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Boston DPW Now Collecting Christmas Trees



At the Berlin Zoo in Germany, this is how they recycle their Christmas trees. They feed their elephants discarded Christmas trees thrown away by residents as well as unsold trees from vendors. I don't think I've ever seen an animal eat a whole tree, have you?

The Department of Public Works will be collecting Christmas trees for composting now through to January 10, 2014. Please remove all ornaments, decorations and stands from trees and place trees at the curb by 7:00 am on your recycling day. Do not put trees in plastic bags and don't forget to recycle your holiday catalogs and wrapping paper as well.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Go Gomez, Hello Klan?

Back earlier this year, Massachusetts voters had a special election for the U.S. Senate to fill Secretary of State John F. Kerry's vacant Senate seat. In the election, voters had a choice, 36 year incumbent U.S. Rep. Eddie Markey or so-called Republican Gabriel "Navy SEAL" Gomez. I voted for neither, willing to see Markey in the Senate over Gomez.

A few days before Christmas, I realized how much I thank God I didn't chose to vote for Gomez. Recently, on *Boston Herald Radio*, he actually stated that conservative Republicans were intolerant Klansmen. When asked if he was comparing Tea Party or right wing Republicans as the KKK, he said when he stated used the term "klan," he wasn't talking about the Klan. Does he think the voters are that stupid? Or is he the really stupid one in this story?

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Viva, Viva La Befana!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



As the calendar turns its pages towards January, a blank and tantalizing promise of a month, it can be easy to settle into a spell of disappointed gloom. Christmas wreaths and holiday lights gradually disappear from rooftops and doorways, packed away until next year. The thermometer rests at frigid temperatures, heralding long stretches of cold, gray days. An aura from festivity seems to dissipate from the atmosphere as people head back to work and school, no longer looking forward to an imminent week-long break. These bleak images tend to characterize the common perception of January, but I believe that this month offers much more merriment and reward than people would normally think. The return to a routine after the holiday break can fill us with renewed discipline and purpose, harnessing the young energy of the New Year. Yes, the days are cold, but if we pay attention, we will notice that the sun shines longer in the sky now that the winter solstice has passed, sending pale golden streaks dancing across a snowy evening. Finally, the early days of January love to

remind us that Christmas and all its quaint celebrations are not done yet! Traditionally, the Twelve Days of Christmas ended on the Epiphany, the feast honoring the Three Kings' visit to Baby Jesus, which falls on January 6th. In Italy, this important holiday is epitomized by an indelible, rustic character named *La Befana*.

Across Italy, the famed Christmas markets remain open until the feast of the Epiphany, sporting figurines of *La Befana* and bustling with costumed entertainers dressed like this customary gift-bringer. *La Befana*, whose name derives from a corruption of the Italian word for Epiphany, *Epifania*, is a

mystical fairy-witch figure who delivers presents to children on the night of January 5th. Decked out in a raggedy dress and kerchief and riding on a broom, covered in a layer of soot from entering people's houses through the chimney, *La Befana*'s origins mysteriously linger in the mists of time. Nowadays, several scholars believe she may function as a remnant of the pre-Christian goddesses that symbolized the transition from winter to spring. According to Italian lore, a legend explains *La Befana*'s connection to the holiday of the Epiphany. The Three Kings stopped by *La Befana*'s house while en route to visiting Baby Jesus, and asked her if she would like to accompany them on their journey. *La Befana* initially declined, remarking that she was too busy sweeping her house, but later changed her mind, hopped on her broom, and set out to find the Three Kings and the Holy Family. However, she was never able to locate them and continues her hunt to this day, dropping off presents as she circles the world in search of Baby Jesus. Italian

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

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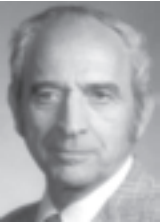
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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



ANDRONICUS LIVIUS

Last week we divided all of Roman literati (scholars) into four general groups and then listed most of the celebrated literarians in each of those groups. The first category, as you may recall, was the Early Age or the Age of Greek Influence. The greats assigned to this era are 1. Andronicus Livius, 2. The Scipionic Circle and 3. Cato the Elder.

Andronicus Livius, the first of my candidates in this Early Age is considered to have been the founder of Roman epic poetry. We all know that epic poetry deals with important historical events and historical heroes. He was born of Greek parents in the ancient Greek colonies of Southern Italy which were called "Magna Graecia." He was brought to Rome as a slave after the conquest of Tarentum in the third century B.C., while still a young man. It is thought that he took the name Livius from his master after being given his freedom. As a free man he became an instructor in Latin and Greek languages. It was during this and possibly later times that he translated Homer's "Odyssey" into an ancient Latin poetry called "Saturnian" verse. This was a kind of poetry in which the meter was based on stress accents.

His work contained some imperfections but regardless of this, the translation was used as a school-book in Rome for centuries.

For those who are not too familiar with the work of Homer, I might add that he is considered to be the earliest man of fame in Greece and the personification of epic poetry. His most popular works are of course, the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey."

The *Iliad* tells of the war waged by a number of Greek City States to rescue the beautiful Helen who was captured and held in the walled City of Troy and the *Odyssey* tells of the wanderings of Ulysses after the destruction of Troy. It also tells of the return of the Lady Helen to her husband in Greece.

About 240 B.C. Andronicus was successful in establishing dramatic poetry in the theaters of Rome and even appeared as an actor in his own creations.

Meager or scanty remains of his works are all that have come down to us but, in retrospect, Andronicus Livius should be remembered as the founder of Roman dramatic and epic poetry and for his translation of Homer's *Odyssey* into Latin verse.

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The Scipionic Circle

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Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Blending in with the Background

On Thursday, December 26th, President Barack Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (H.R. 3304). The massive bill (500 pages in length) funds the U.S. military and makes several changes to personnel and procurement policies. Of interest to me is a policy change that mandates all branches of the services to use the same camouflage pattern.

The change had been pushed by William Enyart, Democrat from Illinois' 12th District, who says he started wondering about all those different patterns of camouflage in the service branches after reading a *Washington Post* story detailing how the military now has ten kinds of camouflage and spends millions on camouflage design.

Enyart's proposal had bipartisan appeal given the duplication in the military at a time of austerity in government. A Government Accountability Office September 2012 report revealed that the military had spent \$300 million in 2011 to purchase new camouflage and millions more for design. Over time, the study found, service branches have designed camouflage that distinguish one service from another. In a decade, the services introduced seven new camouflage uniforms with a variety of patterns and colors — two desert, two woodland and three universal patterns.

"Camo" is big business. Just in the year 2013 Depart of Defense contracts for camouflage clothing totaled \$89.1 million. Much of the production of the camouflage fabrics

that go into the uniforms is done in Fall River, Massachusetts, at **Duro Textiles LLC**. Hundreds of jobs have stayed in Fall River, rather than being "off-shored" to low wage and less regulated parts of the world due to a law, known as the Berry Amendment (U.S.C. Title 10, Section 2533a), which goes back to 1941 and was first enacted as part of America's preparation for World War Two which requires the Dept. of Defense to give preference American made products. In the case of clothing or textiles, every stage of production from fiber, to yarn, to fabric, to finished garment that will protect our men and women in uniform, must take place in America.

Some have argued that we should scrap "Berry" and get our uniforms, tents, and parachutes from cheaper overseas sources such as China. Such thinking is very short-sighted. Think what would happen when — after the U.S. manufacturers had been put out of business by cheap foreign competition — we found ourselves at war and unable to clothe and shelter our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard because we could not get the supplies from a foreign source that was unable or unwilling to ship to us?

The new Defense bill, by preserving "Berry" but also requiring a consolidation of camouflage design across the services, assures that our uniformed personnel will have a reliable source of military clothing while saving money.

