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Columbus Day Parade

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012

PARADE ROUTE

Starting out of **Suffolk Downs** parking lot on to **Walley Street**. Coming onto **Bennington Street**, following Bennington Street all the way to **Chelsea Street**, continuing on Chelsea Street to **Meridian Street**, stopping on Meridian Street — by the main office of **East Boston Savings Bank**. Permission from Commissioner Frazier to move down to two ladder fire trucks with the American flag displayed in the center. Reviewing stand will be next stop at the **ITAM Post**, here the parade will be broadcast live, continuing on Meridian Street to the end at **Central Square**, dispersing by McDonalds and Liberty Market Plaza.

Starting at 12 noon-1:00 pm.

Participating in this years parade: Parade of antique vehicles (30-50 cars), Letter to Commissioner Frazier, Fire Department vehicles, October Fire Protection Month.

Starting at 1:00 pm.

Division I: Elected Officials, Military Units, Bands, Chief Marshall, Veteran of the Year and Staff.

Division II: East Boston Savings Bank and Trolley, *Aleppo Shriners' Unit* (300-400): Musical Units * Marchers * Clown Unit-Fire Brigade * Fire Trucks * Motorcycles * Musket Brigade * Cars * Miniature Cars.

Division IIA: Bands, Community Units and Floats.

Division III: *Grand Lodge of the Sons of Italy*, Bands * Marching Units * Officers (Lodges throughout the State of Massachusetts) * Floats.

Division IV: *Multicultural Groups:* Spanish * Latino * Mexican * El Salvador * Korean Groups * Bands * Dancers * Floats * Marching Units.



The East Boston Columbus Day Committee wishes to thank the East Boston Savings Bank, who generously donated the cost to bring the Shriners to the East Boston Columbus Day Parade. L to R: Buddy Mangini, Columbus Day Parade Committee; Vincent Basile EBSB; Chester Paris, Shriners; Peter Simmons, Potentate of Shriners; Richard Gavagino, CEO EBSB; Peter Stone, Recorder Aleppo Shriners; Dom Gambadella, EBSB; Deb Jackson, President EBSB; Joseph Ruggiero and Rosalie Petraglia, Columbus Day Parade Committee. (Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

The GOP's Female Problem

Kim Strassel had a great Wall Street Journal piece recently about the GOP's female trouble and it was quite accurate pointing out a chronic problem with candidates within the Republican Party. As she started off her piece, "To say that the Republican Party remains dominated by fossilized male dinosaurs who don't know how to talk to modern women — well — that would be mean. It would also be close to the truth." This Republican problem may very well help Mitt Romney lose this coming November. Women, especially those who consider themselves independents, are going to most likely decide this election. Most polls show them up for grabs and Republicans, wrote Strassel, are "blowing a huge opportunity to bring women to its side." The Democrats are just as bad. Listen to Obama and all the Democrats and women are still living back in the 1970s putting out the world view that all women think about is sex and contraception. Obama's Deputy Campaign Manager Stephanie Cutter actually went so far as to say that women "aren't really concerned about what happened over the past four years." If she's right, then women, in her view, don't care about unemployment, gas prices and Obamacare. She hasn't talked to all the women I've talked to over these issues. Democrats get away with these

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2012 Italian Heritage Month



Boston Police Color Guard presenting the Colors.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

This year marks the fourteenth annual observance of Italian Heritage Month. On Monday, October 1, 2012 the Italian and Italian American community will gather once again at the State House to recognize the 1999 legislation proclaiming October as Italian American Heritage Month.

The 2012 Italian American

Heritage Month Awards recipients Albert "Buddy" Mangini, Community Service and Jerry Leone, Middlesex County District Attorney, Law Recipient. A scholarship was presented to Brandon Breen a freshmen at Boston University due to the generosity of the Frattaroli family.

Participating in the morn-

ing festivities were the Boston Police Color Guard and the Coro-Dante, a chorus from the Dante Alighieri Society conducted by music director Kevin Galie.

We hope that you will visit our October Italian Heritage website to see the many events you may attend dur-

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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FAENUS

Most of our concerns today seem to be centered around “faenus,” which is the Latin term for interest, debt, profit, gain or financial advantage. In early Greece, the rate of interest on invested capital was not restricted by law, but was left entirely to arrangements between the parties concerned. The average rate was considered to be quite high, far higher than the rental fee for houses or for land. This was due to the scarcity of ready cash and the difficulty in accumulating any large amount of capital. During the time of Demosthenes (about 300 B.C.) twelve percent was regarded as a rather low rate of interest and higher rates, up to eighteen percent were quite common. In bottomry (insurance on shipping cargo), the ordinary rate of interest at Athens was twenty percent. In the event of failure in the payment of interest due, it was permissible to charge compound interest. Interest was computed and charged by one of two different methods. It was quite usual to agree on the amount of a monthly payment, or by an annual payment based upon a fraction of the principal. Interest was usually paid on the 1st day of each month but yearly payments were also possible.

In early Rome, as at Athens, the rate of interest was originally unrestricted, and it was not until after much work was done that a standard rate of eight and one third percent was established. The law limited the interest rate for Roman citizens, but usury (gouging) was quite the common practice where foreigners were concerned.

The exchange of commerce between foreign countries prompted changes in interest payments. Money was no longer lent by the year but

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Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Standing Up for the Real Christopher Columbus

Today, everyone knows that **Christopher Columbus** did *not* have to persuade doubting backers that the world was round. Everyone in Europe knew the Earth was a sphere; it had been known for nearly two thousand years. Yet generations of America children, from the second quarter of the 19th century, through the middle of the 20th century, were taught that people in Columbus’ day believed the Earth to be flat! How did this story start? And why should we care?

We care because on Monday we celebrate **Columbus Day** in honor of his historic voyages that opened communication, commerce and migration between the Old World of Europe and the New World of the Americas. Columbus’ voyages of discovery led directly to Spanish settlements and the New World that became, with time, the many Spanish-speaking nations of South, Central and North America and the islands of the Caribbean. The United States, today a sea-to-sea continental nation with citizens and residents whose ancestors lived in every corner of the globe, likewise traces her beginnings to Columbus. As early as 1738 “Columbia” had entered the English tongue as a name for the 13 British colonies in North America that became our original 13 States. Yes, from the birth of our nation it was understood that *it all started with Columbus*. That’s why Columbus matters.

So how did the flat Earth myth get mixed up with the story of Columbus? To understand, one must look, not to the history of Columbus, but to the social history of the United States. It is true that in early America Columbus was revered, however, by the 1820s, with the rise of immigration, especially German and Irish Catholics, native-born Americans, Protestant English, Scots and Ulstermen, found Columbus an increasingly embarrassing hero. He was an Italian employed by the Spanish. Southern Europeans were considered “dirty” and stupid races in the thrall of a superstitious church. By casting Columbus as a beacon of scientific enlightenment, practically a forerunner of Martin Luther, rebelling against a church “stuck in the Dark Ages”, he became an icon of a modern New World.

In 1928, author Washington Irving obliged by publishing *A History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus*. The book became the most popular work on the subject. It held that place until Boston’s Samuel Eliot Morison published his *Admiral of the Ocean Sea* in 1942. Irving catered (whether intentionally, I do not know) to nativist American anti-Catholic bigotry by inserting in his work (Volume I. Book II. Chapter IV.) a lengthy, and largely fabricated, interview of “Columbus before the Council at Salamanca” where the navigator is forced to answer charges of error and possible heresy for denying the “Catholic teaching” of a flat Earth. Irving even throws in a threat of that favorite bugaboo of anti-Catholic bigots, the Spanish Inquisition.

Today we are beyond that sort of blatant prejudice, however, lies about Columbus continue. Last year a public school principal in Somerville wrote of, “atrocities that Christopher Columbus committed against the indigenous peoples.” Some reputable historians, when contacted by the press, set the record straight, basically saying that the school administrator didn’t know what she was talking about. Still, ignorant lies about Columbus come out and are widely publicized every October. When you hear someone disparage the Italian discoverer of America, ask yourself, who benefits from the spreading of this calumny? For it is sure that lies are not spread unless someone benefits from them.

Time for Ruth

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Many years ago, we had a close friend who taught us a lesson that has often served us well in life. Ruth was a very wise woman who, whenever the pressures at work would begin to get out of hand, Ruth would simply announce, “It’s time for Ruth,” and with that she would place a wide brimmed straw hat, that she always wore, on her head, fasten it with a huge hat pin and leave the situation. Ruth would take a walk and return in an hour or so, relaxed and able to deal with the problems that so vexed her just an hour before by seeing it calmly and from a different perspective.

About a week ago we had reached a “Time for Ruth” moment. Phones kept ringing, problems were mounting and nothing seemed to be working out. After three hours of this, we announced to each other, “It’s time for Ruth!” It was then that we put everything aside, jumped into the car and, literally, “Headed for the Hills”. The hills of central Massachusetts and the town of Spencer to be exact. We planned to spend the rest of the day admiring the early fall foliage and doing the simple things that so often bring us to this place that is quite special in our lives.

Halfway out to Spencer, we telephoned our friends Anna and Jim and asked if they would like to have lunch together at a little inn we are very fond of. They agreed and within an hour we were pulling into their driveway. Jim was splitting wood for the winter while Anna was placing it in a pile by their garage. We went through the usual pleasantries and minutes later, after having changed from their work clothes, we were on our way to lunch. The inn we ate at contains one of our favorite restaurants in western Massachusetts and provided a delightful place to spend time with each other.

After lunch, we dropped Anna and Jim off at their home and continued on to an apple orchard that we hadn’t visited for many years. We were delighted to see that it had not changed a bit since last we

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Leaf & Yard Waste 7-Week Collection

Boston Public Works will collect and compost residents’ yard waste

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Place leaves in large paper leaf bags or open barrels marked “yard waste.”
For free “yard waste” stickers, call 617-635-4500 (up to 2 stickers available per household).

Cut branches to 3’ maximum length and 1” maximum diameter.
Tie branches with string.

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 of*

*Annette M.
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GUEST EDITORIAL

This Whole Attack on 9/11 Seems So Infuriating, Doesn't It?

by Sal Giarratani

The more I think about the September 11 deadly attack on one of our embassies in Libya, the more infuriated I get. Why wasn't our security increased prior to this year's 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks? Why does the United States State Department apparently depend on the host country for security of our embassies and U.S. citizens working within them? Is that embassy yet secured and have U.S. Marines been allowed into Libya?

At first I was very upset that it appeared that the entire blame of all the violence both before and after the deadly attack that killed four Americans including our own ambassador, the first death of an ambassador since 1979 in Iran, was being placed on a silly little 15 minute movie. We now know that U.S. intelligence knew within 24 hours that the attack on Libya was a planned attack prior to the rioting in Egypt at our embassy in that country. The intel even had likely suspects out there responsible for the violence and killings.

However, since 9/11, it has only been in recent days that the U.S. has finally called it a pre-planned terrorist attack having nothing to do with an internet movie made in California. I still can't figure out why two days reportedly after the intel was out Press Secretary Jay Carney was still holding press conferences blaming the movie or why four days after that the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice went on five, count 'em, five Sunday morning TV news programs still talking about the damn movie. Were they lying or were they in the dark about the intel information? Who sent Carney out to reporters or Rice out to TV networks passing on discredited information? Was it the White House? Was it the State Department?

