Keough, Stephanie Siragusa, Commissioner Francisco Urena, Carl Salvi, Thomas Materazzo, Bella Giambusso, Laura Cawley, Meg Cuddahy, and Henry Smith.



Many retired employees came to wish Carl good luck and share fond memories. L-R: William Brown, Jack Smith, former commissioner Eugene Vaillancourt, Angela Di Perri, Carl Salvi, Jean Woodford, former commissioner Thomas Materazzo, and Charles

DONNE 2000 CELEBRATES La Befana



La Befana (Anna Ginnetti-Ricci) with grandchildren of Donne 2000 members.

In keeping with their Italian tradition Donne 2000 members and their children celebrated La Befana on Sunday January 8, 2012. La Befana gave out gifts to the children and treats to the grown-ups which consisted of torrone, a tangerine and chocolates. There was a sto-

ryteller, Joe Pagliuca, from Big Joe Productions, and face painting for the children.

La Befana is one of Italy's oldest and most celebrated legends. Each year on January 6th the children awaken in hopes that La Befana has made a visit to their house. This is a significant day for

Italians because it marks the end of the Christmas season. It is also the day that the three wise men arrived at the manger of the Baby Jesus to bring Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

According to the legend, La Befana was asked to accom-

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O'Flaherty Asks MBTA to Reconsider 92 Bus, Ferry Elimination

The following was submitted by State Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty. It has been edited only for format.

Dear Secretary Davey:

Pursuant to the public comment period associated with proposed service reductions by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), I write to express my concerns and specific opposition to portions of the announced plans. I respectfully request you reconsider the proposed elimination of the 92 Bus Route in Charlestown, the 112 Bus Route in Chelsea and the ferry service in Charlestown Navy Yard.

I offer these comments in full appreciation of the enormous fiscal deficit the operation of the MBTA faces. As a legislator, I have worked to reduce the burden and I understand the difficult decisions that will be made in the coming months. I further offer my assistance to work with my colleagues in the Legislature and the Administration in addressing funding mechanisms that will sustain the operation of our public transportation system. In anticipation of what I hope will be a long-term solution, please accept the arguments below for maintaining the current level of service in my district.

The 92 Bus Route travels along Main Street in Charlestown, a route comprised of senior developments, nursing homes and a public housing project. The bus is used extensively by residents to travel to medical facilities, to obtain prescriptions, to commute to work and/or school, for grocery shopping and general errands. The MBTA's Orange Line and the 93 Bus Route are not viable alternatives for them due to their location and the difficulty in traversing to such. If the 92 is eliminated, Charlestown residents will only have one bus line, the 93, for service. In a densely populated neighborhood with the largest public housing project in New England, this will cause severe disruption and inconvenience many. My constituents, many of whom lack resources for alternative modes of transportation, could potentially be left with only one mode of public transportation that travels in and out of the neighbor-

The proposed elimination of the 112 Bus Route which runs through the city of Chelsea will have an adverse impact on the elderly, our veterans and working class commuters. Admiral's Hill, with its senior developments and skilled nursing facilities, relies heavily on the bus line. The seniors use the 112 to access shopping facilities and for their medical care. Given the geographical isolation Admiral's Hill, without a reliable bus route, many seniors will be unable to take care of their basic needs. The commuters and residents, many of whom work in Greater Boston, need the 112 to access their places of employment. The attraction of Admiral's Hill is partly the convenient and reliable accessibility via public transportation to the Greater Boston hub and its employment opportunities. The Massachusetts Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, where our veterans reside and receive hospital care, also provides outpatient services and the bus line is crucial for such access. In addition to Admiral's Hill and the Soldier's Home residents, along the route in Chelsea,

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the 112 provides many of my



A Mayor, a City, a Vision and What is Ahead for Us

In my lifetime I have seen move forward. I considered both the old and current City ways is like the captain of a ship. Cities go through from Curley to White. good times and bad. There mayor will take credit for under his or her watch. Howis never their fault. That's just politics.

of Boston was James Michael Curley serving the last of his four terms that spanned 50 years time and a couple of incarcerations. At 40 years of new record happening. age in 1914, he became the first Irish-American mayor ran and was elected to his fivears old. He was old in years but youthful in vision. I met election when he ran one fimy Irish American mother from Charlestown. He had helped bring her genered him my political mentor over all these years and cherish my conversation the time I was actually livneighborhood up the street from city hospital.

In 1967 another great mayor was elected. Kevin H. White who served four terms in a role he cherished well. He understood as Curley had in his time just what was needed to transform the city for the times it was experi-Since March of 1993, our a victory for life. It isn't. mayor has been Tom Menino Over the next two years let World War II when Boston not give birth to itself. sat at a point of no return. When I was born the city had mark on the city and all 800,000 folks but was mayors push the city forbecoming somewhat stag- ward. However, all mayors nate. Were we prepared to also have their time to do progress forward or live in that which they can before past pride? Thanks to passing the torch onward. Curley, then White, then Menino's time is coming to Flynn and finally Menino, its end. Prepare for what lies Boston is in good shape to ahead today.

a number of mayors running both Mayors Hynes and Collins to have been transit Hall buildings. The person in mayors. Important in that the mayor's office in many role and without which we could never have moved

White's long tenure in are periods of growth and office led to a number of great periods of decline. Often, a potential mayor's never making it to the 5th floor at City good things that happen Hall. I remember folks like Joe Timilty and today I think ever, when things go bad, it of Michael Flaherty. The wrong time for the right candidate was and remains a When I was born the Mayor political reality. In 16 months, Menino will have been mayor for 20 years. He already has set the record and every day in office is a

When the next Mayor's Race comes up in 2013, who born in Roxbury. He had a out there is ready to be the youthful vision. In 1945, he next mayor and how do you follow an act like Menino's? nal mayoral term at age 71 I believe it is time for another transit period. Boston will need a mayor who can him during the 1955 mayoral bridge the past with future. The legacy of the next mayor nal time for mayor at 81 years may well be as someone who old. He lost but polled a mil- carries the city forward until lion votes still. He was a hero the next legacy mayor arrives on scene. He or she will not get a statue built of themselves nor get a public eration into the 20th century building named after them as full Americans. I consid- but he or she will ensure that a proper transition to the future is in place.

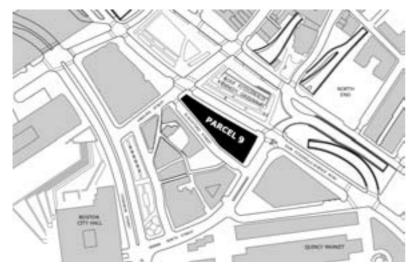
The New Boston dreamed with him as an 8-year-old. At of back in the '50s did sort of arrive but it was not the New ing in his own childhood Boston most envisioned. It was never just a vision of tall buildings; it should always be the vision of a city at peace with itself. Boston has always been a tale of two cities, the one downtown and the one out there in our neighborhoods. The life of a city is like our own lives. The city sleeps; the city encing. Ray Flynn followed works and the city can suffor 10 years winning the fer at times. Last year on mayor's race three times. December 9, there were 73 He was rooted in the neigh- murders in the city, this borhoods and connected year the number is only 59 downtown to Main Street. and some make it sound like

who has already been us look about for that leader elected five times to the we will need to carry this post. Overall, he has been a city forward to the next good voice for the city as it period of growth that awaits ended the last century and us. Let us find that leader began the new century with who can see what is wrong a positive vision of what was and begin the process of healneeded today but always cog- ing because without this nitive of the city's roots es- healing, our life as a city pecially since the end of filled of hopeful people can-

All mayors leave a certain

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Freeway Says ...

Due to his increasing popularity and several suggestions from readers (and after much negotiating on our part with his huge salary demands), our friend Freeway has consented to try to answer readers' questions concerning him or any of our little four-legged friends. You can email your questions to postgazette@aol.com to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

Dos and Don'ts of Dog Grooming

will be interested in this article to whether or not they need a shave and haircut. Does your dog have long locks ... or does he or she prefer to keep it short? No matter the style, it's important to groom your pooch on a regular basis (and to keep his or her nails, teeth, eyes and ears healthy, too)

With busy schedules keeping us on the go, dog grooming often gets pushed aside for other commitments. However, proper pooch hair care is crucial not just to keep your dog looking good, but also to ensure he or she is in good pet health. Dog's, like humans, feel better when they are clean and healthy. Whether you're grooming your dog on your own or taking him or her to a professional, remember the importance of proper brushing and combing. Dog grooming spreads skin oils throughout the coat, resulting in fewer tangles and mats, which CAN BE PAIN-FUL and can injure the skin. Grooming also provides the opportunity to spot any problems sooner rather than later, including skin irritations, fleas, ticks, unusual lumps, or hernias. Even more, it's a great way to bond and show affection.

Is it Time for your Dog to get a Haircut?

When is a dog haircut nec-

clear as it is with people, although some breeds have their own look and style with some grown long and some clipped short.

Regularity of haircuts for your dog varies with the breed and with the owner's preference. (my human companion likes me short and clean)

If your dog is a show dog, you may need to have it done every month or two to keep the coat clipped to the breed standard. If you're not too concerned about appearance, you can leave it longer between haircuts. Many pet owners feel sorry for their long-haired dogs in the heat of the summer. Some believe that, as long as animals are given shade, plenty of water, and not too much exercise in the heat, they will be just fine in fact; their coats may insulate them against the heat and protect them from sunburn.

Historically, long haired dog breeds did not evolve in hot countries, so some vets feel that it's better to trim dog's hair, they seem happier with less fur in the summer. Keep in mind there aren't many health risks involved with trimming a dog's fur, but some animals' hair may never grow back the same. What about dog haircuts in the winter? Some pet owners worry this

I think my pooch friends essary? It's not always as leaves their pets more exposed to harsh winter elements. Turns out, they're right. A dog's hair traps air and helps insulate him or her from the cold, so the only real reason to give your dog a winter haircut is if he or she has mats that can't be combed out. However, if you think your pooch is in dire need of a trim, short hair should be fine as long as she or he is not left outside for unreasonable amounts of time. Owners should pay particular attention to older dogs who, like people, can get cold more easily and therefore should keep longer coats when possible.

Grooming goes beyond coat care. Keeping nails properly trimmed is another important aspect for healthy pets. Clipping your dog's nails every month is ideal for preventing long nails that can split, break, or tear. Nails should be cut just above the quick (the pink in the nails). And don't forget the rest of your pooch. Brush the dog's teeth daily, clean around the eyes as needed to avoid matting of fur or skin irritation, and clean the ears. Dog grooming takes a little bit of work (or the expense of a professional groomer) but, in the long run, proper care leads to a happy and HEALTHY PET.

That's all for now!



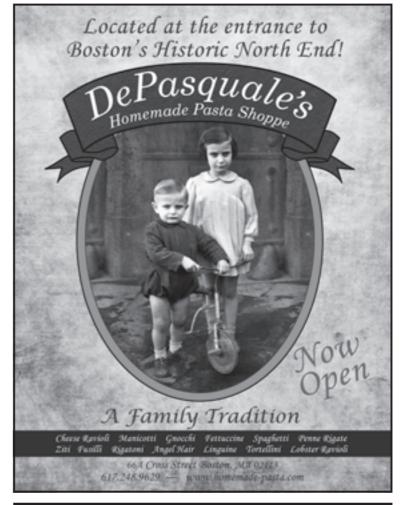




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Remembering Anna LoPizzo

Sunday, January 29, 2012



On Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 10:00 am at Lawrence History Center, 6 Essex Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts a memorial will be held for Anna LoPizzo.

Sunday marks the 100th Anniversary of the death of Anna when she was killed on the corner of Union and Garden Streets in Lawrence, Massachusetts when a shot was fired and she was struck in the chest by the bullet and died. To this day the incident is a mystery, the strikers claim the shot came from the police and the police accused the strikers.