Saint Adrian of Canterbury

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Adrian was born in the seventh century. Not much is known of his early life, it is believed he was a Berber from North Africa. He was relatively young when he became abbot of Nerida, a Benedictine monastery near Monte Cassino Italy. Pope Saint Vitalian considered Adrian to be the best person to fill the vacant position of Archbishop of Canterbury succeeding Saint Deusdedit who passed away in 664 AD. Saint Adrian deemed himself unworthy and recommended Saint Theodore of Tarsus in his place. The Pope agreed but on condition that Adrian should accompany Theodore to England as adviser of the Archbishop.

Theodore and Adrian left Rome in 668 and traveled by way of France, there Saint Adrian was arrested by Ebroin, Mayor of Neustria who suspected he had a secret mission from the Eastern Emperor, Constans II to the English kings and Saint Theodore alone was allowed to go on. After two years, Ebroin found that his suspicion had been groundless and allowed Adrian to proceed to England. When Saint Adrian finally reached

England, he found Saint Theodore already confirmed in his See as Archbishop. Theodore immediately appointed him Abbot of Saint Peter in Canterbury, a monastery which had been founded by Saint Augustine, the apostle of England. The school became known as Saint Austin's.

Through his prudent advice and co-operation, Adrian assisted Theodore in unifying the customs and practices of the Anglo-Saxon Church with those of the Church of Rome. Adrian was knowledgeable in all the branches of ecclesiastical learning, he was well versed in the Scriptures and the Fathers of the Church and a good Greek and Latin scholar. The monk and

historian Saint Bede, also known as the Venerable Bede in his *Lives of the Abbots of Wearmouth*, states that Saint Adrian was also versed in astronomy, science and mathematics. Under his direction the School of Canterbury became the center of English learning. He established numerous other schools in various parts of England, educating many of the saints, scholars, and missionaries, who during the next century rekindled the light of faith and learning in France and Germany. After spending 39 years in England, Saint Adrian passed away in the year 710 and was buried at Canterbury. His feast is celebrated on January 9th, the day of his death.

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Also, did you see the recent photo he sent out to his supporters showing him surrounded by Governor Deval Patrick and U.S. Sen. Eddie Markey?

Maybe he is thinking about 2014 but sure looks like he's switching parties too. Who needs Democrats when Republicans have a character like this guy. Who knows, he may not even be Latino too.

What About Brown?

I still like former U.S. Senator Scott Brown and it is looking like he is on the way to running for the U.S. Senate from New Hampshire. I supported him twice in 2010 and again in 2012. He isn't a Tea Party Republican which seems to be &&&ing off the Conservative Right but he also isn't a left-wing RINO. This isn't Texas, this is Midnight Blue Massachusetts. Brown ran a better campaign first time around. He let Warren off the hook too much. Trying to be Mr. Nice Guy.

I hope he does declare up north because it would send U.S. Sen. Jeannie Shaheen back to the private sector again. Any conservative New Hampshire-ite who wouldn't back Brown against Shaheen in November 2014 would be voting against their own best interests. Brown is no liberal. He is a winning New England Republican kind of candidate.

Don Mitchell, 70, Actor on "Ironside"

When I was younger back

in the late '60s and into the '70s, I liked to watch cop shows. These programs remain a staple with TV viewers. Good guys win, bad guys go to the slammer.

One of my favorites was Raymond Burr of "Perry Mason" fame who went on to be the wheel-chaired bound Chief of Detectives Robert Ironside of the San Francisco Police Department. One of the show's characters was a young American guy Don Mitchell who played Mark Sanger his driver-bodyguard. On the show he was in his middle 20-something. Why shouldn't that actor have been 70 years old. After all, I am just a few years younger than he was.

Obama, Kerry Pushing Overseas U.S. Weapons Sales

Where are all those outraged liberals? The above headline was followed by a small headline, "Huge rise in defense exports defended as security benefit." The Obama Administration is aggressively pushing to help U.S. weapons manufacturers sell more arms overseas, ships, missiles and aircraft. Since 2009, the United States has led a surge in global arms deals accounting for nearly one-third of the \$30 billion in weapons transfers in 2012. No one can blame Bush for this but if Bush were president today, you can bet liberals would be all over him for it. Liberals love giving Obama all those free passes.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELIVER

Early Christmas to Nazzaro Youth



St. John School children pictured with Santa Claus at the Nazzaro Center.

On Wednesday, December 18th, the members of the Nazzaro Center Youth Program enjoyed a Christmas Party that they'll never forget. Thanks to the North End Chamber of Commerce, the center was able to treat about 100 children to one of the best Christmas parties that the Nazzaro has ever hosted.

Thanks to a very generous financial donation from the Chamber, each child and parent were treated to Umberto's pizza, cake and ice cream, various snacks, pickies and drinks. Each child also received a present from Santa and to top off the whole event, were treated to a magic show!

Although there were still a couple of school days left before the Christmas recess, this party marked the



Santa and Elves.

unofficial start of vacation week for all the kids and was a nice early surprise to their holiday season. It should be noted that, besides all this

charity and goodwill that made this party possible, the Chamber of Commerce had already donated 20 Stop & Shop gift cards to various North End families.

The members cannot be thanked enough for all their benevolence that was truly appreciated more than they know. Special thanks also to Century Bank Vice-President Lena Buttiri who was instrumental in working with the Chamber on this project and helped facilitate all the necessary logistics to pull it off.

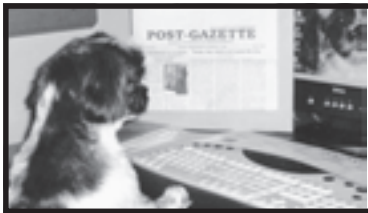
The North End and the Nazzaro Center are fortunate indeed to have such silent partners willing to help keep this community the most tightly knit in the city.



Nazzaro Center teens and Santa.



Eliot School children pictured with Santa Claus at the Nazzaro Center.



Freeway Says ...

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.

10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR MY POOCH FRIENDS

The New Year is a time to reflect on the past and to look forward to improving you and your dog's life over the next 365 days. Resolving to lose weight and to become healthier for you and your four-footed friend is always at the top of the list. The New Year is also a good opportunity to become more involved in pet activities. Here are some top 10 resolutions to add to your pooch New Year's list.

1. BANISH THE BULGE. If your pooch is overweight, resolve to begin a sensible eating program. A study by the Association of Pet Obesity Prevention shows that 45 percent of dogs are overweight, including 9 percent who are obese. Cut down on the amount of food you feed, especially the packaged snacks. Most commercial treats contain too much fat, sugar and unnecessary calories. If you must give your dog a goody, add some cut-up pieces of fruit or steamed veggies to the food bowl. **(But make sure to stay away from grapes, raisins, avocados and onions, as they can be toxic to pets.)**

2. FIT IN FITNESS. Give your dog more exercise. Being active offers many health benefits; studies show that it reduces the risk

of some canine cancers, increases life span, maintains weight loss and even improves arthritis. A daily 45 minute walk is ideal, but start off with five minutes and build up slowly. Don't forget to take a clean-up bag with you and pick up any messes your dog leaves on the street.

3. SEE NEW SIGHTS. A trip to Grandma's or any overnight with you to a dog-friendly hotel changes your dog's routine and eliminates boredom or inappropriate household behavior. Short walks to new neighborhoods, a stroll around an outdoor shopping center, hiking or a ride to the country all can work wonders.

4. TAKE SAFE RIDES. Your dog should always wear a dog safety restraint while riding in the car and should never sit on your lap or ride loose. Unrestrained dogs can cause an accident and be thrown out of the automobile into traffic. With a small dog, use a doggy booster seat with a harness secured with the car seat belt. Medium and large dogs should always wear a safety harness seat belt in the car.

5. START TRAINING AGAIN. Work on any annoying behaviors your dog might have developed, such as

begging from the table, barking at other dogs on the street, jumping on strangers or destructive chewing. "It's never too late to train a dog to do anything." To locate obedience classes or trainers in your area, ask your veterinarian or friends for recommendations.