To this day, I await a presidential address on what happened September 11 in Libya. I did not appreciate the president's remarks about bumps in the road either. Four dead Americans are not bumps, they are four murdered Americans. President Obama would rather go on TV to talk with David Letterman or Barbara Wa-wa and Whoopi Goldberg on "The View" than tell the American people what happened under his watch.

I also wonder if all the hollering and hoopla at the Democratic National Convention, such as when Joe Biden was saying, "General Motors lives and Osama is dead," played any significant role in the murderous attack in Libya.

Yet, the polls show both President Obama and his

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A Heartfelt Thank You ... from the Mass Hearing Aids for Children Coalition



Hello friends/family,

We are overjoyed to tell you that thanks to our great friends and family, House Bill 52 "An Act to provide hearing aids for children" was signed into law by Governor Patrick on August 7, 2012. The new law can be found in Chapter 233 of the Acts of 2012.

We were included in the ceremonial signing on September 27, 2012.

As a co-founder of the MassHAFCC (Mass Hearing Aids for Children Coalition) with three very good friends (which grew to seven amazing ladies), this has been the culmination of three and a half years of focused effort in conjunction with many professionals and members of the Hard of Hearing/Deaf community. Massachusetts is now the 20th state in the USA to have such a law.

What does it mean? As of January 1, 2013 children under 21 will have insurance coverage for their hearing aids in the amount of \$2,000 per ear every three years. The cost typically runs around \$2,500 per digital aid so this is huge! Ronald, Elisabeth and Alessandra all wear hearing aids in both

ears. I was so shocked, when they were diagnosed three years ago, to learn that the cost wasn't covered by insurance.

What does it cost you, the taxpayer? Interestingly, not very much. The cost analysis came back at 0.04 cents per member per month. So, for the approximate cost of a postage stamp per year, every hard of hearing child in the Commonwealth is covered.

July was very chaotic and the kids were great going in to Boston with me doing various tasks such as sign holding and delivering literature/postcards to legislative offices. The kids can tell you how to get around in the State House now! For all of us, it's been quite a learning experience and a great opportunity to see our government in action in a positive way.

We can't begin to thank you for all the emails and phone calls that you all made. It is possible to change the law!

*With lots of love and appreciation,
 Michelle + Ronald, Elisabeth, Alessandra
 Massachusetts Hearing Aids for Children
 Coalition (MassHAFCC)*

The Italian Center of New York City, Boston Office is Sponsoring Italian Classes

Italian classes will be offered starting October 11th, 2012 using the Sheltered Foreign Language Approach. The Sheltered Foreign Language Approach is a customized program tailored in teaching a foreign language specifically to adults. The program is based on the research conducted by Cummins and Krashen, who indicate that adult learners need visual materials as well as auditory materials to be able to grasp a second language. The research indicates that visual materials constitute an easier way to grasp language and that when auditory language is introduced concepts become more difficult to grasp. The uniqueness of this approach is that it is specifically geared for adults. Generally, lessons are fun and entertaining, allowing the student to feel free to communicate. Making adults comfortable is critical to their learning.

The program incorporates modules and testing materials developed by Robert Trifiletti. To assist adult populations, Mr. Trifiletti has developed lessons which are utilized in teaching Italian to adults. Teaching foreign languages via the computer and through PowerPoint presentations allows students frequent opportunities to practice the languages at home. The exercises are based on communicative competence, helping the students to speak almost immediately. Mr. Trifiletti also has developed modules and drills using the Sheltered Foreign Language Program. Much of the materials that do exist include many commercial books and audiovisuals and do

not even relate to the adults who are learning a foreign language. Instructional materials hardly exist for adults wanting to learn a foreign language.

The instructor is Mr. Robert Trifiletti, born in Italy and has taught in Italy and Spain for the Mangol Institute. He completed his graduate work at the University of the Americas in Mexico, graduated from Ohio State and received his Master at Kent State University. He was employed by the U.S. Department of Education in the Foreign Language Office in Washington, DC where he administers Foreign Language Grants and Contracts to school districts, colleges and universities and the Foreign Visitor's Program and at the same time worked for the Washington Post Company.

The language courses are nine weeks long and will start Thursday, October 11th from 11:00 am to 12 noon. The classes are held on the second floor at the Italian Center of New York City Boston Office at 317 Hanover Street, Boston.

If you are interested, please register in person on Thursday, October 11th 11:00 am to 12 Noon at the Italian Center. Mr. Robert Trifiletti requires students to attend the demonstration to appreciate the requirements of the class and to explain the sheltered approach to foreign language teaching.

There is a \$60.00 donation fee (tax deductible) for the class. All proceeds will be donated to Mother Dolores Hart at the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Connecticut. All materials will be provided for duplication.



Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio



(Photo courtesy of Mario Russo)

Wrapping up Boston Fashion Week.... With all the past week festivities and sneak peeks into the hottest lines, the ICA will close the show with their presentation of "Fashion Forward" on Friday Oct 5th from 5:00-10:00 pm. It will be an amazing evening of art and creativity showcasing some of Boston's most magnificent boutiques, stylists and designers. View lavish styles by Louis Boston, Riccardi, Serenella, Turtle and Uniform — all inspired by the rich color and vibrant pattern found in the works of Brazilian artists Os Gemeos. Hair and make-up will be created by industry icon Salon Mario Russo.

Fresh from their debut of new collections at Boston Fashion Week, designers Michael De Paulo and Tonya Mezrich of mike&ton and designer Daniela Corte join ICA First Fridays: Fashion Forward to introduce styles from their Spring/Summer 2013 collections. Editors

from the culture magazine Bad Day will also be making an appearance to promote the launch of their latest issue, featuring the designer agnès b.

A local favorite will be on site putting the finishing touches on each outstanding style. Salon Mario Russo will be using their expert techniques to complement these designer concepts. Mario Russo has been a part of the New England beauty industry since 1990 when he opened his first salon right here in Boston on Newbury Street. Mario focuses on attention to detail that will create a life of sophistication and glamour. "Everyone has the potential to be beautiful with the right cut and color. It is a matter of selecting a stylist who is intuitive and has been trained to craft a hairstyle that expresses your personal style along with complementing your lifestyle." — Mario Russo

The runway comes to the ICA for ICA First Fridays in the opener where art goes overtime. On the first Friday of the month, there can be guest DJs, live performances, gallery talks, specialty drinks and more. For further information, visit www.icaboston.org/programs/first-fridays/. Tickets for the fashion show on October 5th can be purchased at buy.icaboston.org or by calling the ICA Box Office at 617-478-3103.

Frightful Fridays The leaves are turning and the air is chilly, which must mean Halloween is here. On Friday, October 12, 19 and 26, the Governor Gore Man-

sion in Waltham will be hosting tours for guests that will have a twist of a good old New England scare.

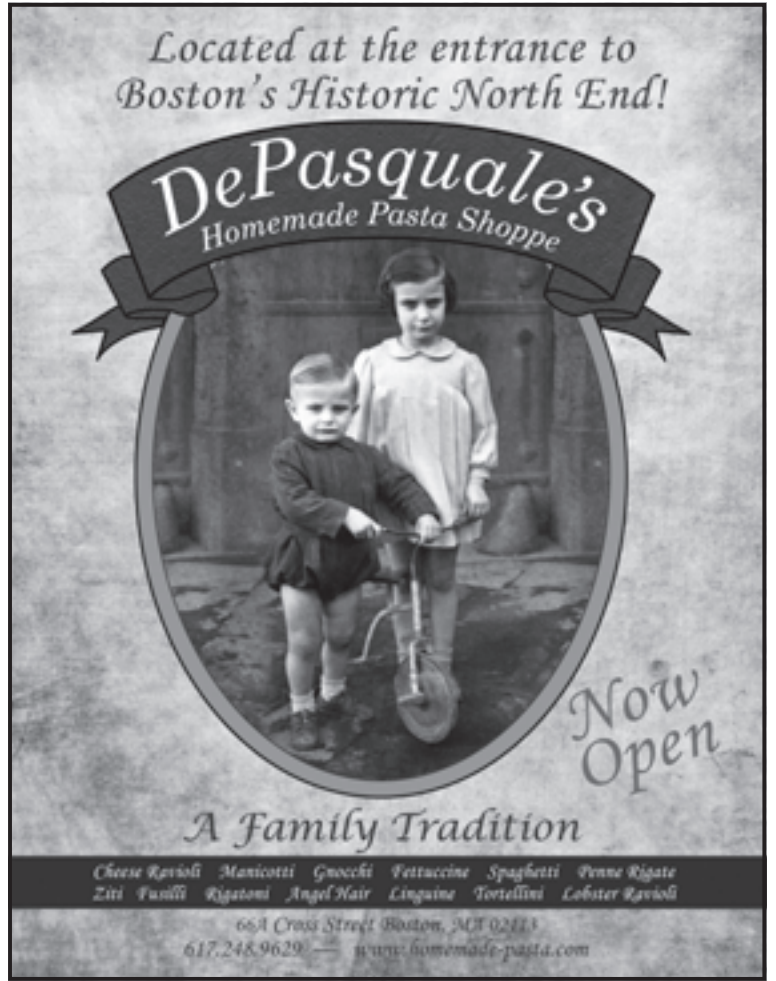
Guides will direct visitors through the 1806 Governor Gore mansion, where they will hear ghost stories from New England and beyond. The tour begins in the gardens and will continue through the mansion highlighting the major rooms of the first and second floor. According to Thom Roach, Director of Programs, "This is a great way to celebrate the Halloween Season! The atmosphere of the house at night combined with the wonderful ghostly tales makes for a fun and informative evening. A perfect date night!"

The Gore Place was built in 1806 and the mansion at Gore Place is considered by many to be a legendary example of Federal Period architecture in New England. Gore Place is located at 52 Gore Street in Waltham, Massachusetts. For information call: (781) 894-2798 or visit the museum's website at: www.goreplace.org. Tour times are 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm. Capacity is limited. For advanced tickets call (781) 894-2798.

NEAD Back to School Party On Sunday, October 21st the North End Against Drugs is teaming up with the Improv Asylum to present their annual Back to School Party. It will begin at 1:00 pm at the Improv Asylum on Hanover Street. All North End families, students, Eliot School and St. John School kids as well as NEAA Players & NEAD sponsors are welcome to attend with their families. This is a free event with a great Improv Comedy Show, pizza from Regina's and musical entertainment by NEMPAC! There will also be a free drawing for all students under 19 in attendance.

Improv Asylum is a comedy theater that features improvisation and sketch comedy. They can be compared to *Whose Line is it Anyway?* meets *Saturday Night Live!* They opened in 1998.

ARTS AROUND TOWN With the summer sun on its way out and the chill of fall on the way in, that doesn't mean all the fun has gone. Boston is a city with so much



to offer between art galleries, music productions, theatre and great restaurants. Don't let a rainy day get you down. Here are a few entertaining things to get out and about.

Soprafina Gallery Founded in 2001 by Frank Roselli, Soprafina opened a gallery committed to exhibiting contemporary art, sculpture and photography. He displays artists like Peter Agrafiotis, Peggy Badenhous, Lucy Clink, Susan Demchak and others. The gallery is located on 55 Thayer Street, Boston and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. You can call for more information at 617-728-0070.

Nick's Comedy Stop Come visit the very spot where celebrity Jay Leno

started out. Being one of Boston's longest-running comedy clubs, they feature national and local acts with headliners on the weekends. Nick's is located on 100 Warrington Street in Boston. You can call 617-438-1068 for tickets and show information or visit www.nickscomedystop.com.

