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as an American ...*

**TUESDAY,  
November 5, 2013**

*Your vote does count ...*

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Now Who's Talking About an Obamacare Delay?

Apparently, when Republicans in the U.S. Senate like U.S. Senators Ted Cruz, Mike Lee and Rand Paul were talking defunding or at least delaying the implementation of the individual mandate in Obamacare, the liberal Democrats on Capitol Hill and the sucking up to them liberal news media were calling such talk the actions of a lunatic fringe of extremists waiving the Tea Party banner. Now it appears with the website to sign-up crashing from the moment it was turned on back on October 1<sup>st</sup>, there are now many Democrats reportedly including U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH talking about postponing the individual mandate and no one is calling her a racist or a member of the fringe element of anarchists who hate Obama because he is Black. Now to postpone is made to sound reasonable. I guess Democrats must always be reasonable and never fringy. Shaheen now understands seemingly how wrong it is to penalize the uninsured who are unable due to website woes to sign up.

### Chancellor Doesn't Like Getting Spied On

Now, Chancellor Angela Merkel feels like the rest of us getting spied on by the NSA and she doesn't like it one bit. She joins others like the President of France and many other heads of state that seemingly have fallen under the microscope

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## ABCD Calls on HHS to Release Fuel Assistance Funds Thousands in Boston Literally Waiting in the Cold for Relief

### Government Shutdown May Slow Release of Funds

Cold weather has arrived and thousands of low-income seniors and families are worried about how they will heat their homes.

Normally the ABCD Fuel Assistance program opens on November 1, with oil trucks rolling to low-income households as the weather turns cold and payments to utilities preventing shutoff of gas and electric service in homes where families, struggling to survive, have fallen behind on their bills.

But this year, citing the disruption of the government shutdown, the federal Department of Health and Human Services has not yet allocated funds to the states to provide fuel assistance to low-income elders and working families eligible for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program.

The program cannot open until officials at the Commonwealth receive notification from HHS of the availability of LIHEAP dollars and authorize ABCD and other fuel assistance providers to begin the heating assistance program.

ABCD and other providers of fuel assistance in the cold northern states are very concerned about the delay. Already ABCD has received more than 12,000 applications for heating assistance. Last year over 21,000 applications came in over the length of the program. Across the state, more than 200,000 households receive fuel assistance.

"It's truly a matter of life and death for many people who have no extra money to pay for heat. With oil prices at near-record highs, it's a tough situation," said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew.

He noted that the government shutdown is over and a Continuing Resolution is in force, requiring fuel allocations at last year's levels. "I don't understand why the funding for this desperately needed program is delayed," he said. "Poverty data released by the Census this fall shows increased poverty, with 15 percent of Americans or 46.5 million people living below the poverty level of \$23,550 for a family of four. In those homes there is just not enough household income to pay for the bare necessities."

Drew said that these families regularly

are forced to choose between heat, food, medicine and paying their rent.

Based on last year's allocation, families with incomes below the federal poverty level are eligible to receive the maximum fuel assistance benefit. Last year that was \$1,125. With current oil prices near \$4 a gallon, which will not even fill an oil tank once.

### Forward funding from Massachusetts

The Commonwealth is considering "forward funding" fuel assistance legislation that would provide funds to get the program started while waiting for federal funds to arrive. The state would then be reimbursed.

Drew urges quick passage of that bill. "We need to get help to those who cannot turn up their thermostats," he said. "I urge the legislature and Governor Patrick to make that money available. A direct state supplement of \$20 million, that didn't have to be paid back, would be even better."

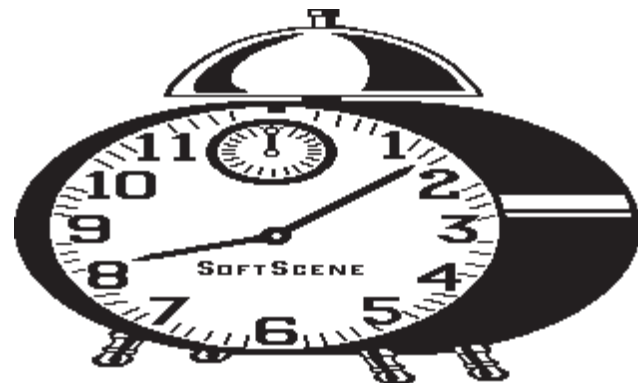
He noted that the program is cost-effective. "Without adequate heat, people get sick and end up in emergency rooms. Children can't do their schoolwork in a freezing apartment and get poor grades. Space heaters cause fires and take lives. Providing these funds, this program immediately is the right, moral thing to do and, in the end, it saves money."

Families who qualify for heating assistance also can benefit from ABCD's weatherization programs and qualify for repair or replacement of faulty heating systems. ABCD also helps clients improve energy usage.

ABCD's Fuel Assistance program serves Boston, Brookline and Newton. Applications for fuel assistance and information on all its energy programs are available at ABCD's downtown office and any of its Neighborhood Service Centers or by calling the ABCD Fuel Assistance Hotline at 1-617-357-6012. Information is also available at the ABCD website: [www.bostonabcd.org](http://www.bostonabcd.org).

For a list of ABCD locations, please visit: <http://www.bostonabcd.org/service-centers.aspx>.

**Spring  
Ahead**



**Fall  
Back**

Be sure to move your clocks **BACK** one hour  
on Saturday night November 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Also ... Replace the batteries in your Smoke Detectors*

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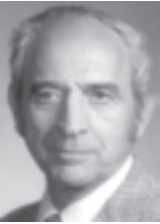
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A weekly column highlighting some  
of the more interesting aspects of our  
ancestry...our lineage...our roots.