6. GROOM REGULARLY. Resolve to groom your dog with regular bathing, weekly nail clipping and daily brushing. You can easily learn how to do it yourself or take your dog to a groomer. More than just a beauty treatment, bathing and brushing reduces shedding and maintains a healthy coat.

7. BRUSH UP ON DAILY DENTAL CARE. Start brushing your dog's teeth once a day. This helps reduce dental decay or oral infection. Use a dog toothbrush, it fits a dog's mouth more easily and apply dog toothpaste, which doesn't need rinsing. If your pet's teeth are neglected, your veterinarian may need to perform a professional cleaning to reach trapped debris.

8. SEE THE VETERINARIAN. Your dog may not need any vaccines, but should visit the vet every 6-12 months for a general check-up. And remember, the older your dog, the more frequently he or she needs to visit the vet.

9. BE A CANINE VOLUNTEER. Consider donating time or money to a shelter or low-cost spay and neuter clinic in your area. Or, volunteer to walk dogs for elderly neighbors or animal rescue.

10. ADD TO THE FAMILY? Thinking about a second or third dog? Make sure you have enough time to care for another pet and contact your local shelter or buy a dog from a reputable breeder.

Ring in the New Year with your dog in mind. Together, you and your pooch can work toward a healthy and happy future.

To ALL my readers, my pooch friends and their human companions and without forgetting my Post-Gazette friends — **I wish you ALL a very happy, healthy and safe "New Year"**

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THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

As we begin to move into the year 2014, we enter it filled with hope for the future. We feel alive and ready to go forth. All the around the clock Christmas music has been returned to its locked box for another year.

I always like reflecting on the meaning of Christmas and New Years. It is a time for rebirth to life, adventure and new goals to reach. Mostly, it is a time to remember how much life is worth living. There's an old rock song with lyrics that sing out, "You live your life like a canary in a coalmine." Not very hopeful since many canaries never get out the mines alive.

I am looking forward to many new ideas for my commentaries and I will try not to be as judgmental as some of my more liberal critics accuse me of many times. Finding topics is always too easy since politics hardly ever makes good common sense.

Unlike many liberal journalists who write columns, I have a great sense of humor as I gleefully mock some outrageous opines. I don't try to make fun of my political opponents. I just try and point out their many flaws. Debate is always good because none of us know everything about everything.

My New Year's resolution is that all of us, myself included, be happier when debating political issues without demeaning those who either differ from us or hold incorrect views that make little sense at Christmas

time or any other time of the year.

I also hope that those who don't believe in God, find Him in 2014. If there is no God, we have no hope. Without believing that there is a greater power than us out there, is our life ever meaningful?

Too many believe we are God. We aren't. Look around at nature. Look around at all the wonder we observe without even knowing what we are seeing.

There is a God that I believe in. I can't begin to comprehend His Godliness. I can't truly understand the scope of the universe. I can not explain the idea of infinity either. There are some things we either believe or don't.

Politics often brings out the worse in all of us, especially some of the sad specimens we continue to elect and re-elect.

Finally, I believe in AMERICA and all that it means to be a free AMERICAN. Most of are lucky. Many nations around the world are terrible places to live. We can thank our founders for the best gift of all, our liberty which is why many times I take on issues and public policies that take away our individual freedom. The Bill of Rights isn't a man-made government gift, it remains a list of rights handed as by God.

I will never live my life like a canary in a coal mine because life is worth living fully. Happy 2014 to all. If you promise to keep reading, I promise to keep writing.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

As we roll out of 2013 here are some of the top stories of the year! The botched rollout of Obamacare website leaving millions of people without health insurance ... Boston Marathon Bombing that killed three people including a child and left hundreds of people maimed and missing limbs ... The Unites States flying drones over the country to spy on people. Eric Snowden who blew the whistle, now a fugitive in the United States had to flee to Russia for asylum. With our privacy at stake, our government has made Snowden out to be the bad guy ... The George Zimmerman acquittal case The Benghazi scandal, and cover up after a United States ambassador was murdered by Middle East terrorists! ... The 50 year anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy ... The passing of African President Nelson Mandela ... Barack Obama's approval rating falling below 42 percent, the lowest since former president Richard Nixon ... **Promises made to be broken:** ... East Boston voters promise to wake up and accept a casino! Elected officials in East Boston promise to get Eastie people some of the action and jobs ... Suffolk Downs promises to build

the casino in Revere, while Revere voters promise to re-vote the casino back in ... Anti-casino hecklers promise to stay out of Revere with their signs ... Revere people promise not to start trouble with the hecklers ... Mayor elect Marty Walsh promises to get all the dead wood out of City Hall! Grandfathered in City Hall workers promise to begin working for their money ... Mayor Tom Menino promises to stay out of politics ... Former State Representative Gus Serra promises to run for office again ... Joe Young of Elite Donut promises to stop displaying decorated Christmas trees outside his place of business, and catch the culprits that stole his two trees this season ... The Lombardo family promises to begin construction on their state-of-the-art condo complex soon ... Frank Santarpio promises to have his handsome face on bill boards again ... Ecco Restaurant promises to add entertainment to their menu ... Attorney Bob Indresano promises not to work as hard in the New Year ... Judges at the East Boston Court House promise to give stiffer sentences to law breakers ... East Boston police promise to solve thefts ... The City of Boston promises to add more street lighting in Day

Square ... Public officials and civic organizations promise to get East Boston out of the dark and decorate with lights during the holidays ... The East Boston Foundation promises to grant more money to worthy organizations ... Italia Unita promises to get the Festival back on the calendar ... The City of Boston promises not to give out grant money to non-profit organizations that assist people outside of East Boston and to get to the reconstruction of Central Square ... Governor Deval Patrick promises not to raise taxes in the New Year ... **2013 New Year's Awards:** **Joe Ruggiero**, Ruggiero Funeral Home; *Community Service Award* ... **Joe Young**, Elite Donut; *Humanitarian Award* ... **TD Bank**, Revere for *service with a smile* ... **Everett Co-Op Bank**, best bang for your buck ... **Ecco Restaurant**, great martinis and fine dining ... **Santarpio's** famous landmark pizza place ... **Kelly's Pub**, family-friendly restaurant ... **Spinelli's**, exquisite wedding cakes, and functions ... **Al Caldarelli**, CDC for providing affordable housing for East Boston families and building desirable senior citizen complexes ... **HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL** ... Till next time!

• L'Anno Bello (Continued from Page 1)

children eagerly await *La Befana's* visit on Epiphany Eve, hoping to wake up to the sight of presents the next morning. Naughty children can expect to receive a lump of coal from *La Befana*, though this "coal" is really rock candy!

To this day, *La Befana* continues to remind me of my grandmother. Both are strong, wise women who keenly encapsulate feminine power and the magic of seasons and traditions. Furthermore, I cannot think of *La Befana* without remembering the haunting rhyme my grandmother often sings around the Epiphany: "*La Befana vien di notte/Con le scarpettutterotte/Col vestito a la romana/Viva, viva La Befana!* (*La Befana* comes at night/with her shoes all broken/with her Roman-style dress/Long live *La Befana!*)" In addition to this good witch, Epiphany in Italy also boasts other fascinating traditions. It marks the definitive end to the Christmas season, as evident in a proverb that states "*L'Epifaniatutte le feste le portavia*" — meaning

that the Epiphany swipes away the festivities following Christmas. However, the Epiphany also commemorates the start of the Carnival season, that riotous time of fun and indulgence which culminates on Mardi Gras, the last Tuesday before the penitential period of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Many cultures mark the Epiphany and the commencement of Carnival by baking King Cakes, or ring-shaped pastries that evoke both the crowns of the Three Kings and the growing sun. King Cake traditions vary around the world: in France, they are made of puff pastry and filled with creamy almond frangipane; in Spain and Latin America, they are studded with candied fruits. I bake a Louisiana-style King Cake, filled with cinnamon-sugar, on Epiphany Eve and adorn it with sugars in traditional Carnival colors: yellow, purple and green. These colors are cheerful enough to brighten the dreariest January day.