Red Lantern This savvy Pan Asian-style restaurant and lounge right off the Back Bay has some pretty amazing food and drinks. Try Chef Kevin Long's duck buns (thin slow-cooked hoisin barbecue duck with pickles stuffed into taco shaped, fluffy, steamed bread) or a spicy tuna tempura roll. Red Lantern is on 39 Stanhope Street and you can call 617-262-3900 for reservations and daily specials.



Watercolor painting by Susan Demchak



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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

Zazz Says Lush-It-Up for Fall!

Ciao Bella,
Fresh handmade cosmetics from Lush are at it again! The team at Lush makes our world aromatically fragrant and our skin soft and supple. Also a New line of Emotional Brilliance of color adds to brighten our smile! Here are only a few of tried and true NEW and delicious products from LUSH!

SWEETIE PIE SHOWER JELLY — a rich fragrant combo of sugary black currant, Bergamot fruit oil, and sweet cherry! Lathering it up makes showering a joyful experience leaving your body scented perfectly!

LUSTRE — All that glitters is gold! A famous Lush combo of jasmine and Ylang and Ylang perfume make this seductive body softening, glitter power a sprinkle away from fabulous! Use on skin, hair or even between the sheets for wild effects! Shimmer away!

LOVELY JUBBLIES — To keep “our girls” soft, high and supple! Made with avocado to soften and Meadowsweet infusion to tone. Also will keep your décolleté in great shape!

LUSH-ious goodies that I keep in my usual routine of feeling silky and scentual!

KARMA KREAM — Almond oil and cocoa butter are the softening base of delightful scents of cheery orange and exotic patchouli oil! Conditions rough, dry and cracked skin.

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—Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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stupid comments because Republicans hold to antiquated views about not addressing real women's views directly. Don't Republicans know that women make 85 percent of all health care decisions in this country? That many women are forced to be working mothers just to survive these horrible economic times? Most women in this country are neither living in the feminist past nor worried about cultural wars, they are trying to raise kids, hold jobs, etc. The Republican Party needs to address their concerns and offer them solutions. This isn't gender pandering, it is addressing issues of a distinct economic constituency. Kim Strassel is so, so right.

What Has America Become?

Investor's Business Daily newspaper ran a great editorial cartoon recently showing a goggle-eyed high school coed saying, "I know he's like totally arrogant, completely incompetent, has ruined my reputation, lies to me, apologizes to everyone for being with me, hasn't found a job in 43 months, alienated all my friends, thinks he's a celebrity, spends all my money, blames everyone else for his irresponsible behavior but he's like so-o-o-o cool and so-o-o-o likeable ... and he gives me free stuff!"

Yet, this guy is still allegedly leading in the polls as we close in on Election Day. **It Just Grew to 49 Percent**

Mitt Romney got into trouble over his 47 percent remarks secretly recorded while he was at a dinner. The Democratic Left has demonized him for being so insensitive to many folks especially the elderly. While many recipients of government entitlements are the poor and elderly who get subsidized by the rest of working America by an alphabet of programs, I agree with Ben Domenech, managing editor of *Health Care News* who recently wrote "that's only where the entitlement conversation begins, not where it ends." At the Democratic convention, former President Bill Clinton referred to Medicaid as an entitlement for "middle-class families" in his remarks. He was one hundred percent correct. Thanks to President Obama's health care reform and program expansions, Medicaid is now covering more children in families making more than \$60,000 a year.

While most on Medicaid never vote, the middle-class does and putting more middle-class voters on

Medicaid is a successful ploy to get support for those in Big Government who want to redistribute our wealth around town. However, as Rudyard Kipling once observed, prosperity cannot be achieved by "robbing selective Peter to pay for collective Paul."

What no one in the Obama White House or Capitol Hill Democrats wants to answer is a simple question. What happens when the collective Pauls outnumber the selective Peters? If we stay on course and re-elect President Obama to another four years in office, sometime before 2016, the payroll wagon may grind to a halt as too many are riding inside while too few are pushing harder and harder and getting nowhere fast.

Saying Good Bye to Andy Williams

Andy Williams just passed away at age 88. During the 1960s he had a great TV show (1962-71) every week. He had over 27 Top 40 singles in a career that lasted 50 years. "Moon River" was his biggest single but others hits included "Days of Wine and Roses," "On the Street Where You Live" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." I will always remember his rendition of "Ave Maria," which he sang during the funeral Mass for Robert F. Kennedy in 1968. His voice on that day actually brought tears to the eyes of the millions watching that funeral. His voice lifted to the heavens. Now he is in heaven with all the other great singing legends of the past years.

What the Heck is Wrong with the GOP?

Seriously flawed Republican U.S. Senate candidate Todd Akin from Missouri recently got endorsed by U.S. Senator Jim DeMint who is a big Tea Party guy and former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum as a "principled conservative" in his race with incumbent U.S. Sen. Barbara McCaskill, D-Mo. After Akin's stupid remarks about rape, he suddenly became the underdog. Here in Massachusetts, U.S. Senator Scott Brown stated that Akin's remarks were so bad, he needed to drop out of the race. I agreed with Brown. For DeMint and Santorum to support Akin now does not help the Republican Party's image with women. His remarks weren't just

offensive, they were stupid and stupid means just go away. If I lived in Missouri, I would now be voting for McCaskill.

Skewed Polls Tilt Toward Obama

The polls, in my estimation, are overstating President Obama's lead over Mitt Romney. This is a serious question growing for many as several opinion polls show Obama's lead growing but the number of Democrats surveyed call into to question the accuracy of these poll numbers. A recent *Quinnipiac/ New York Times/ CBS News* survey found Obama leading Romney in Florida 53-44 percent and in Ohio by a 53-43 percent. These numbers match up with the 2008 turnout in Ohio but this is not 2008. Meanwhile, Rasmussen Reports daily tracking polls show the race as a 46 percent tie and its tracking of key swing states give Obama a slim 46-45 percent edge. Partisan breakdowns need to be fair and Rasmussen polls are the fairest out there.

Personally, I think the race is closer than it should be since the Republican candidate is such a poor candidate. I knew this was going to happen back in the spring as Romney marched toward the Republican nomination in the primaries. I did like Santorum but after his recent Akin endorsement I'm not so sure anymore. Gingrich was the smartest guy running but he had so much baggage he looked like a UPS truck. There's nothing worse than a smart guy who knows he's smart.

Will Hillary Run in 2016?

I think Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will run in 2016 regardless of who wins this year's fight. Too bad she didn't win the nomination back in 2008 because she would have been a far better president than the loser we ended up with. I really think Obama likes being a presidential candidate far more than being the actually president. I also think the mainstream media treats him with kid gloves and lets him get a pass on everything including his statements about 'bumps in the road.' Four Americans dead are not bumps in the road. Had a Republican made the same statement, we know where the media would have gone with that remark.



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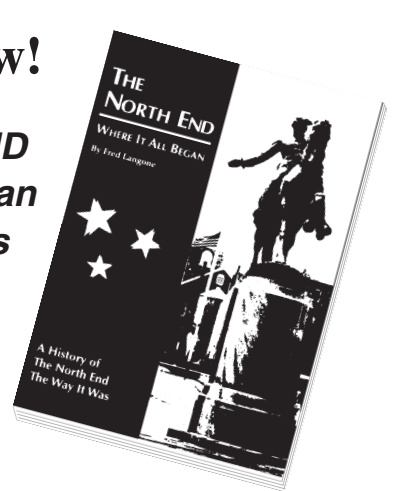
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5TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY FUNDRAISER



It is a special fundraiser that my human companion is going to attend at the Knights of Columbus at 545 Medford Street, Charlestown, MA next to the fire station on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 7:00-11:00 pm. It is being held in memory of my beloved friend Robert Sorrentino, who at the age of four lost his battle with cancer. The name of the fundraiser is "Sorrentino Stompers" because Robert loved the characters from *Toy Story*. A little boy who had so much to offer in life, his memory has never left our hearts nor my

heart or mind since the moment he left us. He will always be remembered as a special gift to us. I can't begin to explain the effect this one child has had on me. I try to understand the concept of a small child having to lose his life to this deadly disease. We continue each year to keep his memory alive and to donate all proceeds to the Jimmy Fund. The Jimmy Fund was founded in 1948 and since then has supported the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Faber Cancer Institute, helping raise the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world. Your support will help fund cancer research and treatment programs. Anyone that is interested to attend is welcome. There will be music, appetizers and an opportunity drawing. Costumes are optional but encouraged. Tickets will be sold at the door. **Your support is greatly appreciated and it is ALL for a good cause.**

Giving support to others is a wonderful feeling! That's all for now.

NEAD, IMPROV ASYLUM'S Annual Back to School Party

The North End Against Drugs (NEAD), in conjunction with the IMPROV ASYLUM, presents our annual Back to School Party to be held on Sunday, October 21st at 1:00 pm at the Improv Asylum on Hanover Street.

All North End families, students, Eliot School and St. John School kids, as well as NEAA players & NEAD sponsors are welcome to attend with their families. Children must be accompanied by their parents or an adult family member. Teens 15 and over can come with a chaperone!

This is a free event with a great improv comedy show, pizza from Regina's and musical entertainment by NEMPAC! We will also have a free drawing for all students under 19 in attendance.

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LUCIA RISTORANTE Celebrates 35 Years on Hanover Street

Enjoy "A Taste of the Times"

Four-course Tasting Menu from their 1977 Menu

Lucia Ristorante at 415 Hanover Street, North End, Boston, is celebrating their 35th anniversary this October by offering "A Taste of the Times" — a four course, prix fixe dinner menu featuring a classic spread from their 1977 opening menu from Sunday through Friday October 8 to October 24 from 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the Massachusetts Restaurant Association's Educational Foundation, which is focused on developing current and up-coming food and beverage professionals in Massachusetts, making a serious impact on the future of the Boston hospitality scene.

Lucia Ristorante has been owned by the Frattaroli family since its opening in the heart of the North End in 1977, when they became one of the first restaurants to bring true Italian cooking to the neighborhood. They have continuously combined traditional Italian-American favorites with daring innovations from Abruzzo, Italy (the Frattaroli's home), many times long before they became culturally acceptable in America. They have always been known to provide an intimate atmosphere for families and friends, which keep not just tourists, but many locals, returning year after year, decade after decade.

Now, the Frattaroli family is welcoming all their customers — families and friends from near and far — back to the restaurant for a month long celebration, giving them another chance to experience the dishes that began their legacy and offering the one time chance to guests who never had the opportunity to do so for the first time. The tasting menu includes:

ANTIPASTI

Cannellini Campagnola: Sautéed cannellini beans, pancetta, with a touch of tomato served with toasted bread

Gamberetti con Polenta: Shrimp sautéed with virgin olive oil garlic and spices over grilled Polenta

Pappa al Pomodoro: Sweet summer tomato soup puree with grilled crostini

PRIMI

Riso con Zafferano e Piselli: Arborio rice stewed with Saffron and peas

Gnocchetti con pomodoro e Basilico: Homemade potato gnocchi sautéed in a light tomato sauce, parmigiano cheese and fresh basil

Maccheroni Chitarra con Funghi e Burro Tartufato: Our handmade signature pasta of durum wheat and eggs, sautéed with mushrooms parmigiano cheese and truffle butter

SECONDI

Arrosto di Vitello: Pan roasted veal, in his own juices, served with roasted carrots and potatoes

Pollo Farcito alla Donato: Chicken breast stuffed with prosciutto, spinach, and mozzarella cheese and lightly breaded, served with red-bliss potatoes, fire-roasted red peppers

Agnello allo scottadito: Grilled lamb chops served with sautéed mushrooms and fried potatoes

DOLCE — Chef's choice.