JOHN F. KENNEDY



**DATE OF BIRTH:** May 29, 1917

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Brookline, MA

**DATE OF DEATH:** November 22, 1963

**PLACE OF DEATH:** Dallas, TX

**SPOUSE:** Jacqueline Lee Bouvier

**PRESIDENT:** January 20, 1961 - November 22, 1963

*The 35<sup>th</sup> and the youngest of our elected Presidents,  
And next in line of all White House residents;  
Was the man we all know as J.F.K.,  
They say it was fate that sent him our way.*

*Due to legislative setbacks he worked days and nights,  
Then broke his logjam and advanced civil rights;  
Proved to the nation that his intentions were real,  
When he stood toe to toe with big U.S. Steel.*

*He took all of his bumps and those dirty digs,  
About that fiasco called "The Bay of Pigs;"  
But shortly thereafter amid loud cheers and whistles,  
Invoked the Monroe Doctrine on those Cuban missiles.*

*In less than two years he could not have done more,  
Alliance For Peace, New Frontier and even a Peace Corps.  
Then when he thought it was time for a ball,  
Along came the Russians with that damned Berlin wall.*

*Jack and his Jacqueline set a real noble pace,  
They were put on a pedestal and in a glass case;  
Thanks to her the White House never looked so nice,  
She even got rid of those little white mice.*

*They say J.F.K. was warned about Dallas,  
A city that was loaded with those bent on malice;  
The same fate set the timing on that Texas roadway,  
Where a cowardly assassin blew our leader away.*

*Not many persons on the face of this earth,  
Know all about Jackie from the day of her birth;  
She was taught the three R's and the Golden Rule,  
While attending a private and exclusive school.*

*The fates and the destinies gave that big wheel a whirl,  
And had her assigned as a news camera girl;  
For the Times-Herald News, in Washington D.C.  
Where she first met that man, her husband to be.*

*The meeting was tagged as a great success,  
When she was spotted shopping for a new wedding dress;  
Then came the big day let no man besmirch,  
They took solemn vows in St. Mary's Church.*

*The third youngest First Lady to live in the White House,  
Tried hard to find ways to compete with her spouse;  
Her tasteful decorations were admired by all,  
When Uncle Sam foots the bill you can have quite a ball.*

*Other contributions were her receptions so grand,  
The talent displayed showed the Kennedy hand;  
It was on November 22nd when America cried,  
That was the day that J.F.K. died.*

*After a respectable wait of five years or so,  
She was off to Greece to become Jackie O;  
Some people are prone to tragedy and tears,  
Her marriage to Aristotle lasted six and one half years.*

*Then back to New York and her literary pursuit,  
Very little fanfare, and no horns to toot;  
Nineteen years later, after her all and her best,  
Next to J.F.K., she was laid to rest.*

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Call Me a Taxi

The story goes that humorist **Robert Benchley**, upon asking a man outside of the '21' Club to call him a taxicab, was informed that he was an admiral for the U.S. Navy. Benchley responded, "Well, then call me a battleship." Taxis, being more directly relevant to the average *Post-Gazette* reader than are battleship, let's talk about taxis.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino this past week released a Taxi Consultant Report, commissioned by the City of Boston and prepared by independent consultant. Issues identified in the report —

Poor performance in response to trip requests. When a customer requests a trip only 78% of the requests are completed and only 87% of the served trips are picked up within 20 minutes of the call.

There is unmet demand during peak hours. Regardless of what neighborhood needs service, many report that during rush hour, late

nights on weekends and during inclement weather, it is difficult to get a cab.

Rates are either difficult to access or are confusing. While base rates but not all charges are displayed on the passenger information monitor, some customers have difficulty finding the rates and those that are able to find the rates may not realize they are displayed over multiple pages. Additionally, there is specific confusion over (1) large vehicle charge of \$6:00; (2) distinctions between Logan Airport and East Boston that affect an additional \$2.75 charge; and (3) the \$2.25 Massport pool entry fee to customers.

Massport staff indicated a desire to have a flat rate structure to/from airport, as they have received complaints from out-of-towners.

Insufficient, undersized, and unknown taxi stands. Taxi customers and taxi drivers alike could benefit

from additional and strategically located taxi stands that are better marked and better advertised.

Little assistance and public education/information. Visitors and local customers alike have little guidance as to the approximate fares.

Wheelchair accessible vehicles are not compliant with City of Boston standards, are not regularly inspected and are not readily available.

I don't know why the city had to spend money on a study. Any resident could have told them that Boston does not have enough taxis and that the ones we have are in poor repair and smell. The fares are the highest I know of in any American city and are impossible to understand. And, in my experience, wheelchair accessible vehicle are not "not compliant," they are "non-existent." And, yes, during rush hour in the rain you are about as likely to hail a battleship as a taxi.

All Saints Day

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Christians have been honoring saints and martyrs since at least the second century AD. Initially the calendars of saints and martyrs varied by location, with churches honoring local saints, gradually feast days became more universal. The first reference to a general feast celebrating all saints occurs with Saint Ephrem the Syrian (373AD). Saint John Chrysostom (347-407) assigned the first Sunday after Pentecost to the feast where in the Eastern Churches the feast is celebrated to this day. In the West, this date was probably originally used, and then the feast was moved to May 13<sup>th</sup>. The current observance (November 1) probably originates from the time of Pope Gregory III (741AD).

It was on May 13, 609 or 610, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon at Rome into a Christian church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs establishing an anniversary to celebrate the event. The Pantheon was a famous pagan temple generally considered to have been built by the Emperor Marcus Agrippa about the year 27 BC. The Roman historian Pliny tells us that Agrippa dedicated the Pantheon to Jupiter the Avenger, later the temple was repaired by Septimus Sererus and his son Caracalla.

The feast of All Saints, on its current date, November 1, is traced to the foun-



dation by Pope Gregory III (731-741) of a chapel in St. Peter's for the relics of the holy apostles and of all saints, martyrs and confessors, at which time the celebration of the feast was moved from May 13<sup>th</sup> to November 1.

The Church established All Saints Day to commemorate all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. The following day the Church celebrates All Souls' Day commemorating the departed faithful who have not yet been puri-

fied and reached heaven, the faithful on earth can help them into heaven by prayers, alms giving and especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven.

All Saints' Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church.

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## John A. "Jeep" Delpriore

John A. "Jeep" Delpriore of Boston's North End passed away on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

John was the loving son of the late Angelo and Pasqualina (Fabiano) Delpriore, dear brother of Nancy Stern of Medford, Victoria Pagliuca of Revere, Anthony of New York, Angelo of Boston's North End and the late Teresa Pannese, Mary Giardinella and Michael Delpriore. Brother-in-law of Rosemarie Delpriore of Winthrop, companion of the late Lena Luciano. Also survived by his many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass in celebration of John's life was held in St Leonard Church on Hanover Street, Boston. Services concluded with John being laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Massachusetts. Arrangements by Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston, Massachusetts.

— May He Rest in Eternal Peace —

## ATTENTION: North End Residents & Business Owners

GVW work on the MassDot Vent Building at 201 North Street, North End, Boston.

