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VOTE



It's **YOUR RIGHT**
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TUESDAY
November 4, 2008
Your vote does count ...

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Powell Backs Obama

Colin Powell, Dubya's first Secretary of State endorsed US Senator Barack Obama for president. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Obama is better suited to handle the nation's economic troubles.

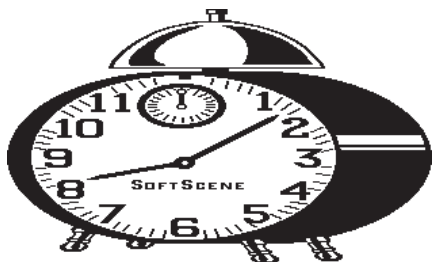
Powell said, "I think we need a transformational figure. I think we need a president who is a generational change."

Whatever Happened to John Edwards?

Whatever happened to John Edwards. He was always talking about the "Two Americas". Then we found that he was talking about where his wife lives and the one where his girlfriend lives.

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FALL BACK



Be sure to move your clocks
BACK ONE HOUR
on Saturday night November 1st

Fifty Reasons to Vote Against Barack Obama

by Paul Ibrahim

There are hundreds of simple, straightforward reasons for Americans to vote against Barack Obama on November 4. Editorial necessity, however, limits the publication of a comprehensive list, and what I offer instead is a list of 50 plain reasons to oppose Obama. They are presented in no particular order, as ranking them would for several reasons prove to be an unfeasible task.

50. Obama is the second highest recipient of Fannie Mae contributions in history, despite having been in the Senate for mere months, and as you might expect, took no steps to prevent the financial crisis Fannie has caused.

49. Obama has developed close and shady personal, financial and political ties with Tony Rezko, a convicted Chicago criminal.

48. Obama has developed close personal and political ties with terrorist William Ayers, even launching his political career in Ayers's living room, despite Ayers publicly regretting *not* having bombed America enough while and after these ties were solidifying.

47. Obama for 20 years adopted as his closest spiritual guide Jeremiah Wright, an anti-American racist who actively fuels racial tensions.

46. Obama has said that his church, which disavowed the "Pursuit of 'Middleclassness,'" was not "particularly controversial."

45. Obama, in March 2008, said he could "no more disown" Wright than he could the "black community" or his "white grandmother."

44. Obama, in April 2008, disowned Wright, apparently making the black community and his white grandmother totally disownable.

43. Obama, in May 2008, dropped his church membership out of political necessity, although the church was the same then that it had been during the years of his membership.

42. Obama has proudly volunteered his view that our troops are "just air raiding villages and killing civilians," while it took nearly a year of brutal torture to force John McCain to say he was an "air pirate."

41. Obama continues to lie about planning to cut taxes for 95 percent of Americans,

an impossibility considering that around 40 percent of them don't pay any taxes.

40. Obama requested a \$1 million earmark for his wife's employer, which had recently nearly tripled her salary.

39. Obama has requested around \$750 million in earmarks in his months as a senator.

38. Obama's head mentor, Joe Biden, has repeatedly declared that Obama is unqualified to be president.

37. Obama spends nearly \$40,000 a year on his young daughters' tuition at an elite school, yet opposes school choice for Americans who are not as wealthy as he is and are forced to send their children to public schools.

36. Obama, a Chicago-style politician, won his state senate election by default after disqualifying all four of his opponents from the ballot, including the heavily favored incumbent.

35. Obama won his 2004 U.S. Senate primary by having his main Democratic opponent collapse under the weight of a domestic scandal.

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Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

On Tuesday, November 4th, millions of Americans will exercise their fundamental right to vote as the spirited presidential campaign draws to a close. No matter what side you're on, this election season has reinvigorated American politics like no other in recent memory. As Bostonians head out to the polls, I want to take a moment to go over what voters can expect come Election Day. With thousands of newly registered voters in the City and a host of issues to consider, from the presidential race to local ballot questions, we're bracing for record turnout and doing everything possible to ensure smooth and efficient voting.

Election Day preparations include:

- Increased the number of poll workers, greeters, and volunteers, especially in high-traffic areas such as the Second Suffolk Senatorial district. This year, there will be nearly 1,800 poll workers and volunteers across the City.

- Many polling locations will have translators on-hand for languages such as Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Cape Verdean, and Haitian.

Additional translators will staff a hotline from City Hall.

- The Election Department will open a new, dedicated 25-line phone bank for voter information requests on Election Day.

- Polling locations will have enough ballots to accommodate 115% of eligible voters.

Polling places in Boston are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and in some places, long lines will be unavoidable, especially in the morning and evening hours. If possible, the Election Department encourages people to vote mid-day, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., to avoid extended waits. Please remember that voting in Massachusetts is address-based, and registered voters need to know their correct polling location and correct ward and precinct. If you're unsure about your polling location, use the voter registration search tool at www.cityofboston.gov/elections.

While summaries of the ballot question appear on the ballot, it's a great idea

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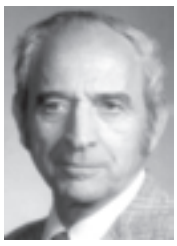
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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



NEPTUNE

Neptunus or Neptune was a god of the sea and the Roman counterpart to Poseidon. Salacia, his wife, was worshiped as a goddess of salt water. The worship of Neptune appears to have been influenced through the Sibylline Books that have often been mentioned in Roman history. These books started as a collection of oral expressions dating back to 600 B.C. According to legend there were originally nine books that were offered to the Roman king Tarquinius Superbus at an exorbitant price by the Cumaean Sibyl. When the king refused to pay the price, she burned six of the books. The king then purchased the remaining three at the original price.

For those persons who are not familiar with the name "sibyl", I might add that it identified the female counterpart to a prophet. The ancient city of Cumae, Sicily, was named in honor of the Cumaean sibyl, one of the ten or twelve most famous of these prophetesses. Roman mythology placed her abode in a cavern below the acropolis in that city. In her

youth, Cumaea was loved by Apollo, who later granted her as many years of life as the grains of sand that she held in her hand. She accepted, but forgot to request the youth to go along with her years. She was also thought of as the Sibyl of the Roman Catholic Church whose strength, age, wisdom, and resistance to false gods she so grandly embodies. The famous ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican in Rome shows Cumaea, in addition to four other sibyls; Libica, Delphica, Erythraea, and Persica. Here, Cumaea is shown hoary with age in a manner that only the great master Michelangelo could portray. Also, he shows her holding two books which are thought to be the Old and the New Testaments.

The identification of Neptune goes back to the "Lectisternium" festival, which started about 400 B.C. The root of this name is in the Latin "lectus" for bed or couch. Lectisternium is identified as a ritual or feast where the image of a particular god was set on a couch and this couch was

placed near the dining table. Remembering that formal dining in ancient Roman times was in the reclining position, we can now understand that this was a festival wherein a selected god was invited to dine with his mortal worshippers.

Like Poseidon, Neptune was also worshiped as a god of the equestrians, and as such, a temple in his honor was erected in the Circus Flaminius sometimes around 200 B.C. Marcus Agrippa, a Roman general, son-in-law to Augustus, and builder of the Pantheon, also built a temple to Neptune in honor of his naval victory over Marc Antony and Cleopatra at Actium. This was one of the most decisive battles in the history of the ancient world, since its outcome determined the lordship of the Roman Empire.

The ancient Romans also worshiped "Portunus", a god of the harbors. A special priest in Rome sacrificed to him during the "Portunalia", a festival to this god, which was held annually in the month of August.

NEXT WEEK: *Hestia*

Is Obama Hiding Something?

by Sal Giarratani

With days to go before voters go to the polls on Tuesday November 4, US Senator Barack Obama has yet to produce a notarized copy of his birth certificate. Reportedly, he did produce a photocopy only. Also, he has yet to produce his medical history.

The mainstream media both print and broadcast who many have seen as Obama cheerleaders has not even acknowledged this lack of public disclosure.

To date, it has been conservative journalists and talk radio which has hammered away at this lack of

disclosure. The liberal media stays far from this story.

This whole mystery has given this story legs. All that Obama needs to do is produce the necessary documents and give the American people transparency. If

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Senator Dianne Wilkerson Convicted of Fraud

by Michele McPhee
(Reprinted from ABC.com)

An embattled Massachusetts State Senator appeared in a federal courtroom charged with taking \$23,500 in bribes, including cash that she stuffed into her bra during a meeting at a tiny Boston restaurant that was secretly videotaped by an undercover FBI agent, federal prosecutors said.

Democratic Senator Dianne Wilkerson is facing forty years in prison after federal prosecutors outlined accusations today that she accepted the bribes over an 18-month period in a money-for-legislative influence sting operation, prosecutors said. She had \$6000 in cash in her purse when she was arrested at her Roxbury home by nearly two dozen law enforcement officials.

Photographs released by United States Attorney Michael Sullivan showed Wilkerson stuffing ten \$100 bills into her bra at No. 9 Park restaurant last June. During another meeting with an undercover FBI agent two months later, Wilkerson took her granddaughter to accept a \$1,000 kick-back at the Fill-A-Buster restaurant, a famed political hotspot directly across the street from the Massachusetts State House, according a 32-page affidavit filed in the case.

A federal complaint charges that Wilkerson accepted eight bribes totaling \$23,500 over an 18-month period in exchange for her influence on Beacon Hill. Undercover agents posed as a property developer who wanted to build on state land and another worked Wilkerson as a potential barroom owner willing to pay for a liquor license.

"She has a long history of acting as if she was above the law," said Assistant United States Attorney John S. McNeil during Wilkerson's initial appearance in court. Wilkerson — the state's only black Senator — is a convicted tax cheat and a campaign finance scofflaw who has a long litany of legal problems that has marred her 15-year record as a lawmaker. Earlier this month, the Massachusetts Bar began proceedings to disbar Wilkerson, an attorney, after an investigation determined that she lied and perjured herself while testifying in a superior courtroom on behalf of her nephew, a convicted murderer who was seeking a new trial. In August, Wilkerson agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine and forgo about \$30,000 in debts she said her political committee owed her after acknowledging she failed to keep proper campaign records from 2000 to 2004. Wilkerson has also spent time in a halfway house for federal income-tax evasion and narrowly escaped home foreclosure. "Public service is a privilege. Voters and taxpayers expect that elected officials will do what is right for their constituents, not what is financially best for themselves," US Attorney Michael J. Sullivan said at a news conference. "Citizens place extraordinary trust in those it gives the greatest authority. And with that authority comes the obligation to act with fairness and honesty."

Wilkerson's attorney Max Stern insisted that his client was innocent. He also accused McNeil of trying to "character assassinate" Wilkerson by bringing up her unrelenting problems with the Massachusetts Attorney General and campaign finance officials.

Wilkerson was released on \$50,000 bond and left the courthouse through a side exit without speaking to reporters. She was flanked by supporters, including a Boston minister, the Rev. William Dickerson, and her son, a one-time investigator for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

"Everything is not how it looks," Dickerson said. She is under court order not to destroy any personal or campaign documents relating to her finances, including phone and gas bills. Prosecutors said she could face additional charges.

"We are going to look at her finances carefully to see if she reported her taxes correctly," McNeil said.

Other Boston City officials were named in the affidavit, including Mayor Thomas M. Menino — who received a phone call from Wilkerson lobbying for new liquor licenses — along with State Senate President Therese Murray and City Council President Maureen Feeney.

The complaint alleges that Wilkerson pressured the Boston Licensing Board, the mayor and the City Council to create new liquor licenses in her district. She is also accused of stalling pending legislation in the Senate, including legislation increasing the salaries of the Boston Licensing Board. Wilkerson has represented Roxbury since first winning election in 1992, but lost the Democratic primary to Sonia Chang-Diaz last month. Wilkerson has been mounting a sticker campaign to regain her seat in the November election.

That campaign has been divisive as Wilkerson's surrogates have made flagrantly racist comments about Chang-Diaz with one state employee working for the incumbent saying that Chang-Diaz, who is Hispanic, was "not a person of color." Another Wilkerson supporter, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, called the charges against the senator "troubling." Mayor Menino said her arrest marked a "very sad day." City Council President Feeney said "this is a very disappointing day for all who are involved in public service. The people have a right to a higher standard."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

ACORN FRAUD AIDING DEMOCRATS

by Edward P. Shallow

Readers may be surprised to learn on Savior's Day 2008; Louis Farrakhan leader of the Nation of Islam praised Barack Hussein Obama claiming he was sent by Allah to save America.

If Obama wins the presidency and the Democrats gain a supermajority filibuster proof there will be no checks and balances for the American people. It would result in one of the most profound political and ideological shifts in U.S. history. Can you imagine Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi with a free reign? God help America if it becomes a reality.

Just as Obama made known his spiritual adviser for twenty years was the American hating Rev. Jeremiah Wright, he worked in close association with the terrorist William Ayers even though he never repented for his terrorist attacks in Washington. In 1992 Obama led voter registration efforts as director of Project Vote, which included Acorn; he also served as a lawyer for Acorn in 1995. During his tenure on the board of Chicago's Woods Fund, that body funneled more than \$200,000 to Acorn. More recently the Obama campaign told the Federal Election Commission the money was for staging, sound and lighting. They later admitted the cash was used to get out the vote.

I strongly suspect that voter fraud will be a big factor in gaining votes for Democrats on November 4th.

Allegations of voter fraud have surfaced in 12 states, most considered swing states and federal agents have joined state officials looking into thousands of suspicious voter applications in the various Acorn offices. Unfortunately for American citizens who had faith in the system, no resolution to the investigations will be forth coming before Election Day and once again voters will have been deprived of an honest election due to the unsavory and criminal activities of Acorn representatives in gathering fraudulent signatures. It should also be made known that a spokeswoman, in Acorn uniform, publicly endorsed Barack Hussein Obama for President of the United States.

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2008 Saints Cosmas and Damian Society Man of the Year **SAL DiDOMENICO, SR.**



The Saints Cosmas and Damian Society of Cambridge, Massachusetts is pleased to announce that their 2008 Man of the Year is Sal DiDomenico, Sr. Sal has been the cornerstone of the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society for over 35 years, and he has revitalized the organization and brought it to new heights. He has been one of the leaders of the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society and there is no doubt that he is responsible for the amazing growth and success of the Society during the last three decades. Sal truly is the heart and soul of this organization and he is looked up to and respected by each member. He has served as Treasurer, Banquet Chairman and most importantly, Feast Chairman for over 35 years.

The annual Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian has become one of the premier cultural celebrations in our region and Sal's hard work, determination and commitment has made this happen. The torch was passed to him many years ago and he not only kept this tradition alive, but he continues to oversee its growth each year.