There will be a short walk to the site of her death leaving flowers, lighting candles, saying a few words, and leaving behind a memorial sign with information on what happened at the site 100 years prior. All are welcome to attend.

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5 LEGAL Interest

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Can an owner of an apartment building refuse to rent to an applicant with children?

FATOU B. SY vs. MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION. No. 10-P-1743. APPEALS COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS 79 Mass App. Ct. 760; 950 N.E.2d 75 May 5, 2011, Argued • July 8, 2011, Decided

mission Against Discrimination decided that a Landlord discriminated by refusing to rent to an applicant with children. Fatou B. Sy, the landlord, appealed and the Trial Judge ruled there was no discrimination. The Commission against discrimination appealed and the Supremem Court overruled the Trial Judge and decided there was discrimination.

The Supreme Court Said: As noted, the governing statute prohibits "the owner ... of ... other covered housing accommodations ... to refused to rent or lease or sell or otherwise to deny to or withhold from any person such accommodations be-

occupy the premises with such person ..." G. L. c. 1518, § 4(11). The principal issue in this case, then, is whether the MCAD's interpretation of "other covered housing accommodations: to include the first-floor apartment owned by Sy was legally tenable, supported by substantial evidence, and consistent with statutory provisions contacted Ferguson about her application, asked about the ages of her children and informed her that she could not rent to families with minor children - itself an unlawful practice in violation of G. L. c. 151B, § 4(7B). "For any person to make ... any { } statement ... with respect to the cause such person has a ... rental of ... other covered

The Massachusetts Com- child or children who shall housing accommodations that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination based on ... children"). Consequently, the allowance of the plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings is reversed, and a judgment is to enter affirming the decision of the MCAD. So ordered.

> This case says you cannot refuse to rent to an applicant solely because children will be included. This discrimination Law makes it tough on a Landlord who wants to rent to a nice quiet couple without children. This does not apply to three family houses or less where an elderly person lives and it would be a hardship to the elderly

Recent Parish Events

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

January has been a particularly busy time at St. Leonard Parish, one that began on January 12 with a book signing and lecture at Sacred Heart Church Hall sponsored by the North End Historical Society. The book by Eileen Hunt Botting, Ph.D. is a scholarly edition of notes entitled" Reminiscences and Traditions of Boston" written by Hannah Mather Crocker (1752-1829) who lived her entire life in the North End. She was the daughter of Samuel Mather, granddaughter of Cotton Mather and great grand-Increase daughter of Mather, all Congregationalist ministers whose church was located in North Square. Dr. Botting, who is a political theorist, teaches at Notre Dame University, Depart-



ment of Political Science. The event was arranged with the support of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, publisher of Dr. Botting's book.

On Sunday January 15 Bishop Robert Hennessey made his semiannual visit to St. Leonard Parish. Bishop Hennessey served both the 10:30 and 12:00 noon Masses, both were well attended.

ety. Vy was one of this year's recipients of the Cheverus Award presented at the Archdiocesan level by Cardi-

On January 17 a special Mass was served by Father Matthew Williams to open the fourth Eucharistic Congress which will take place at St. Leonard parish on April 27th and 28th. The event sponsored by the Boston Archdiocese is directed toward college students and young adults. The experience of the weekend event offers the opportunity for young adults to meet new people, listen to dynamic speakers, pray in new ways, get involved with Christian service and celebrate Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley and participate in an evening Eucharistic procession.



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

The Vanity of it All

Ciao Bella,

How many of you gals get your face on in the bathroom? I could never understand it. However I'm sure it's the majority of ladies who hit the bathroom to use the mirror standing with ill lighting and steamy from showering! Makeup tubes and caps flying all over the floor! Well it is never too late to find a nice place in the bedroom for a vanity with mirror! Why as far back as I can remember I owned a lighted makeup mirror and would sit down in front of it and primp. We even bought a mini vanity for Dad's house when we would stay over on the weekend.

When I set up housekeeping in my first apartment I recall spying a walnut vintage vanity at Harold's Broadway Second Hand Store in Lawrence. Its chocolate elegance held a magnificent mirror which was built in and adjusted in a swing motion to your better side. There were two drawers on each side and one in the middle. Plenty of space for makeup of all kinds, hair accessories and brushes and combs, even jewelry and just about everything a "Glamazon" like me would need to play "makeup"!

I remember purchasing this Cadillac of cabinetry before I bought the bed! When Mom would visit she would always remark that she thought I was getting ready for my close-up in the cin-

I have a beautifully framed photo of Nana with her silver cup when she won a cosmetology competition on the vanity and just behind it I keep my Hollywood lights makeup mirror with different settings including daytime, work, and nighttime. Dad bought me this one. As soon

as he knew my last mirror bit the dust. He knew how important it was to replace it. The shopping hunt was on – Sears, Filene's, Jordan Marsh and even Woolworth's! He wouldn't stop 'til he found it! That was Dad! I dread mentioning where we finally found it! No. not eBay!

When I sit on my vanity chair which is laced with Nana's fur fox tails I am in heaven! Surrounded by my fav perfumes and colors that enhance my eyes and face, moisturizers and creams applied at leisure, it's my time to relax and enjoy the transformation. Oh and it is a transformation! Lipsticks that are from Jungle Red to Orange Crush! Greens and purple and blue glitter eyeliners are my favs from Tony & Tina's line. No longer being manufactured for yet another divorce!

My Vanity, my friend, has weathered every move and now as I figure out how long this relationship has lasted I can understand why the makeup I wore at 19 years old has had to change its face during our thirty-eight years together!

For the Vanity of it all! Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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nal Sean O'Malley for faithful service to her parish and the Church. Following Mass a birthday party was held at Sacred Heart Hall attended by parishioners and members of the rosary group.



New Bakers in the Neighborhood

Frank DePasquale Opens Bricco Panetteria

by Nicola Orichuia

The following feature story is the first in a four-part series on the North End's bread bakeries. While Bricco Panetteria is the "new kid on the block," there are three remaining bread bakeries that are part of the neighborhood's history: Parziale's, Boschetto's and Bova & Sons. All four North End bakeries will be highlighted in this Post-Gazette series.



Owner Frank DePasquale showing the wide variety of breads available at his new bakery Bricco Panetteria.

Ever since opening "Il Panino" in 1987, Frank DePasquale has been at the heart of the North End's business community, providing restaurants that attract thousands of visitors each year. Now DePasquale is trying out something relatively new for him, opening his first bakery and joining a centuries-old tradition in the neighborhood, once renown for having one or more bakeries on almost every street.

"We do everything in-house," says DePasquale, "except for our own linen. What we were missing, though, was a bakery that could provide bread for all our restaurants. Now Bricco Panetteria serves that purpose, and it also provides bread for people stopping by wanting to buy it.'

To find the place, though, one needs to pay attention. Bricco Panetteria is tucked away at the back of the Bricco Ristorante building on Hanover Street. A big sign leads the way down the alley that ends with the bakery's entrance — a glass door that opens to a staircase leading down to the heart of the bakery. Buying bread at Bricco Panetteria adds to the value of actually seeing where and how the bread is made, as the one room environment provides the opportunity to take in all the essence and magic of bread making.

"A fundamental ingredient to make our bread is passion," says DePasquale. "Without it, you can't do anything. That's why I brought in the best bakers I could find. As for the recipe, it's about combining the best ingredients, the best flour, and the best water. I go to Italy at least once a year and have been observing various breads in different bakeries. I noticed the texture was different and it was really good. So I wanted to replicate it." It is no surprise DePasquale wants to import Italian bread styles, as the business entrepreneur has been promoting the Italian way of life and culture in Boston for as long as he can remember. "I spent most of my childhood in Positano, on the Amalfi coast, and I try to go back as much as I can. I'm constantly observing chefs at work and talking with them. I try to bring back with me as much of their knowledge as possible. The goal is to make the North End the greatest Italian American community in the country."

In a way, DePasquale is succeeding in maintaining the old neighborhood tradition of bread making, bucking the trend of bakeries going out of business over the past decades. In fact, the owner of Bricco Panetteria doesn't see his bakery as competing with the other three bakeries of the North End, but just adding value to the already extraordinary breads found in the neighborhood. "I have restaurant owners come by to taste my bread, but if they tell me they buy their bread from one of the other neighborhood bakeries, then I don't sell my bread to them."

The bakery, however, has been a hit success so far, after just a few months in business. Customers can see how the bread is made inside the large French ovens (which heat the bread on both the top and bottom) and even exchange a few words with head baker Ben Tock or Michael Rhoads, who take care of the daily operations that go into making several different breads. There's a bread for everyone: The classic baguette, olive ciabattas, sunflower and New Yorkstyle breads, as well as decorative crowns made of mini-baguettes. "We've had a phenomenal response," assures DePasquale, "with many repeat customers." A quick taste of Bricco Panetteria's superb olive ciabatta is guaranteed to have you return for more as well.



• Mayor's Food Policy (Continued from Page 2)

Bill impacts major food programs including food access in schools, the food bank and pantry system, and food stamp benefits. The Farm Bill has the opportunity to play a major role in the economic health of the city, not only in terms of jobs, but in terms of healthrelated costs.

"As the President develops his budget plan and the Congress looks at funding levels for the Farm Bill, we want to make sure that this legislation is also a 'Food Bill' that will enhance the health, the economy and the well-being of America's cities," Mayor Menino said.

Growing Entrepreneurship

In Boston, \$35 billion is spent on food annually. This year, Boston also launched its first official Food Truck program, adding more than 30 locally owned and operated food trucks to Boston's streets and setting up a Food Truck committee of crossdepartmental city employees to help these business owners navigate the city's permitting process.

Local Food Sourcing

As consumers are increasingly paying attention to where the food comes from, Boston too is shifting how it sources food to a more local approach. In the Boston Public Schools, 41% of the food used to feed students comes from Massachusetts or a state bordering Massachusetts, and the city's two major convention centers have committed to sourcing 50% of their food products from Massachusetts. Boston also recently approved zoning changes that will allow for an Urban Agriculture Pilot Program to move forward in 2012, bringing freshly grown produce to Boston's urban neighborhoods. The Task Force will

economic activity. The Farm continue to explore local food sourcing as a means to increase access to healthy food, while supporting the local economy.

Nutrition Policies

In Boston, Mayor Menino has enacted a number of policies to promote health and nutrition. In 2004, he banned sugary beverages from Boston Public Schools and as a result, fewer youths report regular soda consumption. Mayor Menino also launched the Boston Bounty Bucks program to double the value of food stamp money at Boston's network of farmer's markets. Last year, Boston launched the "Re-think Your Drink" campaign, removing sugar-sweetened beverages from city properties, including police and fire stations, libraries, municipal buildings, and food trucks on city streets.

Food Desserts

Over the past 20 years, the Menino administration has added 26 supermarkets to make sure that there is a supermarket in every neighborhood in the city. Still, many urban areas lack adequate access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable food. The Task Force will discuss how to promote more community gardens (Boston has 165) and develop an urban agriculture strategy, a process currently underway in Boston.

"In the inner city, obesity is too high and the availability of fresh, affordable foods is too low. So we must work hard to ensure that necessary and vital nutrition programs such as the supplemental food assistance program (SNAP) receive the necessary funding," Mayor Menino said. "Every person should have access to healthy, affordable food, regardless of their neighborhood or income."

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News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

A STEM CELL BANK IN MASSACHUSETTS! It is the first bank in the United States where stem cells, from amniotic fluids, will be stored. This 'Bio-cell Center', the second in the world, was recently inaugurated at Med-ford, Massachusetts, in an area which is at the vanguard worldwide in Biotechnology.