Panel deliveries and installation will take place **November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup>** between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.

There will be **NO PARKING** during this time in front of the Vent Building (approximately six parking spots will be affected).

Any concerns or questions, please contact Myles Blain of GVW at 617-567-6000, ext. 312.

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## The North Bennet Street School

### Opens a New Facility in the North End

The availability of two adjacent buildings, with a total of 65,000 square feet of industrial space in Boston's North End, provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build the expanded facility North Bennet Street School (NBSS) has long needed while retaining its historic ties to the North End neighborhood. The new facility provides code-compliant and energy-efficient spaces for the school's training programs and the ability to expand public programs and increased visibility in the city. For the first time in decades, the school has space for the entire school to gather, enhancing the educational experience for students and strengthening the sense of community.

In January 2012, the City of Boston advertised for developers for two surplus buildings on North Street. In May, 2012 the school's offer to the city was approved. The purchase included a property swap with the city. North Bennet Street School's historic home on North Bennet Street will become part of an expanded campus of the successful Boston public K-8 John Eliot School.

Renovation and new construction at the site, designed by Kennedy Violich Architecture and built by BOND, began in late 2012 and the school opened at the new facility on September 9, 2013. The schedule was tight and the obstacles many but a committed team of designers and contractors met weekly to ensure the project's success.



(Photo by Kennedy Violich Architecture)

"The process often seemed like an act of faith on everyone's part, but it was the result of the coordinated efforts of a large team of specialists, working together and each counting on others to fill in critical parts of the puzzle." Miguel Gómez-Ibáñez, NBSS president

Not only did the school meet its construction goals, they launched and completed a capital campaign, raising more than \$17 million to purchase and renovate the building. Opening the new facility nine months after construction started, with fundraising goals not only met but exceeded, is a tremendous accomplishment that would not have been possible without the dedicated and forward thinking campaign donors who shared the vision of a reunited school.

The building dedication is Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at 150 North Street followed by a public Open House, November 8-9.

Event speakers include: Charles Kline, Chair of the Board of Directors, North Bennet Street School; The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston and Miguel Gómez-Ibáñez, President, North Bennet Street School.

Located in Boston, North Bennet Street School offers intensive, hands-on training in traditional trades and fine craftsmanship, helping students to achieve meaningful lives and livelihoods. North Bennet Street School was incorporated in 1885 in Boston's North End as North Bennet Street Industrial School. North Bennet Street School offers full-time programs and workshops in bookbinding, cabinet and furniture making, carpentry, jewelry making and repair, locksmithing and security technology, piano technology, preservation carpentry and violin making and repair. Visit <http://www.nbss.edu/index.aspx> for more information.

## POWERFUL TEEN MESSAGE at Nazzaro Center



**Kevin Sheehan, substance abuse clinician with the Department of Corrections and former client James McSorley.**

In their ongoing efforts to educate youth about the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse and to stress alternative adolescent activities, **North End Against Drugs** and the **Nazzaro Center** recently hosted a workshop at the center conducted by **Kevin Sheehan** a substance abuse clinician who works in the Criminal Justice Services department of the AdCare Hospital. Kevin is no stranger to the Nazzaro Center. He has two daughters in the youth program and regularly brings his message to the youth there. And again, as he has in the past, Kevin brought a former client with him, **Jimmy**



**Nazzaro Center youth listening to James McSorley's account of his life of drugs and crime.**

**McSorley**, late of the mean streets in Charlestown. After a brief introduction by Kevin, it didn't take Jimmy long to connect with the 25 teens through his stories and anecdotes about a life on drugs. The portion of Jim's narrative that seemed to have the most powerful effect on the teens was how his choices had such a devastating effect on the people he loved most...yet he still couldn't stop his destructive behavior! The audience was visibly moved by Jimmy's accounts of his criminal activities, his betrayal of family and friends and his ultimate salvation. And although Jim's been clean for a year now, he very adamantly stressed that he considers

himself a recovering addict for life who must guard at all times against falling back into the trap of addiction and that the best way to conquer addiction is to never become addicted at all.

Statistically speaking, it is almost certain that a percentage of the 24 youth who attended this workshop will dabble with substance abuse at some point in their lives on some level. Yet, the mandate of NEAD and the Nazzaro Center is to knock that percentage down, hopefully to zero, by whatever means possible. To that end, North End Against Drugs and the Nazzaro Center will continue to sponsor events such as this on a fairly regular basis.



L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore  
From Graveyards to Cookies: Italy's Day of the Dead

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

A baker is walking home on the night between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day when she passes by a church, lit up like a beacon in the dark. Entering inside for Mass, she quickly realizes something feels off. A neighbor warns her to get out — a neighbor, that is, who has been dead for several years. As the baker hurries to leave this Mass of the dead, she frightens herself so much that she loses her voice. So goes one of the many stories pertaining to All Souls' Day from my father's region of the Abruzzi, collected on the Italian website [www.sehaisetediluce.it](http://www.sehaisetediluce.it). In Italy, the twin holidays of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, falling on the first two days of November, brim with superstitions and creepy tales of the supernatural. Since ancient times, these have been feasts honoring the dead, and the Italians

embrace these celebrations with gusto, food, and shivers of excitement. Halloween continues to grow in popularity among Italians, but the following days devoted to saints and the deceased still maintain their traditional, spooky customs. These feasts comprise some of the most important winter celebrations in Italy and their spine-tingling lore reverberates among Italian society. I first became acquainted with All Souls' Day through Spanish class. In Mexico and other Latin American countries, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is *Día de los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead. We celebrated in class with decorations of flowered skulls and fancily-dressed skeletons, altars and cinnamon-spiced *pan de muertos*, or bread of the dead. Later, my father introduced me to the Italian customs pertaining to *il Giorno dei Morti*, which also means

Day of the Dead in Italian. All across Italy, people visit cemeteries on this day, cleaning and repairing graves and bringing offerings to deceased relatives. In my father's region of Abruzzi, neighborhood children may trek from door to door, offering prayers for the dead in exchange for treats of autumnal fruit, nuts and candy. The people of Puglia, from where my mother's family hails, set dinner tables for the souls who are returning to their former homes on the eve of this feast, replete with place settings, food and wine. As everyone falls asleep, they know that the dead are enjoying the banquet. Sicilian children can expect to find tiny presents and candy from the souls of the departed when they wake up in the morning of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All of these traditions stem