This promotion and preservation of Italian culture is an important part of our community and his devotion to Saints Cosmas and Damian has and continues to be his guiding light. He also oversaw the renovation of the Society's Chapel, which was the first update since the building was built in the 1940's. He was responsible for the Smithsonian Institution's invitation for the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society to recreate their feast on the Washington Mall in Washington D.C. in 1988.

There is no one who has done so much for the Saints

Cosmas and Damian Society during this time than Sal. He continues to be a leader in all facets of the organization and he is the pillar of the Society. There has not been a meeting, feast, banquet or any special event without Sal's involvement and guidance during the last three decades. This award is long overdue since Sal has always sought to recognize other members of the organization or community. He deflects attention from himself and always praises others. Without his leadership during the early years of his membership, the Society may very well have not reached it's 82nd anniversary. He made it his mission for the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society to succeed and today it is a proud and vibrant organization that will continue for many years to come. He is an inspiration to all the members and he truly is the face of the Society throughout the Greater Boston Italian Community.

You always see Sal and his wife Marie proudly representing the Society at numerous events throughout the year. Sal's involvement in the Italian community is also very impressive. He is involved in numerous organizations and committees and he is a Past President and Board of Governors of the Dante Alighieri Society as well as a Trustee of the

Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge of the Son's of Italy.

He has also been very active in the Cambridge community operating local businesses, Flowers By Sal, for 40 years and Jet-A-Way Travel for over 25 years. He is also a member of the Small Business Bureau in Cambridge, a longtime sponsor of Cambridge Little League, a member of the task force to redesign Cambridge Street, and an ardent supporter of his East Cambridge neighborhood. He has also been honored for his work in the community by the Pirandello Lyceum with the "I Migliori" award, the City of Cambridge, the Dante Alighieri Society, the Portuguese/American Civic League and the Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge of the Son's of Italy. Sal and his wife Marie were also recognized by the Mayor and Cambridge City Council by having a square named in their honor on Cambridge Street.

With all these accomplishments he is most proud of the fact that he has been able to pass his love of culture and community to his four children and six grandchildren.

Sal will be honored at the 82nd Anniversary Gala held on Saturday evening, November 29th at Spinelli's in Lynnfield. There will be a complete Italian Dinner with complimentary wine, music by Santo Bordinaro and the fabulous "COSMOS" and a festive atmosphere for this wonderful celebration. Tickets can be reserved by calling (617) 661-1164. The Saints Cosmas and Damian Society is proud to honor a person who has given so much of his life to their organization and they hope everyone will be there to join them for this special night.

FROG POND OPENING Celebration Coming November 19th

Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Boston Parks Commissioner Antonia M. Pollak, and Frog Pond Foundation president Thomas A. Kershaw will host this year's official opening of the Boston Common Frog Pond at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19.

The rink will open for the 2008-2009 season with demonstrations by the 2008 U.S. National Champion Ice Mates and Mini Mates and performances by other nationally ranked skaters. Special guests will include mascots Wally the Green Monster from the Boston Red Sox, Blades from the Boston Bruins, Frog Pond Freddie, and characters from the Boston Ballet's Nutcracker. Mix 98.5 FM radio and Walt Disney Pictures' BOLT will be on site with fun prizes and giveaways. There will also be a free raffle for 15 free admission passes to the Frog Pond.

"This year's Frog Pond opening has some fun and exciting changes for the skating season," Mayor Menino said. "Grab your skates and come enjoy one of Boston's most beloved outdoor treasures."

The 2008-2009 Frog Pond hours of operation are Sunday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (except Monday when the rink closes at 5 p.m.), Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, open Christmas Eve 10 a.m.



to 5 p.m., New Year's Eve 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and New Year's Day 12 noon to 5 p.m. This year the Frog Pond introduces freestyle skating on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Don't forget to bring your own skates, because there are no rentals during that time.

Individual season passes are available, and lunchtime passes good Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (holidays excluded), are also available.

The Frog Pond features concessions, skate rentals, locker rentals, rest rooms, and a warming area. For more info, call (617) 635-2120 or www.bostoncommonfrogpond.org.



Financially Speaking with Ben Doherty

NO SAFE HavENS — WE ARE IN A RECESSION

The market didn't fare as bad as predicted last week and investors had a sense of relief that the market did not do as bad as expected. The Dow lost about 5% for the week, and has plunged 25% since the end of September alone. The NASDAQ lost 9% for the week. The S&P lost nearly 7%. Most analysts are predicting the declines to continue over the near future. Fear is driving the market and investors are acting on bad news as corporations are reporting earnings and they are glum. The U.S. is in a recession, with earnings contracting, unemployment rising, and employers cutting jobs according to government data. Other countries are also hurting as England reported that its economy shrunk in the 3rd quarter ending September 30th and sparked a sell-off in Europe. The U.S. Commerce Department reports next week. Analysts said market psychology will eventually change as investors see signs of the economy are nearing bottom and start bargain hunting. The stock market starts to turn about six months before the economy does and they are looking at next summer. Some positive news has occurred, oil prices have dropped more than 50% since peaking @ \$1.45/bbl in July 08. Oil closed @ \$65/bbl Monday, which is putting more money in people's pockets and reducing business costs. Interest rates are falling also. The Fed should drop its benchmark rate by

½ point this week. That would make it back to 1%. Also Barney Frank, the Newton Democrat, said he expects Congress to pass another economic stimulus package which should help to mitigate the recession.

Gold prices have fallen along with equities and many investors are wondering why they are not a safe haven in times of turmoil. Gold is down 7.1% for the week to \$729.10/oz. The firming dollar, and India, a big consumer in gold, has not been buying gold, as the rupee depreciated against the dollar, making gold more expensive for Indian jewelry makers. The market is much divided about the outlook for gold. Gold ranges from \$977.70 to \$741.30/oz. in the third quarter and is very volatile. Analysts profit forecasts are falling sharply as third quarter profits come in and companies own forecasts have become more pessimistic. At the start of this month earnings were projected to be up 25.7%. Now profits are expected to rise 13.2%! Stocks reflecting the global slowdown, is now projecting a 9% increase in the 4th quarter earnings down from the 22% expected on October 1st. Earnings from consumer discretion companies that include automakers and luxury goods are now forecasting to rise 2% instead of 12%. Materials companies hit hard by the drop in commodities prices are expected to fall 4% instead of rising 29%.

PNC was chosen to take-

over National City Bank by the government. PNC will sell \$7.7 billion worth of preferred shares and warrants valued at less than National City's book value. National City suffered \$266 billion in losses during the past 9 months. They agreed to a price of \$2.25/share. Other banks in this predicament are Capital One Financial and Sun Trusts Bank along with many other regional banks that were badly wounded when the housing bubble burst. The takeover banks have no leverage and must take what is offered as the government will not lend them any money, unless they cooperate.

The government is in the banking business. The exact strategy is to have the banks buy out the government within 4 years. The government has taken preferred stock and warrants paying 5% for 5 years and then rises to 9%. The government will then sell the stocks back to the banks as the financial system comes back to normal. The government helped to broker the sales of Bear Stearns to JP Morgan Chase, and Merrill Lynch to Bank of America and, AIG with an \$85 billion loan, and Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae which had government backing to help them survive. The government will recap its monies by selling shares and could end up making money on the \$150 billion loan.

It's time to call your financial advisor or call me @ 617-261-7777.



by Sal Giarratani

Peabody Thinks 9/11 Paid Holiday

There is something terribly wrong with members of the Peabody Police Department they will get extra pay for working September 11 or getting a comp day off later.

September 11, 2001 is a day like Pearl Harbor that will be remembered forever. It is neither a federal nor a state holiday and it shouldn't be. However, officers in Peabody who work that day will receive time and a quarter, or a day off.

Manny Costa, president of the Peabody Police Benevolent Association told the *Boston Herald's* reporters Jessica Fargen and Laura Sweet that it isn't about the money, but respect.

I remember all the first responders (police and firefighters) who died at the World Trade Center. I am offended and disgusted that anyone would ask for extra pay to work September 11. I guess respect is spelled M-O-N-E-Y.

If anyone deserves a day off on September 11, it would be the police and firefighters in New York City. They don't and really can't understand why any police department would want a paid holiday on

September 11.

Joe Mancini, spokesperson for the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of New York City said, "I've never heard of it."

The International Brotherhood of Police Officers has reportedly commended Peabody stating that the city has acknowledged "9/11 as a day ... to memorialize the greatest single day of sacrifice and loss in public safety history."

Are we actually paying cops to pray on September 11? I am appalled. This is a misuse of one of the saddest days in U.S. history.

Do politicians in Peabody not understand what September 11 means. You don't pay people to remember September 11 victims.

Peabody has disgraced itself and the sacrifice of hundreds of police and firefighters who died trying to save lives inside those twin towers.

As a police officer since 1985 in the Metro Boston DMH Police, I don't need extra money to remember the heroes of 9/11. I freely remember them and their ultimate sacrifice.

Shame on Peabody!

EAST BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "Eastie Women Connect" Kickoff

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce has created an ad-hoc committee called the "Eastie Women Connect." The goal of the Eastie Women Connect (EWC) is to provide a forum for women of all ages to connect and expand their networks, make professional contacts, hear stimulating presentations from business professionals and optimize their success in the marketplace.

The EWC is hosting its inaugural event, Speed Networking Night, on Wednesday, November 5, at Spinelli's Function Facility, 280 Bennington Street, East Boston, starting at 6:00PM. With "speed networking," attendees will meet each other one-on-one in four-minute-long "mini-meetings." Then, individuals will rotate on to another mini-meeting with the next person. Attendees can explain what their business does, their professional needs, and gain referrals for themselves, friends and colleagues. Business cards are also exchanged, thereby sowing the seeds for a new commercial relationship.

Attendees are encouraged to bring plenty of business cards and other materials, as well as invite a friend to come along to the event! The EWC will be serving a light supper, coffee and dessert; a cash bar will be available as well. Tickets are now available. Please call the Chamber at 617-569-5000, or Chamber Treasurer Grace Magoon at 617-569-0175 to register.

For more information on the Chamber and its programs, please visit www.EastBostonChamber.com. Also, stay tuned for www.EastieWomenConnect.com, coming soon!



Boston Water and Sewer Commission

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission will have a representative from the Community Services Department at the following temporary location:

North End
Boston Public Library
25 Parmenter Street
Thursday 10 AM - 1 PM
November 6, 2008 & December 4, 2008

Our representative will be available to:

- Accept payments (check or money order only - no cash please).
- Process elderly or disabled persons discount forms.
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The Last American to Die in WWII

by James DiPrima



Before flying on a B-32, Marchione (front, second from right) had been on a B-24 Liberator crew that included his buddies Rudy Nudo and Frank Pallone (front, second and third from left, respectively).

The telegram from the Army read "Killed in Action August 18, 1945". How could this be? The War was over, the Japanese were going to sign the terms of surrender on the USS Missouri. Where was the action? How did he die? These and other questions must have run through the minds of Ralph and Amelia Marchione of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, a small town about 30 miles north west of Philadelphia, concerning their 20-year-old son Anthony "Tony" Marchione, the oldest of the three children in the family and the only boy. Tony was five foot six, good-looking, black hair and brown eyes and weighed 120 pounds. He was a typical young man like all the other young men who signed up to defend their country in World War II.

In 1943, although still in high school, he wanted to sign up to be a pilot in the Army Air Force; instead he was sent for training to be an aerial gunner. In November of 1944 he was transferred to Will Rogers Army Air Force Base in Oklahoma to be trained in photo reconnaissance. Marchione along with fellow gunners Rudolph Nudo, Frank Pallone and Raymond Zech received training to become photographer's assistants and were assigned to a reconnaissance B-32 Dominator when their squadron moved to Okinawa.

The squadron's duties changed when the Japanese surrendered. The crew was now to fly photo-reconnaissance missions during the daytime to insure that the Japanese complied with the cease-fire that was in effect. The terms of the cease-fire allowed for the US planes to fly freely over Tokyo. This was also to insure that the Japanese would not use anti-aircraft fire or send fighters against the planes.

It became a possibility that there was within the Japanese government, including the military, that due to the recent bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki they were ready to go along with an unconditional surrender. On August 15, 1945 Emperor Hirohito went before his nation on radio and announced his intention to surrender to the Allies. This, the military felt, was a dishonor to the country. Many of the Japanese navy fighter pilots at the nearby bases around Tokyo were capable of carrying on the fight to defend the honor of Japan. On August 17, as four B-32 reconnaissance planes made their way up the northeast coast they were attacked. The B-32s were able to fend off the attack without any injuries to the airmen but the planes sustained some minor damage. After filing their reports it was decided by US Commanders that the missions should continue in order to find out if indeed the Japanese were going to abide by the cease-fire or continue the war.

Mission 230 A-8 was to cover the same targets as the previous flight. First Lieutenant James Klein in the *Hobo Queen II* would lead to be followed by First Lieutenant John R. Anderson in the second B-32. Flying with Anderson would be Marchione, Rupke and Joseph Lacharite, from Massachusetts. As they flew over Tokyo, down below at the Japanese airbases the fighter pilots on the ground ran to their planes to intercept the two B-32 Dominators, including two of Japanese Aces, Saburo Sakai and Sadamu Komachi, between them they had shot down 100 Allied aircraft.

One of the gunners on Klein's plane saw a plane on the ground taking off and Klein turned the plane to see them coming up at them. He knew it would take a while for them to reach him since he was flying at 20,000 feet but his concern was for Anderson who was at 10,000 feet. He radioed a warning to Anderson but received no answer. Anderson's tail gunner had spotted the fighter now flying at the same altitude and he was able to shoot him down. Lacharite and Marchione were tying their camera gear when they heard the cry of incoming aircraft. Lacharite went to the starboard observation window to try to see the attacking planes and was hit in both legs. Having the presence of mind to reach for the cord from a barrack bag that carried the camera gear he tied a tourniquet around one of his legs and an intercom cord around the other while Marchione was helping him to a cot on the floor. Marchione got on the intercom and told Anderson what had happened and Anderson said he was sending Rupke. As Marchione turned to Lacharite a 20mm round came through the starboard side and hit him and threw him to the other side of the plane. When Rupke arrived Tony was bleeding with a large hole in his chest. After thirty minutes of giving him plasma and applying compressions bandages to his wound Tony Marchione was dead in Rupke's arms. The Dominators returned to base with minor damages. Anderson had lost an engine and had lost partial rudder control.

That battle was the last air battle of the war. Included in the cease-fire was a passage that required propellers be removed from all Japanese fighters. US planes were now free to fly over Japan without fear of an attack. The last air battle was overshadowed by the attention to the signing of the surrender on board the USS Missouri.