The laboratory of the Bio-cell Center Corporation has a strong position in the field mainly thanks to the Italian experience and research in the field, particularly in cryoconservation of the stem cells extracted by amniocentesis, a method of the scientific director Giuseppe Simoni after decades of studies. Simoni was a professor of Genetics until two years ago (2008) at the University of Milano. The bio-cell center has reached an agreement with the Harvard school of Ophthalmology for a pilot study on the use of stem cells derived from the amniotic fluids, in the treatment of retina degeneration. The stem cells center hopes to reach an agreement also with the Boston Children Hospital, which has already used stem cells from amniotic fluids in repairing the trachea and hernia in the diaphragm of animals.

The first bio-cell center started at Busto Arsizio, in the Lombardia Region (province of Varese). The Center inaugurated in Medford is a branch of the main center in Lombardia. The Italian method has been introduced in the United States right from Busto Arsizio. The cryo-conservation, at 196 degrees below zero, is massed on the notion that the stem cells extracted from the amniotic fluid, between the 15th and the 20th week of gestation, frozen and then defrosted will lose none of their characteristics. It is enough to have 3 cm. cube of amniotic fluid, usually discarded, to assure a healthy life to the children. In a container of 3cm.cube of amniotic fluid there are 20-30,000 cells, young and quite active, capable of reproducing themselves up to 250 times, without suffering variations in a variety of tissues. The stem cells extracted from the umbilical cord are instead differentiated into hematopoietic cells that have a low proliferation rate, twice at most! The researchers feel that soon there will be the first clinical trials on man, perhaps in a couple of years. The stem cells from the amniotic fluid possess the advantage of a DNA more stable and devoid of ethical problems. The cryo-preservation of the stem cells extracted from the amniotic fluid can last 19 years, when the agreement on the control of the stem cells goes from the father to the son, when adult! The cost of the cryo-preservation is 900 euro in Italy, about \$1,300 in the USA, plus an annual fee for the preservation.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF EMIGRATION INAUGURATED BY THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT, GIORGIO NAPOLITANO. Twenty nine million of Italians left Italy from the year 1800 in search of a job and a better life. The Italian President recently inaugurated the Museum in Rome, at the Vittoriano (the monument complex to King Victor Emmanuel the Second). There were, among the multimedical records, 380 people with name 'Napolitano (as the President), 119 Bondi, 14 Fini (as Gianfranco Fini, the Speaker of the Chamber), 15 Mantica (prominent Government officer) and others having the same name as several attending Government officials. As some of the speakers pointed out, it is the story which many Italians ignore. The tragic experience lived by Italian emigrants has been experienced by those who now try to enter Italy for a better





The Roman, Julian and Gregorian Calendars

by James DiPrima

innovations, in art, literature, architecture, government and many more influences this country, shaped as a boot and seeming to be ready to kick the island of Sicily, had on the world. One such innovation that has been accepted by all is the calendar. Calendars provide us a means of keeping track of the past as well as the future and to remind us of dates that are important to all. Or as some have said "... calendars serve as a link between mankind and the cosmos." So let us take a look back. The ancient Egyptians, besides building those magnificent pyramids, spent some time realizing "that a year was divided seasonally and could be measured from the shortest day of the year to the next occurrence of the shortest day." Their calendar was composed of 365 days and was divided into three seasons' winter, spring and summer, consisting of four months each. If the Egyptian calendar were in use today, January, February, and March would be Thoth, Tybi and Pachons.

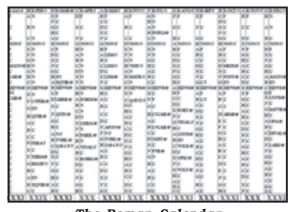
The Roman calendar has been attributed to Romulus, the first king of Rome, around 753 BCE. It was based on the cycles of the moon and the agricultural year. It began in March (Martius) in the spring and ended in December with the autumn planting. Thus the year was ten months long, 304 days, and consisted of six months with thirty days and four with thirty one. Due to no work being done in the fields the two months of winter were not counted.

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2.	Aprilis	30 days
3.	Maius	31 days
4.	Lunius	30 days
5.	Quintilis	31 days
6.	Sextilis	30 days
7.	September	30 days
8.	October	31 days
9.	November	30 days
10.	December	30 days

The Roman calendar numbering system for the days of the month consisted of dividing the months into day markers that began at the start of the month, the fifth or the seventh day and in the middle of the month. These were called calends, nones and ides. The word calendar comes from the word calends.

Calends (Kalendae-from the Greek to announce) noted the start of the new moon cycle and was always the first day of the month. The Nones (Nonae) was the day of the half moon occurring eight days prior to the ides. The ides takes place on the thirteen day in eight of the months but on the fifteenth day in March, May, July and October. It was believed to be days of a full moon. The days were noted as to how many days it was before the calends, nones or ides. So that the March 11 would be known to the Romans as "Five ides because it was four days before the ides of March (March 15, known as the ides of March, the day Julius Caesar was assinated).



The Roman Calendar

It was soon found that the 304 day Roman calendar was not working because, as they discovered it was not aligned with the seasons. King Numa Pompilius (715-673 BC), the second king of Rome, changed the calendar about 700 BC by adding the months of January (lanuarius) and February

Italians can be very proud of many (Februarius) to the ten months thus movations, in art, literature, architecture, increasing the length of the year to 355 days.

There existed in Rome at that time a college of pontiffs (from pontifex or "bridge maker") who played a big part in regulating the calendar festivities. Caesar was known as Pontifex Maximus. They would add days to coincide with the lunar and solar years. These priests were not always willing to make changes but politics was ever present for they could manipulate the calendar to satisfy special interests. For example the tenure of a person holding a high office could be extended or shortened. Pending legislation could be given more or less time prior to a vote. In 59 BC, Caesar's co-council Bibulus attempted to defeat a piece of legislation proposed by his colleagues by declaring the remaining days of the year to be holidays so the assembly could not legally meet.

In 45 BCE (Before Common Era) Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar. Caesar called upon the astronomer Sosignenes, from Alexandria and consulted with him on developing a calendar that did away with the Roman version and create a calendar that was a regulated civil calendar that was based by the sun. This was done by adding ten days to the pre-Julian Roman year of 355 days thus creating the 365 days of the Julian calendar. They were distributed by adding two extra days to the months of January, August and December and one extra day to April, June, September and November. A leap day was added to February every four years. This makes the Julian calendar year 365.25 days long.

The Julian calendar was used as a civil calendar but it was replaced with the Gregorian calendar, introduced by Pope Gregory XII in 1582. The Julian calendar it turns out was 11 minutes to long and as result added one day every 128 years. Thus by the mid sixteenth century this would come to about 10 days. The result of this would have been that the vernal equinox (spring), by which the church determined Easter, would not fall on March 21 the traditional date, but ten days earlier. In addition, Pope Gregory's calendar changed the Julian calendar's cycle that now set a leap year as one that is divisible by four, included in this are the centurial years. As an example, "Every year that is exactly divisible by 4 is a leap year, except for years that are divisible by 100; the centurial (century) years that are exactly divisible by 400 are still leap years. For example, the year 1900 is not a leap year; the year 2000 is a leap year. The Gregorian calendar is in use today by most countries and has become the international calendar.

The naming of the months of the year in the **Gregorian calendar**:

January Janus, (Roman god of gates, doorways, beginnings and endings)

February Februus (Etruscan god of death)

March Mars (Roman god of war)
May May (Maia Maiestas (Roman goddess)

June Juno (Roman goddess, wife of Jupiter)

July Julius Caesar (Roman dictator,

was quintilis, Roman fifth month)

August Augustus (first Roman

emperor, was sextilis, Roman sixth month) September.. Septum (Latin for seven, was

sextilis, Roman seven month)
October Octo (Latin for eighth, was

Roman eighth month)
November ... Novem (Latin for nine, was

Roman ninth month)

December... Decem (Latin for ten, was

As we go through the year we tend not to think about the influence that Italian history plays in our lives until we reflect

upon the months of the year and realize that

Roman tenth month)

it is with us all year long.
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16th Annual Taste of Eastie ... A Great Success!

More than 300 guests were treated to another fantastic evening at the Logan Airport Hilton last Thursday evening. East Boston Main Streets would like to thank the generous food merchants who served up delicious treats for this wonderful event. Special thanks to over 30 volunteers as well as MC John Dudley, Anthony Moulaison and James Gleason for the entertainment.

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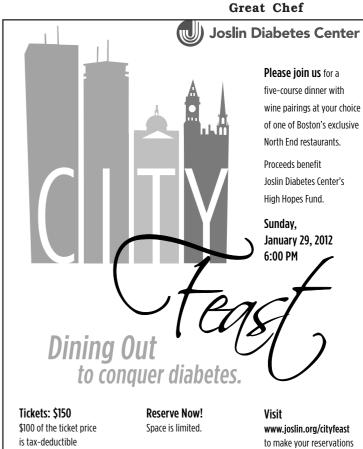


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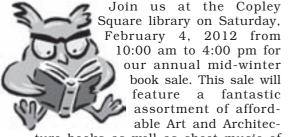


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ing to run end runs around entitled "A Tale of Two Cit-Capitol Hill as if he were king of the world. He recently made a recess appointment when the Senate wasn't in recess and said it was lawful. That opinion may end up at the US Supreme Court sooner than later. We have three co-equal branches of government and the guy in the White House needs to know his place inside our Democratic Republic.

I heard Pat recently on the Sean Hannity radio show on 1200 Boston Talk. I have heard or read much of him lately. He mentioned he's on The McLaughlin Group on PBS and also that MSNBC has hired him for analysis recently. However, since I don't watch much on either PBS or MSNBC, that news from him was news to me. I wish the Boston Herald was still running his commentaries as they did years ago.

Republicans can't beat Obama with a moderate Republican like Romney. His fate will be like Bob Dole in 1996 and John McCain four vears ago.

The best candidate should have been Texas Gov. Rick Perry but he simply wasn't ready for prime time this year. He can still come back in the future if he can get his Political act together.

Founding Fathers Rolling Over in Their Graves

Columnist Michael Barone of the Washington Examiner had a great column printed the other day in the Boston Herald on the president's recent presidential behavior. When he made "recess" appointments to the National Labor Relations Board but the Senate was not in recess as the Constitution requires. As Barone wisely printed, "The Framers thought it more important to limit power than for government to act quickly. Barack Obama disagrees. Republican presidential candidates have been praising the Founding Fathers. Obama has been defying them. Interesting contrasts."

The Tale of Two Cities?

When I was growing up as a child back in the '50s, my father always listened to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen on the radio every week. When Sheen switched to television, his telecasts became a weekly staple at my house. As opposed to many televangelists today, he neither ranted nor raved but simply conversed with his TV audience. Recently, while flipping channels, I came upon EWTN and there was a ghost from the past. This religious channel was showing a 1965 telecast by Bishop Sheen

ies." It was surely just as timely for today's viewers as it was 46 years ago when it ran for the first time.

Sheen spoke of the captivity of the suburbs when older Catholic immigrant groups left cities for the suburbs and forgetting their roots. They were captivated by their Frank announced he would escape and many churches followed them out of the cities of America. Those churches left behind served fewer people and also poorer congregations.

He questioned the priorities of urban churches 46 years ago. He said the steeples on the churches pointed upward like fingers gazing at heaven. He thought those steeples must be turned laterally and pointed out to the community of peoples surrounding them. It was after he was saying that while our final destination was heaven, it was our job as a society to see those around us and make life better for those who struggled down here on Earth.