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THINKING  
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

Pretty Good for Someone with Age on Him

Recently, I was over at a gas station getting my gas for \$3.25 a gallon. A price that was a sight for sore eyes. While limping over to pay for my gas, a young driver doing likewise asked me what happened to my left leg. I told him about two weeks ago, I fell off a ladder and twisted up my left leg pretty bad but it didn't go snap, crackle and pop. He looked amazed and said, "You must be in great shape just to be walking around." I told him I try to stay healthy and active. He told me I looked pretty great for "a guy with age on him." All I could do was laugh at that comment. He meant it as a compliment but it didn't come out sounding so well to me. I thought about how I had been feeling since retiring and turning 65 years old. So far, so good. My only job since April 30<sup>th</sup> is selling steak and cheese, hot dogs and sweet Italian sausages to patrons down at the Quincy Market in Boston late at nights. I figure if I could deal with the mentally ill, I could deal with slap-happy college students. I've actually waited on a former client or two down at the stand. The guy I work side-by-side with is Mike and he is retired from the Suffolk County Jail. One time a former client of his was also a former client of mine. After all, it is a vicious cycle for some who struggle with their lives. I can also tell you this — I

enjoyed this summer, the beach every hot day. A nice Sicilian tan for me and plenty of down time to relax and enjoy life. I also got real healthy after having a sugar issue. I changed my habits and lifestyle, eat smarter and exercise as much as I can. My sugar issue disappeared. My blood pressure went way down and I dropped 30 pounds too. I feel great, alive and enjoy my life at 65. Recently, I covered a Golden Age Club meeting as a reporter, not as an old guy. I guess I take after either my mother or my Uncle Nealy. My ma always said being old is five years from now. My uncle belonged to a senior club called Forever Young which he was until the day he died. Hey, we all want two things. We want to go to heaven but not today and we never really want to feel old. I am planning, God willing, to play first base again for the West End Softball League in 2014 and I will still be using the first base mitt I bought at Raymonds Department Store in Downtown Boston back in 1965 when I played first base for the St. Philip Phillies in Roxbury. I don't run as well and my hitting now has become more a matter of timing and luck but I can still field the ball and play the game. All this simply because I don't care about how much age I have on me.

An Open Letter to Suffolk Downs,  
Our Elected Officials and the People of East Boston

Dear Friends

In all honesty, it's hard for ministers to agree on anything.

But when it comes to the potential of a casino in East Boston, we're in complete agreement:

God has something better for this town than a casino.

Multiple independent studies have demonstrated that casinos increase crime, addiction, traffic, pollution, bankruptcy, insurance rates and numerous other harms. That's why this casino proposal is accompanied by a "mitigation package" — which is an attempt to reduce the severity of the problems that a casino will create.

And, yes, we know that Suffolk Downs has promised 4,000 casino jobs: they've plastered that promise — along with the logo of Caesar's Entertainment — all over our streets.

Of course, our community needs jobs. But the problem with Suffolk Downs' job plan is that their casino proposal includes at least 4,000 slot machines, and research has shown that every new slot machine in a community kills 1-2 jobs per year. That's because people spend their "pocket change" and "fun money" on slot machines instead of spending that money on local businesses.

What that practically means is this: A casino at Suffolk Downs will most likely take more jobs from East Boston than it will ever provide, and that's just not a gamble this town needs to take.

When you're days away from voting on whether or not to allow a proposed casino to forever reshape your community and its identity, and it is suddenly revealed that the chosen and highly-touted operating partner, Caesars Entertainment, is being investigated for alleged business ties to organized crime, that's a very, very big deal.

Suffolk Downs' unfortunate choice of Caesars Entertainment, which is now billions of dollars in debt, raises profound doubt as to whether or not Suffolk Downs can be trusted to act in the best interests of our community. Does Suffolk Downs deserve another chance to play with the future of our community? Plainly, it does not. The stakes are just too high.

For all of these reasons and more, we urge Suffolk Downs to withdraw its application for a casino in East Boston.

Further, we also encourage our elected officials to withdraw their support for this application. It's the right thing to do, and there's still time to do it.

With your support — and with genuine community involvement — we'll help shape a significant and representative conversation in this diverse community about how we can honor the local history of Suffolk Downs, attract business investors who are on the cutting edge of urban development and new technology, create thousands of sustainable jobs on our stunning waterfront, preserve the rich immigrant diversity for which East Boston is known, and together shape a bright future for our historic American town.

What do you say?

For the Friends of East Boston,

Trent Sheppard, Chaplain for college students and East Boston resident

Rev. Don Nanstad, Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in East Boston

Fr. Brian Morelli, Anglican Priest, Anglican Diocese in New England and East Boston resident

Rev. Alicia Climaco, Iglesia Profetica Internacional Ciudad de Sion in East Boston

Rev. Kris Perkins, Associate Minister of Park Street Church and East Boston resident

Rev. Jaime Perdomo, Pastor of Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida in East Boston

Rev. David Searles, Pastor of Central Assembly of God in East Boston

Pastor Kevin Scott, Church at the Well in East Boston

Fr. Tomas Domurat, Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in East Boston

Deacon Frank McHugh, Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in East Boston

Rev. Claudio Yeme, Pastor of Iglesia Palabras de Vida in East Boston

Pedro Morales, Lead Organizer, Friends of East Boston

A casino will kill jobs, hurt small businesses, increase crime and addiction, and lower property values.

Vote NO on November 5!

For more info visit [www.noeastiecasino.com](http://www.noeastiecasino.com) or [www.friendsofeastboston.com](http://www.friendsofeastboston.com)

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# Team Trevor Fundraiser a Success at Tresca

by Matt Conti



**Boston Police Officer, Jennifer Penton (front left), from TNT's "Boston Finest" with Trevor Salema (front right) and Tresca owners Elyse and Harvey Wilk (rear stairs).**

(Photo by Matt Conti)

Team Trevor held a fundraising event with special guest, "Boston's Finest's" Jennifer Penton at Tresca in the North End on Tuesday night October 29<sup>th</sup> to benefit research for Cystic Fibrosis. Team Trevor is named for a young man whose daily medical routine would make most people grow weary. Diagnosed with CF when he was only five months old, Trevor is now a bright 14-year-old who knows that the future of all CF patients lies in lifesaving research and medical programs. Trevor was on hand at Tresca to serve as "Celebrity Chef" for the night.