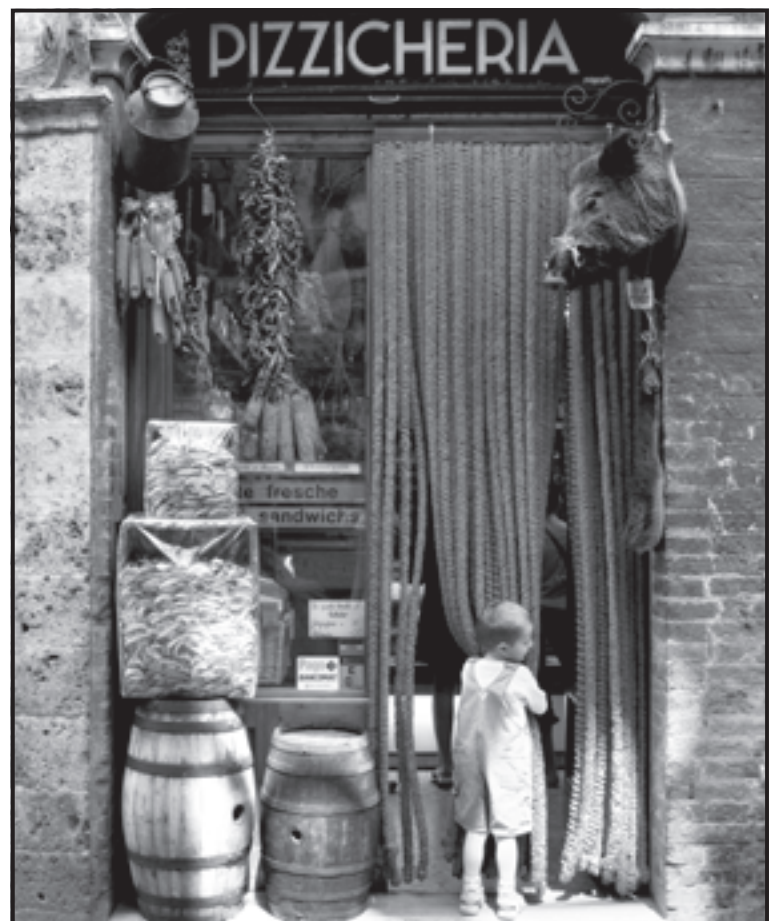
The body of Anthony "Tony" Marchione was brought back to Pottstown, Pennsylvania accompanied by his Italian-American buddies Frank Pallone and Rudy Nudo on March 18, 1949. He was buried with full military honors and was laid to rest in St. Aloysius Old Cemetery.

Italy and the Art of Vacation Exhibit

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by David Trumbull



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There are also three ballot questions to be decided.

- Repeal of state income tax
- Ban of dog racing
- Decriminalizing marijuana

You may vote in person on Tuesday, November 4th. In Ward Three of Boston where I live the polling places are:

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Precinct 5 — Amy Lowell House, 65 Martha Road, (Charles River Park Residents Voter Entrance Rear Function Room)

Precinct 6 — City Hall, 1 City Hall Plaza, Voter Entrance North Side Of Building

Precinct 7 — Cathedral High School Gymnasium, 1336 Washington Street Voter Entrance Right Side of Building on Union Park Street

Precinct 8 — Metropolitan, 38 Oak Street, Vote in Metropolitan Community Room

If you are unable to vote at the polls on election day due to: (1) absence from your city or town during normal polling hours; or (2) physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place; or (3) religious belief; you may apply for an absentee ballot. Note, that when you mail back your ballot you must put postage on the envelope. **Absentee Ballots are over-sized and require 59 cents postage.** Please provide adequate postage to ensure delivery of your absentee ballot to the Election Department.

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

Free Homebuyers Workshops

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) continues its "Homebuyer 101" workshop series on **Saturday, November 8** and **Saturday, November 15** in Boston. These seminars guide homebuyers through the process by highlighting important topics such as qualifying for a mortgage and relevant legal issues.

Each workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at ABCD's downtown location at 178 Tremont Street. A HUD-

certified financial educator will lead the seminars, which are free and open to the public.

"Buying a home can be scary," said ABCD Asset Development Program Director Vernette Allen. "But it's important to realize that now is a great time to do it, if you know how to protect yourself. That's why these workshops are here."

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The Building faces the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, and is near major tourist and visitor attractions including the Fleet Center, the North End, Quincy Market, and the Freedom Trail. The Building enjoys excellent access via regional mass transit, with an entrance to the Haymarket Green and Orange lines within the building.

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All pertinent information, conditions, and submission deadlines for leasing Parcel 7 are contained in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parcel 7 Garage/Retail/Office Building. To obtain a copy of the RFP at no charge, please submit a letter by electronic mail to realestate@masspike.com, or by USPS to: Stephen J. Hines, Chief Development Officer, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority; Ten Park Plaza, Suite 4160; Boston, MA 02116; Attn: Parcel 7 Garage/Retail/Office Building.

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Getting it Right

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

In less than a week we will be voting for the next President of the United States. It has been a very long and particularly nasty campaign even though the candidates pledged to keep it on a higher plain. It has been a historic campaign with the first African American nominated for president from a major party and the first woman to ever be placed on a Republican presidential ticket. It has been a campaign infused with a sense of urgency, a feeling that this is a race we must pay attention to, a feeling of disquiet, that there is a great deal wrong with the country and that we are at a critical juncture in our history and must make the right decision, getting it right in our choice for President.

A very unpopular war, the collapse of the mortgage market triggering a melt down on Wall Street, doubts concerning our financial system, a national debt in the trillions, a tarnished reputation in the world, a non-existent energy program, each a serious problem, combined, a veritable Everest of calamities.

Given the magnitude of our problems, it is difficult to

fathom why so many are willing to give the reins of power over to a man with as little experience as Barack Obama possesses. He has taken on a rock star aura that seems to supersede his shortcomings and lay waste to the electorate's good judgment. His questionable relationships and lack of experience in foreign affairs give cause to worry about him as a candidate; most troubling is his view on the redistribution of wealth. Joe the Plumber's questioning Obama on his plan to tax those whose earnings are in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and Obama's subsequent answer of wanting to "spread the wealth around" finally shed light on Obama's intentions, should he become President.

Recently, Barbara West, a news anchor from Orlando Florida, questioned Senator Biden on Obama's plan to redistribute wealth likening it to socialism and in so doing opened a Pandora's Box of suspicions that Obama was able to avoid up to now.

The desire for change is only natural given the direction of the Country in recent years, it is the agent of change that must be ques-

tioned, are we willing to place the well being of our Country, in this critical period of our history, in the hands of Barack Obama, a person who is both inexperienced and untried and until recently relatively unknown. John McCain has been tested many times over and is known to us all as a good and honorable man, a maverick who has been an effective agent for change, the obvious choice for our next President.

We live in a State dominated by one party and have known the shortcomings of such control. Evidence of that control took place at the Constitutional Convention held on June 14, 2007 by the defeat of the bill to place the Gay Marriage Referendum on the 2008 ballot denying the people of Massachusetts their right to vote on the referendum. Placing the national government in the hands of one Party headed by a President Obama, House Leader Pelosi and Senate President Reed, three very liberal Democrats would in effect create on a national scale what we in Massachusetts experience at the state level, do we really want Obama for President?



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Mrs. Murphy... As I See It

Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina's committee is holding a fundraiser on Monday, November 10th at Ecco Restaurant on Porter Street, East Boston. Councillor LaMattina tries very hard to please his constituents, and takes his job seriously. He's been in public service for many years. Show your support and appreciation by attending his fundraiser ... A celeb sighting in East Boston! Kevin Youkilis from the Boston Red Sox and his fiancé were spotted at Santarpio's Pizzeria enjoying one of Santarpio's famous pizzas after the Columbus Day Parade! ... It's rude, ignorant and disgusting for some dog owners to allow their pets to poop on public streets. Dog patrol officers where are you? Isn't there a city ordinance that reads a pet owner must use a poop scoop after their dog does its' duty! There is Dog Poop at the entrance of the YMCA on Bremen Street. It's a health issue. Children that attend Day Care at the YMCA should not be subject to this sort of behavior by pet owners. Not to mention YMCA members, and workers that have to walk by the mess. A Morris street resident is washing and sweeping the area on a regular basis. Sources suspect it may be one or two dogs that use the same spot! The good samaritan should not be responsible for cleaning the DOG-POO-POO. The city could make money by giving stiff fines, once the culprits are identified! ... Speaking of the YMCA, I hear they are trying to raise money for the Children's Scholarship Fund. Dolores Urciuoli YMCA member and part time worker came up with a solution "to create a 2009 calendar" called "Aged to Perfection". Twelve members of the YMCA volunteered to pose. Many of them you know! These women put a lot of hours into the planning of this project, and look great. If you're interested in purchasing a calendar for \$10.00 to help the Children's Scholarship Fund, you may do so at the YMCA ... Maverick Square businesses are becoming overly anxious for the MBTA Maverick Station project to be finished. Some are claiming 50 to 70 percent of their business is down due to construction. I understand completion of the station may be nearing as soon as March, or April of 2009. However,

those losing business feel it's a decade away. The good news is, once the station is done, business is expected to double ... Congratulations to Joe Ruggiero, East Boston Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the year. Over 350 people attended the gala event at the Logan Airport Hilton last Thursday. Joe is a great businessman, community activist and friend to East Boston ... Election time is here. I know Americans are disgusted with current events, but we are a resilient and resourceful nation, we will overcome if Barack does NOT get elected! ATTENTION OBAMA VOTERS, he cannot turn the economy around overnight, he's not that well seasoned. Barack's V.P. choice Joe Biden questions Barack's capabilities during an international crisis. Biden was quoted as saying "Obama would be tested his first year in office." Both candidates have a challenging time ahead. After the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac crisis and real estate drop causing the stock market to plunge, it's time to take a hard look at Barack's record before you vote. If the ultra liberal democrat Barack Obama comes in, expect to be living in a socialist environment to say the least. Obama's belief and that of the ultra liberal left is to share your wealth! Welfare and free rental programs are sure to double. How many of you in urban and suburban areas have a next door neighbor able to work collecting government handouts. When voting next week remember, Barack Hussein Obama is NOT qualified to lead the country! He will only make the situation worse. John McCain may not be the best pick, but remember voters we have a better chance at survival with McCain. Obama and Michelle are racists! Obama's surrounds himself around trouble-makers! Bill Ayers, and the Rev. Wright are at the top of the list! ACORN, a friend of Obama and the Democratic party is now under federal investigation for alleged voter fraud. ACORN is suspected of illegal ballot votes favoring the Dsemocratic party during big elections! KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND FLOATING! VOTE MCCAIN! ... Happy Birthday to Dave Modica, owner of Ecco Restaurant! Don't forget to turn your clocks back this Saturday. It is now the start of Winter! ...

Till next time!

**East Boston Chamber of Commerce Honors
JOE RUGGIERO
as 2008 Businessperson of the Year**



EBCC Board members with honoree Joe Ruggiero. From Left to Right, Buddy Mangini, Rhonda Dean, Diane Modica, Grace Previte-Magoon, Joe Ruggiero, Businessperson of the Year, Neffo Cappuccio and Angelo Vigliotta Jr., President of the EBCC.

On Thursday October 23, 2008, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce held a dinner in honor of Mr. Joseph Ruggiero owner of Ruggiero Mazzarella Memorial Home in East Boston. Joe was selected as the 2008 EBCC businessperson of the year. Over 350 friends, colleagues, family and members from the

business community gathered to pay tribute to Joe. He has accomplished much as a businessperson, however, his dedication to the East Boston community in general made him the ideal candidate for this prestigious award. Joe volunteers on a number of boards including serving as past president of

the EBCC, an active member of the Sons of Italy, Sempre Avanti Lodge, volunteers at the St. Joseph/St. Lazarus Parish, is the civic chairman of the Columbus Day Parade committee among many other organizations. The *Post-Gazette* congratulates Joe Ruggiero for this outstanding accomplishment.



East Boston Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year, Joe Ruggiero with his lovely family. Son Joe Jr., Daughter Katie, Son Jason, Mother Josephine and Dad Joseph Ruggiero Sr.

Thank You

from the Tirella/Bamonte Family

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank all those who expressed their condolences to us on the loss of our mother/grandmother, Marie L. Tirella. Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy was deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

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Great Upcoming Events in November at 80 Border Street Performing Arts Center



Sgt. Maxwell's Peace Chorus

The Center and Cafe is open every Saturday from 12:00 to 6:00 pm and during scheduled events. Stop in and enjoy our lovely space overlooking the water. Visit www.80borderstreet.org for more details on upcoming performances, exhibits and events.

November's exhibit "Two Sisters and a Friend from India" features works of sisters, Ejay Khan and Judy Wilburn, and friend D.T. Lohith. Exhibit open Saturdays Noon-6:00 pm, Sundays 2:00-6:00 pm and weekdays from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Visit www.khanstudiointernational.com for preview of exhibit.

Saturday, November 1 at 7:00 pm for Deborah Rocha Trio — original and traditional Brazilian songs. When was the last time you heard the soothing, lilting sounds of Brazilian music? Deborah Rocha would like to reacquaint you with this most interesting genre of world music. As a musician, it is Deborah's main goal to bring Brazilian music to a larger audience, to show through the music what we all have in common. Deborah has brought her infectious enthusiasm for Brazilian music to Scullers Jazz Club, Ryles Jazz Club, the Marblehead Arts Festival,

Arlington's Tunes on the Green, Boston's First Night 2005, and the Women in Latin Jazz festival in JP.

Saturday, November 8 at 7:30 pm for a return performance by Latin Jazz Guitar great, Guillermo Ortiz and friends.

Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 pm Joyce Devlin and Essential Elements — jazz quartet: saxophone, piano, bass and drums.

Saturday, November 15 come enjoy the 3rd Saturday East Boston Arts Walk, and stop by the Center for Open Mike between 3:00-5:00 pm. We will have guest readers JANE ORMEROD and ICE, poets and founding editors of the newly-formed UPHOOK PRESS. Jane was born on the south coast of England and moved to New York City in 2004. She performs regularly throughout the U.S. as well as at venues in Britain, Canada, Germany and The Netherlands. ICE is a spoken word and visual artist who performs in and around New York venues. Ice's work combines poetry and photography.

Saturday, November 15 from 5:00-7:00 pm — Reception for "Two Sisters and a Friend from India" exhibit of paintings by Ejay Khan, Judy Wilburn and DT Lohith. Free

Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 pm for the return of Sgt. Maxwell's Peace Chorus. If you are a peace lover who opposes the war, you really don't want to miss this amazing and powerful musical and theatrical performance.

Friday, November 21 at 8:00 pm, come chill out to the experimental, electro-acoustic, world music and ambient cinematic production of Chillgroove. Chillgroove is a trio consisting of Tim Casey, Kerry Maxwell and Hayim Kobi. They focus on improvised electronic music that draws from a wide variety of styles. Their first CD is a result of mixing a collection of jams and editing them to shorter pieces. True to the band's name, the tracks range from slow, relaxing ambient melodies to groove-oriented electronic music.