When I was younger, *La Befana* used to frighten me

— her earthy appearance stood in such sharp contrast to the rotund Santa Claus and jolly elves of Christmas. However, I now love her for her traditional links to antiquity, nature and feminine strength. *La Befana* reminds me that, contrary to popular perceptions, January is a month of exciting celebrations and customs. It is the start of the Carnival season, signaling a lot more joviality to come, an aspect that is made by clear by the colorful King Cakes that line shop windows around the world. This New Year, I encourage everyone to approach January with a positive attitude and wholeheartedly embrace its good qualities. Celebrating with magical, gift-bringing witches and delicious pastries is a wonderful place to start enjoying this month!

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DEAR READERS OF L'ANNO BELLO

After reading my Christmas article from a few weeks back, a keen reader wrote to me that the Feast of the Seven Fishes, popular among some Italian-Americans, is virtually unknown in the island of Sicily and throughout Italy. I had actually known that this was the case; my family consists of recent immigrants from Italy and they had never heard of this Feast before coming to the United States, nor is the Feast of the Seven Fishes observed

in my family. I did emphasize that this Feast was a strictly Italian-AMERICAN celebration in my article; I am just reiterating the fact now in case there was any residual confusion! I give a big thank you to this reader for his interesting feedback and fascinating family history.

Our conversation did get me very curious about this mysterious custom. Do any of you celebrate the Feast of the Seven Fishes? If so,

what do you know about its origin or its significance? What region or regions of Italy does your family hail from? Please write to me at adicenso89@gmail.com. Perhaps I will incorporate your insight and theories into next year's Christmas column!

Thanks!
Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio



Rough House Style put the holidays behind and look into Spring 2014 fashion with a collaboration show with The Women of Boston at Emerald Lounge in the Revere Hotel.
(Photo courtesy of Ancelis Nunez Photography)

Socially Scene Reviewed ... The day after Christmas I walked into CVS and behold there were Valentine and Easter candy on the shelves! Since the world of fashion is always looking forward and now with the holidays gone the industry is concentrating on springtime and the runway shows have begun. Last week Rough House Style teamed up to help launch The Women of Boston with a collaboration show at the Emerald Lounge at the Revere Hotel. Rough House Style is a brand with a focus on roughed up denim. Owner and designer Jamie Longo took a new approach to her Spring 2014 Collection with adding superior leather to her look. The Women of Boston is a premier network for business women in Boston and officially took the stage that night with membership information, announced supporters that donated to the show and introduced invited guests such as Denise Hajjar in attendance. Longo is also a ground-floor member of the group and was happy to take her well-known label to help this up-and-coming powerhouse group get the ladies in the city interested. The show was all I expected it to be with gorgeous models,

one of a kind styles and professional photography by Ancelis Nunez Photography. The Women of Boston and Rough House pulled out all the stops with heavy hitters putting their two cents in on the show. Models carried "The Kitchen Sink Bag" designed by Helena Grant, hair courtesy of Blo South End, makeup by 437 and even Longo's brother Frank put together a little something for the gentleman in attendance with his own NOBULL hats for men. The swag bags sponsors like: Scene Magazine, Eye Star Lashes, Greyfree.com and Dreamlook had me going home with a fantastic smile from the lip gloss! Even though this was what they referred to as a "soft" show, I sure had a great time and was impressed with the trends and professionalism from Rough House Style and The Women of Boston. They have both struck an interest in myself for spring attire and membership to networking events. Rough House looks forward to their next show this spring and can be contacted at www.roughhousestyle.com. The Women of Boston are planning on a Masquerade Ball in February and monthly events for the business lady to have fun while still doing

a little networking in their line of work. You can find more information at www.TheWomenOfBoston.com. **Broadway in Boston ...** Winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Once* is a truly original Broadway experience. Featuring an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments onstage. *Once* tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. As the chemistry between them grows, his music soars to powerful new heights ... but their unlikely connection turns out to be deeper and more complex than your everyday romance. Emotionally captivating and theatrically breathtaking, *Once* draws you in from the very first note and never lets go. It's an unforgettable story about going for your dreams, not living in fear and the power of music to connect all of us. With Valentine's Day just around the corner why not go see this intense on stage production that will have you gushing about love and the dreams we pursue. *Once*, will be in theatre from January 7th through the 19th at the Boston Opera House located at 539 Washington Street, Boston. For more details visit www.boston.broadway.com or call 866-523-7469. **Jazz It Up Boston ...** The Regatta Bar in the Charles Hotel is Boston's premier



The Broadway hit "Once" will take stage at Boston's Opera House January 7th-19th and this performance will have you glued to the seat.
(Photo courtesy of examiner.com)

spot to find some of the hottest Jazz acts out there and the upcoming acts are ones to catch! January 15th with a show time of 7:30 pm the **East Gypsy Band** from Budapest featuring saxophonist **Tim Ries**. East Gypsy Band represents a new color on the Hungarian music scene, as well as in world music. Its members come from first-rank jazz and gypsy musicians. Their music is an adventure within the traditions of Roma music with a great spin on jazz. Improvisation and characteristic features of jazz are central to their music. The band, formed by József Balázs — who himself is one of the most talented piano players of the young generation, having played with Erik Truffaz, Stephane Belmondo, Bobbie Watson, Charlie Mariano, Robin Eubanks and Steve Houben, among others, — plays well-known French, German, Italian, Hungarian and Roma tunes with unique scoring. Their debut album was released in May 2011, featuring the great jazz saxo-

phone and keyboard player Tim Ries. January 17th at 7:30 pm **Joe Louis Walker** will hit the stage. Better known as JLW is an American musician, best known as an electric blues guitarist, singer, songwriter and producer. A feature of his work is his recourse to older material or playing styles, which revealed his knowledge of blues history. Joe Louis Walker wrote or co-wrote five of the dozen tracks on *Between a Rock and the Blues*, including one of the album's most powerful songs, "If There's a Heaven," which manages to combine both blues and gospel in one amazing brew. Other upcoming performances are January 23rd at 7:30 pm **Steven Feifke Septet** and January 24th at 7:30 pm is **Medici Musica**. To find out more on these and other shows you can visit www.regattabarjazz.com or by calling 617-395-7757. The famed venue is located on the third floor of The Charles Hotel at One Bennett Street in Cambridge.



The East Gypsy Band from Budapest and Tim Ries will rock the Regatta Bar at the Charles Hotel on January 15th.
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St. Joseph Society's "Road to Sainthood"



Saint Joseph Society members and friends.



Saint Joseph Society President Tom Abisso, Father Jack Izzo, SJ, and Jimmy Martorano.

The "Road to Sainthood" series had a strong turnout for their December meeting and Father Jack Izzo, SJ, of San Francisco was in town and gave a talk about the meaning of Christmas, the importance of going to confession and Pope Frances.

The series is a family-friendly introduction to the saints, including detailed backgrounds of their personal histories and their individual paths to sainthood.

The Saint Joseph Society welcomes all to attend and encourages families to sit in on the discussion together to gain a better understanding of the saints we so often see immortalized in statues but seem to know



Fr. Jack Izzo blessing the new Saint Joseph Society statue.

very little about.

There is a new addition to the Saint Joseph Society, the Archdiocese, through the help of Fr. Bryan Parrish donated a statue of Saint Joseph.

The "Road to Sainthood" series is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the St. Joseph Society located at 437 Hanover Street in the North End of Boston.

For further information, please contact the Saint Joseph Society by email at stjosephsboston@gmail.com or visit their website at www.stjosephsboston.org.

"Eastie Elves" Fundraiser Hits 10th Year

by Sal Giarratani



Sal Giarratani, Michelle DeFronzo and Sen. Anthony Petrucci

Senator Anthony Petrucci once again hosted his annual "Eastie Elves" Christmas charity helping to bring the spirit of Christmas to parents and children who might not necessarily get a gift under the tree this year.