The four course menu with choices costs \$35 per person. For more information on the event, please call 617-367-2353 or visit www.luciaboston.com.

Grand Lodge Culture Series Presents "THE WIDOW IN WHITE"

In celebration of Italian-Heritage, the Grand Lodge Culture Series, SOI will provide a presentation of a documentary, one of five nominees in the Hollywood category of "Documentary Short Film Category", titled "The Widow in White". Mr. Robert Trifiletti, Director of the Italian Center of New York City, will present a PowerPoint program with commentary of this short film on Wednesday, October 17 at the Burlington Public Library at 7:00 pm.

This is the heartwarming story of two old Sicilians who accidentally meet in Washington, D.C., reminisce about their past lives and quietly acknowledge the hardships of the Sicilian wives that they left behind for America. It becomes the story of the migration of many southern Italian men and the resulting difficult lives of their abandoned wives. The presentation describes how these two men want to achieve four basic virtues in their lives before death: love, forgiveness, conquering fear and closure. It is the little told story of the result of the mass Italian immigration to America at the outset of the 19th century.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow. For further information consult the Grand Lodge website OSIAMA.org or Pat Moreno at morenospat@verizon.net.

The Ciociaro Social Club of MA Annual Dinner Dance



The Ciociaro Social Club was founded in 2001 in Nonantum Village, "The Lake", in the City of Newton. It was created with the purpose of uniting the large Italian-American communities in the suburban areas of Boston. Through social, cultural, educational and philanthropic activities we want to share and pass on the legacy of our

Italian heritage to our future generations. Join us as we celebrate our Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, October 12, 2012, at the American Legion Post 440, 265 California Street, Newton, MA, from 6:30 pm to midnight. Our yearly scholarship will be awarded to a deserving college student that evening. We will enjoy a delicious meal from Maria's Catering and an evening of dancing to live music by The Ambrosiani. For more info and to purchase tickets, please contact Lucia DiDuca at 508-877-0396.

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have an appreciation for the contributions made by Italians and Italian Americans a variety of programs that highlight the extraordinary talents of Italians and Italian Americans. Many of these events are free and open to the public due in large part to the generous donations received from the Italian Consulate, organizations, businesses, libraries, colleges and individuals. In celebration of our culture and heritage, you are encouraged to attend as many as possible.

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An invitation to the community:

Please join us in celebration of
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to come by and congratulate Dr. Taylor!





**THE BIG BANG THEORY:
FIFTH SEASON
(2-Blu-ray+3 DVD)
Warner Home Video**

The geniuses of 'The Big Bang Theory' get thrown for a bell curve in all 24 episodes of the phenomenally funny fifth-season of the hit show. The supernova in the television landscape continues to soar as Penny and Leonard's relationship is re-launched in full "beta test" mode. Sheldon, Howard and Raj discover the feminine mystique is something that cannot be easily graphed or calculated. Sheldon makes begrudging amendments to his "Relationship Agreement" with his 'friend-who-happens-to-be-a-girl' Amy Farrah Fowler. Raj contemplates an arranged marriage and Howard is all-systems-go for both his NASA space launch and wedding to the spirited Bernadette. Also contains three featurettes. Hilarious!!!

**THE TIGGER MOVIE
(1-Blu-ray+1 DVD)
Disney**

Celebrate family, friendship and the eternal magic of childhood with this beloved Disney classic. Back to delight a whole new generation of fans, "The Tigger Movie" is presented on Blu-ray high definition for the first time ever! Follow Tigger on an epic journey to find other Tiggers in his "family tree." Then share the wonder when after a series of exciting adventures, he discovers that families come in all shapes and sizes. The young and the young-at-heart will love this collectible masterpiece filled with original songs and the bonus "Special Edition" will be treasured by the whole family!

**THE PITTSBURGH
STEELERS: BEHIND THE
STEEL CURTAIN (DVD)
NFL Films+
Gaiam Vivendi Ent.**

The Chuck Noll-led, 70's Pittsburgh Steelers were truly a dynasty. In an 11-year span, Noll drafted nine future Pro Football Hall of Famers, won seven division titles and four Super Bowls. The Steelers' image changed forever, from lovable losers to the finest franchise in the National Football League. This DVD goes behind one of the greatest sports dynasties in sports history to show how Noll, Mean Joe Greene, Terry Bradshaw and scores of others came to dominate the NFL in the '70s as the Steel Curtain dropped!

**LOL (DVD)
Lionsgate**

Miley Cyrus and Demi Moore star in this cute modern day technology film that proves — you can change your status, but not your heart. In a world connected by Facebook, Twitter and

YouTube, Cyrus is a teen girl navigating through the peer pressures of high school romance and friendship while dodging her protective mother (Moore) in this fresh, coming-of-age comedy.

**ED WOOD (Blu-ray)
Touchstone Ent.**

Tim Burton's true-life story of the wackiest filmmaker in Hollywood history, Ed Wood. Johnny Depp stars as the high-spirited director who never let terrible reviews or hostile studio executives derail his big-screen dreams. With an oddball collection of showbiz misfits, Ed takes the art of bad moviemaking to an all-time low. Bill Murray, Sarah Jessica Parker and Martin Landau are hilarious in this warm and witty comedy. Enjoy a multitude of madcap moments!

**TIGHT (DVD)
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Four hot adult movie stars attempt to break into rock 'n' roll under the management of industry superstar Bree Olson to form the first all-girl, former porn star, rock band Tight! The question is, will this gorgeous quartet learn their instruments in time for their first gig or kill each other before they even get there? Join Tight's tour in this sexy, hilarious and humor-filled mockumentary!

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The King of Disco. The man with a secret life. The rising star eager to get ahead. The music producer desperate for one more hit. In Montreal in 1976, they all wanted to see and be seen at the trendiest club in town and juggled freedom and tradition, lovers and family drugs and sobriety, fame and anonymity, in a time when excess was the norm, and disco ruled. A soundtrack complete with classic disco hits as, "Disco Inferno," "Don't Leave Me This Way," "Knock on Wood," "Doctor's Orders," "Hot Stuff," "I Feel Love" and "Funkytown." All sure to create a strain of 'Saturday Night Fever'.

**HAPPY ENDINGS:
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The sophomore season of 'Happy Endings' is six best friends navigating life and love in Chicago's hip downtown. Alex and Dave become real friends again, as Jane hilariously tests out her maternal instincts while hubby Brad unwittingly gets a "work wife". Max actually lands the perfect boyfriend that the gang falls in love with. Meanwhile, Penny struggles with everything from birthday curses to '80s-themed scavenger hunts. Laughs all-around Thank you!

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

by Sal Giaratani

**LOOKED LIKE
SOFT SUPPORT FOR HER**

About a week ago, while getting ready to take a left onto Freeport Street from Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester, I noticed during my red light that there were about 30 or so union workers from the Bricklayers Union at the corner by the gas station holding their "Elizabeth Warren" signs for an evening rush hour standout. As I looked at my car's digital clock going from "5:59" to "6:00," every single sign holder just stopped everything, put their signs under their arms and walked across the street to the union building. I guess their support only lasted until the appointed hour of 6:00 pm. I mention this only because on Tuesday, September 25, I was part of a standout in East Boston for Scott Brown along with many others. When the time came to shut down the standout, many wanted to stay longer but Brown and his wife had another commitment to attend.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION
IN MATTAPAN**

Worshippers, politicians and area residents all showed up at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan on September 28 as Boston's largest church celebrated its 30th anniversary and Bishop Gideon Thompson was honored for 40 years in the ministry. Thompson first came to Boston back in 1972 to preach at Shawmut Community Church of God on Shawmut Avenue with a congregation of 41 members. In 1978 he began his quest to serve in a much larger church. At first his services were held at the old Bradford Hotel and then at the Strand Theater in Upham's Corner. At Jubilee he achieved that long ago 1978 dream of his as 6,000 people now attend service at his church. Congrats to Bishop Thompson.

JOHN R. SILBER, R.I.P.

Longtime B.U. president John R. Silber, has passed away at 86. He came to Boston University from Texas back in 1971 while I was a junior at Boston State College. He stayed a long time and turned B.U. into a top-notch national university. In 1990 he even ran for governor against Bill Weld but lost mostly due to his very politically incorrect persona. During that campaign, in a TV interview, he chewed off Natalie Jacobson's head over what he considered a stupid question to ask. Years later, when asked if he had regrets about that interview, it was only that it lasted far too long. That interview hurt him, especially among female voters. He was hurt by a remark he made about the elderly and healthcare costs, when he responded by talking about Eskimos saying, "When you're ripe, you got to go." Lost the elderly vote with that one.

I liked him because he was always honest and upfront. He never pandered or kissed you know what. For many years he and I had a series of letters back and forth. I valued that correspondence we had with one another. He probably would have made a great governor had he kept his mouth shut longer at times.

KITTY KLEARANCE SALE

The no-kill Quincy Animal Shelter recently held a "Kitty Klearance Sale" on Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, the 30th. Adoption reps were available to discuss pet ownership. Currently, the shelter has a record number of kittens in need of loving owners. There were also older cats and dogs up for adoption that day and still are right now. I adopted my older cat "Nica" over two years ago from this shelter and never regretted that decision. If you are interested, you can contract the Quincy Animal Shelter at QuincyAnimalShelter.org or call the shelter at 617-376-1349.

**A GREAT
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
QUOTE TO REMEMBER**

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Might I add, you might just want to start by adopting a cute little pet to love and before you know it, you'll feel better about everything in life!

**HONORING DR. TAYLOR
OVER IN EASTIE**

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center has an open invitation to the community in celebration of Dr. James O. Taylor on the occasion of his retirement and his 42 years of community service. They have declared October 11 as "Jim Taylor Day." Join the neighborhood in celebrating with Dr. Taylor at the health center from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

**LOWER END NOW HAS
UPPER END COFFEE SHOP**

Full gentrification has come to South Boston with the news that Starbucks is coming to West Broadway. The old "Quiet Man Pub" next to Broadway Station will soon be serving up all those vanilla lattes and frappuccinos real soon. Many in Southie say they hoped it was going to be a Dunkin', but take it from this Knight of Dunkin' Donuts, you will love Starbucks. By the way, whenever I get my mocha frappuccino, I always ask for a real blended banana in it. Oh, I still like Doughboy the best.

**SOUTHIE REMEMBERS
VIETNAM VETERANS**

Four-star general and also South Boston-born Joe Dunford joined many Vietnam veterans who showed up in South Boston on September 16th for the 31st anniversary of the South Boston Memorial at Medal of Honor Park. This was the first war

memorial in the country dedicated to Vietnam veterans. Southie never forgets its own. Always and forever! As General Dunford told the crowd, "We remember their service, their humor, their friendship and we remember how much we miss them."

**SEAN FOLAN
TV SHOW FUNDRAISER**

A fundraiser will be held on October 20 at 7:00 pm at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury with music by Margaret Dalton and Erin's Melody. For more info, call Sean at 857-719-6979.