He mentioned that in 1965 many social scientists believed that by the year 2000, two-thirds of the American people would be living in 13 mega-metropolises. That didn't exactly happen but what did happen is that there would be a concentration of poor living in most of our large cities. Cities would be divided in half. There would be the good side of town and the bad side. Incredible wealth and incredible poverty intersecting but never meeting.

Bishop Sheen it would seem was delivering us a sermon on how to actually live with each other right here and now rather than waiting to meet upstairs at the pearly gates. Praying and thanking God for what we had was not enough. It was the role of the church and all of us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

I finally was lucky enough to see him when he came to Boston back in 1975. By then, he was much older and oh so much wiser. He was an Archbishop by then. His message that day was both powerful and inspiring. I thought someday this man would be a saint. As a journalist, I know that St. Gabriel the Archangel was the patron of journalists but I truly think that honor might be more fitting for Fulton J. Sheen. He learned how to communicate with the world and had great impact in his time and beyond.

He wasn't selling God or looking for any seed money, he was looking to enlighten others to a more positive view on Christian life. His vineyard was the world he saw that needed desperately to understand what our life should be about for yesterday, today and eternity.

An Open Seat **Quickly Closing**

When US Rep. Barney retire and not seek re-election to a new 4th Congressional District, many thought there would be a stampede of candidates running in the Democratic Party this coming September. That didn't materialize. The rumor that is keeping others out of this House campaign is that Joe Kennedy Three-Point Zero is scaring everyone away. Everyone it would appear except Boston City Councilor Michael Ross who has an exploratory committee out there checking out the territory.

On the Republican side, Brookline School Committeewoman Beth Childs who also is a former DMH commissioner has announced her intentions of entering this fall's GOP primary. Her opponent thus far looks like Sean Bielat coming back for one more bite of the apple. He gave Frank a run for his money two years ago and wants to try again in a Frank-less race.

Meanwhile Up in the Fifth District

US Rep. Johnny "Pockets" Tierney is running for reelection once again except this time badly damaged by his wife's family business to say it nicely. It appears the GOP smells blood. This looks like a do-able district to win in. However, first in the race was former State Senator Richard Tisei from Wakefield. He could be a very strong Republican candidate with folks sick and tired of all the dirt coming out on the Democrat side.

Foreclosure Bus Tour?

I was reading a real estate newspaper from out in the middle of the state and a realty group has sponsored a bus tour of foreclosure listings. A two-family house in Winchendon is on the market for \$30.900. "Needs work." Another home in Fitchburg is going for \$139,900. There's another two, one is in Templeton and is called "an affordable jewel." Finally, there's Gardner, the furniture capital of Massachusetts and home to a state prison. This place has "room to roam." There is something very sad about a foreclosure bus tour of homes other families once dreamed of before their nightmares began, isn't there?



ONE FOR THE MONEY -ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK (CD)

Lakeshore

Katherine Heigl stars as iconic literary character Stephanie Plum in director Julie Anne Robinson's adaptation of the hugely popular Janet Evanovich novel One for the Money. Deborah Lurie, one of the most versatile composers and arrangers in Hollywood, deserves the credit for the 21track score from the motion picture, which is further enhanced by the opening five tracks. The opener features the popular Cobie Caillat cashing in with her composition of "Brighter Than the Sun," Vanessa Bryan & Mista Youngblood 'bite the bullet' with the powerful "Love Gun," trailed by Kristina & The Dolls delivering "I Got You." Chicagoborn country music singer/ songwriter Amy Loftus, now a Nashville resident, serves up the disarming single "Surrender," and finally, Delilah Bright loads up and fires off an explosive version of "Hit Me With Your Best Shot." Excellent!

JOSH KELLEY -**GEORGIA CLAY** MCA Nashville

Josh Kelley delivers his debut country release with Georgia Clay, chock full of songs about his life story, in true country style. Kelley wrote or co-wrote the 11 songs on his album, which is an autobiographical statement. His marriage to actress Katherine Heigl appears to have made his songwriting ability flow easily, as the lyrics in his songs will show. Opening with the album's title track and first single, he sings about his younger years, "Georgia Clay," then slows it down for the tender "A Real Good Try," the possible hurt of "Gone Like That," and gets drawn in by a female's "Baby Blue Eyes." The sentimental song he penned for his adopted daughter "Naleigh Moon" shows his 'soft' side, followed by the caffeine-laden, onedigest "Two Cups of Coffee," trailed surprisingly by the raucous party song "Rainin' Whiskey," and reminisces to the thoughtful sound of "Great Idea." If the surname Kelley rings a bell, that is because his younger brother Charles has gained notoriety with the highly success-

ful group Lady Antebellum. Winding down his country collection, Josh turns on the romantic education with "Learning You," taking a turn with the pain of lost love and "Ain't Lettin' Go," and puts the finishing touches on the final track in the form of the pleading "Don't You Go." There is a future for Josh in country music!

RUMER -SEASONS OF MY SOUL Atlantic

Pakistan native Sarah Joyce uses the professional name Rumer, and her just released album Seasons of My Soul, is eleven songs strong, with a sound evoking memories of the late Karen Carpenter. The now, British singer/songwriter, has scored hit singles in the UK with "Slow" and "Aretha." Her light, fresh vocals float airily on cuts as, "Come To Me High," a convincing cover of Dusty Springfield's "Take Me As I Am," plus the powerful "Saving Grace." The soul-and-jazz feel continues via, "Thankful," the comforting "Healer," soaring with "Blackbird," the hauntingly beautiful "On My Way Home," and puts the finishing touches on her outstanding effort with "Goodbye Girl." Mark your calendar for Rumer's February 10th appearance at Boston's Brighton Music Hall!

NICK MORAN TRIO -NO TIME LIKE NOW Manor Sound

New York guitarist Nick Moran teams up with organist Brad Whiteley and drummer Chris Benham to create the pleasurable "perfect 10" songs on No Time Like Now. Pick your favorites from tracks as the cover of Cream's 1967 hit "Strange Brew," trailer by Moran's melodic "My Beautiful," the seductive "Intention," the funky gem "Slow Drive," and the bass-driven "Wishful Thinking." The mood changes continue with a tribute to one of Moran's

late friends on the title track, a second tribute to the great New York blues singer Frankie Paris is titled sided romance of the hard to "Say Hi To Paris," and the emotional funeral march "Natalya" is in honor of Chechen human rights activist Natalya Estemirova, who was assassinated in 2009. Yet another sendoff to a late friend results in the spirited "The Physicist Transformed," and the finale is the cohesive "Renewal." Superb!

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Bill Monroe is the father of bluegrass. He invented the style, invented the name and for the great majority of the 20th century, embodied the art form. Beginning with his Blue Grass Boys in the '40s, Monroe defined a hard-edged style of country that emphasized instrumental virtuosity, close vocal harmonies, and a fast, driving tempo. See MUSIC SECTION for further details.

THEATER

LOWELL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 978-454-2299

www.LowellAuditorium.com

COME FLY AWAY — Thursday, March 1, 2012. "Come Fly Away" is the new Broadway musical that brings together the legendary vocals of Frank Sinatra and the creative vision of Tony Award-winner Twyla Tharp (Movin' Out). This one-of-a-kind experience combines the seductive vocals of "Ol' Blue Eyes" with the sizzling sound of a live on-stage big band and the visceral thrill of Tharp's choreography. As 14 of the world's best dancers tell the story of four couples falling in and out of love, you will experience the exhilaration of a first kiss, the excitement of a first dance, and the bittersweet moments of a first good-bye in a world of sparkling romance and astonishing beauty. Come Fly Away features a host of beloved Sinatra classics, including "Fly Me to the Moon," "My Way," "New York, New York" and "Witchcraft."

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT - March 28, 2012. Lovingly "rippedoff" from the internationally famous comedy team's most popular motion picture, Monty Python and the Holv Grail, Monty Python's Spamalot is the winner of three 2005 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Director (Mike Nichols), as well as the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Musical. Telling the legendary tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and their quest for the Holy Grail, Monty Python's Spamalot features a chorus line of dancing divas and knights, flatulent Frenchmen, killer rabbits and one legless knight.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S THEATRE The Wimberly Theatre at the Boston Center for the Arts 527 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 617-933-8600

www.BostonChildrensTheatre.org REFELCTIONS OF A ROCK LOB-STER — March 3-11, 2012. After being bullied relentlessly, 17-year-old student Aaron Fricke from Cumberland, RI sued his high school in 1980 for the right to escort his boyfriend to his senior prom. In the tradition of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, this play deals with issues of bullying and prejudice. Boston Children's Theatre is proud to bring a story from local history to enlighten today's youth with positive messages of tolerance and acceptance.

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JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

— March 17–25, 2012. A magical peach! An incredible journey! Insect friends! In James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl's story comes hilariously to life in this family show that reveals the wickedness of some and the goodness of others. Follow James, the wise Old-Green-Grasshopper and the pessimistic Earthworm on their wild adventure. And, don't forget James' mean Aunt Spiker and cruel Aunt Sponge!

WHEELOCK FAMILY THEATRE Wheelock College 200 The Riverway Boston, MA 617-879-2300

www.WheelockFamilyTheatre.org THE WIZARD OF OZ - Friday, February 3; Friday, February 10; Friday, February 17; Friday, February 24. Based on the classic 1939 MGM movie. this magical production will sweep audiences off their feet, from the moment the tornado twists its way into Kansas. Young farm girl Dorothy and her little dog Toto are transported "Over the Rainbow," where they meet the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man and the Scarecrow on the Yellow Brick Road, and travel together in search of the great and powerful Wizard himself. Featuring such classic songs as "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and "If I Only Had a Brain," The Wizard of Oz is sure to cast its timeless spell over the entire family.

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE 539 Washington St., Boston, MA 617-259-3400

www.BostonOperaHouse.com

AMERICAN IDIOT – Now through January 29, 2012. Based on Green Day's album and featuring such songs as: "Wake Me Up When September Ends," "Holiday" and the blockbuster title track, this Boston premiere tells the story of three lifelong friends forced to choose between their dreams and the safety of surburbia.

LES MISERABLES — March 13-April 1, 2012. Les Misérables has been seen by over 53 million people in 38 countries and 21 languages since its first London performance in October 1985. The original Broadway production opened on March 12, 1987, at the Broadway Theatre, winning seven Tony Awards that season, including Best Musical. The show went on to play a total of 6,680 performances. Based on Victor Hugo's epic novel. Relentless policeman Javert pursues escaped convict Jean Valjean over decades through the tumult of revolutionary France. Valjean becomes a mayor, agrees to raise the daughter of a dying prostitute and joins the fight for freedom. None of this impresses the single-minded Javert, until the day Valjean saves his life. Score includes "Who Am I?," "A Little Fall of Rain," "One Day More," "Bring Him Home" and "I Dreamed a Dream.

MUSIC

WILBUR THEATRE 246 Tremont St., Boston, MA www.TheWilburTheatre.com

GLEN CAMPBELL GOODBYE TOUR - Thursday, February 23, 2012. The legendary singer/ songwriter released his final studio album, "Ghost on the Canvas." Despite the diagnosis of Alzheimers. Glen will hit the road for his "Goodbye Tour." "I still love making music," says Campbell. "And I still love performing for my fans. I'd like to thank them for sticking with me through thick and thin." Glen Campbell is best known for a series of hits in the 1960s and 1970s. Campbell's hits include: "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston," "Rhinestone Cowboy" and "Southern Nights." Campbell made history by winning four Grammys in both country and pop categories in 1967. For "Gentle on My Mind" he received two awards in country & western, "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" did the same in pop.