Over 400 people showed up at the Hyatt Logan Hotel in East Boston to celebrate in the spirit of giving. Price of admission to this Christmas gathering was one unwrapped toy for a deserving child. There soon was a room full of toys collected.

Many appreciate the efforts of Anthony Petrucci who has become a great voice for both his constituents and for the children who sometime get lost in the season of giving and receiving.

Community leaders and numerous elected officials showed up with toys in hand to aid the cause. Everyone always enjoys this annual affair because it is better to give than to receive.



Suffolk Sheriff Steve Tompkins with Michelle DeFronzo, IMEX Cargo president.

Cartier Boutique Hosted Annual Holiday Cocktail Party



Kelly Boulet and Jessica Ferri-Schmidt



Cartier's Cedric Tonello, Stephanie & Greg Loeber

The Cartier Boutique on Newbury Street hosted its annual Holiday Cocktail Party on Monday, December 9th. Guests enjoyed displays featuring High Jewelry, Vintage and select pieces from the Cartier Archives, including sketches and archival documents relating to two famous and legendary Cartier Creations, the Hope Diamond and The Taylor Burton Diamond.



Celine and Michel Boyer-Chammard



Thomas Ostrowski and Rita Bean



Melina and Andy Alvarez



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Cartier's Michelle Wellington and Sandi Taylor

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Ray Barron's
11 O'CLOCK NEWS

So off we go with another New Year! Well, according to Barbra D'Amico, many Americans no longer celebrate the arrival of the New Year — they celebrate the survival of the old year.

Christina Quinlan, thinks a New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

For the record, Barbra and Christina are executives at Russo Imports located in East Boston.

Wow! 62% of Americans say they are worried about losing their jobs — a record high in surveys going back to the 1970s. Among Americans in households earning less than \$35,000 a year, 75% say they worry about losing their jobs and 54% have already had their work hours or salaries cut.

Interesting to note, only 6% of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing — another new low.

Sales of gift cards have risen 47 percent from \$80 billion in 2007 to a forecasted \$118 billion in 2013. More than \$1 billion in value on the cards goes unredeemed annually.

Good news! "Newsweek is coming back," said Christine Haughney in *The New York Times*. The struggling weekly magazine that ended its print publication last year plans to turn the presses back on. Its new owners, IBT Media, which took over the magazine in August, said that *Newsweek* would return as a 64-page "boutique product" this month or February 2014.

No one expected Jack MacDonald to leave a large estate when he died. The elderly retiree lived in a Seattle convalescent home, collected coupons and rarely bought new clothes. But when the former attorney passed away in September at the age of 98, he left behind an astonishing \$187.6 million — and willed it all to charity. MacDonald's secret fortune, amassed over six decades on the stock market, will benefit the University of Washington School of Law, the Salvation Army and the Seattle Children's Research Institute. The latter gift, worth \$3.75 million a year, is the largest single donation to pediatric research in U.S. history.

A man badly injured in the Boston Marathon bombing has become engaged to a woman who helped nurse him back to health. James Costello, who was watching at the race's finishing line, was severely burned and cut by shrapnel in the April 15th attacks. He met Krista D'Agostino while recuperating in the rehabilitation hospital where she works as a nurse. The couple began dating and decided to marry. "I now realized why I was involved in the tragedy," Costello said. "It was to meet my best friend and the love of my life."

Moron! A man who sued Washington, D.C.'s subway system, claiming he slipped on a banana peel in an elevator, was charged with fraud when video footage showed him tossing the peel on the ground, stepping on it and theatrically falling down.

A Minnesota man was charged with disorderly conduct for "making it snow" dollar bills on Mall of America shoppers, causing a ruckus as people raced to grab the bills. Serge Vorobyov says he dropped his last \$1,000 in singles on shoppers as a statement of gratitude for being alive, despite his having a horrible year. "I wanted to do some sort of pay-it-forward kind of a thing," he said. "I don't see how holiday cheer is disorderly conduct."

Gee, a 6-year-old boy in Colorado was suspended from school for sexual harassment for kissing a female classmate on the hand. The girl did not complain, but officials say that under their rules, the kiss qualifies as harassment. "This is taking it to an extreme," said the boy's mother. "Now my son is asking, 'What is sex, Mommy?'"

The astute Steven Sebestyen says a kiss is what a husband struggled for before marriage and what his wife struggles for after marriage.

Steven's attractive and brilliant wife Theresa says a kiss is a contraction of the mouth due to an enlargement of the heart.



Outrage, after a fraud provided the sign language translation at Nelson Mandela's memorial service. "He was moving his hands around," said South Africa's Deaf Federation, "but there was no meaning in what he used his hands for."

Dozing, after a passenger fell asleep on a flight to Houston and awoke to find himself locked in a dark, empty airplane. "I mean, who shut the door?" said Tom Wagner after calling for help.

Ah lonely people, after officials in Madison, Wisconsin, shut down the Snuggle House —which charges \$60 for an hour of hugging with a professional cuddler — over concern the business could be a front for prostitution. Said Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Zilavy, "I don't know any man who wants to just snuggle."

Interesting! During the existential struggle of World War II, a cease-fire was unimaginable on both sides. But one German woman named Elisabeth Vincken privately engineered her own tiny truce on a snowy Christmas Eve in 1944, when she opened her cabin on the Belgium-German border to find three lost American soldiers — one of them badly injured. Taking pity on the men, she invited them in for Christmas dinner. But as the turkey roasted, there was another knock at the door. To Elisabeth's dismay, four German soldiers wanted to be let in. The penalty for harboring the enemy was execution, but Elisabeth calmly told them there were Americans inside; the Germans were welcome to join them, she said, as long as they left their weapons outside. "It is the Holy Night and there will be no shooting here." The cabin atmosphere was tense, but after dinner and wine, relations warmed. One German, an ex-medical student, examined the wounded American; another gave them directions back to their lines. They parted ways — and the truce was over.

Be aware, homelessness has fallen 4 percent nationwide over the past year, but it has risen by 13 percent in New York City. New York and Los Angeles alone account for one fifth of homelessness in the U.S.

Smile! About 4,000 photos are taken every second in the U.S., four times as many as a decade ago.

Disgusting! In the year since the Newtown massacre, 194 children ages 12 and under have been shot to death in the U.S. At least 52 of those deaths involved a child handling an unsecured gun and 127 of the children died in their own homes.

Wee bit of Italian-American history. It was in 1908 an Italian-American Charles Bonaparte, Attorney General under President Teddy Roosevelt founded the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Yes, the FBI. In 1917, Italian-American Frank Monteverde was elected Mayor of Memphis, Tennessee. It was in 1907, Giuseppe Uddo, age 23, and his young bride Eleonara Taormina emigrate from Sicily to New Orleans. The pair imported cheeses, fresh olives, oil and other Italian staples, founding the Uddo & Taormina Company. Today the business thrives as Progresso Foods. In 1897, an Italian Guglielmo Marconi, the "Father of Radio," receives a patent for "The Wireless." Through the years, thousands of lives are saved through "SOS" calls for help. Perhaps, the most famous SOS was sent by the sinking liner *Titanic* to the *S.S. Carpathia*, saving 717 lives in 1912. Marconi, a frequent visitor to America, never became a United States citizen.