Boston Police Officer, Jennifer Penton, was there as the celebrity guest coming off a successful first season of "Boston's Finest," a reality docudrama series on TNT. Season Two debuts on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Hosts Elyse and Harvey Wilk of Tresca (233 Hanover Street) provided guests with Tresca's famous Italian delicacies throughout the event. A live auction also helped raise funds with several items of Red Sox and New England Patriots' memorabilia.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disorder that causes severe lung damage and nutritional deficiencies in approximately 30,000 kids and young adults nationwide. Currently there is no cure.

# Tony DeMarco Cuts Ribbon for the Opening of the Gentle Giant Boxing Gym



**Tony hitting the speed bag while Larry O'Toole, Bobby Franklin, and Joe Arena look on.**



**Tony taking a shot at Gentle Giant President Larry O'Toole.**

On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> former World Welterweight Champion Tony DeMarco was the honored guest at the grand opening of the Gentle Giant Moving Company's Boxing Gym in Somerville. The Champ and his wife Dottie came for the unveiling of the new custom speed bag in the warehouse gym and to sign copies of his book "NARDO: Memoirs of a Boxing Champion" and pose for photos with the staff at Gentle Giant.

Tony DeMarco is a Boston legend who won the World Title with an exciting knock out win over Johnny Saxton in on April 1, 1955. Later that same year DeMarco would lose the title to Carmen Basilio in what will always be remembered as one of the greatest fights of all time. At the Gentle Giant

event many of the younger employees were first learning about the great champ from videos that were being shown all day in anticipation of his visit. By the time Tony arrived they were all anxious to meet him and had many questions which Tony was happy to answer. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm displayed as Tony spoke about his career and the days when boxing was a truly great sport.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony Tony spoke to a large crowd about his pride in winning the title as well as how humbled he has been by having the street he was born on named after him and the statue of him that was recently put up at the corner of Hanover Street in

the North End.

He also related a funny story about the time he was walking with the Raging Bull, Jake LaMotta, along the strip in Las Vegas. They had been inside for many hours and were not sure what time of day it was. Tony looked up at the sky and asked Jake, "Is that the sun or the moon up there?" Jake responded, "I don't know, I'm not from around here."

Seeing the 81-year-old former champ excite so many young people by sharing the details of his extraordinary life was truly a great experience. DeMarco was thrilled that so many members of the younger generation were interested in his career and the question and answer period was very informative. Tony's book will certainly be a great topic of discussion in the coming weeks.

Gentle Giant Moving Company fosters an atmosphere of healthy living and exercise and strongly encourages its employees to stay fit. Tony DeMarco is a great role model for what living a healthy lifestyle can do for an individual, and just watching him tagging the speed bag with his vaunted left hook left everyone amazed. After that, no one in attendance wanted to tangle with The Fury of Fleet Street.



**Tony signing a book for Bambi while his wife Dottie looks on.**

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# Halloween Party at ITAM Post 6

by Sal Giaratani



**Sal Giaratani as a "Charlestown Bank Robber" and Mark O'Brien posing as a "Bearded Josh Beckett."**

The guys and gals from the Italian American Veterans Post #6 held their annual Halloween Party with a great buffet dinner and plenty of dancing music. Party-goers many dressed in some great Halloween attire split the evening on the dance floor

and in front of the large TV screens watching Game 3 of the World Series which unfortunately was won by the Cardinals.

The Red Sox theme seemed to be this year's most popular costume as were beards.

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# ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



## BEAUTY SCHOOL — Those Were the Days!

Ciao Bella,

Upon graduating from High School I never really yearned to attend college. My Mom, in a most endearing way, had already prepped me to follow her lead and Nana's lead as well — cosmetology was the profession that suited my family well. It was a prestigious profession. It put money in their hands during the Depression. It built their homes and businesses and sent them to Florida every winter. Nana even worked for a Mr. Valdez in the '40s and '50s in St. Petersburg, taking Mom and the family along. There are 8-mm films with my Mom and Nana going to work under the palm trees with their white uniforms. While Dad was filming, my hand remained in my Nana's hand. For five years old it was a time I remember well.

So started the indoctrination at a young age that Beauty Culture would be my future. I attended M. Fazio Beauty School when I turned 18. Mary Fazio, the owner, was quite a lady. She was statuesque and always had a smile. I never remember her being angry or upset. My Mom was also taught Cosmetology by her and the instructors became Mom's friends. That was not always in my favor as I had many eyes on me to do well. The final residence of the school was on Essex Street in Lawrence — The Fifth Avenue of Lawrence at one time. Political destruction was its ruin.

I learned my future there at Fazio's. However, it also



became "party central"! I met wonderful lifetime friends who established the career woman I would become! So many boys who wanted and became master hair stylists were all my friends. They would dress me up and take me out. They fixed my hair and at one point in time decorated my apartment! They hooked up my stereo speakers and fixed the antenna on an old TV. Ah — what was life without these dancing partners. And dancing we did, every chance we could get! It was a gay and happy life!

Mom became proud that I had accomplished graduating, and in time owned my own Natural Nailcare salon for 13 years.

I shall always remember the disco days dancing through Beauty School.

*Buona giornata* and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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## Sorrentino Stompers Fundraiser a Huge Success

The Sorrentino Stompers hosted their 6<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser in memory of Robert Sorrentino on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown with

all proceeds being donated to the Jimmy Fund. Attendees enjoyed scrumptious food, danced to the music of DJ Dru Errico, and raffles were plentiful.