Saturday, November 22 at 6:00 pm, come beat for joy, or frustration over our new President, and get into the groove with our first Drum Circle (including bonfire). Bring a drum or percussion instrument (real or makeshift is fine). Drum Circle will take place outside in the sculpture garden, so dress accordingly. If weather is bad, we will move inside.

Saturday, November 29 join us for Kenny Selcer and the Knuckles, Kenny Selcer vocals and guitar, Greg MacKinnon, bass and vocals, Steve Peabody on drums. "They're a warm, eclectic group that performs a wide range of material: folk rock, blues, country and reggae. The stunning guitar work and intimate vocals keep audiences asking for more. They play known classics with original spice, as well as originals that will get you tapping your feet and singing along."

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Yolanda preparing for "The Annual Bridal Sale and Event Extravaganza."

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THE NORTH END, A Student Pilot's Genoa

by Riccardo A. Frasca

When one thinks of the North End, images of Italian restaurants, summer time Italian Feasts, and cannolis, and biscotti's come to mind. I live and have grown up in the North End. It is a wonderful place to live, but something different than its Italian culture has come to influence my life. We live at the most beautiful part of Hanover Street, close to the Coast Guard Base and have a beautiful view of the Boston Harbor, twenty-four hours a day, twelve months a year, a view that is beautiful in all four seasons. Everyday when I was a small boy, I would go up onto our roof deck, which is at a height of five stories. My parents would be with me and we would be constantly refreshed and invigorated by the amazing view.

There was, however, one thing special about our view that began to fascinate me. In the distance, around a magical looking tower, there were wonderful flying machines ascending and descending and circling around. This was Logan International Airport. I soon learned from my parents that these vehicles, gliding and zooming through the air accompanied by roars and

white plumes of smoke, were jet airliners carrying people and goods from all parts of the world to Boston and from Boston to all parts of the world.

Like Christopher Columbus, who gazing over the sea-port and ships of Genoa became inspired to become a pioneering ship's captain. I became inspired to become an airline pilot. I decided I wanted to devote my life to learning the skills and techniques that would enable me to fly and captain the jet airliners I still see every day flying in and out of Logan Airport. I am currently a student pilot at Norwood Airport and under the guidance of my expert flight instructors, have mastered many of the techniques I will need to become a qualified pilot in the future. Every week I am putting into my logbook, flight hours, which involve take-offs, landings, navigation, in-flight communications and soloing. I hope to be the North Ender who in a few years, when I achieve my Commercial Pilot's License, will like Columbus, sailing out of Genoa fly out of Logan Airport in a gleaming silver jet airliner to the homeland of Columbus and to other parts of the wide world.

The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



Taj Boston General Manager David Gibbons, left, and Woburn Foreign Motors Vice President George Martell, right, along with special guest New England Patriots Wide Receiver Wes Welker, announce the official partnership of Taj Boston and Woburn Jaguar, as well as the appointment of the 2008-2009 Jaguar XJ as the official courtesy vehicle of the hotel.

(Photo courtesy of Caron Le Brun)

It's being called "A Marriage of Luxury" for Woburn Jaguar and the Taj Boston Hotel. Taj Boston General Manager David Gibbons and Woburn Foreign Motors Vice President George Martell, along with special guest New England Patriots Wide Receiver Wes Welker, recently announced the official partnership of Taj

Boston and Woburn Jaguar, as well as the appointment of the 2008-2009 Jaguar XJ as the official courtesy vehicle of the hotel.

Also unveiled were several exciting opportunities for customers of Woburn Jaguar and guests of Taj Boston.

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On October 1, The Boston Public Library Foundation and the new Library president Amy Ryan, left, hosted a private dinner for Harvard Law School professor Laurence Tribe, 2nd from left, following his lecture in Rabb Hall. Pictured with them are Bill and Angela Lowell. The Lecture Series is named after the Lowell family.

(Photo by Roger Farrington)

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..... Speaking of India, The Peabody Essex Museum recently announced the election of Tina Ambani to its Board of Trustees. Ms. Ambani is recognized as a leading force in India for the promotion of modern and contemporary Indian art and artists.

"Tina Ambani's passionate commitment to traditional, modern, and contemporary Indian art makes her an ideal person to serve as PEM's first international trustee," said Richard Carlson, Chairman of the Board.

Tina Ambani is the founder of the Harmony Art Foundation, an institution that supports India's emerging and established artists. The Foundation's yearly contemporary art show presents young, upcoming talent with that of acknowledged masters, and is the largest of its kind in the country. Over the past 13 years, the Harmony Art Foundation has showcased the work of nearly 1,500 artists and has attracted more than a half million visitors.

Among Ambani's other philanthropic activities are a range of social welfare and assistance programs addressing the concerns of disadvantaged children and the elderly. She is the chairperson of the Harmony for Silvers Foundation, a Mumbai-based non-governmental organization advocating the quality of life of the elderly through a variety of initiatives.

A former "Bollywood" movie

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Noted historian and author Anthony Sammarco was the guest of honor and gave a walking tour for The Friends of the Milton Cemetery's festive summer reception at the historic landmark.

(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)



The Peabody Essex Museum recently announced the election of Tina Ambani to its Board of Trustees.

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by Bob DeCristoforo



Police Area A Captain Bernie O'Rourke and the North End Dunkin' Donut Kids.

VOTE

In our country we have the 'Right To Vote'. Tuesday, November 4th, many of us have the opportunity to exercise this 'Right'. In a lot of places people do not have the 'Right to Vote' or do not have the 'Right To Vote' freely, as we do. This Election Day is very important as we get to vote for a new President to lead us through the next four years. VOTE!

HALLOWEEN 2008

October 31st is a day to have fun, everyone, young and old, and especially our kids. Be safe, be smart, be aware, and have fun with family and friends you know.

NEAD AT

DUNKIN' DONUT KID ZONE

20 Kids and their chaperones from NEAD were guests of the Dunkin' Donut Kid Zone Thursday evening October 20th at the Boston Bruins-Toronto Maple Leafs game at the T.D. Banknorth Garden. Our hometown boys were defeated 4-2, but everyone who attended had a great time." We even ran into our friend Area A Police Captain Bernie O'Rourke," said John Romano, who coordinated the trip for NEAD. Hundreds of kids, from all over the city have benefited from this outstanding Dunkin' Donut program, and because of them a lot of kids have attended their very first, and maybe only Professional League game.

WORLD SERIES, RED SOX, CARLOS PENA

Something was missing from the World Series this year ... THE RED SOX! Sure we did had a great year, but I'm glad we're getting use to, this new OctoberFest each

year. Red Sox and deep into October Baseball is now on demand. I'm also satisfied that we no longer are satisfied with just making into the playoffs. Winning the World Series IS what it's all about and this now has become the goal of our Boston Red Sox. Hats off to the Tampa Bay Rays and the Philadelphia Phillies, for making it to the World Series, and a special tip of the baseball cap to Northeastern Baseball Alum Tampa Bay star first baseman Carlos Pena' you are a Champion. I enjoy talking to him and his family at Fenway.

NEMPAC HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center will host a 'Halloween Happening' at the Prado on Hanover Street in the North End Halloween evening from 5:30pm-7:30pm. NEMPAC is proving to be a good, and very vibrant addition to our North End neighborhood.

FOOD DRIVE

St. Stephen's Church in the North End Annual Food Drive benefiting the Julie's Family Learning Program in South Boston takes place on November 8th through November 30th. Non-perishable food items are needed and cash gifts to be used to purchase grocery gift cards would also be gratefully accepted. For more information contact St. Stephen's. Now, maybe more than ever, is the time to step up and make a difference.

HIGH SCHOOL PREP NOTEBOOK

Charlestown High teacher Sean Connolly has been named new Head Basketball

Coach at St. John's Prep. Sean was the Head Coach at his high school alma mater Bishop Fenwick. He starred at Ohio State and Providence College.

East Boston came from behind to defeat Brighton 26-16. Kevin Orellana had the proven Eastie game winner. Sean Smith's OT TD pass to Moreau Bionski was the difference as Hyde Park topped Boston English 20-12. South Boston pounded Burke 42-8. Brian King had two TDs for Southie. Madison Park defeated Latin Academy 30-8. Martha's Vineyard sank Charlestown 42-8.

Darrell Henderson had a pair of touchdowns helping Arlington Catholic beat Archbishop Williams 37-20. Somerville topped Medford 26-6, and Malden edged Cambridge 24-21 on a Kerry Dunn field goal. Marian defeated St. Clement 48-12. P.J. Robinson had three TDs to lead Pope John pass Cathedral 32-8, and Lowell Catholic edged Matignon 12-6.

The first Garrett Reagan High School Hockey Summit will take place on December 7th at the New England Sports Center in Marlborough. In Prep School action Lawrence Academy rolled over Roxbury Latin 31-14. BBN pounded Middlesex 57-6. Belmont Hill shutout Rivers 28-0 and Dexter topped Kent 23-10.

YOUTH GATHERING AT ST. LEONARD'S

All are invited to attend a 'Youth Gathering' event at St. Leonard's Church on Friday, October 31st. Adoration will take place from 7:30pm to 9pm, and a Mass said by Cardinal Sean O'Malley will follow. This is part of the Archdiocese of Boston Bicentennial Observance.

EDUCATION PLUS

Mount Alvernia High School, for Girls, grades 7-12, is hosting an Open House, Sunday, November 2nd from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. For more information call 617-969-2260, ext 46.

TIDBITS

- Congratulations to the St. Leonard's Dinner Dance Committee, the North End Sons of Italy, and the Madonna Della Cava Society on their wonderful and highly successful events of recent days.

- Saturday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints.

- The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle will hold their Cardinal Cushing Medal Award Banquet on Sunday, November 2nd at Boston College High School. Honorees will be Patricia Brett, Kathleen Driscoll, and Thomas Martin.

- Baseball said goodbye to Washington Senators All-Star Pitcher and first Texas Rangers pitching Coach Sid Hudson. He was 93 years old.

- Celeb Sightings: Tony DeMarco, and Wally the Green Monster at the NEAA Clinic Awards Dinner.

- Daylight Savings Time is here! Remember turn your clocks one hour (Fall) back before you go to bed this Saturday (November 1st) night.

SMILE!



SPOOKLEY: THE SQUARE PUMPKIN GIFT SET (DVD)

Lionsgate

In a world where "The only good pumpkins are round pumpkins!" Other pumpkins, because of his odd shape, often teased Spookley the Square Pumpkin. Soon, Spookley is befriended by Edgar, Allan and Poe, three hilarious spiders, who convince Spookley that square or not, he has a right to be the "Pick of the Patch" on Halloween. Big Tom and Little Tom the round pumpkins are bullies who tease and taunt Spookley because of his square roots, while he is encouraged by kindly Jack the Scarecrow and his bat sidekicks, Boris and Bella. A mighty storm threatens to destroy the patch, rolling the round pumpkins toward a raging river, making Spookley realize that sometimes it's best to be square. The Gift Set also includes an adorable plush "Spookley" for kids to enjoy. (Available now).

THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

In 1964, Dr. David Henry (Dermot Mulroney) separated his daughter from her twin brother to hide the daughter's Down syndrome from his wife. Entrusting the baby to a nurse (Emily Watson), David cut off all contact to focus on his wife Norah (Gretchen Mol) and his son. Over the next 25 years, his disabled daughter grows into a beautiful adult while David watches as the rest of his family falls apart, knowing he can never reveal his darkest secret. Based on Kim Edwards' novel, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* — it's all relative! (1 hr. 29 mins.).

MAX & RUBY: PERFECT PUMPKIN (DVD)

Paramount Home Ent.

Join Max & Ruby as they enjoy Halloween and search for the perfect pumpkin to carve a Jack o' Lantern with *Max & Ruby: Perfect Pumpkin*, the latest release from the popular preschool show. *Max & Ruby* from Nick Jr. provides gentle lessons about the joys and challenges of siblings. The DVD includes four episodes, each of which contains three mini-episodes. In the featured episode the bunny siblings take a trip to Mr. Piazza's store to pick out a pumpkin for Halloween. But when Max keeps getting distracted by a scarecrow made out of candy, Ruby repeatedly misses out on getting the 'A' perfect pumpkin. In the end of the first episode, Max helps Ruby find the perfect pumpkin in his own way. The three additional 'themed' episodes have the bunny pair racing, doing favors for friends and completing chores around the house. (1 hr. 37mins.).

THE DEVIL'S CHAIR (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Searching for twisted thrills, Nick West (Andrew Howard) takes his girlfriend

to an abandoned mental hospital to drop acid. But when his date sits on a mysterious chair, she is mutilated and her body is dragged into an unforeseen demonic black hole. When Nick tells his horrifying tale to the police, he is deemed clinically insane and locked away. Now, four years later, a brilliant psychology professor and his students return to the crime scene with the accused killer, searching for the truth behind the occult mystery in this blood-drenched supernatural thriller. Insanity or supernatural phenomenon? You do the math! (1 hr. 30 mins.).

HOLIDAY INN — COLLECTOR'S SET (3-DVD)

Univ. Studios Home Ent.

Experience one of the most popular holiday movies of all-time like never before with the *Holiday Inn* in a 3-disc collector's set featuring a brand new color version of the film and the complete CD soundtrack. Screen legends Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire star as two talented pals who find themselves competing for the affections of the same lovely lady (Marjorie Reynolds) in this Academy Award-winning musical, filled with singing, dancing, comedy and romance. A perfect way to enjoy the holiday season! (1 hr. 41 mins.).

GO, DIEGO, GO!: DIEGO'S HALLOWEEN (DVD)

Paramount Home Ent.

Trick or treat with Diego and his amigos on a hair-raising adventure to save Halloween in the all-new DVD release, *Go, Diego, Go!: Diego's Halloween*. Join Diego, Alicia and Freddie the Fruit Bat on their quest through the Rainforest Maze to save the llamas and, more importantly, save Halloween in this premiere episode, "*Freddie the Fruit Bat Saves Halloween!*" In addition to the team's Halloween-themed adventure, also included are three new episodes starring Diego and Alicia. Making a special guest appearance is cousin, Dora, in the episode, "*Diego and Dora Help Baby Monarch Get to the Festival.*" (1 hr. 38 mins.).

MUNSTERS: THE COMPLETE SERIES (11-DVD)

Univ. Studios Home Ent.

Just in time for Halloween, comes a visit from America's first family of funny frights, *The Munsters: The Complete Series*. A howlingly good time will be had by all with 70 classic episodes from this 1964-1966 television show, on 11 discs. Mingle with the wonderfully weird Munster clan: "Working Stiff" Herman, Mom Lily, Wacky Grandpa, the unusually normal Marilyn, and Little Eddie. A bonus has two feature length movies — *Munster, Go Home* and *The Munsters Revenge*. Also enjoy the episode "Family Portrait" in full color. (33 hrs. 6 mins.).