Show biz reminiscing with the stately Albert Natale. "I was closer to Clark Gable than any of his wives, except, Carole Lombard and we were a twosome longer than any of them. I would have married Clark if he'd asked me, but he thought we would over-power each other. He needed, frankly, a wife who wasn't as big a star as he was, though we did love each other dearly." So says Joan Crawford.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

Recipes from the
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by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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SPIZZATEDU (Spiz-za-thay-doo)
Chicken in Bianco

1 three- or four-pound cut-up chicken
1 medium onion chopped
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1/4 cup cooking oil
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Water

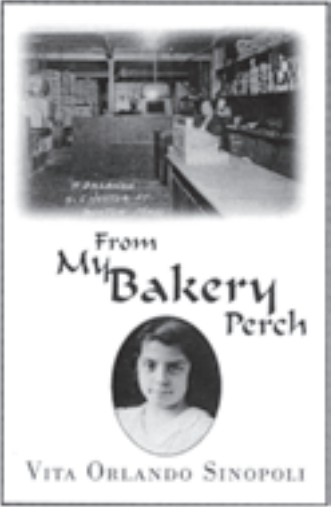
Heat oil in a six-quart pot. Brown chicken portions on both sides. Do not burn. The browning of chicken parts in the oil and the browning residue remaining at the bottom of the pot gives the flavor to this recipe. Add chopped onion and parsley to the chicken in the pot after all chicken has been browned. Stir until onion is opaque. Remove from stove. Add enough water slowly to cover chicken contents. Cover pot and return to heat. Bring to a boil and then lower heat. Continue to cook slowly until chicken is tender. A chicken bouillon cube can be added if desired. Salt to taste.

Cook pasta of your choice according to directions on package. Place cooked pasta in a large serving bowl. Pour chicken broth over pasta and stir before serving. Sprinkle grated Romano cheese over each serving. Chicken can be served with pasta or separately, with fresh garden salad and garlic bread.

Serves four to six people.

NOTE: This is a recipe taught to me in 1949 by my mother-in-law, Mary Sinopoli. The family had migrated to this country in 1892. Her mother had taught her as a youngster how to prepare this "Spizzatedu" recipe that they had enjoyed in Messina, Sicily. It was a favorite of the family in the 1800s and continues to be so for the generations that have followed.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Happy New Year everyone, Buon Anno Nuovo. I hope you all enjoyed New Year's Eve in your own way and are looking forward to a better year than 2013. Christmas was great for us. My sons came home with their ladies and Christmas Eve was celebrated at my house with the seven fish dishes my wife cooked. My son, John, and his future bride, Beth, bought a house and hosted Christmas morning breakfast for the first time. Later in the day, we all headed to the home of my cousin, Ralph Pepe and combined families for Christmas dinner. Later in the day, Ralph looked around at all the generations of the family as they ate, drank or just socialized. He nodded and said, "The only ones missing are the old-timers." I looked back at him and said, "Oh, they're here" and I pointed to him and then myself. Our parents and grandparents generations are gone and we are the old-timers.

New Year's Eve is usually spent with a small crowd of close friends. In the past, we have celebrated either at a private club on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston or the museum of the Order of the First Corps of Cadets a few doors away. This year, we were at the home of the leaders of the pack. Dr. Dean Saluti and his lovely wife, Margie Cahn hosted the festivities at their home and a great time was had by all. On the next morning, instead of just relaxing, Loretta and I headed off to Florida to enjoy the climate. Actually, I don't think I mentioned it to you, we bought a condo in Delray Beach.

Just before we returned home in October with me facing an operation, a condo came our way. It is in a complex I was familiar with and once we saw the place, I

said to Loretta, "See that lady, she owns the place and wants to sell it. This is what I want to spend ... go bargain with her." The units in the complex are basically one level two-bedroom two-bath homes. We got it for a bargain price, thanks to my wife's ability at bargaining. I tell people she's so good at bargaining, I once saw her make an Arab rug merchant cry. Anyway, we bought the place in October and began to furnish it with the things we like, but I had to return for the operation that turned out to be three operations and has left me recuperating ever since.

By the way, I want to thank those of you who knew about my problem and supported me through my stays at Mass General and Mass Eye and Ear. I will explain the circumstances. A while back, I began losing hearing in my right ear. I thought the reason had to do with too many loud drummers behind me for a 50 year stretch. I tried all kinds of hearing aids from cheapies to the expensive electronic devices that work for most people losing their hearing. Nothing worked.

My wife made an appointment at Mass Eye and Ear, and after an exam, they sent me for an MRI. The results showed that I had a non cancerous brain tumor behind my right ear. It was too big to be zapped and had to be removed surgically. I did a bit of research as to who were the best surgeons and picked one of them to handle the operation. Everything went well, but a problem arose. Spinal fluid kept rising through my system coming out of my nose, a problem occurring with about 10% of the people who are operated on for cranial tumors. I had to go back in, this time, not to Mass General, but to Mass Eye and Ear

next door. Another surgical team had to take over and remedy the situation. Following a week's stay in the hospital attempting to put both operations behind me, I needed spinal taps to see if there was any chance of spinal meningitis.

I'm in Florida because the climate is more conducive to recuperating than the cold Northeast.

As many of you know, I am a professor at a couple of colleges. I started the fall semester but had to adhere to the schedule of the first surgical team. As a result, I turned my schedule over to Colonel John Silva, a close friend whose expertise in both world history and American history rivals my own. John finished the semester for me. Since the operation, I've told the powers that be that I am taking the spring semester off to completely recuperate. I'd rather not return until I am capable of working at the level I was at before my hospitalization. I don't want to be like the unnamed great baseball players who stayed on the field that one year too long and made damn fools of themselves. As the late spring brings an end to the semester, I will see if I'm capable of teaching at my old level of performance, and if so, I will teach an early summer course.

Up to this point in my life, I thought I was going to be like Babbononno. He was never sick and neither were his sons, Uncles Paul, Nick (my Godfather) and Uncle Gino. It seems that good health runs or ran on that side of the family. I was following in the foot-steps of my maternal grandfather. In 65, I had to get my nose operated on as I couldn't breathe. Under a local anesthetic, I conversed with the doctor who asked me, "Do you come from East Boston or the North End?" When I asked why, he responded, "You told me you broke your nose once. I can account for 12 separate breaks! Another time, I was bitten by something venomous and Loretta had me medivaced to Boston to save my life. But, that was it as far as hospitals are concerned, until now.

Hopefully things are getting back to normal with one exception. The hearing in my right ear will not return and no device will ever help. When I complain to my wife, she replies 'Think of the alternative if you didn't have the operations. You might not be here to complain.'

But again, as I recoup, I want to thank my friends who were there checking on me every day and those of you readers who knew of my situation and sent cards, letters and such to cheer me up. I won't forget you and will try to respond as time goes on. I close with MILLE GRAZIE and may GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Facts ON wax

by bob morello

reviewing the best... forgetting the rest



THE MUSIC OF NASHVILLE: ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK (Season 2, Vol. 1) Big Machine Records

Season 2 of television's popular show "Nashville," has produced a 'baker's dozen' of outstanding country songs. Along with all the excitement of the show's story, are a handful of strong vocal performances. It begins with Chris Carmack's "What If I Was Willing," followed by Sam Palladio's "Can't Get It Right," the duo of Lennon & Maisey deliver "A Life That's Good" and "Share With You," plus co-star Connie Britton and Will Chase carry the weight of "Ball and Chain," while Claire Bowen and Charles Esten sing the woes of "This Town," and co-star Hayden Panettiere powers through "Trouble Is." Esten solos on "Playin' Tricks," the heart-wrenching duet "Why Can't I Say Goodnight" by Bowen/Palladio shines, trailed by Aubrey Peeples' offer "Tell Me," and a tender a cappella track from Chaley Rose titled "Wayfaring Stranger." Winding down this excellent CD is Jonathan Jackson's tender "How You Learn to Live Alone," and the upbeat "Can't Say No to You" performed by Panettiere and Carmack. "Nashville" is the place to enjoy country music!

TOWER OF POWER - HIPPER THAN HIP Real Gone Music

Tower of Power began making musical history in 1968 when tenor saxophonist/vocalist Emilio Castillo met baritone sax player Stephen "Doc" Kupka. Starting out as The Motowns, they were paying tribute to the R&B sound that influenced them, adding their own per-

sonal twist. In 1970, they became known as Tower of Power, and landed a record deal. On May 14, 1974, Tower of Power went into radio station WLIR in Hempstead, Long Island and played a live-in-the-studio show that set the station ablaze as well as the radios of any listeners that were lucky enough to hear it. Move the time machine nearly 40 years and 'Hipper Than Hip Live' brings Tower's sound to the surface again. Two discs with 14 songs of pure pleasure, including "You're Still a Young Man," "Down to the Nightclub," "So Very Hard to Go," "Time Will Tell" and, "What Is Hip?" with Lenny Williams on vocals. Rolling back the years = hip music!