(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)





## Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Happy Halloween and a special message to all the adventurous Trick or Treaters. Throw away any unwrapped candy, be safe and travel in groups ... Congratulations to the Roberto family, Rita, Anthony and Louie for 30 years of success. Spinelli's grand accomplishment did not come without a lot of hard work. Today, the family runs one of the most successful function facilities in East Boston and Lynnfield. Their Pastry and Pasta Shop in Day Square is always busy besides offering elegant Italian pastry, pies and cookies. Spinelli's takes pride in their takeout lunches, dinners and an endless array of Italian staples. The Roberto family has provided an abundance of service to the East Boston community ... Suffolk Downs was three weeks away from a vote when they cut ties with Caesars Entertainment. So, Suffolk Downs which has been the lead contender in all this has to embark on a mission for a new casino partner that will already be certified by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The announcement to drop Caesars was decided after the Massachusetts Gaming Commission delivered its findings that Caesars Entertainment was not suitable. Isn't it a bit strange these conclusions

came so close to the election date? Pro-casino people say they "smell a rat." Meanwhile, anti-casino protesters said "they don't believe that the host communities will get amenities promised. Those opposed in Eastie along with out-of-town hecklers took to the streets at the Holy Redeemer Church to rejoice the withdrawal of Caesars. Suffolk Downs has not yet decided who they may come up with for another casino partner, but announced they intended to. I believe the vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>, in East Boston and Revere will pass despite those procrastinators! It's not over until it's over! And people would rather see Suffolk partner with "Mickey Mouse" than give the project to Everett ... Its election time again. And, we hear the same old rhetoric. "I'll Fight for You, So Don't Be Blue." After some candidates win, the song sounds like this. "See You Later Alligator," till next election when my B.S. promises will get bigger and better! ... In the Boston mayoral race it looks promising for Marty Walsh supported by many unions! ... Heard retailers in New Hampshire are opening at 8:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day Eve rather than wait till 12:00 am which is known as Black Friday. Some retailers

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## No Eastie Casino Campaign Picks Up Steam

by Sal Giaratani



**On Thursday, October 24 an overflowing audience showed up to listen to a panel discussion on casino gambling by experts in the field at the Sacred Heart Church hall.**

The campaign being waged in East Boston for a casino at the Suffolk Downs Raceway tightened up recently after news went public that due to vetting by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Suffolk Downs officials had to sever ties with Caesars Entertainment as its casino operator. The opponents of the casino have since started campaigning full steam ahead.

According to most polls, it appears the vote is now too close to call. The undecideds now appear to be holding the key. Lately, that number had been dropping but after the latest bad news for Suffolk Downs, there

seems to have been a spike in the undecideds numbers.

From now until November 5<sup>th</sup>, you can bet that both sides will be lobbying residents to vote in their favor. Suffolk Downs has been airing TV spots and the No Casino crowd is now operating like a political campaign going door to door and working phone banks.

Recently, a large crowd showed up at East Boston's Sacred Heart Church's lower hall for a panel discussion by experts on casino gambling.

This fight over a casino in East Boston seems to be going down to the wire.

## "Monster Mash" Fundraiser for East Boston Social Centers

by Sal Giaratani



**Trying to scare everyone was the "Demented Retired Cop" Sal Giaratani and "Beer Bottle" Georgann DiBiccari.**

On Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Topsider Room at the Suffolk Downs Raceway in East Boston was frightfully filled of all kinds of monstrous folks celebrating the upcoming Halloween holiday. As spooky as folks looked, everyone was having lots of fun. It was all for a good cause too, the East Boston Social Centers which can always use funds to operate for the betterment of so many from within the community.

My good friends, the very dapper Buddy Marino from Revere Beach won the best male costume award dressed as, I kid you not, a fairy godfather. Only Buddy could pull that off. I hear next year folks are talking about a couple's night. I heard last year everyone turned up in wise guy outfits. It was much nicer to see some very original ideas out there on the dance floor.

Everyone thanked Marisa DiPietro and all the great volunteers who made this event so successful and so much fun.

## Lombardo's Celebrates 50 Years

### Lombardo's Function Facility Marks 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Fundraising Gala to Support the Fisher House of Boston

Lombardo's Function Facility is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. To celebrate this milestone, the Lombardo Family will host a gala at their Randolph location on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. One hundred percent of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to The Fisher House of Boston, a home away from home where our military families can stay while a loved one is receiving in house treatment at one of their medical centers.

The gala will be hosted on Veteran's Day weekend and will be a private event for friends, family, vendors and clients who have supported Lombardo's for the past five decades. When they met Jen Deluca, Executive Director to the Fisher House of Boston, after a recommendation from a friend, they immediately felt a connection and agreed they would be their gala recipient. Paula Lombardo, Chief Administrative Officer of Lombardo's, describes, "Jen was welcoming and warm. She exudes a passion for our military veterans that was contagious and left us speechless. We knew from the moment we met her that this was the perfect fit. The Fisher House is an amazing organization and we could not be happier with the new friendship we have made with them." In attendance will be many decorated Massachusetts veterans including Medal of Honor recipient,

Capt. Thomas Hudner. A color guard presentation will open the program for the evening. Paula continues, "We hope to continue my father's true legacy of giving back to the local communities with the efforts from our gala in November. What better way to commemorate 50 years of hard work and success than by honoring our veterans who serve our country."

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# Madonna Della Cava Society Halloween Party



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# Ben Fuccillo Receives Papal Blessing

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Presenting the Papal Blessing to Ben are Bennett Molinari on the left and Richard Molinari on the right, members of the Saint Mark Society who have a weekly column in the *Post-Gazette*.  
(Photo by Dom Campochiaro, D&S Video, [www.dsvideophoto.com](http://www.dsvideophoto.com))

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Benjamin Fuccillo, life-long resident of the North End, was presented with a Papal Blessing from the Saint Mark Society for thirty years of dedicated service to Sacred Heart Church and the Society. The Fuccillo Family have been members of the Sacred Heart community for nearly 100 years. Today with his sister, Anna Gaeta and Family, they continue the family tradition, remaining active and concerned members of the church.

The Societa Cattolica di San Marco (Saint Mark Society) was founded in 1884 for the purpose of purchasing a building in order to establish a church. It fulfilled its goal through the purchase of Reverend Taylor's Bethel in North Square from the Seamen's Society which would become Sacred Heart Italian Church for the Roman Catholic, Italian speaking people of Boston.

Today, the Saint Mark Society remains active in its support of Sacred Heart Church now part of the parish of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice.

## Happy Halloween



Zoey, faithful companion of Norman Herr, of the West End, Boston, takes her trick or treating very serious.

Black cats have long served as objects of superstition. In Medieval France and Spain, **black cats** were considered bringers of bad luck and curses to any human they came near, and were associated with witchcraft. Many Medieval Germans believed themselves to be cursed if a black cat crossed their path from left to right. **Black cats**, however, have also served as symbols of good luck in numerous cultures. In the British Islands, **black cats** are often believed to bring affluence to any house they occupied. In Japan, they are also considered to bring good luck. In Ancient Egypt, **black cats** were worshipped as sacred.