Tampa Bay Ray Carlos Pena and Bob D.

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The Right Stuff really has— at long last — returned to your block. Thankfully, this time, it's all happening in the right way too. **New Kids On The Block** — five now fully-grown men who forever defined what the modern boy band would look and sound like — are back together for the very first time in nearly a decade and a half, and currently hard at work on their first new album since 1994. Performings hit songs that made them the stars of today with new tunes off their current album, you must not miss this show! Check out the music section for more details.

THEATER

NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE
2008 Musical Season at NSMT:
42ND STREET - Now through November 23, 2008 and **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** - December 5th through December 21, 2008. For more information, call: 978-232-7200 or visit: www.nsmmt.org.

THE OPERA HOUSE
539 Washington St, Boston, MA
LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL
Now through November 9, 2008 - The hilarious MGM film is Broadway's new smash hit musical and it's coming to you.

DIRTY DANCING - February 7th through March 15, 2009. A movie seen by millions with an unforgettable soundtrack and adored by many, is now a record-breaking stage show. For tickets, times of performances and more information please, call: 866-633-0194.

THE COLONIAL THEATRE
106 Boylston Street, Boston, MA
NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT
December 16, 2008 through January 11, 2009. Harry Connick, Jr. stars as a Long Island playboy in this new musical comedy filled with bootleggers, gold diggers and some of the greatest songs in the legendary Gershwin catalog. For tickets and times of the performances, call Ticketmaster at: 617-931-2787

BOSTON UNIVERSITY THEATRE
264 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA
ROCK & ROLL - November 7th through December 7, 2008. It's August 1968 and Russian tanks are rolling into Prague. Jan the Czech student lives for rock music. Max the English professor lives for Communism and Esme, the flower child is high. Come and see this sweeping and passionate drama. For more information, tickets and times call: 617-266-0800 or visit: www.huntingtontheatre.org.
THE BIRTHDAY PARTY - December 10-13, 2008. Two sinister strangers arrive at a shabby seaside board-

ing house to cart off the supposed birthday boy, turning the "party" into a nightmare. See what happens.

ROBINSON THEATER
617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA
LIBERACE, THE LEGEND LIVES!
Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd at 2 PM. Martin Preston, a talented concert pianist, entertains you with his flamboyant showmanship, complete with rhinestone-studded piano, amazing sequined costumes and, of course, crystal candelabra. A classically trained pianist, Mr. Preston astounds listeners with marvelous musical memories. Audiences hear Liberace favorites like "The Beer Barrel Polka," "Malaguena," "and the showman's signature tune - "I'll Be Seeing You." All songs are orchestrated and carefully reproduced from the original arrangements.

THE BOSTON CONSERVATORY THEATRE
31 Hemenway St, Boston, MA
THE QUICK CHANGE ROOM - Scenes from a Revolution - November 20th through November 23, 2008. This is a scathing political satire on the bottom line of capitalism. Come and be really entertained! A fantastic show! For tickets, performance times and more information about these shows, please call the box office at: 617-912-9222 or you may visit www.bostonconservatory.edu

MUSIC

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The Sovereign Bank Music Series at Berklee. Pop music chases fads; great music surprises us. The Sovereign Bank Music Series at Berklee presents great music from Peru to Nashville; from soul to lando to jazz. Eight shows. No boundaries. Full of surprises. November 6, 2008, - **Eva Ayllón**, November 16, 2008 - **Daniel Lanois**, December 3, 2008 - **Wayner Shorter Quartet 75th Birthday Celebration**, February 5, 2009 - **JAZZ as Condition: Mint Condition**,

March 1, 2009 - **The Great American Songbook: The Music of Burt Bacharach**, March 7, 2009 - **Shining Stars: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire**, April 16, 2009 - **Singers Showcase: The 25th Anniversary**. All concerts begin at 8:15 p.m., except where noted. For ticket information, call 617 747-2261 or visit berkleebpc.com.

TD BANKNORTH GARDEN
Causeway St., Boston
TINA TURNER - Sunday, November 16, at 7:00 PM and Monday, November 17, 7:30 PM. The fabulous performer has been wooing audiences since the seventies without ever losing ground.

MOHEGAN SUN ARENA
1 Mohegan Sun Blvd, Uncasville, CT
NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK - Saturday, November 8, 2008 at 8PM. Join this popular boy band who have had such hits as "Please Don't Go Girl", "The Right Stuff", "Cover Girl" and more. It's enough to make you scream for the boys that once adorned your walls and hearts in your teen years. For tickets call 617-921-2000 or log onto www.ticketmaster.com

SYMPHONY HALL
301 Mass. Avenue, Boston, MA
BOSTON UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - November 24, 2008 at 8:00 PM will present the music of John Adams and Maurice Ravel. Come and enjoy this evening of musical excellence. For more info and tickets, please call: 888-266-1492 or visit: www.BostonSymphonyHall.org.

EMERSON COLLEGE
Cutler Majestic Theatre
219 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
THE NOSE - February 27, 2009; March 1st and 3rd 2009. This is an absurdist satirical opera about a petty bureaucrat who faces an identity crisis when his nose leaves his face and takes on a life of its own. It is sung in Russian with English supertitles. For more info, please call: 617-451-3388.

THE SHUBERT THEATRE
265 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
The Tales of Hoffman - November 7-18, 2008. This opera will captivate the audience with its tale of obsessive love and its consequences. For more information and tickets call Tele Charge at: 800-447-7400 or visit: www.telecharge.com

INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON, ROSE KENNEDY BALLROOM
510 Atlantic Ave, Boston, MA
A PARK FOR ALL SEASONS GALA
Friday, November 21, 2008. Join Mayor Menino your friends and neighbors to celebrate Christopher Columbus Park. Enjoy dancing to the Stardust Band, a buffet dinner and silent auction. To purchase tickets call 617-723-3584 or www.focccp.org

THE REGENT THEATRE
7 Medford Street, Arlington, MA
THE HIT TRIBUTE SHOW SINATRA & FRIENDS - Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2:00PM. Richard DeLuca portrays Frank, as one of the best Sinatra tributes in the business, singing many of the standard classics. Also rarely performed songs such as "Rain In My Heart" "You And Me" and "How Do You Keep The Music Playing". Jimmy Celona portrays a wonderful rendition of Dean, singing many of Dean Martin classic favorites. A Wonderful performance by Cheryl Thurson as Connie Francis. Call 781-646-4TIX.

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ORPHEUM THEATRE
1 Hamilton Place, Boston, MA
ROBIN WILLIAMS LIVE! - Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:30 PM. Check out one of his Boston performances that is guaranteed to make you laugh. Call 617-931-2000 or log onto www.ticketmaster.com for tickets.

TRINITY CHURCH
Copley Square, Boston, MA
275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRINITY CHURCH - Saturday, November 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Tours

will be offered by architect Edward Duffy, Trinity tour leader and parishioner. For more information about this special event, please call: 617-536-0944.

MOHEGAN SUN
Uncasville, Connecticut
CRACKIN' IT UP - Saturday, November 29th - A Red Sox "Family Feud" Style Game show event to benefit the *Hits for Kids* Charitable Organization. There will be a cocktail reception with dinner, a VIP party with an auction. For tickets and more information, please call: 617-964-9685 or visit www.Youkskids.org.

ART

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART

100 Northern Ave, Boston, MA
WORKS OF TATE DONOVAN - Now through January 4, 2009. With sensitivity to texture, scale and the inherent properties of materials, Donovan transforms huge volumes of mass-produced items into incredible sculptural forms. For more information call: 617-478-3100 or visit the website at: www.icaboston.org.

MOMENTUM 12: GERARD BYRNE - November 12, 2008 through March 1, 2009. Byrne's compelling multimedia works blurs the lines between past and present, fiction and documentary. He uses a range of sources from literature to popular magazines.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

WESTIN BOSTON WATERFRONT HOTEL
425 Summer Street Boston, MA
CONFEDERAZIONE SICILIANI NORD AMERICA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SICILIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER BOSTON 2008 ANNUAL GALA DINNER.

Saturday, November 1st at 7:30 PM. There will also be an all day conference with several Sicilian Associations coming from the USA and Canada that constitute the CSNA. Be a part of this fantastic event to be held in Boston for the first time. For more info please call Maria Marchetti at 781-461-2633 or Mirella Mazzeo at 617-361-3893.

THE BURLINGTON SONS OF ITALY/WOBURN SONS OF ITALY HALL, Lexington St., Woburn
DINNER DANCE "AMORE DA NAPOLI" - Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The Burlington Sons of Italy is celebrating the Naples/Campagna Region. Music by The Italian Connection, catered, by Maria's Catering. For tickets call 781-932-8203.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM
280 The Fenway, Boston MA
GARDNER AFTER HOURS - DIVINE COMEDY - Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7 PM. Exhibition Performance. Video Performer art pioneer Joan Jonas stages a Dante reading in the Tapestry Room. For more information call 617-566-1401 or log onto www.gardnermuseum.org.

GREAT SCOTT
1222 Commonwealth Ave.
Allston, MA
ELISA - MAKING HER AREA DEBUT! Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 9PM. Elisa's artistry has been honored with major awards including five from Italy's prestigious Festival di Sanremo, an MTV European Music Awards Best Italian Artist win and a Tenco Award for Best Debut Album for Pipes And Flowers ('97). With her North American album and touring debut, Elisa is poised to win honors and hearts in the new world as well. For info www.greatscottboston.com or for tickets www.ticketweb.com. Learn more about Elisa at www.elisatoffoli.com.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON, MA
CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOM 3RD FLOOR
ITALY AND THE HOLOCAUST: THE CALABRIA CONNECTION - Monday, November 10, 2008 8am - 5pm. The conference, "Italy and the Holocaust: The Calabria Connection" Opening remarks will be made Dr. Winston Langley, Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Hon. Renato Turano, Mr. Robert Leikind, Director, American Jewish Committee. Opera singer Cristina Fontanelli will sing Italian and Yiddish songs of that period. A panel of distinguished with Jewish and Italian dignitaries will discuss the "Moral Lessons of

PUCKER GALLERY
171 Newbury Street, Boston, MA
ICON OF LOSS - THE LITTLE BOY OF WARSAW - Now through December 2008. This is an exhibition of new paintings by Samuel Bak. He created 75 paintings based on the photograph of the "Little Boy of Warsaw" that will be featured in this show. For more information on the gallery hours call: 617-267-9473 or visit: www.puckergallery.com.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA

CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES - DANA SCHUTZ - November 3, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Dana Schutz opens the season with a series designed to enable students to work in both a lecture and studio setting with artists of diverse and multicultural perspectives. Schutz's intensely-colored, large scale paintings combine the possible with the imaginative.

Contemporary Perspectives - Ursula von Rydingsvard - March 17, 2009 at 6:00 PM. Polish-American sculptor Ursula von Rydingsvard's monumental, organic forms are constructed from sawn and chiseled cedar beams, revealing the personal touch of the human hand. Debra Bricker Balden who has written extensively on art and artists will discuss the art's life and career. For more information call you may call 617-933-8600. These events are free and open to the general public.

the Holocaust" For additional information please contact Dr. Maria Lombardo at 216-287-5766 or maria.lombardo@umb.edu. The event is free and open to the public. A complimentary breakfast (8:00AM-9:00AM) and luncheon (12:00PM-1:00PM) will be served.

NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM MAXWELL AUDITORIUM
33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA
CAFFE' CONCERTO VILLA VITTORIA EMANUEL III, NY CITY 1906 - Sunday, November 30, 2008 at 2 PM. Presented by EDIAT and Italian Heritage Month this unique performance is in celebration of the Gilded Age and the Genius of Eduardo Migliaccio "Farfariello" (1880-1946). Featuring the eminent Neapolitan Variety Artist Maurizio Merolla. Music Director and Pianist, "Maestro" Mauro Arbusti. Artistic Director is Luisa Marino and the distinguished speaker will be Dr. Carlo Cipollone. A presentation also by Hermann W. Haller, CUNY. Please visit www.ediat.net or call 617-868-6846 for more information.

FILIPPO RISTORANTE
283 Causeway Street Boston, MA
RESPIRO DELLA TERRA - RASSEGNA DI MUSICA POPOLARE REGIONALE - Sponsored by the Italian Consulate of Boston and COMITES. Enjoy evenings of various food and entertainment from various regions of Italy. Featuring: Thursday, October 30th the **Region of Campania - concert with Newpoli**, Thursday, November 13th the **Region of Abruzzo - a concert by Discanto**, Thursday, November 19th the **Region of Calabria - a concert with QuartAumentata**, Wednesday, December 3rd, the **Region of Sicily - a concert with Mario Incudine Abballaluna Acoustic Trio**. All events will take place at Filippo's Restaurant in Boston's North End. For tickets and more information please call Domenico Susi at 617-605-5099.

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"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM on www.1110wccmam.com
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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

In November, we begin to think more of food! Well, here are some interesting facts about the origin of names of Italian foods. For example, "wearable" foods include *ditali* and its miniature version, *ditalini*, the small pieces of pasta whose names come from the Italian for "thimble" or "finger of a glove." The pasta called *annelli*, meanwhile, has a name that translates from the Italian as "little rings" and is a linguistic relative of *annular*; which describes an eclipse in which the sun forms a complete ring of light around the heavenly body blocking it. And from the Italian for "trouser leg" comes the name of the little stuffed pizza known as *calzone*. The noodles called *fettuccine* also have a name that means "ribbons," apparently a descendant of the Italian *fetta*, or "slice." *Mozzarella* has a name that in Italian literally means "little cut." And from the kindred Italian word for "slice," *fetta*, comes the term for the "sliced, ribbon-shaped" pasta called *fettuccine*.

Shame! Shame! A group of British teenage thugs stole a pocketbook from a 68-year-old grandmother who, as it happens, was a former running champion. Janet Lane chased and caught the startled thieves, grabbing one by the collar. "Those boys saw a little old lady and thought I was easy pickings," said a triumphant Lane.

Speaking of a grandmother, Carlo Scostumato, says, "The grandmother of today has something that the grandmother of the past didn't have — blonde hair."

Wow! A search of public records found that 36 percent of Atlanta police academy graduates have criminal records. "We would like, in an ideal world, to see every applicant with a clean record, but obviously that's not reality," said a police official.

A smashing success! A San Diego entrepreneur opened a store where people can express their rage over the economic meltdown or other problems. For \$10 to \$50, customers can spend up to 15 minutes smashing plates, glasses, and picture frames. "It was the best \$50 we've spent in the last two years," said Adam DeWitt, 29.