BILL MONROE — April 21, 2012. The musical genre took its name from the Blue Grass Boys, and Monroe's music forever has defined the sound of classical bluegrass — a five-piece acoustic string band, playing precisely and rapidly, switching solos and singing in a plaintive, high lonesome voice. Not only did he invent the very sound of the music, Monroe was the mentor for several generations of musicians. Over the years, Monroe's band hosted all of the major bluegrass artists of the '50s and '60s, including Flatt & Scruggs, Reno & Smiley, Vassar Clements, Carter Stanley, and Mac Wiseman. Though the lineup of the Blue Grass Boys changed over the years, Monroe always remained devoted to bluegrass in its purest form.

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REAL OLDIES LIVE — Friday. March 23, 2012. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the fun-loving, toetapping tunes of artists Gary "US" Bonds. The Cleftones. The Orlons. and Johnny Tillotson and the Tuttie Frutties. Gary "US" Bonds created the legendary party record, "Quarter to Three." He is also known for "School is Out," "School is In," "Dear Lady Twist," "Twist, Twist Senora," "Seven Day Weekend," and others. The Cleftones are known for hits "Little Girl of Mine," "Can't We Be Sweethearts," and "String Around My Heart." Also, appearing, The Orlons, who had some dance and novelty gems in the early '60s: "The Wah Watusi," "Don't Hang Up," and "South Street." You wouldn't want to miss Johnny Tillotson, who is famous for chart records "Poetry In Motion," "It Keeps Right On A Hurtin'," "Without You,"
"Send Me The Pillow That You Dream On," and many more.

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DAVID SANBORN - February 10,
2012. Renowned and revered the

world over as one of the greatest saxophone players of all-time, David Sanborn is an artist whose music has inspired countless other musicians while creating a body of work that spans the genres of rock 'n' roll, R&B, pop and jazz. A naturally gifted performer, David has helped defined the saxophone's modern sound while influencing a generation.

TD GARDEN Causeway Street, Boston www.TDGarden.com

NEIL DIAMOND – June 23, 2012. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and 2011 Kennedy Center Honoree, will take his greatest hits on the road on a much-anticipated North American tour. Neil Diamond has had numerous hits including: "Forever in Blue Jeans," "Cherry, Cherry," "Sweet Caroline," "I'm a Believer," "Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Red, Red Wine," "America" and many more. Neil's musical career spans nearly five decades, Neil has sold more than 125 million albums worldwide, with a remarkable track record of 16 Top Ten albums, and 37 Top Ten singles.

COMEDY

WILBUR THEATRE 246 Tremont St., Boston, MA www.thewilbur.com Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000

AMAZING JOHNATHAN — Saturday, January 28, 2012. The Amazing Johnathan is an eccentric comic magician whose bizarre humor and unscripted antics have earned him widespread recognition as one of the most original and unique performers today. His DVD, "Wrong on Every Level" is the latest example to prove this point. Despite making regular appearances on national television shows, his live shows are what Amazing Johnathan thrives on. He has literally destroyed audiences and stages with a style that has been described as a cross between Steve Martin and Alice Cooper. With his impulsive, raw humor and abrasive wit, he keeps audiences on the edge of their seats while exhibiting spontaneous magic and showcasing impressive special effects. The Amazing Johnathan Show has added new material but still showcases the same impulsive, bizarre humor and abrasive wit that has earned him widespread critical acclaim.

COLIN QUINN: LONG STORY SHORT – Sunday, January 29, 2012. In "Long Story Short," Colin Quinn focuses his "articulate brand of comedy" on the demise of empires, including our own. More than standup comedy, "Long Story Short" is a hilarious blend of incisive observation, sharp commentary and Colin's channeling of the personalities of the past. From Socrates to Snooki, Quinn is at his

satirical best, taking on the attitudes, appetites and bad habits that toppled the world's most powerful nations. "Long Story Short" proves that throughout human history, the joke has always been on us.

ETTA MAY'S WHITE TRASH DIARY - Tuesday, February 7, 2012. What's the best way to describe Etta May? "Minnie Pearl with a migraine." To put it simply, when Etta May takes the stage, she is the reigning Queen of Southern Sass. She reflects "You know you're getting fat when you sit in the bathtub and the water in the toilet rises!" Etta May grew up alongside nine older brothers, who referred to their baby sister as "the human sacrifice." In fact, Etta May's parents — did not realize Etta May was a girl until she required a training bra. Etta May met her husband, Delbert, an aspiring truck driver, at a friend's kegger. From across the yard their eyes locked in a love look. Nine months later, she was blessed with a boy, followed by a girl and two more boys. "That's where my comedy comes from. "I just wait for my husband or kids to do something stupid, and then I write it down." Etta May, will take you on a redneck ride through the Deep

DAVID SPADE — Friday, February 10, 2012. Spade first made a name for himself as a standup comedian. He joined the cast of Lorne Michael's long-running television show *Saturday Night Live* in 1990 as a writer and a performer. On the show, he soon gained popularity for such recurring sketches such as "The Hollywood Minute" in which Spade would sarcastically shred some of Tinseltown's biggest stars with his nasty comments. Spade also proved an able impersonator of celebrities ranging from Jeff Foxworthy to Tom Petty.

MUSEUMS

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM Columbia Point, Boston, MA 866-JFK-1960 www.jfklibrary.org

IN HER VOICE: JACQUELINE KENNEDY, THE WHITE HOUSE YEARS. In the spring of 1964, a few months after President Kennedy's death, Jacqueline Kennedy recorded a series of interviews with historian and family friend Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. At the age of thirty-four, with the White House years behind her, she was speaking for the historical record - to preserve and shape her husband's legacy. The interviews, held on deposit here at the Kennedy Library, were sealed for 47 years. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in 1994. In 2011, the 50^{th} anniversary year of the Kennedy Presidency, her daughter, Caroline Kennedy, decided it was the right time to share these conversations with the public.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM www.1460WXBR.com.

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AN EVENING OF ITALIAN ROMANCE featuring MICHAEL AMANTE and MARISSA FAMIG-**LIETTI** — Saturday, June 9, 2012. Michael Amante is affectionately known as the "People's Tenor." He has been crowned the "Prince of High C's" for his remarkable ability to hit and sustain with ease, one of the highest notes of a tenor's voice. With Michael's long history of singing popular Rock and Gospel music, coupled with extensive classical Bel-Canto training, he is able to sing even higher with a strength and mastery rarely heard anywhere in the world. Being able to produce these notes consistently within the context of a moving line and in conjunction with a beautiful sound, requires not only talent, but skilled use of technique. The most prolific tenor of all time, Luciano Pavarotti, the "King of High C's," once described the feeling this way: "Excited and happy, but with a strong undercurrent of fear. The moment I actually hit the note. I almost lose consciousness. A physical, animal sensation seizes me. Then I regain control." Amante experiences this thrilling sensation as

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Physicist Stephen Hawkins, who is known for his work on the most complex questions of astrophysics, admitted he's stumped by one topic he thinks about often. "Women," said Hawking. "They are a complete mystery."

Carlo Scostumato, says, "Nowadays it's easy for a bachelor to remain single. Every time he turns his TV set on he hears that most women have stringy hair, rough red hands, bad breath, and are overweight."

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill says," A woman marries the first time for love, the second time for companionship, the third time for support, and the rest of the time from habit."

A restaurant in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, posted a sign that said "No Politicians, No Exceptions" in the days before the Republican primary. Employee Jessica Labrie explained that customers were complaining that constant visits from presidential candidates were disrupting their meals.

Just released, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the total number of vehicular deaths in each state and D.C. in 2009. Leading them all is California with 3,081 vehicular deaths. Second is Texas with 3,071, third is Florida with 2,558 and fourth is New York with 1,156 vehicular deaths. And Massachusetts is way down on the list with 334 vehicular deaths. The state with the lowest amount of vehicular deaths is Vermont with 74 deaths.

A bumper sticker on a car in Atlanta: "Caution — keep back! I drive like your wife."

The unofficial mayor of Medford, Tom Analetto, says, "Driving an automobile would be a much greater pleasure if each motorist would use his head as much as he uses his horn."

Gee, Maria Shriver may be having second thoughts about divorcing Arnold Schwarzenegger, said *TMZ.com*. The couple spent the holidays together at the family's Brentwood, California, home, and sources say Schwarzenegger "desperately" wants a reconciliation. These sources say Shriver, who is a devout Catholic, may be rethinking the split because the church does not permit divorce.

It takes only a few words mumbled in church and you're married. It takes only a few words mumbled in your sleep and you're divorced.

A man in New Hampshire complained about slow mail delivery. "Today, I received an invitation to the wedding of a couple who are already divorced."

Roland Mesnier has satisfied the sugar cravings of some of the world's most powerful men, said Carol Ross Joynt in Washingtonian. During his 26 years as the White House's head pastry chef, Mesnier served up delectable desserts to five presidents, making pecan bourbon pie for Jimmy Carter, orange chocolate cake for Ronald Reagan, baked apple soufflé' for Bush senior, and buttered brioche pudding with dried blueberries and lemon sauce for Bush the younger. His most demanding diner, though, was Bill Clinton. "He had a big appetite, scary," says Mesnier, 67. "He could eat five or six pork chops." Clinton was also allergic to a stack of foods, including chocolate and flour. "But he loved dessert. It made it very difficult for a pastry chef." One evening Mesnier crafted a low-calorie strawberry cake for Clinton, who ate half the dessert in a single sitting. The next morning, the president woke up craving a slice or two more. "But no one could find the cake," said Mesnier, who had to face the furious commander in chief. "Clinton was pounding on the table and shouting, 'I want my goddamned cake.'" When the missing cake couldn't be found, there was only one conclusion to be made: "We decided Vice President Al Gore must have eaten it."

Double news! The number of twins born in the U.S. has doubled since 1982, largely because of fertility treatments. One of every 30 babies born is now a twin.

Deadly news! Cancer fatality rates have dropped by 23 percent in men and 15 percent in women over two decades. Even so, over 577,000 people in the U.S. will die from

the disease this year.

Weather report: Unusually mild winter weather



has prevented lakes and ponds from freezing from the Midwest to the Northeast, keeping ice fishermen, skaters, and hockey players sidelined. In normally frigid Minnesota, temperatures topped a record 60 degrees on a recent January day, while Buffalo has had less snow so far than in any year in more than 80 years.

The astute, charming, Lucille Monuteaux, Office Manager of East Boston's Social Centers, says, "Little boys who don't always tell the truth will probably grow up and become weather forecasters." And John Roch, Business Manager of the popular Centers, says, "Weather forecasters are so unpredictable we never know how wrong they're going to be."

Interesting, a record-high percentage of Americans identify themselves as independents. 40% of Americans now say they are independents, compared with 31% who say they are Democrats, and 27% who identify themselves as Republicans. And 58% of Republican primary voters say they want more presidential candidate choices than the current field — a 12% increase since October. 37% say they are satisfied with the candidates who are running.

Ah, Mitt Romney! His father George, who headed American Motors, makers of The Rambler, called me to say I was doing a good job promoting the Rambler. At that time, my advertising agency was creating ads for the Rambler.

Speaking of the Rambler, Ernie Boch got his start by becoming a Rambler dealer in Norwood. In fact, he was given a few Ramblers to sell without any charge. Yes, free! And this would become the beginning of my friendship with Ernie.

Deserving! A Utah couple who were allegedly caught shoplifting at a supermarket returned to their car to find that it had been burglarized. Korin Vanhouten, 47, and Eldon Alexander, 36, were stopped by security and charged with stealing about \$25 worth of goods. When they returned to their car, they found that someone had stolen their stereo and other items. "I think they were unlucky," said a police spokesman.

Residents of a British village were stunned last week when hundreds of apples suddenly fell from the sky. Witnesses say the fruit fell in a short burst onto a stretch of road in Keresley, briefly disrupting traffic and damaging several vehicles. Meteorologists speculate that the apples had most likely been sucked up by a wind vortex, but Keresley parish councilor Sandra Camwell said the explanation may be less straightforward. "Strange things do happen in this part of the world, where there have been witches for centuries," she said.