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# Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio



**Luciano and associate of The Italian Experience were two of many wine goers that were in attendance for the Boston Wine Riots held this past weekend at the Park Plaza Castle.**

*(Photo courtesy of Angela Cornacchio)*

**Socially Scene Reviewed** .... This past weekend the fast growing Wine Riots made their way back to Boston. I attended the event last year after hearing about it through a local winery and when I noticed this very unique show was on their way back, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to "Get My Riot On".

The Wine Riots are a Second Glass production that actually started right here in Boston and have expanded to LA, New York, Chicago and more. The Park Plaza Castle was host to the riots and the large space was jam packed with wine goers even though the Red Sox and game two of the World Series were live on TV. When you first walk in, there is a committee of spunky volunteers happy to steer you right to grabbing your glass with a bottle of water and heading into the event.

The first booth I found myself at was, Wine Sisterhood a product from Napa California. It was awesome to see the pourers were the actual sisters who started their venture and live by the motto, "Good Things Start With a Sip." Next was, Travessia Urban Winery that is right in New Bedford, MA. Owner and wine maker Marco Montez was very knowledgeable with his grapes and his actual table

presentation is what drew me in! Blue Crane imports from Chicago caught my eye with the festive logo for their bottles and the Pinot Grigio was delicious. The best booth in the show was, The Naked Grape who was all set up to not only sip what were very crisp white wines and full reds but had a goodie bag filled with all your vino needs. I had planned my night out to loop around the room and end with the seminars so I also made it a point to end my tour in Italia. The Italy Experience was a London based company that hosted many fine Italian wines from the Napoli region. Operations director Luciano was very generous with my "Italian Experience" and you can never go wrong with an Italian wine but their merlot was by far my favorite.

On the far side of the event were three different show rooms set up for scheduled presentations. I met co-founder Tyler Balliet last year and this time around got the opportunity to sit in on a seminar that was very animated and interactive. The informative sit down featured the history behind Sherry and Madeira wines with, of course, a tasting for each.

The Wine Riots put a fun spin on the wine experience with the DJ putting out the

vibes. Learning all about the grapes on site was a blast. There was so much going on in one room; vino, gourmet cheese, fried goods, temporary tattoo booth and personality from all over the globe. The Riots is a great way to spend a Saturday night and will return soon!

**Get Your Style Fixx ....** It's that time again Boston! Just because Fashion Week is over doesn't mean glamour won't continue on, Style Fixx is back in Boston on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Returning to the Boston Center for the Arts Style Fixx and their red carpet event are bringing in all the industry goods. Style Fixx is a unique experience featuring a mix of; shopping, entertainment, services and sampling from local and national brands. Thousands of fashionistas flock to StyleFixx Premier Shopping Events to meet up-and-coming independent fashion designers and browse the latest styles.

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**Get your Style Fixx on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> as the unique shopping events returns to Boston.**

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**Looking for a Good Laugh ....** With the season change this time of year brings out some of the best events. The Boston Comedy Festival is a top choice and will be taking place in many different venues November 8<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Getting things started will be Judah Friedlander November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in the Davis Square Theatre located at 255 Elm Street Somerville. On the comedy stage, Judah Friedlander is The World Champion. He is the best athlete in the world, greatest martial artist, the sexual desire of every woman, and a role model to children. Let's face it; Judah is the greatest comedian in the world ... And the most humble. Judah is an extra-dark black belt in karate.

Judah is known to comics and audiences as one of the funniest and most original stand-up comedians. Seeing

Judah perform live is always a unique experience. He always has new jokes and he plays off the audience making up jokes on the spot. You will never see Judah do the same show twice. Because Judah is so awesome, he's also one of the most copied comedians. But a copy is never as good as the original. And no one can top The World Champion.

Judah started doing stand-up in 1989 and has been doing it just about every night ever since. Even though Judah has made over 30 movies & appeared in hundreds of TV shows — stand-up comedy is Judah's priority and specialty. He is not an actor who does stand-up on the side. He's a stand-up comedian who acts on the side.

You can watch Judah as "Frank Rossitano" on the Emmy-winning "30 Rock" every night in syndication and on Comedy Central, as well as in new episodes every Thursday night on NBC. Judah has made multiple hilarious appearances on many late night talk shows including: *Letterman*, *Conan*, *Fallon* and *The Daily Show*.

Judah's hilarious instructional karate book "How To Beat Up Anybody" is based on his stand-up act, but with all brand new material. He sells & signs it after shows. Judah does meet & greets after every show. Judah does not charge for photos. So, you don't have to ask Judah if it's ok to take a photo — you can take one with him, and it'll be the sexiest photo you've ever seen.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Dick Doherty's Comedy Den, 184 High Street, Boston the ever class act Tommy Savitt will hit the stage. Being a multi-award winning comedian, Tommy Savitt, has won the prestigious 2007 Boston Comedy Festival, 2008 Seattle Comedy Competition and was honored for the "Best in Comedy" category at the 2009 LA Comedy Awards. Tommy has dedicated this past decade to performing for our troops here and abroad. He is known for his crazy

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Get set for loads of laughter with four action-packed adventures starring Geronimo Stilton, the most famous New Mouse City journalist, who's an unlikely, yet loveable action-hero with two left paws. Adventure always comes knocking for Geronimo and his pals, launching them paws-first into exciting capers filled with hilarious hijinks and far-flung antics that take them around the world in search of the next big scoop. Let the adventures begin!

**NIKITA: SEASON 3  
(Blu-ray)**

*Warner Home Video*

The new division is formed. The new division is now run by Nikita, Michael and former CIA analyst Ryan Fletcher, they have been tasked by the U.S. president to clean up after the previous regime ... or else. With punk rock hacker Seymour Birkhoff hardwired to the cause, Nikita's protégée Alex and ex-Navy SEAL Sean pierce in the fold, along with Owen, back from a Russian prison, the team is loaded with the spy power they need to round up the Dirty Thirty. Nikita uses every asset in her power to hunt down the rogue assassins before they wreak havoc in our world.

**AFTER EARTH (DVD)**  
*Sony Pictures Home Ent.*

A crash landing leaves Kitai Raige (Jaden Smith) and his legendary father Cyphier (Will Smith) stranded on Earth, 1,000 years after cataclysmic events forced humanity's escape. With Cypher injured, Kitai must embark on a treacherous journey to signal for help. They must learn to work together and trust each other, if they want any chance of returning home.