Gee, a Pennsylvania woman was asleep in her bed when a chunk of ice exploded through the ceiling and hit her on the forehead. Mary Ann Foster, 66, was left with a large lump, and said that she could have been killed if the projectile hadn't broken into pieces as it passed through the roof of her house. Authorities say the ice, which Foster saved in her freezer, likely fell from a passing plane, but Foster isn't so sure. "There is a little fish smell to it," she says. "Which is weird."

Speaking of ice, Frank Arricale claims ice sometimes makes you slip, but more often it is what's mixed with it.

Be aware, the number of women voters has exceeded that of men in every presidential election since 1964, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This year, women may cast about 9 million more votes than men. John McCain asking Sarah Palin to be his running mate is a smart move.

Tom Analetto of Medford thinks after every election the American way is to unite behind the new administration — and blame everything on it.

Paul Waters of Swampscott reminds us that the only race in which most people pick the winner is an election.

Joey Antonelli of Somerville, says, "An election is like a horse race: you can tell more about it after it's over."

The astute Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, says, "An election is an important democratic process by which you are given a choice to decide who will spend your money."

The cheaters! A recent survey of 25,000 high school students found that 90 percent of students admitted to copying test answers, using crib notes, or cheating in some way — about triple the rate found in a 1963 survey.

Unbelievable! Psychiatric hospitals nationwide are reporting that admissions have more than doubled due to people suffering extreme stress about home foreclosures, job losses, and plunging stock prices.

We asked the brilliant Barbara D'Amico of Russo Imports, Inc., of East Boston if Chicago is the windiest city in the United States. Barbara, says far from it! With an average wind speed of 10.4 miles per hour, Chicago ranks 16th in the list of windy American cities. The top five, with average wind speeds (in miles per hour): First, Great Falls, Montana. 13.1. Second, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 13. Third, Boston, Massachusetts. 12.9. Fourth, Cheyenne, Wyoming. 12.8. And fifth, Wichita, Kansas with 12.7 wind speeds per hour. Yes, Boston is a windy city!

What do Americans fear most? According to the knowledgeable Tom Russo of Bel Gioioso Cheese, Inc. the top five fears are, 1. Speaking before a group, 2. Heights, 3. Insects and bugs, 4. Financial problems, and number 5, deep water.

We asked the noted musicologist Albert Natale, when did "The Star-Spangled Banner" become the national anthem? The four-stanza song was adopted as the national anthem by the U.S. Congress in 1931. Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics in 1814, taking the melody from an eighteenth-century drinking song called "To Anacreon in Heaven" by British composer John Stafford Smith. (Anacreon was a Greek lyric poet (563-478 B.C.) associated with love and wine.

Next question for Albert Natale. Where did the Chipmunks in the Chipmunks' "Christmas Song" get their names? Songwriter and performer David Seville chose the names for the "stars" of his 1958 hit record. Simon and Alvin were named for two executives at Liberty Records — Simon Waronker and Al Bennett. Theodore was named for Ted Keep, the recording engineer. So we asked Albert Natale, who wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb?" His answer! One of the earliest and most influential American magazine editors, Sarah Josepha Hale — in 1830. In addition to founding the first national women's magazine, Godey's Ladies' Magazine, and successfully campaigning to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, she was inspired to write the rhyme by an actual case of a child's being followed to school by a pet lamb.

A salty question! Why is spilling salt considered bad luck? One reason is because salt was once valuable and difficult to obtain. According to an old Norwegian superstition, a person is doomed to shed as many tears as it takes to dissolve the spilled salt. Another reason is the belief that spilled salt refers to the devil. In the German superstition, whoever spills salt engenders enmity: It is thought to be a direct act of the devil. And both the French and the Americans toss salt over the left shoulder to hit the devil in the eye.

Italian Americans in Sports: At age 15, Linda Fratianne won the U.S. Ladies Figure Skating Championships in 1970 and 1980. Winner of the 1977 and 1980 World Figure Skating Championships, she capped her career with a silver medal from the 1980 Olympics. One of the few women skaters who routinely performed triple jumps, she won over 140 championships.

Boxing manager Angelo Dundee, born Angelo Merena, Jr., in 1921, trained and managed fifteen world champions, including Muhammad Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard and Jimmy Ellis.

In 1978, Chicago business man George Randazzo established the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The NIASHF recognizes and promotes the achievements of Italian American athletes and their contributions to sports.

Advance notice! The retired judge Joseph Ferrino celebrates a birthday Sunday, November 9. His sweet wife Jeanette will be serving him a large plate of Baccala. So how old will Ferrino be? Well, he was born the year people were singing, "Bye Bye Blackbird," and "Baby Face."

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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MAMA'S RICOTTA CHEESE GNOCCHI (Pasta)

3 cups unbleached flour (preferably King Arthur or Gold Medal)
1 beaten egg
1 teaspoon salt
1 pound ricotta whole milk cheese
4 quarts boiling salted water.

In a bowl mix ricotta cheese, beaten eggs and salt. Add flour gradually to the mixture, mixing by hand, until dough is soft. Remove dough from bowl and place dough on a floured pastry board to knead. If dough sticks to your fingers or hands, add a little flour and continue kneading until the dough is soft, smooth and pliable.

Cut and roll portions into long 8- or 10-inch rolls of about one-inch thickness. Place in bowl and cover. Taking one roll at the time, flatten roll *slightly* with your hand or a rolling pin. Cut into one-inch portions. With index and middle fingertips, press into each piece of dough and roll fingers forward in the dough. This will curl the dough into gnocchi. Continue until all dough is used.

For cooking gnocchi, boil about 4 quarts of salted water. After dropping gnocchi into the boiling water, stir and cover. Watch carefully because water boils over quickly. Gnocchi will float to the top as they cook. They cook rapidly. Check for consistency desired. Drain and place in a bowl. Add your tomato sauce and serve.

Serves four.

*Note: I love the memories of watching my parents make homemade macaroni in our home. They didn't seem to have a written recipe. It was all stored in their minds. Through the years, I decided their recipes should be written out. I watched Mama measure out the flour, add the water or beaten eggs and all the necessary ingredients for gnocchi. Papa kneaded the dough. Mama always took out her extra-long wooden rolling pin when the dough had to be rolled into thin round portions before Papa could fold it and then cut it into linguine. **For gnocchi**, Papa cut up the dough after kneading it. Mama, with her fingers, patiently formed the small portions of cut-up dough into gnocchi. Before my brother Peter and I knew it, the homemade macaroni was ready to serve at noontime for Sunday dinner. They always made it seem that it was such a pleasure serving homemade macaroni, and it was!*

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• Is Obama Hiding Something (Continued from Page 2)

US Senator John McCain refused to disclose his medical history, the media would question out loud why or what was he hiding.

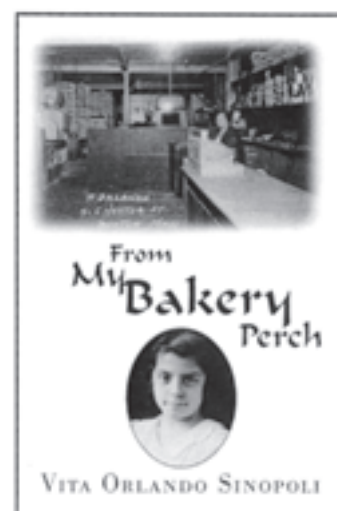
According to the US Constitution in order to run for president, one must be at least 35 years old and a Native American, or one born abroad to parents who were both US citizens.

The mystery lends many to suspect something. Was Obama born in Hawaii? Was

he born in Indonesia? Or in Kenya? This news story keeps its legs because of Obama's decision to keep these matters private.

The American people have a right to know the answers to both mysteries in order to make an informed choice on Election Day.

This doesn't seem to be a case of the rightwing of the right wing trying to smear Obama, but of the American people's right to know.



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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)

Everyone in my family loved parties. Today is Halloween. The way kids celebrate is American but Nanna and Babbononno learned this early-on and were ready for trick-or-treaters when they arrived at their front door. Nanna always had a couple of rolls of nickels for this annual holiday. She once told me that she didn't know what kind of candy the costumed children liked and didn't want to disappoint anyone, so she gave out money. Babbononno assured me that there were never any complaints, because back in the day, you could buy a candy bar for a nickel. If you had penny candy in mind, you could leave a candy store with a bag full of sweets for the same nickel.

Mom inherited the love of parties from her parents and Dad went along with her tastes. Every time Uncle Nick or Uncle Gino came home on leave, my folks had a party. There was always food on the kitchen table, usually Italian cold cuts, cheese, bread and all the condiments that make a sandwich taste good. Wine, beer and hard stuff flowed like water and the floor model Philco radio/record player sounded out with dance music from the batons of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, The Dorseys, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and an assortment of society band leaders. Friends and relatives came to celebrate the safe return of my uncles and partake of a good party. I even remember my parents dancing together. The only problem I ever saw was my Dad attempting to dance. In spite of him spending his life as a musician, he had two left feet. When he danced, both of them landed on my mother's bunions. It was cruel and abusive punishment in the first degree.

I inherited the love of parties from my mother's side of the family. My memory is such that I remember every birthday party they threw for me as a child, beginning with number three, when I received a purple and white tricycle, a brown leather toy horse and an assortment of games of the day. When I became an adult, I decided to reciprocate beginning with my folks 25th anniversary. Through Uncle Nick, who at the time was the vice president of the musicians'

union, I threw a surprise dinner party for them at Blinstrub's Supper Club in South Boston. Sammy Davis was the entertainer and made a big deal about my folks being married for 25 years. I repeated the process for their 40th, and ten years later, for their 50th. Interspersed were numerous surprise birthday parties that I set up for my folks.

My dear wife, Loretta, is not much into parties. She likes quiet intimate gatherings where a few close relatives and friends sit and enjoy a quiet dinner. Respecting her wishes, I have minimized the size and scope of parties I have thrown for her to celebrate her birthdays. The only time she relented was when I was very active as a musician. Right after the New Year, I would throw a party at our house and invite all of the musicians who had worked for me through the year and their families, along with selected relatives and neighbors. I could tell that Loretta was not the most comfortable person in these situations but I assured her that they only happened once a year.

I can't believe it, but on the 21st of this month I turned, ouch, 70!!! Loretta asked me what I would like to do for my birthday and I, knowing how she dislikes big celebrations, replied that I would like her to call Barbara Summa and go to La Summa's for dinner with our closest friends, Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn.

Knowing that my son, Michael, having a small part in the new Mel Gibson film, would be shooting in Rhode Island, and be out of the loop. John, our oldest, lives and works in Zurich, Switzerland, and was not scheduled to come home until Christmas. Combined with this is the fact that Dean and Margie would be out of town on the date of my birthday, so it was planned that we would have dinner at La Summa on the Sunday before the 21st.

When we walked into the restaurant, the place was packed with people who all jumped up and yelled, "Surprise!" I couldn't believe it. The entire restaurant was filled with family and friends. I should have guessed something was up when Dean insisted on wearing a suit and tie, but I just passed it off as Dean being Dean. While I stood there

speechless, someone tapped me on the back. As I turned, the person said, "Felice Compleanno, papa, cent'anni." It was my son, John. He had taken a week off to come home for my 70th.

It seems that, Loretta, knowing my love of parties, had been planning this one for months. I don't know how it was kept secret, but it was, and over 50 people applauded as I stood there with my mouth open in surprise. For one of the few times in my life, I was truly speechless, I'm not kidding. My one remaining uncle, Lou Contini, whom I refer to as, Uncle Gino, and my aunt, Ninna, his wife, represented the last of my parents' generation. Most of the rest of the guests were friends and associates who are in their '40s, '50s and early '60s. What I found surprising was a table made up of young people in their 20s, friends of both of my sons, kids who grew up in my house, and for whatever reason, relate to me in their own ways.

When we finally sat down to eat, Barbara's staff served salad, home made fusilli, roast stuffed pork, dessert and both red and white wine. The next thing I knew, a large cake was wheeled out and there was a computer image in the middle, a picture of me next to my Thunderbird. It was made out of frosting. I couldn't believe it. Loretta had taken the picture in August with her digital camera, but I paid no attention to it as she also shot pictures of other antiques that surrounded my car at an old car get together. I did ask her why she insisted of taking the picture, and when she commented that she had a picture of me with my antique 1962 Lincoln, but that she didn't have one with me and the Thunderbird, I dismissed the possibility of an ulterior motive.

I would publicly like to thank Loretta, for throwing me a party of this magnitude. The people who were there represent my dearest relatives and my closest friends and business associates. If I had the room in this column, I would acknowledge everyone of them, but seeing I'm out of space, I can only say, "Mille, mille grazie." I will never forget the tribute you paid me, and to my wife of over 30 years, "I luv ya." And by the way, GOD BLESS AMERICA.

star, Ambani (then Tina Munim) put her career on hold to pursue her education in the U.S. Upon her return to India, she married the industrialist Anil Ambani, with whom she has two sons. A graduate of the Los Angeles Institute of Interior Design, Mrs. Ambani has been on the board of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, and the National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai. She has also served on the reconstituted General Assembly of the India Council for Cultural Relations, India's pre-eminent agency for cultural exchange.

The Peabody Essex Museum began collecting Indian art in 1799 and is singular among American museums in its continuing commitment to collecting and presenting the work of modern and contemporary Indian artists. In addition to its three galleries dedicated to Indian art, the museum presents a constantly changing array of exhibitions, publications, education, and public programs dedicated to engendering increased appreciation of Indian art and culture.

For more information about the Peabody Essex Museum, visit www.pem.org.

..... The Botanic Garden of Smith College in Northampton will host a "Fall Chrysanthemum Show: Celebrating Asian Culture in Flower, Fabric, and Flavor" from Saturday, November 1 to Sunday, November 16. The event is free and open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are told that "Floral fireworks will be erupting inside Smith College's Lyman Conservatory during the annual event."

An even more extravagant display than Smith's well-known Spring Bulb Show, the exhibit includes oversized blooms in unexpected shapes and colors, some reaching 8 inches in diameter and perched atop plants up to 5-7 feet tall.

In addition to the stunning floral display, the show will feature Japanese kimonos and bamboo. Student chrysanthemum artwork will enliven the gallery walls.

Events will include tea tastings, a Japanese tea ceremony, basketry demonstrations, and much more.

For more information, call 413-585-2740 or visit www.smith.edu/garden/Home/events.html.

..... The 11th Annual Needham Antiques Show,

sponsored by the Beth Shalom Garden Club, takes place at the Needham High School on Webster Street this Sunday, November 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

There will be more than 50 antiques dealers from six different states. Verbal appraisals will be available from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for a fee.

Beth Shalom Garden Club has sponsored this show, their only fundraiser, for 11 years. Monies raised go to garden club projects at Rosie's Place, the Walker School in Needham, The Vietnam Memorial Garden, Needham High School Distinguished Career Day, and other local events and causes.