Show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. One more time! The only number one single recording in the U.S. that originated in Italy was "Volare" (1958), as sung by Domenico Modugno. The music was written by Modugno and the words by Franco Magliacci. It was number one for five weeks in the United States, and sold over two million copies here. Modugno received Grammys for both Song of the Year and Record of the Year in 1958. The Italian-American bandleader/pianist Frankie Carle wrote "Sunrise Serenade" in 1937, but it took one year to get someone to publish it. Carle used his own composition "Sunrise Serenade" as his theme song when forming his own band in 1944, even though Glenn Miller had already scored a hit with the song in 1938. Gene Autry was the composer of over 275 songs, and once worked as a telegrapher for the Frisco Railroad in Oklahoma. During the late 1920s, in between films, Maurice Chevalier appeared on stage in New York and, on one occasion, was accompanied by Duke Ellington's band. AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

Recipes from the **Homeland**

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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ANTOINETTE'S PEANUT BUTTER BISCOTTI

DOUGH:

2 ½ cups flour ¾ cup butter ¾ cup water

¼ cup sugar½ cup chopped walnutsTwo 6" x 9" cookie sheets

In a bowl cut butter into flour with a butter knife. Add sugar and then add water. Stir with fork until it looks like little ball. Do not knead. With your hands, make a ball of the mixture and refrigerate for one-half hour.

After one-half hour, cut dough into four parts. With rolling pin, roll each portion one at the time into a thin rectangular shape. Cover rectangular piece lightly with peanut butter. Then lightly spread jelly of choice over peanut butter. Sprinkle walnuts over jelly. Fold into a long roll beginning at side of rectangular piece of dough (about three inches wide). Place lengthwise (sealed side down) in lightly greased cookie sheet. Continue to do same with the remaining portions of dough, placing **two rolls** in each baking sheet. Brush tops of rolls lightly with milk for a golden color. Bake in a preheated 375°F oven for about twenty to thirty minutes.

For ease of handling, use a spatula to remove from baking sheet and allow to cool on cutting board. Cut diagonally into biscotti. Store cooled Peanut Butter Biscotti in a canister.

NOTE: I am pleased to share this unique recipe with you. A dear friend created it years ago. Antoinette (Marcantonio) Benda, sister of Dr. Joseph Marcantonio, and Rose Sinopoli decided to put together ingredients that she enjoyed with the hopes of making a different cookie. She created these delicate and tasty biscotti.

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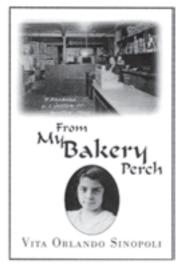


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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo



ing about our getting ready to leave Rome. Sal, Jose, Franny and I had been there for three weeks and there was a lot more of Italy to see. On the day we were to leave, our driver brought me to the train station where the car rental agencies were located. When I had returned the FIAT, I had re-booked it for a point in time three weeks down the road and it was now three weeks later. By the time I brought the new rental to the hotel, Sal and Jose had brought our things to the sidewalk and we filled the trunk with suitcases and things we had bought along the way. Our chauffeur with the full sized Chevy followed me back just in case. We thanked him with a hefty tip for all he had done for us and then headed to the restaurant where they had treated us like family.

On the day before, we mentioned to the restaurant owner and his wife that we were leaving the next day. We sat for an hour over a glass or two of wine while they told us the sites to see as we headed north. The next day, I drove down the hill of Via Nazionale toward the center of Rome and brought the car onto the small narrow side street where the restaurant was located. I had to park on the sidewalk, as the street was that narrow. When we entered to say goodbye, the owner, his wife, and the staff were preparing the offerings that their customers could expect that day. It took a half hour of hugs and kisses for all of us to say goodbye, and as we left, we were handed bags of things that they had packed for us so we wouldn't starve on the trip north.

Once we found our way out of Rome, the traveling was easy as Italy has some of Europe's best highways. We first headed north hoping to see Pisa. Once we got there, we stopped on the side of the road and explored the bags of food that were given to us. A couple of hours later, we headed for the main church that if I kept it, I would have Sal had to say something in Pisa to see the bell tower to pay for it. I did, and we were about me being a bass player that stood aside of it called, The Leaning Tower of Pisa. We visited the church, the we spent a day in each of the the band. The musicians baptistery and then climbed to the top of the tower. Later, I stopped at a tourist shop and picked up a couple of post cards to send home. I knew that Babbononno would love the one with the leaning tower. I wrote his in Italian,

Last week, I left off talk- mailed the card right there one of the world's greatest in the store. They were ready for anything.

> we stopped at an outside café for afternoon coffee and some people watching, as the tourists in Pisa seemed to be from all over the world. When it was time to leave the café, we decided to stay in Pisa for the night as we were all tired. The only problem was that every hotel we stopped at was sold out. We asked a traffic cop where we could find a hotel of Babbononno. They were that might have rooms available. He recommended one and once inside, we discovered that it was the type of place where you rent the heat of Florence. He carried rooms by the hour ... pillows a cane that opened into a extra. You could even rent a companion for an hour, if you get my drift. Franny was shocked. Actually, she was born in Italy, but in a rural area and this type of an establishment was against everything she knew. Needless to say, we left. I finally found a hotel with a couple of rooms and left my car in front of the building. We Italian." walked the city late that afternoon, found a restaurant for dinner and then headed to bed, hoping to get an early start the next day. Our plan was to head to Siena, Assisi, Perugia, Bologna, Florence and Venice, in that order.

> there was a parking ticket under the driver's side wiper. I had parked in a no parking a salad, olive oil, lemons, zone. I looked at the ticket and it looked like Italian money, only bigger. It was a beautiful piece of engraving, and if you held the paper up to the light, you could see images of famous Italians from the past. I found a traffic cop, as a matter of fact; and we were actually too tired it was the one who recommended the questionable hotel the day before. I showed the day. For the remaining him the parking ticket and asked where I could pay the fifty lire. He told me that, seeing that we were tourists, he would cancel out the ticket, and asked for it back. I told of David. On the last night in him that I wanted to keep it, it was so beautiful. He replied on our way.

cities I mentioned, Siena, Assisi, Bologna and Perugia. When we got to Florence, we decided to stay for a few days. ing that only an American has Rome was the center of the when it comes to jazz. Jazz is Roman world and Florence, the center of the Renaissance. We wanted to see bought the right stamps and especially the Uffizi Gallery,

museums. It, at one time, had been someone's palace. As the afternoon wore on, It was now one of the most famous museums for Renaissance art and we spent almost two days visiting the rooms dedicated to the great artists of the past. One thing impressed me to no end. We were in one of the rooms with paintings from the brush of Leonardo Da Vinci. An old man happened to come in, an old man that reminded me about the same size and age. This old man was dressed in a suit and tie, not something you would do in the summer one legged stool. He took off his hat opened his stool and sat in front of one of the Leonardo's Madonna's. As he stared at the painting, a tear came down his cheek. He was so emotional at seeing the creativity and quality of the painting, he could only express himself with a tear. I said to myself, "Now that's

A tourist office outside the city had booked the rooms for us at a hotel in the middle of the city, and it was a Thursday, which meant market day. We walked the streets of the open market buying the things we had in When we got to the car, mind for dinner, fresh bread, chunks of prosciutto, a wedge of aged provolone, fixings for grapes and a bottle of wine from a vintner's barrel. Late that afternoon, as we sat on the balcony of one of our rooms and faced the street, we ate what I think was one of the best meals I had on that trip. It was too hot for pasta to go out again.

The food we bought saved days in Florence, we visited the buildings that were synonymous with the Renaissance, and of course, we had to see Michelangelo's statue town, we found a club that had a jazz group playing. Of course from America, and before I For the next part of the trip, knew it, I was sitting in with seemed well schooled and could play their instruments, but there was a feeling miss-America's only contribution to the arts. We borrowed everything from the cultures of the world, but jazz, that's ours and only we Americans can play it and make it sound right.

> As the weekend approached, it was time to hit the road again, but before we left Florence, I called home, spoke to both my parents and then told Babbononno what Florence was like in the 20th century. Our next major stop would be Venice.

TO BE CONTINUED and may GOD BLESS AMERICA.

• O'Flaherty Asks MBTA to Reconsider

(Continued from Page 4)

working constituents the only affordable means of transportation to their places of employment. An elimination of this route would leave these constituencies with no feasible transportation alternatives.

Residents of Charlestown and surrounding urban municipalities as well as suburban commuters have come to rely greatly on the ferry service. The ferry brings commuters to and from downtown Boston and also services tourists visiting the Bunker Hill Monument, the USS Constitution and many restaurants and shops along its historic streets. Additionally, the ferry is crucial to the newlyconstructed Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital that is being opened in the spring of 2013 in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Public transportation was pivotal to the hospital's LEED Green certification and service will be important to many employees and visitors to this world renowned facility. Currently, many residents of the Navy Yard and commuters from surrounding area that park in the Yard's public garages depend on the ferry service for access to their employment and its usage alleviates the congestion associated with downtown rush hour traffic.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I reiterate my intent and offer to work on developing a solution that addresses the revenue shortfall faced by the MBTA while still allowing for a quality public transportation system. In working towards that goal, I respectfully ask that you hold in abeyance any decisions already made and in so doing rely on the arguments I proffer on behalf of my constituents.

Very truly yours, EUGENE L. O'FLAHERTY State Representative, 2nd Suffolk District

• La Befana (Continued from Page 3)

pany the Wise Men to bring gifts to the Baby Jesus. She decided not to join them because she had housework to do. She later decided to follow them but could not catch up with them. Thinking of the opportunity she had missed, La Befana stopped every child to give them a small gift in hopes that one of them was the Baby Jesus.

As legend has it, each year on the Eve of the Epiphany La Befana sets out to look for the Baby Jesus. She stops at each child's house to leave treats to the children who have been good and a lump of coal to those who have been bad.

This story teaches our children customs and traditions from our old paese. It is up to us to pass them along to our future generations so they will not be forgotten.

Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization formed primarily to educate and benefit women and celebrate and preserve our Italian traditions and customs from generation to generation.

Donne 2000 will celebrate their Festa Delle Donne Scholarship Fundraiser on March 11, 2012 at Venezia's Restaurant. For further information, email Rita at Ritasusi@aol.com or Doreen at doreeng869@aol.com.

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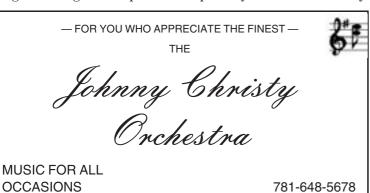
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In the Estate of **NUBAR BOGHOSIAN** Late of ARLINGTON, MA 02476 Date of Death December 22, 2011 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Kelly Pacheco** of East Providence, RI be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 17, 2012.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court Date: January 20, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts LAND COURT Department of the Trial Court Land Court Case No. 11MISC456620 ORDER OF NOTICE

To DANIEL BARENBOYM AND ANNA BARENBOYM and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501et seq.:

CLINTON SAVINGS BANK claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wayland, numbered 6 Russell Road, given by Daniel Barenboym and Anna Barenboym to Clinton Savings Bank dated June 25, 2004 and recorded in Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43202, at Page 394, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or within the past 90 days have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a writter appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 5, 2012 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of this Court on January 19, 2012.

Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12P0197EA

In the Estate of CHARLES M. ABRAHAM JR. Late of WILMINGTON, MA 01887 Date of Death October 23, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

tioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that Cynthia M. Bastarache of Petersburg, NY and Maryellen L. Abraham of Clinton, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 18, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/27/12

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12P0232EA

In the Estate of DOROTHY P. McCANN a/k/a DOROTHY PAULA McCANN Late of NATICK, MA 01760 Date of Death February 7, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that Charles J. McCann Jr. of Needham. MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 17, 2012.