**UPCOMING
WILBUR EVENTS**

On October 6, Bob Newhart will be at the Wilbur Theatre and then on October 12, celebrate the real Columbus Day with "Tower of Power Average White Band." For more information, log on to thewilbur.com.

**BPD HONORS
MOTORCYCLE UNIT'S
FALLEN**

On September 16th, the Boston Police Department marked the 100th anniversary of their Mobile Operations Patrol Unit (MOP Unit) with a long procession of motorcycles. Riders gathered inside Fenway Park and rode throughout the city to honor the men of the Motorcycle Unit killed in the line of duty. There have been, thank God, only six deaths in 100 years and each of them was reverently remembered. The American Police Motorcycle Museum honored the six police officers by furnishing six motorcycles from the years of their deaths.

**SOUTHERN DISHES
TO YOUR LIKING**

Over in West Roxbury, where I dine often at the West Restaurant, right across Centre Street is the "Red-Eyed Pig" with down home, southern and barbecue food. You'll keep coming back for more. It is difficult not to pig out here. For more information, call 617-325-1700.

**OVER AT THE
CITI PERFORMANCE
ARTS CENTER**

Coming soon to the Citi is "Chicago" with Christie Brinkley and John O'Hurley. They will be there November 1-4 for shows not to miss. Meanwhile, Jerry Seinfeld will be there live on November 17. For more information, go to citicenter.org.

**FIRST ANNUAL
ALZHEIMER'S AUTO SHOW**

"Hot Rods for a Cure for Alzheimer's First Annual Car Show" on October 6. It takes place at Atria Marina Place and Marina Bay Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from noon to 3:00 pm. There will be a great '50's band playing those great oldies. Trophies for best cars and don't forget the Quincy Police canine demo. Seaport Drive in Marina Bay, Quincy.

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The Torre Dei Passeri Mutual Benefit Society OF QUINCY MASSACHUSETTS

by David Saliba

AT THE BEGINNING ... A small group of immigrated Italian male citizens with tremendous foresight as to the economic problems which may beset their families if they were unable to remain healthy and continue supporting themselves, decided to band together and mutually aid one another should such a crisis befall their homes.

AT THE BEGINNING ... It was decided to enlist as a unit in the Order of the Sons of Italy in America. However, in the year 1932 they decided to leave this order and attempt an organization of their own. How well they did organize! The choice of a name for the organization was relatively easy ... TORRE DEI PASSERI ... the name of the town in Italy most of the men had immigrated from.

AT THE BEGINNING ... Financial assets were low but courage was extremely

high. This same intestinal fortitude formed the foundation of the highly successful mutual benefit society which exists today — one of the most financially sound and consistent in membership of all mutual benefit societies in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are able to now boast of several third generation members.

AT THE BEGINNING ... Thoughts were only of financial aid and assistance to any brother and his family in legitimate need but as membership increased so did the need for socializing and entertaining in the "Old Country" style. How well some of we second generation members do remember events of our childhood: The annual family picnic with busload after busload of families with enough good food to last from early morning until late in the evening when the buses returned ... the singing.

AT THE BEGINNING ... Necessity for mutual financial assistance sustained membership in the society. As the second generation membership allows our third generation members to assume the responsibility of continuing the great tradition of the society, PRIDE becomes the cause for continuance. PROUD of our heritage and

The Torre Dei Passeri Mutual Benefit Society of Quincy, Massachusetts will be celebrating our 90th anniversary on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at 7:00 pm at the Sons of Italy Hall at 120 Quarry Street, Quincy, MA. You must agree that this is a very unique accomplishment for this category of organizations.

For ticket inquiries, please call the president, Joseph Puopolo at 617-775-8301.

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It Appears the EBT Card Carrying and Kool Aid Crowd are Backing Obama, Warren and Company

Listen, growing up I came from a working class family that struggled on a daily basis just to survive like most of my neighbors in lower Roxbury and Boston's South End back in the '50s and early 60s. My dad worked as a medical worker at old Boston City Hospital for over 35 years. My mother was a former factory worker who, during World War II, took a job at the Charlestown Navy Yard when all the guys went off to war. After my parents were married, my mother stopped working to become a full-time housewife and mother of two boys. She used to laugh when folks said it must be nice not working since she knew that being a mother and taking care of the house was actually work too.

Their working class values came from their own parents. One grandfather from Sciacca in Agrigento, Sicily came to America and took a laborer's job laying down railroad tracks. My other grandfather from West Cork was a longshoreman on the Charlestown waterfront. They believed in the value of hard work. When my Sicilian grandfather died suddenly at age 45, my grandmother was left with four little children to raise. She went to work since she had little choice. There were no EBT cards of free stuff coming her way. You survived with family mostly on your own. When immigrants left Europe they often thought American streets were lined with gold but there was very little gold to be found. Whatever there was they earned the hard way after long days of working up a good sweat.

My father survived the Great Depression working for the W.P.A. laying sidewalks and building bridges over in Readville. When he

married my mother in 1947, she was the first Irish American in the Giarratani family.

My father made sure his boys went to college. He had earned his high school diploma as an adult going to evening classes. Both my brother and I graduated from Boston State College, something that made my parents quite proud. My brother even went on to graduate from New England Law School becoming a lawyer. My parents saw their children rise higher than them and that was the expectation back in my youth.

Over the past four years our expectations as a nation have dropped. We now have a government that doesn't seem to get it. The most parents can hope for today is that their children will not fall backwards. Our children should do better than us but with college so expensive and work so scarce, there is little hope for increased prosperity. I don't blame President Obama for all that has gone on but when I hear him say something such as, "As president, I bear responsibility for everything that happens...to a certain degree" I just want to scream out loud, "Go home to Chicago, Hawaii or wherever you come from. You haven't done the job." Unemployment stays steady around 8 percent. Some 24 million Americans have no job or prospects to get one. Forty seven million Americans are on food stamps, a rise of 15 million since President Obama entered the White House. President Obama and Democrats who support him demonize business and foment class envy. These continue to be the worst of times since the Great Depression and no one's sing-

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L'Anno Bello:

A Year in Italian Folklore — Embracing Darkness

by Ally Di Censo

My dad always tells me a story about his childhood back in the Abruzzi region of Italy. He lived in a mountainous village on the outskirts of Sulmona, where sloping hills gently preserved the tiled houses and narrow streets into a serene, fairy-tale existence. However, once the early fall nights descended upon the village, these very mountains acquired a sinister appearance in the shadows, resembling a many-humped slumbering dragon. In his story, my dad is riding his bicycle home at night, winding through the country lanes flanked by these vigilant mountains. He hears wolves howling in the distance — after all, the story of Little Red Riding Hood originated from such European wildernesses. His heart races as his bicycle zips through a bend in the

road which local lore warns is haunted. Such a ride would scare me silly, but whenever my dad recounts this story he does so with laughter and the kind of theatrical voice reserved for scary bedtime tales. He sounds as if he would love to go back for one more nostalgic bicycle trip one more time.

I had my own surprising encounter with darkness a few weeks ago, one which initially gave me no grounds to smile. A wind storm caused the lights in my house to flicker ominously a few times before blowing out completely. As I inched my way from my family room to my kitchen, grabbing blindly for tables and chairs to guide me, I struggled to adapt my eyes to the utter darkness in front of me. Perhaps I watch too many episodes of *Ghost Adventures* and

Haunted History, but I was afraid that something frightening would materialize from the shadows. Beneath all the fear, however, I was also annoyed. The power outage had disrupted a television show I wanted to see with my mother and I had planned to take a shower shortly after. Now both would have to wait. Finally, my mother lit a candle and the previously pitch-black kitchen turned into a golden nook where the walls seemed to dance with faint spangles of light. Our conversation turned to the olden days, when such early darkness simply would be a part of everyday life for people. I gathered the courage to glance outside my large living room window, noticing that my street seemed strangely unfamiliar, what with the houses blended into a dusky gray

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

So what is new? Soda vending machines in schools and other public buildings can run up significant — and often hidden — municipal electricity costs, according to a study released last month by Northeastern University's Public Health Advocacy Institute. "The Hidden Energy Cost of School Beverage Vending Machines" finds that a typical machine costs \$437 for electricity per year. The cost tends to be even higher for older, less-efficient models. The Northeastern study recommends maintaining an accurate count of all vending machines in public buildings — an inventory that many communities currently lack. Once the list is compiled, local officials are encouraged to carefully review all contracts with soda-machine owners.

All vending machines have weaknesses or special codes contained in their programming that allow the vending machine engineers to open them up, diagnose problems, and get them to deliver free soda and snacks faster than the Japanese can make Toyotas.

Fertility booster! Healthy young men can improve sperm quality simply by eating a couple of handfuls of walnuts daily. Men ages 21 to 35, who ate about half a cup of walnuts a day for 12 weeks, were able to improve the quality of their sperm — including fewer sperm abnormalities. Researcher Wendie Robbins, at the UCLA School of Nursing, said walnuts are the only nuts with omega-3 fatty acids, which have been linked to better sperm quality.

Citrulo! Winning the lottery is becoming a hassle for one Virginia man, who was grumbling that cashing in his second big-bucks ticket in just three months was old hat and he'd have to pose for more photographers! "The second time is a little more routine," complained Joseph Sylvester, of Arlington, after he hit for \$100,000 in the Lottery Cash 5 game in July — matching the jackpot he'd won in April. "Gotta get my picture taken again." According to Virginia Lottery officials, the odds of winning the top prize are 1 in 278,256. The complacent double winner used his first windfall to pay off some bills and buy a new truck. He didn't say what he'd do with his ho-hum second \$100,000.

Ah, money! Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston says, "Nowadays everybody is putting their money where their mouth is — to kiss it goodbye."

The astute Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "In the old days a woman married a man for his money, but now she divorces him for it."

The great, brilliant hunk, Kyle Waters of Swampscott says, "If your youngster asks how Santa Claus gets into your house, tell him he comes in through a hole in daddy's wallet."

Weird! Dentist Caroline Stern and her beau George Hess got bagged by New York cops — for dancing at a subway station! Caroline, 55, and George, 54, a movie prop master, were headed home after a late night jazz concert at Lincoln Center and began doing the Charleston to a street musician playing steel drums at the nearly empty Columbus Circle station. Suddenly, officers showed up and demanded: "What are you doing?" When Caroline replied: "Dancing," they told her: "You can't do that on the platform." The officers demanded IDs and when Caroline could only produce a credit card, they insisted the couple had to come with them. George pulled out a camera and the officers called for backup. George was tackled and both he and Caroline were cuffed and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. After spending 23 hours in jail, the case was dropped. Now the outraged sweethearts are suing the city. Says Caroline: "It was absolutely ridiculous that this happened." We agree!

The attractive and astute Lucille Monuteaux says, "When some men dance they're all feet and when they stop they're all hands."

Some interesting, useless information. Hans Christian Anderson, author of many famous fairy tales, was word-blind. He never

learned to spell correctly and his publishers always found errors in his manuscripts. People in Iceland read more books per capita than any other people in the world. Influenza got its name from the fact that people believed the disease was because of the evil "influence" of stars. The slang word crap comes from T. Crapper, the man who invented the modern toilet. The oldest word in the English language is *town*. The only contemporary words that end with *-gry* are *angry* and *hungry*. And only four words in the English language end in *-dous*: *tremendous*, *horrendous*, *stupendous*, and *hazardous*. One more time! There are about five thousand different languages spoken on Earth.