AMERICAN HUSTLE - ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK Sony Music Entertainment

'American Hustle' is the story about Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale), a brilliant con man in the 1970s. The film also stars Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper, and Jennifer Lawrence. The fifteen-song track is full of several songs that became hits. Check out cuts as, "Jeep's Blues" (Duke Ellington), "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" (Elton John), "10538 Overture" (Electric Light Orchestra), "Live and Let Die" (Wings), "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart" (Bee Gees), "I Feel Love" (Donna Summer), and Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes' "Don't Leave Me This Way." Additional hits have "Delilah" (Tom Jones), "I've Got Your Number" (Jack Jones), ELO returns with "Long Black Road," plus "A Horse With No Name" (America), "Stream of Stars" (Jeff Lynne), "Live to Live" (Chris Stills), and Danny Elfman's "Irving Montage." Memories are made of this music!

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Estate of
FERELD R. DIEHL, JR.
Date of Death October 5, 2011
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carol A. Diehl of Center Valley, PA**. **Carol A. Diehl of Center Valley, PA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Estate of
GERALDINE SMITH FITZGERALD
Date of Death November 15, 2011
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Judy F. Kight of Jacksonville, FL**. **Judy F. Kight of Jacksonville, FL** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
KENNETH WAYNE DOCKERY, SR.
Also Known As
Denneth Wayne Dockery I
Date of Death December 5, 2010
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sharon Dockery of Missouri City, TX**. **Sharon Dockery of Missouri City, TX** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
NORMA JEAN GODWIN
Date of Death August 6, 2005
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **George P. Godwin of Hampton, VA**. **George P. Godwin of Hampton, VA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

**NEIGHBORHOOD IN
TRANSITION**



There will be a "Neighborhood in Transition" photo exhibit running at the West End Museum from January 21st through May 10th. On display will be photographs taken by Charles Frani back during that period of destruction in the name of progress that razed the old West End. For more information contact the Museum at 617-723-2125 or 617-416-0718.

**SULLIVAN RUNS FOR
MIDDLESEX DA**

There will be a primary fight for Middlesex District Attorney in 2014 as Michael Sullivan, the clerk of courts in Middlesex County announced he will challenge D.A. Marian Ryan who was appointed to finish out the term of former D.A. Gerry Leone. Sullivan is 54 years old and has been court clerk since 2007.

**FIANDACA LEAVES BPD
FOR CHANNEL 7**

Boston Police Department's Spokesperson Cheryl Fian-daca has left her Boston Police post. The former Channel 5 on-air personal-

ity and ex-wife of NY Police Commissioner Billy Bratton will start her new job at Channel 7 on January 13th.

**GEORGE NOT RUNNING
FOR WALSH SEAT**

Annisia Easaibi George who finished as the runner-up in the City Council At Large race has decided that she will not be running for the vacant State Rep seat of Marty Walsh. Dan Hunt, who works as a lawyer for DCR has jumped into the race as did Hiep Nguyen, who ran for city council in 2008. He is hoping to be the first Vietnamese American elected as a state representative.

**HELPING
ST. JOHN SCHOOL**

A benefit is being held for St. John School at Bricco's Restaurant on January 14th. For more information, go to www.sisne.com.

**NEW PRESIDENT AT
E.B. CHAMBER**

After two great years as president, Diane Modica leaves office with many proud accomplishments for the East Boston business community. The new president coming on board will be Scott Heigelmann. Welcome Scott, Thank you Diane.

IT DID COME FROM GOD

A letter writer in the *Boston Herald* (December 20th) criticizing the NRA and the gun lobby on the Second Amendment apparently misunderstands what the Bill of Rights represented.

The letter writer, and I quote, stated, "When it was written, the country did not have a large standing army. It was not handed down by God." I hate to burst this liberal bubble but the Bill of Rights in our federal constitution did not create any rights but only listed our God-given rights that we received at our birth. In effect, God did give us the rights listed in each of the first 10 amendments.

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Estate of
DETLEV F. VAGTS
Also Known As
DETLEV FREDERICK VAGTS
Date of Death August 20, 2013
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen A. Vagts of Cambridge, MA, Petitioner Lydia E. Vagts of Watertown, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Karen A. Vagts of Cambridge, MA, Lydia E. Vagts of Watertown, MA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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The Art of Boxing

In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade and he carries the reminders of every blow that laid him down or cut him till he dried out in his anger and his shame, I am leaving, I am leaving, but the fighter still remains.

— Paul Simon, *The Boxer*



Terme Boxer

There has always been a strong connection between boxing and the arts that goes back thousands of years. The Terme Boxer from 1st Century ancient Greece is one of the finest pieces of sculpture ever created and it shows clearly the face of a veteran boxer who has suffered the blows that Paul Simon wrote so expressively about. Look closely at this work and you will see the broken nose and cauliflower ears that is the trademark of boxers throughout the ages. Note how his hands are bandaged to not only protect his fists, but to also allow him to inflict more punishment on his opponents. The grim determination in his face is very moving. After a visit to New York City, this warrior is back home in Rome.

Fighters have been portrayed in plays and movies

over and over again. On the stage *Golden Boy*, by Clifford Odets first played on Broadway in 1937 with Luther Adler playing the lead role of Joe. The supporting cast was absolutely amazing and included: Lee J. Cobb, Karl Malden, Elia Kazan, Harry Morgan, Howard DeSilva, and John Garfield. It doesn't get any better than that. Garfield would go on to play the lead role in a revival of the play in 1952. Garfield also portrayed Charley Davis in the movie *Body and Soul*, another great boxing movie and his most famous role.

In 1997 I had the good fortune to see the world premiere of a new play, *Tunney/Shakespeare in Six Rounds*. The play was written by David E. Lane and starred Jack Wetherall. Appropriately, it opened at the Merrimack Rep in the great boxing town of Lowell. The story line is based on the time Gene Tunney gave a lecture on Shakespeare at Yale University. Wetherall was superb in the role of Tunney and showed the intellectual side of the great champion who loved Shakespeare as much as boxing. I hope to see it revived some day, as it deserves to be seen by a larger audience.

Rocky, the Musical will be opening on Broadway this February. I am curious to see how that is staged. Will Rocky be serenading Apollo Creed? Could be interesting.

Boxing lends itself very well to the big screen. I have already mentioned *Body and Soul*, but there are so many others. Who can ever forget Marlon Brando as Terry Malloy in *On The Waterfront*. His lines, "I could have been a contender" are firmly embedded in the American culture. Robert Ryan was outstanding in the role of Bill Stoker Thompson, the washed up pug stepping into the ring in *The Setup*, a great film noir and one of the



Actors Rod Steiger and Marlon Brando in *On the Waterfront*.

best boxing movies ever made. Ryan had been a champion college boxer and it shows in the fight scenes. Other great boxing movies include *Fat City* with Stacy Keach, *Champion* starring Kirk Douglas and *Raging Bull*, the life of Jake LaMotta with Robert DeNiro in the lead role. Filmed in black and white and filled with raw intensity, it is considered one of the best American movies ever made.

Both Thomas Eakins and George Bellows did some great paintings of boxers. Bellows was from the Ashcan School of Art and portrayed the fighters in his work as almost blending into each other. *Stag at Sharkey's* was his most famous, but he also did a terrific piece with his subject being the Dempsey Firpo fight. Bellows always included himself in his paintings. It is a bit like how Alfred Hitchcock always made an appearance in his films.

Eakins' work was more traditional but very detailed and impressive. His two most well known boxing pieces are *Between Rounds* and *Salutat*. Both were painted in the 1890s and appear to be set in private clubs. They look quite sanitized when compared with Bellows' work, but are beautiful works.