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform

States Department of Veterans Affairs;

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code 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 the appointed Personal Representative.

Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 20, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Plymouth Probate and Family Court 52 Obery Street, Suite 1130 Plymouth, MA 02360 Docket No. PL12C0001CA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of **BRADEN CHRISTOPHER FLYNN** of BRIDGEWATER, MA

To **Erik Peter Flynn** interested in petition described

A petition has been presented by Jaclyn S. Freestone on behalf of Braden C. Flynn requesting that Braden Christopher Flynn be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: Braden Christopher Freestone.

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WITNESS, HON. CATHERINE P. SABAITIS, First Justice of this Court

Date: January 17, 2012

Robert McCarthy, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12PP0233EA

In the Estate of KATHLEEN M. REID Late of BILLERICA, MA 01821 Date of Death November 27, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be copy of the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that Christine E. Nichols of Merrimack, NH and Janette M. Mazzone of Billerica, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to

serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 17, 2012.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court

Date: January 20, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/27/12 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

BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT ...

Most folks who know me know that I love politics. I picked up this love back in the day when I was growing up in the same neighborhood that was also home turf to James Michael Curley. I am an American with Sicilian-Irish roots. I was born and raised in St. Philip's Parish that covered the South End and lower Roxbury. My boyhood state rep was a loveable rascal that got himself elected nine times as a state representative. He and Curley were never friends or allies but they had the same real world experiences. They grew up in tough urban neighborhoods and found politics as their road to success. Rooted in the values of the time where family was most important.

My mother came from Charlestown, another great political place and I started working in politics back in Charlestown when I was 22 years old and have never stopped. I've lost many political battles and won a good share of them too. I don't add them up like the win-loss record of a baseball pitcher. I just keep pitching away. I learn from loses too and the wins wouldn't be that much fun if I didn't suffering through defeat.

I ran once for office back in 1995 over in Quincy for a seat on the school committee. I didn't win but learned much more about retail politics by being the actual name on the ballot. I also got 2,232 voters to check off my name at the polls. I keep saying I will try again but it has been 16 years since I had my bumper stickers and house signs. I never will ever say, never. However, whether I do or do not run again, I will continue to practice my retail politicking.

By the way, for all those who seem confused. I consider myself a Reagan Democrat, I am kind of conservative like former Governor Ed King but I am no knee-jerk anything. I take issues as they come and decide on the merits of the arguments needed to make proper judgments. I have voted for some liberals and write no one off completely. Well, except for Ron Paul who I am not sure even comes from this planet at times.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"With all due respect to Attleboro Police Chief Kyle Heagey, what he's got is a stealing problem, not a drug abuse problem. And the random drug testing he wants because someone stole drugs from his evidence room will fix absolutely nothing."

Margery Eagan, Boston Herald, January 17 MY TAKE

After 26+ years as a police officer, the last 15 years as a supervising sergeant, I agree with Eagan. Drug testing sounds good but drugs like heroin, coke and meth are out of your system in

days. Random testing sounds

more like a feel good policy and in the end, all the Chief is saying is I don't trust you to his police force.

ATRIUM MALL LOOKING LIKE A DINOSAUR

The place has few shops open and even fewer shoppers in them. The place is dying and news is that Simon Property Group is looking to sell the place and as quickly as possible. Customers are now heading to the Natick Mall, Legacy Place in Dedham and Simon's own Mall at Chestnut Hill. Many former Atrium shoppers are now switching over to Legacy Place because of the quality and mix of shopping options.

WALPOLE MALL ANOTHER DINOSAUR

On Route 1 in Walpole, the once packed Walpole Mall is now a mere shadow of its former self. Inside the mall the place looks like Vacancy City. The free standing stores outside the mall seem to be flourishing and growing turning the former quite busy mall into a sort of mirage.

HOW'D THAT COFFEE **CUP FUNDRAISER GO?**

Well, they tried saving the 303 Café with a coffee cup fundraiser but apparently the cups outnumbered the funds. Another Eastie eatery has died. I will certainly miss the crew who made me mv Vanilla Lattes so great. For a while now, we've heard the stories about those coffee cups and yet most of us hoped the place would survive and keep the lattes flowing but it was not to be. The closing seemed to come in a split second. I guess if you gotta go might as well do it with the New Year.

ON THE BETTER **NEWS SIDE**

Stopped by Mario's Ristorante in Day Square on MLK Day and they were thrilled with the piece in my column about the great dining to be found inside this establishment. The food is so good, it tastes like home cooking. They treat you like family when you go there. Cozy Atmosphere! You feel like you are on Hanover Street but this is East Boston. I call this place the best North End Italian restaurant in East Boston. Next time you're there eating, close your eyes it's like going to the North End without paying a toll to get to the place.

BUCKY'S BIRTHDAY JUST PASSED

Birthday greetings went out to Bucky Spartaro who just celebrated his 87th birthday on January 14.

This guy is so big; he splits his time between East Boston and the North End. Meanwhile, his son Richie will soon be celeb rating his own b-day on February 5 better known as Super Bowl Sunday. Richie loves his chess but he's also a big football fan and you can make book on that.

KNIGHTS OF **DUNKIN' DONUTS** THINNING OUT FOR ITS WINTER ESCAPE

Many members of the

Knights of Dunkin' Donuts either have already left for Florida or soon will be headed that way. This is an annual trek like the shallows to Capistrano. I hear the gang reconvenes at a favorite donut-free Greek restaurant down there.

WHAT TO DO WITH MELNEA CASS BLVD.?

I recently read where the Boston Transportation Department has plans to resign Melnea Cass Boulevard in Lower Roxbury and the Boston Redevelopment Authority is considering a number of commercial and residential development proposals along this major thoroughfare connecting the Mass. Avenue ramps to the Southeast Expressway to the Longwood Medical Area and Northeastern University. When I was a kid, Melnea Cass was still alive and this boulevard wasn't even dreamed off by urban planners. Back then, there was talk of branching off a Southwest Expressway from the Southeast Expressway at Massachusetts Avenue. My whole neighborhood was given the West End treatment in the late '60s and early '70s. When the proposed elevated highway along the so-called Southwest corridor in Lower Roxbury and Jamaica Pain was nixed by Governor Frank Sargent due to a vast public outcry, the area looked like bombed-out Europe during World War II. This boulevard was built atop a vast wasteland where once a vibrant neighborhood stood.

However, many now living in the area as well as the uninformed inside City Hall think Melnea Cass Boulevard is the borderline between the South End and Lower Roxbury, it is not. That honor goes to Massachusetts Avenue. I know this first hand because I grew up in that neighborhood during the '50s and '60s. City Hall wants to make this road built in 1981 to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. The city's transportation officials held an open meeting on December 24 to talk about the future of this boulevard.

Before you can make this whole area pedestrianriendly, you will need something for pedestrians to be seen as a destination point in the first place. The area needs to see much commercial and residential development. I'm not too sure about a dedicated bike path or MBTA bus lane because currently the two lanes each way log jams at daily rush hours mornings and evenings. As far as lighting along this road, it could be better but please don't add anymore traffic lights, there seem already to be too many. This road and the property lining it have been underused for over 30 years now. It should have been developed back in the '80s instead of remaining wasteland far too long.



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani





Tony Conigliaro: The Movie?

According to a recent note in the "Inside Track," written by the

Boston Herald's Gayle Fee and Laura Raposa, there could be a movie coming out on local baseball legend Tony Conigliaro. Haver-hill's Bruce Fitzpatrick has reportedly secured the rights to Tony C's story from his brother Richie. Fitzpatrick already interviewed members of the 1967 Impos-

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11D4303DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** DAYSI NOEMI SIERRA

a/k/a DAYSI NOEMI MELENDEZ ERICK MANUEL SIERRA

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from take ing any action which would negatively impac the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Eliana C. Nader Esq., Magaletta And McCarthy PC, 129 Portland Street, Boston, MA 02114 your answer, if any, on or before February 14, 2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court

Date: January 3, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P5638GD

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

> In the matter of LINDA J. PERRY of LEXINGTON. MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Susan Renrick of Lexington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Linda J. Perry** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Susan M. Kelley of Woburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guard ian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that 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 February 6, 2012. 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. PETER C. DIGANGI,

First Justice of this Court. Date: January 9, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/27/12

sible Dream Team members such as Carl Yastrzemski and Johnny Pesky and even former Angel's pitcher Jack Hamilton whose fastball beamed "Conig" in that

August 1967 game that effectively ended his promising baseball future. He did come back in 1969 and eventually was traded to the Angel's before retiring. He made a short 1975 comeback that lasted a few weeks before retiring for good at

age 30. In 1982 while being LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12P0200EA

In the Estate of PEARL M. MEYER Late of BURLINGTON, MA 01803 Date of Death November 1, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that Arnold F. Meyer Jr. of Derry, NH or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve Without

Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 18, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/27/12

driven by his brother Billy, Tony C suffered a heart attack. His brother raced him to the hospital ER. He eventually suffered a stroke and lapsed into a coma. Tony passed away at age 45 in 1990.

Fitzpatrick has spent the last 11 years according to the "Inside Track" he thinks the story has enough in it to make for a great movie.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. 12W0122 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION JANAINA NEVES DA SILVA, Plantiff

vs. JOSE CORONEL DE SOUZA, Defendant

To the above named Defendant Jose Coronel DeSouza.

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Janaina Neves DaSilva, seeking sole legal and physical custody of Tyller Coronel Neves Silva DeSouza.

Your are required to serve upon Richard J. Butts - attorney for plaintiff - whose address is 297 E. Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 your answer on or before Feb ruary 27, 2012. 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 ster of this Court at CAMBRIDGE.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE, this 20 day of January, 2012 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. AP1218-S1, FY12-15 STORAGE TANK CONSULTANT SERVICES TERM CONTRACT. The Consultant shall be able to provide such environmental services on an as needed basis, at all Massport facilities. There are approximately 265 active above ground storage tanks (ASTs), and underground storage tanks (USTs), on Authority properties, of which approximately 90 are owned and operated by the Authority. The tanks range in size from 275-gallon to greater than 100,000-gallon capacity.

The Consultant shall assist the Authority with implementation of a cost-effective program that ensures regulatory compliance, as well as minimizing the Authority's exposure to liability and the likelihood of releases to the environment from storage tank systems (including storage tanks, piping, and tank monitoring equipment). More specifically, Consultant responsibilities for all Authority-owned tank systems, shall include the following: (1) conduct and document monthly inspections, testing, and minor repairs, (2) conduct DEP Third Party UST Inspections; (3) develop a computer based program for training, and tracking of Massport personnel to comply with the new DEP UST Operator's Program (4) periodically train Authority facility personnel to conduct required Stage II Vapor Recovery equipment inspections and documentation; (5) conduct annual Stage II Vapor Recovery tests; (6) conduct annual inspections of ASTs greater than 10,000-gallons; (7) provide regulatory advice; and (8) respond to emergencies and other calls to assess tank operation problems, and conduct

The total contract amount is not guaranteed but the Consultant's total fee shall not exceed \$200,000 for a term of three (3) years. By responding to this solicitation, Consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of the Authority's standard professional services agreement including insurance requirements of a minimum of one million dollars of professional liability insurance and ten million dollars of comprehensive general liability and automobile coverage. A sample of the standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web site at www.massport.com.