There will be a cafe for snacks, and lunch will be available as well as home baked goodies, raffles and items made by the garden club.

For ticket costs or further information, call 781-769-3854 or e-mail donnamlane@verizon.net.

..... Gore Place, the historic Governor Gore estate in Waltham, will offer a "Holiday Children's Tea" on Saturday, December 6 and 13. For this special event, the Great Hall of the mansion will be transformed into a 19th century tea room offering a special children's menu, entertainments and a visit from Santa.

There will be one seating each day at 10:30 a.m. Tickets must be purchased at least one week in advance. For details and more information, call 781-894-2798 or visit www.goreplace.org.

The early 1800s estate of Massachusetts Governor Christopher Gore includes a small farm with sheep, goats and poultry. With its spiral staircase, marble floors and oval rooms, the elegantly furnished mansion has been called "the Monticello of the North," and architectural historians consider it to be the most significant Federal period mansion in New England.

Gore Place is located at 52 Gore Street, just off Route 20 (Main Street) near the Waltham/Watertown line.

Enjoy!

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

(FROM ITALIAN
NEWSPAPERS AND
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MUSSOLINI'S DEMISE: WHO ACTUALLY KILLED HIM?

Mussolini grandchild Guido — son of Vittorio Mussolini, is involved in a unique research. From present history we know that Benito Mussolini and his girlfriend, Clara Petacci, were executed at Giulino di Messegra (in the province of Cuneo). Guido is assisted by Attorney Luciano Randazzo. They have discovered documents that make the principals (the attorney and Guido) question most of the notions they, and most of us, have known so far about Mussolini's end. Two particular documents are significantly telling. Attorney Randazzo has petitioned the Court, in Como, to acquire these two documents. One is part of the records kept in London, England. This document issued on April 5, 1944 by the High Commissioner of the occupying forces in North Italy, proclaims that there was a proposition to Winston Churchill to kill Mussolini. The other document was a secret report that Togliatti, the Head of the Italian Communist Party, sent to Stalin a few days after Mussolini's death, detailing the real truth, heretofore unknown. Togliatti describes what he claimed at the time to be the true events which tell that in the middle of the night of April 5, 1944 Mussolini and Clara Petacci were victims of a premeditated murder, not outside the gates of the residence where "Il Duce" and Clara Petacci were. Furthermore, Togliatti claims that the killing of Mussolini was actually ordered by the British SOE, with the coordination of the extreme Communist Left under the leadership of Luigi Longo. The District investigating Judge has contended that if the murder was a conventional crime the Statute of Limitations nullifies any further legal action (not so in the US). On the other hand, if the killing was politically motivated it is also nullified by the amnesty (for political crimes) issued by the very same Togliatti who was a member of one of the early coalition governments (1947-48). Guido Mussolini's attorneys (there are two now), strongly contended that if the murder was premeditated and committed by the British it would be configured as the killing of a Head of State (as Mussolini was, at the time, of the Social Republic of Salo'). It would be subject to prosecution.

Guido Mussolini's defense is still engaged in finding the truth, and nothing else. They claim they have no vindictive plans, only to find the real truth.

This is what they are seeking.

INITIATIVES TO PRESERVE ONE OF THE LOCAL ITALIAN LANGUAGES: THE SARDINIAN

— Starting this school year (2007-08) the "Limba" (Sardinian language) has become a required course in one of the elementary schools of Cagliari, the Regional capital city. The local school authorities intend to promote the study of the Sardinian language hoping to preserve it and the culture of the Island. It is hoped that this year's experiment will lead to a much broader project for the future.

• Mayor's Column (Continued from Page 1)

to be familiar with the questions beforehand. The Office of the Secretary of State has sent ballot question booklets to every household of registered voters in the City, and www.cityofboston.gov/elections has a link to the Secretary's website with the same information. Please consider your position on the ballot questions prior to voting in order to expedite voting at the polls.

Lastly, we should all be respectful when waiting to vote at polling locations. It's great to see all of the passion that this election season has inspired in people, but once you get to the polls, let your votes do the talking. Please be respectful of Massachusetts General Law, which prohibits individuals from displaying buttons, clothing, or signs in support of a certain candidate or ballot question. While poll workers will not deny someone their right to vote, they will ask that a voter take off or cover up these items when inside the polling place.

This year, voters will have a special opportunity to ful-

fill both their civic and community responsibilities all in one place. As Boston Can Share enters its 22nd year, this winter many families will need help from their neighbors to keep nutritious food on their tables. We're making it as convenient as possible for voters to donate canned goods by bringing Can Share boxes to EVERY polling location in Boston on Election Day. So, bring a canned good or a donation check with you to vote, and help out a neighbor in need. 100% of donations will support families in need! With expectations of record turnout, November 4th has the potential to be the largest single day food drive effort ever in the City of Boston.

This is an historic election year, and voters should be proud to participate in the democratic process. The City is prepared for great turnout, and I hope that voters will help to ensure that Election Day goes off without a hitch. If you have any questions, please visit www.cityofboston.gov/elections or call the Mayor's Hotline at 617-635-4461.

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

ZOGBY POLL SHOWS OBAMA LEAD GROWING

Zogby one of the most reliable pollsters says Barack Obama has a 5 point percentage lead. Hispanics according to the pollsters are voting Democratic by a huge 70 percent.

The McCain-Palin ticket is also doing poorly in those so called Republican Red States. If most polls are incorrect, it would mean there is a real silent majority out there, as WTKK's Jay Severin says, who have "common sense".

SHAME ON THE MEDIA

The "Obamamedia" is pathetic. Our print and broadcast media are so Democratic it is a shame to read such bias in so-called

"news" stories. Fair is fair and the media shouldn't be cheerleaders, they should give us the news straight forward without the bias coloring, the reporting.

THANKS MICHELE MCPHEE

Michele McPhee from Eastie is now becoming Boston's number one new talk show host on 96.9 WTKK FM.

I listen to her show all the time and get all kinds of ideas for my commentaries from her monologues.

I've been told there's a rumor going around that I'm being paid to say good things about Michele. UNTRUE! I never get paid for stories I write in the *Post-Gazette*. I write what I want to write and think what I want to think. **So there!**

• Fifty Reasons (Continued from Page 1)

34. Obama won his 2004 U.S. Senate general election by having his Republican opponent collapse under the weight of his forcibly released divorce records.

33. Obama's background and associations, according to experts, would preclude him from obtaining a security clearance for even a low-level secretarial position in a federal agency.

32. Obama vows to put up numerous regulatory obstacles for nuclear power, effectively taking it off the table.

31. Obama married a woman who by her own account was not proud of her country, and who announced she first became proud of her country within months of possibly becoming First Lady.

30. Obama has admitted that cutting capital gains taxes increases revenue, yet seeks to raise these taxes anyway for "fairness" reasons.

29. Obama continuously promotes verifiably socialist policies.

28. Obama sincerely believes that small-town Americans are "bitter" people who "cling to guns or religion" "to explain their frustrations."

27. Obama supports aborting babies after they have been born and are fully outside the mother's body.

26. Obama's mentors, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi, would promote a left-wing agenda that Republicans cannot stop, and Obama certainly would not dare stop.

25. Obama has for years said that he wants to spread the wealth around, and continues to stand by this ideology to this day.

24. Obama lied when he promised to use public financing, which has allowed him to raise a record-breaking amount of campaign funds thanks to major bundlers, which in turn he has used to spend the most money on negative campaign ads in history.

23. Obama opposed domestic oil drilling until polls forced him to begrudgingly "change" his position on it.

22. Obama opposes necessary free trade agreements, such as the crucial Colombia free trade agreement, and has even threatened

existing ones, such as NAFTA, despite the tremendous economic and security benefit free trade has brought and can bring to America and the world.

21. Obama asked Georgia to show restraint when Russia invaded it.

20. Obama believes that it would benefit America to sit down with intractable terrorist leaders without preconditions.

19. Obama has repeatedly injected his race into campaign in an attempt to pin it on his opponent, and has actively stoked racial tensions in the Hispanic community by associating John McCain with invented anti-Hispanic insults.

18. Obama is the desired commander-in-chief by only 23 percent of the troops, according to a *Military Times* poll.

17. Obama is verifiably the most liberal member of the U.S. Senate, according to the *National Journal*.

16. Obama repeatedly refused John McCain's offer to hold 10 town hall debates, resorting instead to rehearsed speeches.

15. Obama believes that Iran is a "tiny" country that does not "pose a serious threat to us."

14. Obama's foreign policy coach, Joe Biden, has advocated for the partition of Iraq, an inane proposition strongly opposed by all Iraqi sides and top foreign policy experts.

13. Obama has expressed support for both teams in the World Series, just as he has taken both sides on flag pins, taxes, gun bans, FISA, Iraq, drilling, public financing, etc.

12. Obama had no time to develop any foreign policy experience during the two years he spent in the Senate before he began actively campaigning for the presidency.

11. Obama has neither executive nor military experience.

10. Obama has not one single significant accomplishment in his political life by any reasonable measure.

9. Obama's leftist ideology will not rub smoothly against the principles of the conservative leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, and other top conservative democratic allies, which

might soon include the United Kingdom.

8. Obama's tutor, Joe Biden, has recently expressed his fear that Obama will be tested in the first six months of his presidency with a forced crisis, and that Obama will deal with it in a weak manner.

7. Obama has promised that the first thing he would do if elected is sign the Freedom of Choice Act, which would abolish nationwide bans on partial-birth abortion and parental-notification laws, and force taxpayers to fund abortions.

6. Obama and his wife launched their careers in corporate America, and insist that American corporations continue to employ American workers, yet have at the same time urged Americans: "Don't go into corporate America."

5. Obama and his followers vociferously criticized former McCain advisor Senator Phil Gramm for saying "we have become sort of a nation of whiners," even though Michelle Obama has said that we are a country of "cynics," "slots," "complacents," and a country that is divided and "just downright mean."

4. Obama explained that he only gave less than one percent of his income to charity when he was making \$240,000 because he and Michelle were young parents still paying off student loans, but then turned around and asserted that "once people are making over \$200,000 to \$250,000 they can afford to pay a little more in payroll tax."

3. Obama released an ad making fun of John McCain for not being able to send an e-mail, which McCain cannot do because his North Vietnamese captors shattered his fingers and both his arms.

2. Obama voted with congressional Democrats 96 percent of the time.

1. Obama opposed the surge that is winning us the Iraq War, saying it would actually make things worse, making the most important foreign policy judgment in his political life astonishingly off the mark.

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

Old Soldiers May Never Die But Their History Fades Away

About fifty years ago, General Douglas MacArthur visited the Church of the Presidents in Quincy. Viewing the Adams pew he noted, "I'm sure John Quincy Adams prayed for guidance right here before he wrote the Monroe Doctrine."

Michele McPhee is Right Again

In her most recent Metro column, she said, "We know more about Joe the Plumber than we do about Obama."

By the way, how come the Obamedia played down Louis Farrakhan calling Obama "The Messiah".

Ed Shallow Says

Post-Gazette columnist Ed Shallow says of the Powell endorsement of Obama, "I never trusted the guy."

Sovereign Bank, Another Bank Leaving the States

Sovereign Bank has been sold to "Banco Potato" and its new owner is Spain.

Pretty soon the United States of America will become a tenant paying rent to stay alive. The whole world will own a piece of us.

Look at England

Pretty soon, they'll be saying, "Allah, save the Queen." Polls show more Muslims go to Mosques, than Protestants go to church in England.

Newburyport Has Banned Sweets

Newburyport School Committee has banned all sweets inside public schools. No more brownies, cupcakes, candy or Twinkies.

Will they be doing locker sweeps with dogs, patting down kids or checking lunch boxes?

Police don't belong in your bedroom (unless, of course, you or your spouse are cops), they also don't belong inside your lunchbox.

Let kids be kids. This is America, not China or Russia. We believe in freedom here.

Governor "Sky King" Patrick Sells Governor's Plane

The state budget crisis in Massachusetts must really

be bad because Governor Patrick is selling the official governor's plane to save a few bucks.

The plane is 34 years old. It cost \$22,000 new. And no one knew we had.

It's easy to sell off something no one knew we had and we surely could use the few thousand dollars we'll get for it. Boy, am I a cynic. Sky King must be rolling in his grave.

Imus in the Morning Obama on November 4th?

Radio station WTKK 96.9 FM is the closest thing to an all conservative talk station, especially with Jay Severin every weekday from 3-7PM.

Recently, Don Imus talking about the Youth Vote said usually 18-25 year olds rarely find the time to vote but this year could be different. Imus thinks Obama could win by 7%.

Vote No on One

As much as I hate to say it, repealing the state income tax could be the worse thing to do. I think it should go back to 5 percent but I don't think it should go to zero.

Drastic spending cuts would result in hurting the elderly, the mentally ill, those seeking help with addictions. It would also send property taxes soaring at the city and town level. Vote no. Use a clothespin if you have to, but vote no.

Nationalize 401(K)s?

According to Holly Robichaud who pens the Lone Republican in the Monday *Boston Herald*, "Socialism is on the way. First on the hit list is your 401(K) ... Democrats have a plan to eliminate 401(K)s and have this money transferred to a government guaranteed retirement account ... a disaster in the making. "Says Holly, if Obama gets elected, there will be no one to stop "this government authorized theft of your nest egg."

Quote to Note

"Is there a media double standard? You betcha."
— Pat Buchanan



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Sal G. Meets El Tiante
A short time ago as I was preparing to leave "Acapucos" in Norwood, I spotted someone standing by the cashier. Chewing on a toothpick and looking like Luis Tiant. I told him he looked a lot like Tiant and he said people were always telling him that. I then said he actually looked younger than Tiant. He laughed and told me that was impossible since he was Luis Tiant.

We then had a 10 minute conversation about the Red Sox, about Becket, Lester and Timlin.

He gave Lester high marks, but didn't look happy at the mere mention of Timlin. He also seemed to think like most of us, that Becket wasn't Becket lately.

We shook hands; I said good-bye and my 10 minutes with a Boston legend ended. Thank God, I told him he

looked younger than Luis Tiant, huh?

I didn't see any trademark cigars but then again, this is Massachusetts and cigars are out in Bay State restaurants.

At least he could chew on a toothpick, that hasn't been outlawed yet.

Tommy Tresh Passes Away, NY Yankee, Rookie of Year 1962

New York Yankee Tommy Tresh, Rookie of the Year back in 1962 passed away recently. He played the outfield with both Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris, one of the best threesomes on any baseball team. This trio was one of the all-time best in the American League while the S.F. Giants had Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Felipe Alec.

Tresh was only 71 years old and played most of his career at Yankee Stadium

before getting traded to the Tigers.

Varitek: Keep Him or Not?