Ah, Francis X. Bellotti! He once said: "... elderly deserve secure retirement free from inflationary worries ... we must create a broader income base ... the young deserve honest answers to their questions ... we have to replace speeches with action ..." And in 1965 Bellotti believed it was time women had equal employment opportunities.

Some friends asked me about *Globe* columnist Joan Vennoch's background. In brief, Vennoch joined the *Globe* in 1977 as a research assistant on the *Globe's* investigative Spotlight Team. She is a graduate of Boston University (1976), Suffolk Law School (1984) and a member of the Massachusetts Bar. After graduating from Boston University, Vennoch worked at the Thomaston (CT) Express, a small weekly paper and the Danbury (CT) *News-Times*. In 1980, as a member of the *Globe's* Spotlight Team, she shared a Pulitzer Prize that the *Globe* won for a Spotlight report on waste and mismanagement in the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). She has also worked as a general assignment reporter, Boston City Hall Bureau Chief (1984), State House Bureau Chief (1986) and covered the 1988 presidential campaign. She joined the *Globe's* business reporting staff in 1988 and began writing her column in July 1991.

The Great Italian-Americans of the Past: Philip Mazzei-Constantino Brumidi-Luigi Palma Di Cesnola - Francesca Xavier Cabrini - Amadeo Peter Giannini- Fiorello H. La Guardia - Enrico Fermi - Arturo Toscanini - Guglielmo Marconi - Enrico Caruso - Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti - Rudolph Valentino. Be aware, because of space limitation we could have added hundreds and hundreds more names of contemporary Italian-Americans. Yes, names like Anna Maria Alberghetti, Don Ameche, Frankie Avalon, Frank Capra, Perry Como, Frank Sinatra, John A. Volpe, Joe Garagiola, Ben Gazzara, Frankie Lane, Mario Lanza, Louis Prima, Johnny Desmond, Connie Francis, Liberace, Alfred Drake, Carmen Cavallaro, Tony Conigliaro, Rocky Marciano, Sal Mineo, Liza Minnelli, Jimmy Durante, Phil Rizzuto, Rocky Graziano, Henry Mancini, Frank Fontaine, Tony Franciosa, and Tony Bennett.

Show business reminiscing with the handsome, stately musicologist Albert Natale. Billy Rose's credentials showed a wealth of talent in many directions. He was a lyricist, producer, showman, broadcaster and syndicated columnist. He wrote the words for such standards as "Barney Google," "Does the Spearmint Lose Its Flavor On The Bedpost Overnight," "Don't Bring Lulu," "Me And My Shadow," "Back In Your Own Back Yard" and many others. "Tonight Show" bandleader Doc Severinsen played with Charlie Barnet, Sam Donahue and Tommy Dorsey in the late 1940s. David Seville, of "Chipmunks" fame, also worked as a composer under his real name Ross Bagdasarian. His compositions include: "Armen's Theme," "Witch Doctor" and "Come-On-A-My House."



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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Tomato Sauce with Meat

"Macaroni with the Gravy"

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| 1 twenty-eight-ounce can of crushed tomatoes | 1/3 cup vegetable, canola or olive oil |
| 1 eight-ounce can of tomato paste | 1 teaspoon dried basil, or 3 fresh basil leaves |
| 1 medium onion chopped | 1 or 2 pounds meat of your choice |
| 1 garlic clove chopped (optional) | |

Suggestion of meats and combinations:

- Ground beef or turkey for meatballs
- Meatballs and lamb stew meat
- Meatballs and veal stew meat
- Meatballs and Italian pork sausages
- Lamb stew or veal stew meat and Italian pork sausages
- Cut-up chicken portions

Heat oil in saucepan and brown meat in pot. After browning all portions, remove and set aside. Drain excess oil if desired, to limit the amount of oil in the sauce. Add chopped onion, garlic, and basil to saucepan. Simmer until onion is opaque. Garlic should not brown. Add crushed tomatoes and stir thoroughly. Add half a cup of water if mixture appears to be too thick. Cover and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for about fifteen or twenty minutes. Stir occasionally to prevent mixture from sticking to the bottom of the saucepan. Then add tomato paste and stir thoroughly. Fill empty tomato paste can with water and stir water into sauce. Cover pot and simmer slowly over low heat for another twenty minutes. Then add browned meat. Cover and cook slowly until meat portions are tender.

Remaining sauce freezes well.

NOTE: During my years of experience in cooking, I have found that the taste of a tomato sauce varies with the kind of canned tomato used. My advice is to experiment with the variety of kinds of crushed tomatoes available today until you acquire the taste that pleases you. Try using a combination of meats in your sauce also, to vary or enhance its flavor.

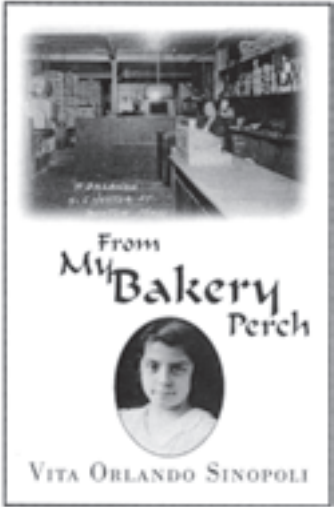
Whenever I need a tomato sauce for preparing eggplant, veal or chicken cutlet parmigiana, I cook up a batch of this tomato sauce, eliminating use of meat or tomato paste.

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• Time for Ruth (Continued from Page 2)

were there. We shopped at their country store, picked up some apples and left for Saint Joseph's Abbey to attend Vespers. Purely by chance, we ran into an old friend at the Abbey who has been a member of the monastic community for over fifty years. It was great to spend some time with him, listen to his ideas on the world as it is today and finally receive his blessing.

Vespers began promptly at 5:40 and, as always, was sung beautifully. After completion we took a quick walk around the grounds and left for home. The rain had never let up through our entire day away from home, yet our mood had brightened completely and in conversation driving home we spoke of Ruth and the wisdom of our old friend who always knew when to say, "It's time for Ruth!"



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A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I was talking about returning home from Hollywood, California. Dad had taken over the lead of my band at a Waltham supper club called Piety Corner Gardens. I had started working at Piety Corner a couple of years earlier, playing on weekends for the dancers and dinner patrons who frequented the nightclub portion of the complex which included a dining room, a function room, a night club and a blues bar. The owner, Steve Santamaria, often had local acts of entertainment which I had to back musically twice a night as there were two shows per night on the weekends.

After I returned, Dad turned the quartet over to me and Mr. Santamaria changed the ad in the *Record American* (a long-gone Boston nightly tabloid-sized newspaper). His advertisement listed the entertainers appearing that particular week and included the blurb: "Just back from Hollywood, the Johnny Christy Trio." The group was a quartet, but I wasn't going to argue the point. I was well-paid and treated like part of the family.

One night the unthinkable happened. Steve Santamaria asked his son to close up as he wasn't feeling well. After his son locked up, he headed home and fell asleep at the wheel. I don't remember what he hit, but he was killed instantly. His father was never the same. He changed the format for the night club. He took us off the weekend schedule, cancelled the singers, dancers and comedians and hired the KopyKats, a musical group that entertained and played dance music. He asked me to switch to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and just play dance music. Those were the quietest nights of the week for musicians so we were glad to accept the changes. This allowed us to work independently for other people on the weekends and not lose touch with other band leaders and musicians.

Those next few months were difficult for Steve. As an example, I would be playing the last tune of a set and a waitress would come on the stage and whisper, "Mr. Santamaria wants to see you in the office when you take your break." I would

turn the stage over to the intermission pianist and head for the office. The first time this happened, I didn't know what to expect. I entered the office, was told to sit down and was poured a scotch on the rocks. Mr. Santamaria would then talk about his son and begin to cry. From then on, this scenario repeated itself at least one of the three weeknights I was there. Mr. Santamaria was never the same after his son was killed. Within the year, Piety Corner Gardens would close for good. Today there is a public storage complex on that same spot.

Last week I mentioned that, after my return from Hollywood, I went on the road with a Motown group that happened to be passing through Boston minus a bass player. This was just before I returned to Piety Corner Gardens. The group was called the Uniques and I agreed to play with them that summer with the stipulation that I would leave when the Labor Day weekend arrived. I had been invited to the Cape for Labor Day and took the offer. I drove from Caribou, Maine, to Belmont, unpacked my stage clothes, repacked my Cape Cod clothes and headed south. The friend who had invited me was waiting and we went out for a late night dinner. When we returned to the cottage he had rented, he showed me my bedroom as I couldn't keep my eyes open. I was awakened an hour or two later by a loud muffler. I jumped out of bed, looked out the window and saw a gray Jaguar two seater with about five people squashed into it. When they were all inside, I, with one eye open, was introduced to the group. The driver was Dean Saluti.

Dean and I hit it off right away. He, at that point in time, was working at the Kenmore Club in Boston's Kenmore Square. He was a bartender at Lucifer's, the busiest of the three night clubs in the complex. He was also a graduate student at Boston University, working on a doctorate. He had an apartment on Bay State Road and the job at the Kenmore Club paid for his tuition and the apartment.

We became fast friends that weekend and as I explained my complex career of teaching school, play-

ing music, modeling and acting, he tried to convince me that I should return to school for a doctorate, seeing I already had obtained a bachelors and two master's degrees somewhere along the line. When the weekend was over, we all headed back to Boston. I began another year teaching at Hyde Park High School and playing at Piety Corner Gardens on the first three nights of the week. I let several band leaders know I was back and easily found weekend work. This meant I was going to continue to be as busy as usual.

That winter, Babbononno passed away just as he reached his 98th birthday. Not long after, Mr. Santamaria closed Piety Corner Gardens for the last time. After the death of his son he wasn't the same and, in reality, didn't care about the business any longer.

When all was said and done, I called Dean Saluti. I hadn't spoken to him since that Labor Day weekend during which time he tried to convince me I should return to school for a doctorate.

As a result of that call, Dean and I met for dinner and when I expressed interest in applying to Boston University for entrance to a doctoral program he outlined what I should get myself in. I followed his suggestions, called the people he mentioned, took one of the necessary exams to get in and became a thirty-something college student.

With beginning a new educational adventure that winter, I cut back on playing music, accepting jobs only on weekend nights. During the week, I taught school and then headed to class at B.U. I undertook a new and demanding schedule which meant that something had to be put on a back burner ... and that was Hollywood. The TV shows I had acted in were now out of production and into re-runs. Bob Blasser and I remained partners in the production end of things but, as a performer, he was doing comedy bit parts for several shows, nothing more elevated than that. I thought it out and knew that I had made the right choice for the future.

There was one negative point in the entire mix. Boston schools began their court ordered busing and the problems began. South Boston High School was the scene of rioting, but they only had about 200 to 300 students who attended class during the boycott and the fighting. I was at Hyde Park High School. We had the same problems with about 1200 students involved. Southie got all of the publicity, but we had worse problems. To be continued ... GOD BLESS AMERICA

• Editorial (Continued from Page 3)

Republican opponent Mitt Romney to be an almost dead-heat. Why? Our foreign policy is in a shambles. Our embassy was just attacked. Four Americans killed. One of them our ambassador. Our Marines apparently yet to arrive at that embassy in Libya. Yet the president still looks good in the polls? Doesn't anybody care about all of this? What does it take to get the mainstream media to look like anything but

Cuban-style government media? If George W. Bush was president right now with everything I described going on, you can bet the media and the Democrats would be all over the guy. Our president is a Democrat and he gets a pass time and time again.