Each submission shall include a Statement of Qualifications that provides detailed information in response to the evaluation criteria set forth below and include Architect/Engineer & Related Services questionnaires SF 330 with the appropriate number of Part IIs. W/M/DBE Certification of the prime and subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall provide a copy of the W/M/DBE certification letter from the Supplier Diversity Office, formerly known as State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. The Consultant shall also provide litigation and legal proceedings information, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury in a separate sealed envelope entitled "Litigation and Legal Proceedings". See www.massport.com/ doing-business/Pages/CapitalProgramsResourceCenter.aspx for more details on litigation and lega proceedings history submittal requirements.

The Consultant's submission shall be evaluated on the basis of: (1) current relevant experience for similar projects; (2) demonstrated working knowledge and certification for VeederRoot (VR) and remote VR, tank monitoring systems, including programming, set up, maintenance, and minor repairs; (3) demonstrated experience developing and maintaining a computer based training and tracking program for storage tanks (4) understanding and working experience with applicable State and Federal storage tank regulations; (5) geographic location and availability of the Project Manager and other key staff;; (6) experience and expertise of subconsultants; (7) familiarity with relevant Massport environs; (8) current level of work and past performance for the Authority, if applicable; and (9) MBE/WBE participation and affirmative action efforts.

The selection shall involve a two-step process including the short listing of a minimum of three firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 ½" x 11"), no acetate covers. Ten (10) copies of a bound document each consisting of: 1) a cover letter; 2) an SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs and an organizational chart identifying specific project responsibilities for project team only, including subconsultants, and 3) no more than 5 sheets (10 pages) of other relevant material not including, cover letter, covers and dividers, shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which exceeds the page limit set here or which is not received in a timely manner will be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

All questions relative to the submission shall only be directed to Catherine Wetherell, Deputy Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs at (617) 568-3501.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY DAVID S. MACKEY INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 01/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12P0072EA

In the Estate of CATHERINE MARIE HIGGINS a/k/a CATHERINE M. HIGGINS Late of MEDFORD, MA 02155 Date of Death October 14, 2011 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that John T. Higgins of Medford MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO,

YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code 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 the appointed Personal Representative.

Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 9, 2012 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12P0180EA

In the Estate of SHEILA A. GOLDMAN a/k/a SHEILA ANNE GOLDMAN Late of FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701 Date of Death October 4, 2011 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that AILSA ILLIGASCH of Bayside, NY be appointed executor/trix, named in the

will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court

Date: January 18, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY **NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. M413-C1, BLACK FALCON CRUISE TERMINAL FENDER MODIFICATIONS, BOSTON, MA, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012 immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and

PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE BLACK FALCON CRUISE TERMINAL, BLACK FALCON AVENUE, SOUTH BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS AT 12:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012.

The work includes FURNISHING ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: RETREIVAL OF EXISTING CAMEL FROM WATER, MODIFY AVAILABLE CAMEL MATERIAL FOR USE AS A SPACER TO THE EXISTING DOLPHINS, REMOVAL OF SELECT LOCATIONS OF TIMBER FENDER SYSTEM, INSTALLATION OF CURBSTOPS AND COMPLETING ALL OTHER APPURTENANT WORK.

Bid documents will be made available beginning WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

The estimated contract cost for the Base Bid and Two Add Alternates is \$260,000.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority. (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149. Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and /or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of \$1,000,000. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than FOUR PERCENT 4% of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY DAVID S. MACKEY INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

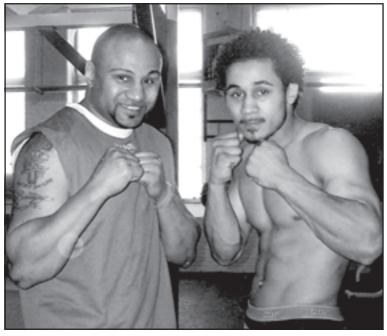
"Fighters are the Best!" "Boxers & Mixed Martial Artist!"

Make Reservations for June 7-10th, **Rip Valenti** to be Inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame Along with **Freddie Roach** and **Jake Kilrain** in Canastota, New York

A Message to New England Promoters with Fight Teams

Great Work and Compliments to **Dan Couco**, **I.B.R.O.** and **Staff**.

"Fight Family Happy Birthdays!" There'd be More "Fights! & Fighters!"



Sucra Ray Oliveira. He's a many time champion. IBF Inter-Continental Light-welterweight Champion, NABF Light-welterweight Champion and IBU Welterweight champion with son and budding prospect Ray Jr.

I'm watching **U.F.C.**, Mixed Martial Arts fights, January 14, 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. These fights were very entertaining. A fight that really caught my attention was a bout between M.M.A. Fighter Gabriel Gonzaga of Ludlow, MA battling a guy called Ednaldo Oliveira. Something about that name? "Ding!" Heavyweight Gabriel Gonzaga is rough and tough. Defeating Oliveira in an action packed bout. In another great battle, Yuri Alcantara defeated Michihiro Omigawa.



International World of Boxing Hall of Fame Inductee Rip Valenti.

One of the greatest promoters in professional boxing history is Rip Valenti, who is being inducted into Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York, June 7-10th. Remember to keep those dates open to honor this great promoter.

I would like for US, to get together, discuss and analyze ideas. At the end of seasonal years. Have Award Banquets. That's right. Banquets with an "S", each gym representing their town, city or league can have their own celebration, to pay tribute to their accomplishments. Then league or division championship banquets. Team and individual recognition. Also a league banquet in cities or towns of the championship team. Kind of a framework for this idea, is in the next paragraph. "Ding!"

Let's discuss the idea of "Fight-Teams" in New England. Many fight teams can exist. Where would you want your team? Who knows, where else teams might develop? Different leagues. There's plenty of other rough tough cities and towns in New England. Some areas might have two or three gyms. Think about it?

My Compliments to Dan Cuoco, I.B.R.O., and staff. I'm looking at information published by I.B.R.O. They've



Champion Tony DeMarco, Joe Angelo and Tony Petronelli.



That's Matt Troiani.

them out. Pound for pound rankings, Rankings of all weight classes and many other researched information. They're great and informative.

World Champion Tony **DeMarco** and wife **Dottie** recently arrived back in Boston from their trip to Florida. World Champion Tony DeMarco said they had a great time and attended the Golden Glove fights in Florida. Great gentlemen Bill Spadafora was in Florida

Fight photographer and Fight Family member Richard Hand advised me of an upcoming function by the Brockton Historical Society in Celebrating History on Sunday, February 12th. More information to follow.

On May 19th at Foxwoods, Denis Marrese will have "Battle of the Badges." Many tough guys with badges wear and have worn law enforcement and fire uniforms with badges: "Bob Benoit, Paul Doyle, Leo Gerstel, Sean Gannon, Gerry Grealish, Johnny Hasson, Anthony Lamonica, Danny Long, Patrick Long, Jim McNally, World Champion Paul **Pender**, Tyrone Smith and Tim Stanton." I did too. **Ding!** 1981 to 2001.

Fight Family Happy **Birthdays**: January 14th World Champion Tony DeMarco and Ed Imondi; 15th Michael George and Honey **Melody**; 16th Juan "Butcher Boy" Botta and Matt Godfrey; 17th World Heavyweight Champion Muhammad Ali; 17th Missy Fiorentino; 22nd Peter Santoro; 27th Bobby Franklin and Bob Hanna; February 2nd Rich Cappiello; 9th Jake Kilrain; 10th Bob Treiger; 11th Jerry **Colton**; 12th Mark **DeLuca**, Jr., and Sam Langford; 13th Ray DeLicio; 19th Mugsy Mullen; 20th Charlie **Tartaglia**; 21st Bobby Gould and Tom McNeeley.

*Fights January 28th — Brian **Minto** vs. Tony **Grano** in Oneida, New York.





by Richard Preiss

He gazed down upon it, he did, surveying the domain that he once roamed. It was so near, yet so far away. Not only in space but in time. Had it really been a year?

Yes, for Marc Savard it has been twelve long months since he last graced the ice at the TD Garden as an active player with the Bruins. But now, seated in a luxury suite about 100 feet above the playing level, that was the closest he could come to an NHL game in progress, to a sport he loved.

For it was on January 22, 2011 that the B's center suffered a concussion — his second in 10 months — in a game against the Colorado Avalanche. The fact that it was delivered by former Bruin Matt Hunwick only made the scenario worse. It probably was the last game for the man who scored 207 goals and amassed 706 points in 807 contests over 14 NHL seasons.

The shot followed a similar situation on March 7, 2010 when he took a severe hit from Matt Cooke in a game against Pittsburgh. And, in a lengthy press conference, Savard revealed there probably was a third instance.

"I don't think the Colorado hit was bad but there was a hit a week before that in a home game against Pittsburgh. He (Deryk Engelland) hit me in the corner and he just got my head. I was a little rattled from that."

The hit in Colorado came a week later. He went to Colorado and it wasn't that severe of a hit. "I think it had to do with the hit I received the week before more than anything and it just kind of set me way back. And then, obviously the first hit was horrible. Those were some really tough days."

The shots, coming so fairly close together, have for all intents and purposes ended the Ottawa native's playing career. Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli put it succinctly in late August when he announced that Savard would not play this season and added: "Based upon what I see, what I hear, what I read and what I'm it's very unlikely that Marc will ever play again."

So there you have it. Done at age 34 — less than two vears after he signed a seven year contract extension for a reported \$28 million.

Yes, Marc Savard can come back to the Garden but it can never be the same — and he knows it. Returning for the Bruins-Rangers game on January 21, he noted that he purposely didn't enter the B's locker room prior to the contest "because I knew it was a big game. I know how that works so I just didn't bother."

And he may have come to accept his fate in life. "Right now, the way I'm still feeling and the daily issues I'm feeling, it's tough to see a bright future right now. I still have my days where I want to get back and play but at the end Maybe future years will be.

of the day I know if I possibly got hit again what could happen. It's a day-by-day thing and I'm still hoping that something happens. But if I feel like this I still couldn't play."

Yes, it's frustrating but he feels that he did have a good career — even though it was cut short. "It was tough last year (the Stanley Cup Championship season) not to be a true part of being there because I thought I could have helped at times. But I was excited and when I sit back and look at it right now; if I don't ever play again I am happy. I guess I went out a winner too."

In part, what allows him to feel that way is because on the eve of this year's training camp Chiarelli announced that Savard would have his name included with the others on the Stanley

"I'm on the Stanley Cup, I got a ring and a lot of credit goes to Peter Chiarelli and the organization for doing that for me. That was unexpected but very nice. So, at the end of the day, I had a decent career even if I don't play again. I'm enjoying what I'm doing right now."

What he is doing now is coaching little league hockey in Canada. He admits he does get on the ice now and then.

"I do go on the ice a little bit. I'm not wheeling around or anything. My best buddy's the head coach and I'm the assistant coach so I'm just helping out and learning a lot of stuff."

And what's the biggest thing he's learned? "That I never want to be an NHL coach."

So there. You can cross that career move off your list of possibilities for Marc Savard.

Of course, remember that he said he didn't want to be an NHL coach. There are other levels of coaching so one never knows.

One of the youngsters he coaches is his own son Zachary. He says the kids are learning to avoid; injuries as much as possible.

I see some situations where they cut to the middle like I did and you worry about them (the kids). But at our practices we're trying to get them to learn to take the puck wide and to protect themselves when getting hit."

Savard says he hasn't talked with Pittsburgh star Sidney Crosby — who has been out of action from the effects of a concussion. "I can definitely sympathize with him. I know what the issues are and how he's feeling on most nights, so I wish him the best."

He says he'll be back he's rented the suite through the 2013-2014 season — but you'll have to look for Savard in that location, not down with the team on the ice. It's a shame but HOCKEY LIFE wasn't fair to Marc Savard.



Denis Marrese, Juan "Butcherboy" Botta, World