Jason Varitek had an awful season this year as his 4 year, \$40 million contract ends. This year his stats (13 homers, 43 RBI, .220 avg) weren't good. In post season he was god awful. In the ALCS he was one for twenty. He's 37 years old and a free agent now. His agent is Scott Boras. Last year, Boras got Yankee Jorge Posada a 4 year \$52 million contract and Posada was out all season with injuries.

I say Varitek is invaluable to the Red Sox for his leadership capabilities and his handling of pitchers. I say, keep him and offer him a two-year deal. If he or Boras don't like it, tell both of them to take a hike. Varitek is good, but no longer that good as a backstop.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4483EP1
In the Estate of
ALICE A. CASTELLINE
Late of ACTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death September 17, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DOMINIC P. CASTELLINE of ACTON in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 25, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 21, 2008.
Marie A. Gardin
Acting Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4331EP1
In the Estate of
PHILIP P. RANDLETT
Late of ACTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death August 5, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CHRISTINE M. RANDLETT of CHELMSFORD in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 18, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 15, 2008.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P3772EP1
In the Estate of
HARRY WILLIAM GOLDMAN
AKA HARRY W. GOLDMAN
Late of NATICK
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death June 18, 2007
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that EVELYN NAGLE GOLDMAN of NATICK in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 25, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 21, 2008.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4349EP1
In the Estate of
BYRON NICHOLAS MENEGAKIS
AKA BYRON N MENEGAKIS
Late of ACTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death June 20, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DEMOS MENEGAKIS of SUDBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX and ELENA MENEGAKIS COCHRAN of SUNDERLAND in the County of FRANKLIN or some other suitable person be appointed executor, 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 17, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 10, 2008.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4407EP1
In the Estate of
GERTRUDE M WIDMAYER
AKA GERTRUDE MARIE WIDMAYER
Late of ACTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death August 28, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that FRANCIS J WIDMAYER of ACTON in the County of MIDDLESEX and JAY L WEBBER of SHARON in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed co-executors, 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 18, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 15, 2008.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4490EP1
In the Estate of
JAMES F FLYNN
AKA JAMES FLYNN
Late of STONEHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death September 2, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SANDRA CARR also known as SANDRA M CARR of STONEHAM in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executrix, 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 20, 2008.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 06P3428EP1
In the Estate of
JOSEPH A. GELINAS
Late of WALTHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death May 15, 2006
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ELAINE GELINAS of JAMAICA PLAIN in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 17, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 14, 2008.
Marie A. Gardin
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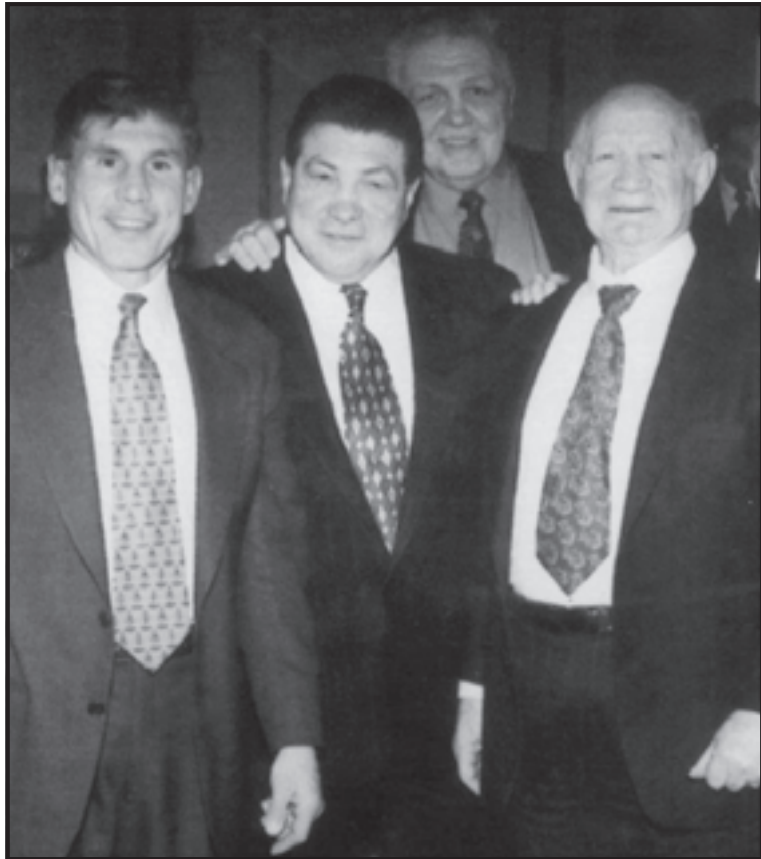
LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4550EP1
In the Estate of
ETHEL D. BIXBY
Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death September 23, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BARBARA R. BARBIERI of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX or some other suitable person be appointed executrix 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON NOVEMBER 25, 2008.
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 thirty (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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 21, 2008.
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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.



Pictured, Left to Right: Iron Mike Pusateri, Joe DeNucci, Tom McNeeley and Al "Red" Priest.

In this Corner, **Fighting the Battle for US**, we have **Massachusetts State Auditor Joe DeNucci**. Who on October 1, 2008, at the State House, spoke at the kick-off ceremony of, "**Italian Heritage Month**." Auditor Joe DeNucci says, "**I am proud of my Italian-American Heritage. I come as most of you do, from Italian working people. My father was a maintenance man, at the Newton YMCA, and he was always working second and third jobs.**" Joe proudly says of how his mother was born in Italy, in a small town called Bellona near Naples. Joe remembers how he visited his mother's birthplace, and met relatives. A very emotional time for him. Sharing with the audience, his appreciation of his family's sacrifices and character, while learning from his parents the virtues of working hard, honesty, commitment, and dedication. Auditor DeNucci says, "The Italian immigrants were courageous people, when they came here. They did not speak the language. They did not have jobs, and they were not always welcome. But, they overcame these barriers." Auditor Joe DeNucci also said "Our ancestors provided the skilled trades, and helped build the infrastructure of this country. Now their children and grandchildren are found at every level of business and government, in law and medicine, in sports, and in service and trade industries." Auditor Joe DeNucci says, "We as Italian Americans still have work to do. We need to continue fighting stereotypes. We need to stick together as a community, as our parents and grandparents did. We need to continue to be active in our neighborhoods. If we do these things the Italian-American community will flourish in this century, as it did in the last one."

I see Auditor Joe DeNucci as a Politician for the people, who remembers that Democracy is the Greatest Good for the Greatest number, through political equality. Auditor Joe DeNucci, is a person that I see as never having forgotten, where he came from. A World Rated Boxing contender from an era of immortals. Auditor Joe DeNucci fought three World Champion Greats from this Golden Era. World Middleweight Champions, **Joey Giardello, Emile Griffith** and World Junior Middleweight Champion **Denny Moyer**. Our fighting Auditor **Joe DeNucci**, only lost to one of these World Champions, losing by way of a decision. In never forgetting where he came from, he has photos of; **Muhammad Ali, Tommy Collins, Tony DeMarco, Joey Giardello, Emile Griffith, Marvin Hagler, Jake LaMotta, Ray Mancini, Tom McNeeley, Archie Moore, Goody Petronelli, Pat Petronelli, Jose Torres** draped across his walls, amongst many other dignitaries, and greats, Igniting his Office, brilliantly, in turn displaying who he is. A man that never forgot where he came from. He started boxing at sixteen years of age winning the **Golden Gloves**. He turned professional at the age of 17, as a Senior at Newton High School. He was World Rated in the "Good Old Days!" "**What it was and what it's become?** Mr. Auditor, says because of, **Rip Valenti, Sam Silverman, Johnny Buckley, Lucci Barisano, Sammy Fuller, Al Lacey, Johnny Dunn, Bernie Doherty, and Sandy DeNucci (Joe's Father)**. Saying that as a result of these greats, not being present, that we don't have a **Tony DeMarco, Marvin Hagler, Rocky Marciano, Paul Pender, Jack Sharkey, Sal Bartolo, or a Joe DeNucci**, who was supposed to fight **Nino Benvenuti, World Champion** from Italy in

Milan. He gets home and hears. Benvenuti hurt his hand. All bad things that happened to him were, made up to him by **God**. His ability in the **Political Arena**, where Auditor **Joe DeNucci**, "**Still fights for us. We the People!** Wearing the crown as, **Champion of the People!** Thank you, Mr. Auditor.

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John Duddy, 25-0-0, 17 KO's, of Ireland, puts it on the line when he fights on November 21st in New York, at the the Roseland Ballroom, in fighting, "**The Punching Policeman, Sam Hill**, at Manhattan, Roseland Ballroom. **John Duddy** has gone down in weight, to a light Middleweight from his previous Middleweight fight weight. **Sam Hill** is 17-9-1, 10 KO's. He's beaten some good fighters. Fighters, such as Olympic Gold Medalist, **David Reid** on a TKO in 9. John Duddy says, it's going to be a great show. I had a good fight in **Boston**, and I'm looking forward to fighting in New York. Thank you John Duddy! When John Duddy mentioned Boston, I myself thought, of what a pleasure it is to be from this great area of athletes, sports teams, and figures. **Great fighters** such as, **Tony DeMarco, Rocky Marciano, Paul Pender, Joe DeNucci, Micky Ward, Harold Gomes, Sucra Ray Oliveira, Iron Mike Pusateri, Willie Pep, Tom McNeeley, Tommy Collins, Paul Cardoza, Tony Petronelli, Bob Benoit, Peter Fuller, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Andre McCoy, Sal Bartolo, Vinny Paz**, to name a few from this great sports world we live in. Then we have the New Guys on the Block in **John Ruiz, Peter Manfredo Jr., Donald Orr, Jaime Clampitt, Edwin Rodriguez, Danny O'Connor, Chad Dawson, Jason Estrada, Boo Boo Andrade** etc. We have **The Fighters, The Red Sox, The Patriots, The Celtics, The Bruins. Go New England! Go Massachusetts! Go Boston!**

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On a sad note I am bringing to your attention the passing of **Carol Shaugnnessy**, the wife of Ring Four Hall of Famer, **Bobby Shaugnnessy**. Our prayers are with you, "Rest in Peace!"

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FIGHTS

November 11th on "Bad Boys of Boxing," fight card, in Florida. **Danny O'Connor** is 1-0-0, 1 KO after having an impressive one round Kayo, in his professional debut. He fights **Anthony Woods** of the Bahamas and his experienced 5-10-0, 2 KO record. Experience is a big factor in boxing?

November 8th **Roy Jones Jr.**, in battle with Warrior **Joe Calzaghe** in New York.

November 13th **Peter Manfredo Jr.**, in battle with **Sakio Bika**, at the Dunkin' Donuts Center, Providence, RI.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It ascended from the floor which, when you really think about it was an appropriate starting place. After all, the team whose name the banner bore had done the same thing — had climbed out of the depths of the nether world of professional basketball and had reached the peak of perfection — the NBA Championship.

Yes, that is what the 2007-2008 Boston Celtics had done. There had been the dark days — the weeks that encompassed the 18-game losing streak during the 2006-2007 season. They had picked themselves up from that, brought in new talent and rose steadily and surely to league supremacy — just as the banner rose higher with each mighty pull, gathering more light, more attention, until it finally came to rest in the rafters.

The individuals hoisting Banner 17 at the TD Banknorth Garden on October 28 were the players that had reached that pinnacle. It was their final act of remembrance towards last season's memorable run and it came just after they had received the emblems of their dramatic success.

Just moments earlier, before a sellout crowd, the Princes of the Parquet had become the Lords with the Rings — bestowed with the gleaming \$30,000 symbols of triumph that they will possess throughout their lives.

From the Line of Legends that escorted the championship trophy to the center of the floor to the last basket in the 90-85 victory over Cleveland, it was a night to remember in Boston. Just maybe, there will be an encore performance next year.

ARE THEY PRACTICING FOR A TRIP TO JAPAN TOO? — Everyone remembers the Red Sox super long trip to Japan in March. It turns out that the Bruins also had a lengthy road trip of their own during the first month of the season. When the B's went on their recent three-game road trip to Western Canada, they really added mileage to their frequent flier accounts. The trip encompassed some, 5,063 miles. The first leg had the B's traveling from Hanscom Field in Bedford to Edmonton — a total of 2,060 miles. Next came relatively short hops from Edmonton to Vancouver (503 miles) and Vancouver to Calgary (426 miles). The final trip back to Bedford from the city in Alberta was some 2,074 miles.

ALMOST BLANKED FOR A MONTH — When the Bruins defeated the Atlanta Thrashers 5-4 at the Garden on October 25 it marked the first home victory of the season for the B's. If they had not won that game, they would have gone the entire month without a home victory. Of course, there were only three home games in October but still, can one imagine a month with a hockey win in

Boston? The win came on the first home start of the season for B's goalie Manny Fernandez. It also evened the B's lifetime series against the Thrashers at 14-14-5.

JUST OVER A YEAR — That's how long the interval was between hat tricks for the Bruins. When Milan Lucic found the range for his three tallies against the Thrashers at the Garden on the last Saturday in October it marked the first hat trick by a Bruins player since Phil Kessel, against the Kings in Los Angeles back on October 12, 2007.

AND EVEN LONGER STILL — Was the time between season opening victories. When the Bruins defeated Colorado, 5-4 in Denver back on October 9 to start the season, it marked the first time they had recorded a season starting triumph since October 4, 2001 when they beat Anaheim 4-2 at the Garden. And you have to go way back to October 5, 1993 to find the last time the B's won on the road before this year — a 4-3 win over the Ranger at Madison Square Garden.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE — From the youngest (Blake Wheeler at 21) to the oldest (Tim Thomas and Manny Fernandez, both 34), from the heaviest (Milan Lucic at 228) to the lightest (David Krejci at 178), from the shortest (Marc Savard at 5-10) to the tallest (Zedno Chara at 6-9), these are some of the standout performers for the B's. For the 23 players on the active roster the last week of October, the average age was 28, the average weight was 201 and the average height was 6-1.

THE COACH ON KREJCI — When asked what he likes about center David Krejci B's head coach Claude Julien said thought a lot of "his hockey sense, his vision and everything else. When he's got his confidence he's unbelievable. What I like about him, especially this year, is that he's gotten over the intimidation factor as far as being in awe of this league. He's going after guys. He's playing hard and throwing his weight around. He's really been a good player for us and just keeps impressing everybody. I think as we move on, if he keeps going like that, he's going to start pushing some guys out of their spots. You're probably going to see him more and more."

GARDEN GAB — The Bruins scored the first goal of the game in five of their first seven contests this season. They went 2-2-1 in that span of games ... There was an NHL scheduling oddity on October 25 when all 30 teams in the league saw action. That was only the second time the league schedule makers had arranged for all 30 teams to be playing on the same night. The other instance was October 5, 2005 — the opening night of the 2005-2006 season.