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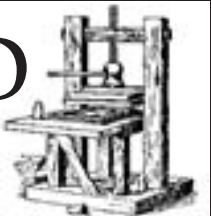
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LONGEVITY - ACHIEVABLE WHEN EATING FISH! If anyone wishes to live a long life, it is necessary to eat less red meat. Its consumption, on a regular basis, increases overall the risk to die young, whether by cancer or cardiovascular pathologies. If, on the other hand, we select a diet that strongly focuses on eating fish and white meat, the risk of early death is considerably reduced, a little more for men than for women. Good results can be attained by cutting short the portions of red meat consumed.

The above-described data comes from a study published not long ago on the magazine ARCHIVE OF INTERNAL MEDICINE authored by An Pan of the Harvard School of Public Health, in Boston. The above study goes further than any previous ones conducted on the effects that red meat has on the human body. The researchers followed the lifestyles of 37,698 men and 83,644 women for about 28 years during which time 23,926 of the men and women died, 5,910 due to cardiovascular afflictions and 9,464 to cancer. The researchers also estimated that mortality increased about 12% every time a portion of red meat entered the body, 13% for meat cuts improperly prepared, such as canned meats, hamburgers, etc. However, when a portion of red meat is replaced by one of fish, or poultry, dry fruits (walnuts, almonds, etc.), legumes or cereals, the risk of death is reduced by 7% when eating fish, 14% when eating poultry, 19% with dry fruit, 19% with legumes, 10% with reduced or fat free dairy products, 14% with most cereals. The researchers estimated, and documented, that during the monitoring of the study the deaths would have certainly been prevented — 9.3% and 7.6% respectively for men and women — if all the participants had consumed less, or 0.5 daily portions of red meat. Ergo, if you want to live to a long, ripe age it is solely up to you to choose the appropriate food. Remember the old adage: We Are What We Eat!

ABOUT THE RED ORANGES: THE ELIXIR OF LONG LIFE? Researchers of the European project ATHENA have identified the genetic mechanism that controls the healthy benefits of Sicily's unique red oranges, some kind of innate secret of the citrus family. The particular taste of the red orange is truly unique and very much appreciated. It contains a very high amount of antociamine, a powerful antioxidant that gives the particular red color to the fruit. These fruits are, therefore, at the top of any group of nutrients. The researchers of the ATHENA, mostly Americo Bonanni and Marialaura Bonaccio of the "John Paul the 2nd Research and Treatment Foundation of Campobasso, Italy, have identified the "Ruby" gene, responsible for the elevated contents of antociamine of the red oranges and have discovered that these genes interact with the particular climate of Sicily to produce these highly healthy colored fruits.

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

ing "Happy Days are Here Again" yet.

Recently, four Americans died in Libya and the president, secretary of state and others are blaming a stupid YouTube video for setting off violence and murder in the Middle East and North Africa rather than holding those who commit such brutalities responsible. When the president should be reaching out to world leaders especially our allies in the region such as Israel, he goes on "The View" and chats with Whoopi Goldberg and Barbara Wa-wa.

Our country is in a mess, the world is in a mess and we have President Obama and his Democratic supporters in both House up on Capitol Hill who seem more vested in controlling more actions of the American people. Who still stands for limited government? It seems everyone in Washington is all about attaining power and keeping it from us. Soon government will only be answering to itself and become a government of, for and by the government. Thomas Jefferson warned of this day centuries ago when he said, "When the people fear their government, there is tyranny, when the government fears

the people, there is liberty." Jefferson was right back at the birth of this nation of free people.

Here's something to chew on. Mitt Romney wasn't that far off track but got himself derailed in delivering that message about the 47 percent who pay no taxes. Actually, his number was wrong; the actual number according to the US Census Bureau is 49 percent. If Obama gets a second term, by 2015, there may be more Americans receiving government checks than paying tax bills. What happens when there are more people in the wagon than pulling it? What happens? We become a democratic socialist nation, that's what happens. The dreams of both Michael Harrington who authored "The Other America" back when I was attending college and who led the Democratic Socialist Party USA and Norman Thomas, head of the American Socialist Party will have come to pass.

According to our president, the short-term debt causes no immediate concern but he did say long-term is something else. Our long-term national debt has now risen to \$16 trillion and growing by \$3 billion every single day. Closet Democrats

• **L'Anno Bello** (Continued from Page 4)

color and the slate-hued clouds strikingly visible in the sky. I suddenly felt a kinship with my ancestors, those who planned their days according to the rhythms of light and darkness and gathered around flickering candles in the night.

This past Saturday, September 29th, marked one of those wonderful little-known seasonal holidays, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Known as Michaelmas in England and *La Festa di San Michele l'Arcangelo* in Italy, this holiday was a sumptuous affair in the Middle Ages, filled with banquets of autumnal harvest delicacies. In England, goose still remains the traditional plate of the day, and it is even said that those who eat goose on Michaelmas will have financial prosperity all year long! However, along with its gastronomical pleasures, Michaelmas also officially signaled the time of

the year when the nights grew progressively darker — prime time for spooky encounters like my father's evening bicycle rides in Sulmona.

I thought of Michaelmas the day my power went out. My Italian ancestors of the pre-electrical days would not have seen this early night as a nuisance, but rather a necessary part of the yearly cycles of this season. This fall, I urge myself and everyone else to embrace the darkening autumn nights rather than fear them or complain about them. The dark, after all, has its unique qualities and pleasures. It allows us to observe the twinkling wonder of a starry sky. It brings our families together at home, cozy and warm, sharing each other's company. It fills us with the shivering excitement of the world's mysteries, whether they be the howling of wolves on a rural road or the don't-

• **Stirpe Nostra** (Continued from Page 2)

by the month and monthly interest was paid on the first day of each month. Notice of intention to recall a loan was given on the Ides (13th or 15th of the month) and reimbursement took place on the first day of the following month. The regular rate of interest under this system was one percent monthly, or twelve percent per year.

The accumulation of large fortunes in Rome at the end of the Republic lessened the rate of interest that was charged. The chief field for usury was then directed towards the provinces, where the inhabitants were compelled to raise loans at any

price because of exorbitant taxes. Justinian, the great Byzantine Emperor, was the one who eventually fixed a permanent interest rate in ordinary investments at six percent, in commercial enterprises at eight percent, and in bottomry (previous unlimited) at twelve percent.

It is certainly a great mystery to me why our ancestors were so concerned about money and interest. All they had to do was to look to their government leadership like we do. If you need more money...just print it...how simple can you get?

NEXT WEEK:
Even Funerals Have Roots

in Congress and the White House cannot continue to sustain such debt and spending. We cannot also tax our way out of this mess. Remember that wagon I just spoke of above? It is time for some fiscal sanity to take route which is why, as a conservative Democrat, I find it difficult to vote for socialists disguised as liberals.

I wish I had more confidence in Mitt Romney but he still is not Barack Obama. As for back home, I am not only voting to re-elect Scott Brown to a full term in the US Senate, I am working hard to get him to that goal. Too bad that so many trade unionists are out there holding Elizabeth Warren signs at standouts. I think when most of these rank and file union guys go to vote, Brown will do okay, like he did in 2010.

We need a new president but not because we are not better off today than we were four years ago. We need a new president because as bad as today's economy has come, things can only get even worse four years from now. We can't undo the past but we can plan for a better future with another guy in the White House. This guy needs to go before we become the world's poorhouse.

look-now allure of the paranormal. Most importantly, the darkness makes us appreciate the light even more — both the literal light of day and the light that blossoms inside each of us when we take a moment to enjoy life's veiled treasures.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P3505EA

Estate of
OLIVIA STARR RODDA
Date of Death April 11, 2011
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Andrew N. Rodda of Reading, MA, Andrew N. Rodda of Reading, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12D3940DR
**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING**
GRACE L. MURITU
vs.
ELI SANCHEZ

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Kenneth C. Onyema, Esquire, Cambridge Lawyers Group LLC, 340 Main Street, Suite 712, Worcester, MA 01608** your answer, if any, on or before **November 6, 2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 25, 2012
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/5/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12D3819DR
**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING**
MARIA IZABEL BATISTA SILVA
vs.
JOSE CARLOS DA SILVA

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Maria Izabel Batista Silva, 46 Union Avenue, Apt. 3B, Framingham, MA 01702** your answer, if any, on or before **October 30, 2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2012
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P4220EA
**Estate of
JONATHAN L. SAMEN
Date of Death August 20, 2012
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Cynthia I. Samuelson of Lexington, MA**, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
And also requesting that **Cynthia I. Samuelson of Lexington, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on October 16, 2012**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2012
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/5/12



Seventh No-Hitter a Gem

The 2012 season saw seven no-hitters thrown. The latest, on September 28 by Homer Bailey of the Cincinnati Reds, was a gem of a game. Nine innings, 1 walk, 10 strike outs. For the year Bailey was 13-10 with a 3.75 ERA. It seems

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI10D0110DR
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
MARIE BALAN, Plaintiff
vs.
GREGORY FRANCOIS, Defendant

To the above named Defendant(s):
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking a Modification.
You are required to serve upon **Marie Balan** - Plaintiff - whose address is 43 Fremont Court, Arlington MA 02474 your answer on or before **November 6, 2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.
WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 25TH day of September 2012.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11D1059DR
**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING**
CHRISTINE CATHERINE WRIGHT
vs.
WILLIAM JAMES WRIGHT

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Daniel Louis Factor, Esquire, The Equal Justice Factor, P.O. Box 2424, Acton, MA 01720** your answer, if any, on or before **November 6, 2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 25, 2012
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P3346EA
**Estate of
MARIAN F. WEEKLY
a/k/a MARIAN FORSYTH WEEKLY
Date of Death June 14, 2012
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gordon D. Weekly of Arlington, MA**.
A Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Gordon D. Weekly of Arlington, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



nowadays not just the best pitchers around throw no-hitters, which definitely is a change from the past.

Meanwhile, R.A. Dickey

R.A. Dickey became the first knuckleballer to win 20 games in more than three decades and tied his career high with 13 strikeouts leading the New York Mets over the Pirates on September 27. The 37-year-old, who hadn't won more than 11 games in any previous season, is 20-6 in 2012. He also led the NL with 222 strikeouts. He is the first knuckleballer to win 20 games since Houston's Joe Niekro did that in 1980 and is the first New York Mets pitcher to win 20 games since Frankie Viola in 1990.
He began the 2010 season with Triple A Buffalo and had to prove he belonged in the big league, and now he looks like he's here to stay.

Time to Say Bye Bye to Aceves for Sure

Reliever Alfredo Aceves was quite horrible this past season as a closer, set-up or long relief. Not a good season for the former NY Yankees guy who looked like such a winner when we picked him up in baseball's bargain basement. This year at 2-10 with a 5.40 ERA it does not appear he will return next year. His reported antics didn't help either. I wonder if that was why New York gave up on him so what we thought was prematurely? It is pretty hard to %#@&^ at the manager when you seem to stink so badly.

As a Baby Boomer I Saw the Roster for the All Fenway Park Team and ...