Take some time to explore this connection between the arts and boxing. You will also find plenty of music, literature and poetry on the subject. It is a rich and fun topic. If Will Shakespeare had been around back in the glory days of boxing, I am sure you would have found him hanging out at Stillman's Gym.

Happy New Year to all of my readers. I do hope this is a safe year for all those brave boxers who enter the ring, and I hope they are respected and cared about by those who make so much money off of them.



Jack Wetherall in *Tunney/Shakespeare in Six Rounds*

PAUL BARRY

Ring 4 brother Paul Barry passed away over the Christmas Holiday. Paul fought Johnny Coiley twice and went on to become a boxing referee. He was very well liked in the boxing community and was a regular at the monthly Pug's Lunches. He was one of the best and will be missed by all of us.

God Rest His Soul.

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208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI13D4833DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
KATIANE CORREA
vs.
PAUL F. TSIMAHIDES

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion and/or 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 taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Jose Joaquim Macedo, Esquire, Law Office of Jose J. Macedo, 392 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141** your answer, if any, on or before **January 24, 2014**. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 13, 2013

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Dinner is Being Served

The Boston Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association's 75th Annual Dinner will be held at the Westin Copley Place on January 23rd. For more info, contact The Sports Museum of New England at 617-624-1231.

Three of a Kind

Retired managers Joe Torre, Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown on July 27th.

Tanaka Leaving Japan for Majors

Japanese pitching sensation Masahiro Tanaka is moving to the Majors for the 2014 season. His Japanese team the Rakuten Eagles has decided to let him play American baseball. His outstanding 2013 season entitled him to head our way. Tanaka is a 25-year-old righty who went 24-0 with a 1.27 ERA with the Eagles.

Meanwhile, Kevin Youkilis is heading way over to the West Coast or make that the East Coast in Japan. The three-time All-Star agreed to a two-year deal with the Eagles in the Pacific League for a \$4 million base salary contract. After a great nine years in Boston, he signed with the NY Yankees for a one-year \$12 million deal. However, back injuries limited him to 28 games before ending the season on June 13th.

Did You Know Dept.?

The Oakland A's Bartolo Colon won his first seven starts after turning 40 on

May 24th, a first in baseball history on his way to 18 victories. You know where I stand on Colon. He could have been a 30 game winner in 2013 and he wouldn't have been on my list for the Cy Young.

Meanwhile, the Nationals Bruce Harper became only the second player to begin his career with back-to-back 20-homer seasons before turning 21, joining the Red Sox' Tony Conigliaro (1964-65). By the way Tony C. still holds the record for youngest player to reach 100 home runs. A record Harper could still break.

Texas Gives Choo 7 Years and \$130 Million

Free agent Shin-Soo Choo agreed to a seven-year \$130 million deal with the Rangers. A month earlier, remember, the Rangers also signed up former Detroit first baseman Prince Fielder. Choo is a great lead-off hitter. Last year with the

Reds, he led off in 143 games with 20 stolen bases and 21 homers. He will get \$18.6 million per year.

Halladay Retires After 16 Seasons

Two-time Cy Young winner Roy Halladay has decided to retire after 16 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies. The 36-year-old signed a one-day contract and retired as a Blue Jay where he pitched for his first 12 seasons.

Halladay stated a baseball truism, "As a baseball player, you realize that's something you can't do the rest of your life. I really don't have any regrets."

Halladay was 203-105 with a 3.38 ERA in 416 career games. He had 60 complete games and 20 shutouts. Like Curt Schilling, he is not guaranteed Hall of Fame material but still very good.

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Estate of
RANDAL BECK NELSEN
Date of Death February 29, 2008
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Janet V. Nelsen of Carmichael, CA.
Janet V. Nelsen of Carmichael, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Estate of
WOODROW PITTS
Date of Death February 20, 2007
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jerry L. Robinson of Mesquite, TX.

Jerry L. Robinson of Mesquite, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
VERONICA NORINE JONES
Date of Death February 27, 2011
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Phyllis J. Woodruff of Carrollton, GA.

Phyllis J. Woodruff of Carrollton, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
CAROLYN ANN SISK
Also Known As
CAROLYN BROWN
Date of Death June 19, 2004
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Clyde W. Sisk of Fort Worth, TX.

Clyde W. Sisk of Fort Worth, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



THE FUTURE MEETS THE PAST — It was a battle of two young basketball minds, it was, one coming from a prior era in Boston Celtics history and another representing the future of the franchise.

It was a contest that featured two mentors who had honed their careers in the Hoosier State — one who had lived there all his life until last summer and another who had arrived as recently as 2007.

In fact, if both had remained in place, the state of Indiana would be rightly proud that both of these coaches would be well on the path toward leading their respective teams to possible championships this season.

But one left — to come to one of the most storied franchises in basketball — while the other remained at the helm of a team that has a very good chance of going deep into the NBA playoffs this spring.

The men need no personal introduction to each other since they used to be basketball neighbors. Celtics Coach Brad Stevens' former office on the Butler University campus was just a few miles from that of Frank Vogel, currently the coach of the Eastern Conference leading Indiana Pacers and formerly an assistant with the Celtics.

It was the potential future of the team meeting the Celtics past since Vogel got his start working as a student manager for Rick Pitino at the University of Kentucky. He later was hired as video coordinator of the Green and White when Pitino made the jump to the Celtics in 1997. Vogel remained in that position until 2001, when he became an assistant coach under Jim O'Brien after Pitino left. He would remain with the team until 2004, moving with O'Brien to the 76ers as the Doc Rivers era began in Boston.

He later worked as a scout for the Lakers and the Wizards before reuniting with O'Brien at Indiana. In 2011, after O'Brien was let go, Vogel became the interim head coach — leading the Pacers to the playoffs for the first time since 2006. He was officially named the head coach in July, 2011.

On that night a couple of weeks back, Indiana walloped the Celtics, 106-79, a lesson taken to heart by a first-year NBA coach and given by one who took a long and winding road to reach a similar position. Perhaps Stevens will return the favor some day in the future.

NELLIE NOW — There was a great back-of-the-book story in the December 23rd edition of *Sports Illustrated* on former Celtic Don Nelson — who had a five-decade career

in the NBA as both a player and a coach.

It turns out that Nellie, who won five NBA titles as a member of the Celtics from 1965 to 1976, is now in retirement on the island of Maui in Hawaii — and enjoying every minute of it.

Nelson, who won an NBA title ring at the end of his first season with the C's (1966), went on to win four more — in 1968, 1969, 1974 and 1976 — before moving on to a head coaching career that included the Milwaukee Bucks, the New York Knicks, the Dallas Mavericks and the Golden State Warriors.

Many things changed in the NBA between the night that Nelson was drafted in the third round (17th overall) by the Chicago Zephyrs in 1962 and the time he coached his last game with the Warriors in 2010.

But the one aspect that did not change over the course of all those years was that on any given night in the regular season (and a good number of ones in the playoffs), Don Nelson was either playing in a game or coaching in one — or reading scouting reports and watching film in preparation for his next contest.

He averaged more than 10 points a game from 1968 to 1975 while with the Celtics, in an era when the three-point shot was years from its introduction. He went on to be named one of the Top 10 Coaches in NBA History after he left the court as a player.

And some things were long overdue — such as his September, 2012 induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. That year he also received his degree from Iowa State University, the school he had left five decades earlier to enter the NBA draft.

Even his choice of a retirement location came about because of basketball. In the *SI* piece Nellie relates that he first came to Maui for a 1963 exhibition game as a member of the Los Angeles Lakers.

He vowed to return and he did — for his honeymoon with his wife Joy in 1991 and later in retirement. At 73, he says he has no interest in coaching opportunities or broadcasting positions, preferring to stay on Maui.

But the Nelson name is still prominent in a contemporary way in today's NBA. That's because one of Nellie's sons — Donn Nelson — is the general manager of the Mavericks.

They say there will always be an England. Maybe, given that Nellie has several grandchildren, there will always be a Nelson affiliated in some way with the NBA.

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