I wondered why two players, first baseman Pete Runnels and catcher Bob Tillman did not make this team. Back during those God-awful years of my youth, these were

two consistently outstanding players who made all those losses seem not that bad. As for Curt Schilling, I think the only reason he made this team was that bloody sock in 2004. What about Bill Lee?

Remember All This?

The NY Yankees slugger Babe Ruth set the season homerun record at 60 homers in 1927. It was not until the 1961 season that another NY Yankees guy, Roger Maris, hit 61 home-runs to set the new HR record and then only with an asterisk next to his accomplishment. That was also a span of 34 years between records. In 1998, Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit 70 homers, breaking the mark set by Maris 37 years later. However, it would only take three years for San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds to set the new record at 73 homeruns in a single season. Of course, now we look back at the late 90s and into the early 2000s as the so-called Steroid Age where enhancement drugs seem to destroy the credibility of baseball stats. They gave Maris an asterisk because he played in a 162 game season, eight more games than back in 1927. However, no asterisks for McGwire or Bonds. Sometimes things aren't really fair, are they?

"Knuckleball" Is a Perfect Pitch

According to a movie review in the September 18 issue of *G Magazine*, "Knuckleball" got three and a half stars from the *Boston Globe's* Ty Burr. The movie, starring Tim Wakefield, Fenway Park and others is now playing over at the Coolidge Corner Theatre in Brookline. It is unrated with only one swear word and plenty of sunflower seeds to choke on. Much of the film looks at the very painful to watch attempt by Wakefield to win his 200th

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The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P3707EA
**Estate of
RUTH DADISKOS
Date of Death May 10, 2012
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stephanie Dadiskos of Weston, MA**.
A Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Stephanie Dadiskos of Weston, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12D2719DR
**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING**
AZENAIDE SOARES FRAPPIER
vs.
DAVID WAYNE FRAPPIER

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Jose Joaquim Macedo, Esq., Law Office of Jose J. Macedo, 392 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141** your answer, if any, on or before **November 6, 2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 25, 2012
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/5/12

Regrets, He Had a Few?

Here's a great Frank Sinatra-esque quote from Bobby Valentine on his year in Boston. Said Bobby, "Regrets not much, I would've done differently ... other than I think I would've kept the beer in the clubhouse. I could have used it after a few of these games this year." Then he flashed the mouthful of teeth looking like a TV commercial for toothpaste. I am surprised his teeth didn't rot away this past season. I felt sorry for him and the pain he had to endure with a team that started rotting away last August 31 and took it all the way through the entire 2012 season. How did the best team in baseball on August 31, 2011 go so bad so fast and why? Sounds like an episode of "Twilight Zone" with Rod Sterling with his monotone voice asking "Why?" Whatever dimension the Sox fell into, at season's end they still haven't escaped yet.



CORNER TALK

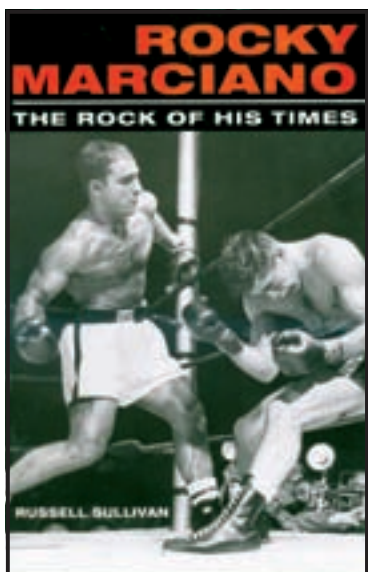
by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano Record "Remains Supreme!" at 49-0-0, 43 Kayos!



"Undeclared Rocky Marciano, the Fighter who Refused to Lose," by Everett M. Skehan. A quote from this great book. "The vivid brawling story of the real Rocky, the greatest slugger in the history of Boxing." *Sports Illustrated*

Many say that the heavyweights of now are much too big (tall), for the heavyweights of earlier times. Hum! Is that so? Jack Dempsey at 6' 1", weighed 189 lbs., and defeated 6' 6¼" 250 lb. Heavyweight Champion Jess Willard by KO in 3 on July 4, 1919 for the World Heavyweight Title. On Octo-



"Rocky Marciano: The Rock of His Times," by Russell Sullivan. Another great read on Rocky Marciano. From Introduction: A Man for His Time.



Boxing Illustrated, November 1972, Tragedy Stalks the Heavyweights, page 12-15 article titled, "Heavyweights of the Fifties, Stalked by Tragedy ... Machen the latest in line — after Marciano, Liston, Folley, Savold" by Lew Eskin.

ber 12, 1931, 6 foot, 196 lb. Jack Sharkey won a 15-round decision over Primo Carnera in Brooklyn, New York and lost the World Heavyweight title to the same Primo Carnera on June 29, 1933 by KO in 6. Jack Sharkey was later defeated by World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis 6' 1¾", 198 to 207 lbs., who won by KO in 6 over 6' 6", 260 lb. Primo Carnera on June 25, 1935, and KO'd 6' 4" 254 lb. Abe Simon in 13 rounds March 21, 1941 in Detroit and again on March 27, 1942 in New York. On January 9, 1942, Joe Louis KO'd 6' 6", 250 lb. Buddy Baer in round one. It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog! World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano was champion from September 23, 1952 to April 27, 1956 when he announced his retirement. He could have knocked out any heavyweight if he caught them. An article from a major boxing magazine, from years gone by read, that the punch of Rocky Marciano was equivalent to that of an armored piercing shell.



"Champions Boxing Guide," by Stephen B. Acunto. On the cover great champions Muhammad Ali, Willie Pep and Rocky Marciano.

Ouch! If Rocky Marciano caught heavyweights, with one of his haymakers, they'd be sleeping. Fighters of now and of any era. He could have knocked any out if he caught them. Ding! His style of fighting? Defensive as well as offensive. He knew what he was doing. He did what he did with intent, and for a reason. There were many tall, large heavyweights from yesteryear. Size does not make a fighter a champion. It's what you've got in yourself that makes you a champion.



The Great Fight Team of Allie Colombo, World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano and Charlie Goldman.

Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez Did it Again ...

DiBella Entertainment presented a boxing card at Foxwoods where Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez did it again. He's still undefeated 22-0 with 15 KO's. He defeated Jason Escalera (13-1-1), 12 KO's, by stoppage at 12 seconds in the eighth.

Vic Darchinyan (38-5, 27 KO's) convincingly won by unanimous decision over Luis Orlando Del Valle (16-1, 11 KO's), for the NABF super bantamweight title. 99-91, 99-91, 96-94.

Antonin Decarie (27-1, 8 KO's), won by TKO 2:54 in the sixth round, defeating Alex Perez (16-1, 9 KO's).

Danny O'Connor of Framingham (18-1, 6 KO's) defeated



Undeclared 22-0-0, 15 Kayo prospect Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez off of his latest victory as a fighter at Foxwoods. He's a rising star.

Josh Sosa (10-4, 5 KO's) stoppage at 33 seconds of the third. Danny O'Connor was relentless in this bout.

From Quincy, undefeated "Polish Prince" Ryan Kielczewski (14-0, 2 KO's), fought Jeremy McLaurin (9-4, 5 KO's), and defeated him in 6 rounds by decision.

Luis Rosa (11-0, 6 KO's) stopped Victor Valenzuela (8-4, 1 KO) in the sixth.

Sonja Lamonakis (7-0-2, 1 KO) defeated Tanzee Daniels (4-2-1, 1 KO) in a 6 round female heavyweight match.

Issac Chilemba (20-1-1, 9 KO's) defeats Rayco Saunders (22-17-2, 9 KO's) over 8 rounds.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



AS THE COLLEGE HOCKEY SEASON BEGINS — Jerry York, the head coach of the defending NCAA Division I champion Boston College Eagles indicates that the formula for success is working as a team.

"We really push the team aspect," noted the veteran mentor who enters his 41st season as a college coach and his 18th behind the BC bench. "I know I sound something like a little league coach but it's true. We've become very good at leaving our egos at the door. Our players really feel that team goals are important for them."

York continued, "In our recruitment we make that very clear that we've got team goals here. We're not trying to make you a Hobey Baker award winner at BC. If it happens, it happens. We've got players that could do that but we really push the team aspect."

That emphasis on team objectives has translated into the Eagles winning three national titles within the last five years and being the top picks in both the preseason national rankings and the Hockey East media poll this fall. In the national rankings BC starts the season co-ranked No. 1 in America with the University of Minnesota. The Eagles collected 476 points and 20 out of 34 first place votes while the Gophers also finished with 476 points and 12 first place votes.

Fans won't have to wait until the NCAA playoffs to see the debate settled. The two teams will meet on December 30th in Minneapolis.

BC also finished atop the preseason Hockey East poll, far outdistancing other schools in the conference. However, as we all know, the conference has a way of pulling its own surprises, so don't expect easy street for the Eagles during the regular season. Another team or two could rise to the top before the Hockey East playoffs in March.

But make no mistake, BC is strong, returning 15 lettermen from last year's national championship squad that won 33 games. BC will open the regular season on the road, going to Matthews Arena to face Northeastern on Saturday, October 13.

York also noted that Hockey East as a conference has become much stronger over the years. He reflected back on the days when BU, BC, New Hampshire and Maine ruled the proceedings. "Now it's so deep you really have to look at a lot of different schools in our league. It makes us all better, I think."

York also discussed returning senior goaltender Parker Milner, "He is really focused. That's my impression when I talked with him. He could have an outstanding season. But it's unrealistic to have him play 40 games for us this year." That means there's an added emphasis on the

backup slot as a pair of sophomore netminders — Brian Billett and Brad Barone — duel it out for the second spot.

When York climbs behind the bench on opening night he will begin the campaign as the winningest active coach in Division I with 913 victories. The Eagles will then go west to meet UMass in Amherst on Friday, October 19 and return for their home opener at The Heights the very next night — October 20 — against Northeastern.

That will be a big night as the Eagles raise the National Championship banner in a final tribute to last year's title team. Then it will be time to deal in earnest with the present and whatever the new season brings.

CELTICS MEDIA DAY — The annual ritual that serves as the start of training camp was held at the Celtics practice facility in Waltham on September 28. There was a good deal of cheer since, of course, this year's season will start on time.

The camp began with a good omen. The last time the Celtics took an international overseas trip during training camp was back in the fall of 2007. That was followed the next spring by the Green winning the 2008 NBA title.

This time the Celtics are visiting both Turkey and Italy with games scheduled against local pro teams. It's all part of the globalization effort of the NBA. What the Celtics really use such a trip for is a team bonding exercise.

They will return shortly after Columbus Day for additional practices in Waltham. The first preseason game against an NBA opponent is scheduled against the New York Knicks in Hartford on October 13. The first home preseason game has the Brooklyn Nets visiting the Garden on October 16th. The only other home preseason game is set for October 21st against the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Celtics will open the regular season on the road — facing the defending NBA champion Miami Heat on October 30th. The home opener will take place on November 2nd when the C's host Milwaukee.

ON THE DIAMOND — Veteran Trinity College baseball coach Bill Decker has been named the new coach at Harvard. Decker, who coached at the Connecticut-based school for 22 seasons, takes over the position formerly held by Joe Walsh, who died suddenly of a heart attack back on July 31st.

Decker compiled a 529-231 (.696) record while at Trinity, winning five conference championships, advancing to the NCAA Tournament nine times and winning the 2008 Division III national title. Trinity finished with a stellar 45-1 mark that year.