**WALKING THE DEAD:  
SEASON EIGHT (2-DVD)**  
*BBC Home Ent.*

Award-winning crime drama 'Walking the Dead' reveals a dark and frightening season eight. Twelve years ago, a brother and sister were thrown off a 100-foot bridge, but the sister miraculously survived. The question is, will Boyd be able to bring her closure? Eve is in a new relationship, but suspects the man is keeping secrets from her. Her suspicions aroused, she performs a DNA test that matches that from a 13-year-old murder case. Replete with stunning visual effects and brilliant performances, this new season is deeper and darker than ever before.

*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*



**Boston Firefighter John Fitzgerald, Engine 50, and Julie Gearhart, both from Charlestown. Fitz loves Engine 50 and I heard Julie drove back home from California in her old VW Beetle just to take this photo.**

**Never Too Soon  
to Talk Christmas**

Keep this in mind. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Christmas Party at Rosaria will be held on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There's a complete sit down dinner followed by plenty of dancing to Italian and American live music. Dress casual. Rosaria's is located in Saugus at 190 Main Street. For details, go to [fabianomatteo@yahoo.com](mailto:fabianomatteo@yahoo.com).

**Revere Brings Back Parade**

Once again, the City of Revere put on their own Columbus Day Parade again after a lapse of a few years. This year's parade was in fact the first in six years and Revere went out and hired Buddy Mangini to put their parade together. Who knows how to organize parades better than Buddy who has created East Boston's Columbus Day parade every other year?

The streets of Revere were lined as the crowds reveled watching floats, marching bands and politicians go by Elinor Prattle said, "We didn't have a parade for years but it's been a tradition for so many years, we needed the parade back."

**EBT Card Shutdown**

A few weeks ago, there was an error by the company who runs the EBT Card system in several states. The system went down accidentally and many EBT card holders started to reportedly panic. They thought it had to do with the federal shutdown and wondered how they could survive without spending someone else's money. Did you know many local business depend on EBT Cards for 75 percent of their business traffic? When the system goes down, they panic too. Howie Carr did a great Boston Herald piece on this subject and concluded that it is never good to rely on government to support you, saying, "... look what happens when you don't rely

on government to support you. You have to go to work. Given a choice, I think I know the decision most of the EBT card generation will make."

**Democrats in 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Pick Liberal Clark for  
Market Seat**

The October primary up in the 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district saw Democrat voters pick state Senator Katherine Clark, the most liberal candidate to face off against Republican Frank Addivino, Jr., in the December 10<sup>th</sup> special election. Looks like Eddie Markey's old seat will be going to somebody just as liberal and some might say as useless as he was.

**Spinners and Taveras  
Coming to Boston  
November 16<sup>th</sup>**

There's going to be a soulful night of timeless classics when the Spinners and Taveras show up at the Berklee Performance Center on Mass. Avenue in what was once called Uptown. Go to [berklee.edu/bpc](http://berklee.edu/bpc) for more details or stop by Skippy White's in Egleston Square.

**New Restaurant  
for the Heights**

Over in the Heights up on Bennington Street East Boston, I see a new restaurant planning to open. It is called the New Saigon Restaurant and it is located a few doors away from Little Asia. After living in Quincy for years, I got to know the difference in Vietnamese food. I think it is cool and a change from the usual Chinese take-out fare most of us are used to. I have also tasted Cambodian food and it is great too. Hopefully, this new restaurant will succeed, but parking is always a problem especially where parking is tight. When it opens, I will be there to do my own food taste thing.

**New York Shopping Trip  
Coming Up**

St. Anthony's Society is

sponsoring a fun filled day to New York City on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The group will depart the club at 7:30 am. Coffee and donuts at club at 7:00 am. For more information on this one day trip to the Big Apple, call 617-723-8669.

**Arborway "Castle" Up for  
Sale at \$1.45 Million**

The large Arborway mansion known as the "Castle" not far from Poor Clare Circle in Jamaica Plain is up for sale at a discount. The 61 Arborway home has a castle-like tower and is owned by Dominic and Isora Luberto and the place is valued at \$1.7 million but is listed at \$1.45 million. It was built in the 1890s has 14 rooms, 11 fireplaces and a swimming pool. Section 8s need not apply

**Gabriel Gomez Still  
Hunting for an Office?**

Latest political rumor is that venture capitalist Gabriel Gomez from Cohasset is eyeing a possible run for lieutenant governor next year after losing to Ed Markey last year for U.S. Senate. Recently, the former Navy SEAL flipped on the issue of an assault weapons ban. Now he is for it after being opposed to it last year in his U.S. Senate campaign. Many conservatives aren't that happy about a Republican trying to kiss up to liberals. As far as I'm concerned most people don't even know the definition of an assault weapon and I still believe the debate over legal private ownership of firearms was settled back on December 15, 1791 when the Bill of Rights was ratified by our founding fathers. If Gomez can flip on the Second Amendment, what else could he flip on?

**Annual Pasta Dinner  
at Salesians**

The annual Pasta Dinner up at the Salesians Boys & Girls Club will be held at the club on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm. For details, visit their website at [salesiansclub.com](http://salesiansclub.com) or call 617-569-6551. I always stop by for my pasta at this great event and you should too. Father John will be looking for you and all the Salesians kids who depend on the club are depending on you to help.

**Kennedy School in Eastie  
Holds Fall Festival**

I recently stopped by the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School on Saratoga Street in Eagle Hill, East Boston for its annual Fall Festival to raise funds for school activities. The event included food, music, games, art, a reptile show and pony rides. Kudos to the teachers and parents of the Kennedy School for all they do for the children there. Also, a big kudos goes out to Principal Walter Henderson for all his great leadership at this great public school which is one of the city's best elementary schools.

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Don't miss the fabulous P!NK at the TD Garden on December 5<sup>th</sup>! Check the MUSIC section for more information.

MUSIC

**TD GARDEN**  
100 Legends Way, Boston, MA  
617-624-1050  
www.TDGarden.com  
**JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE** — November 4th. One of this generation's most-celebrated entertainers, Justin Timberlake, announced he will expand the *20/20 Experience World Tour* with additional dates including a stop in Boston at TD Garden. The Emmy® and Grammy® award winning musician will bring his captivating live show to fans with a worldwide tour. The *20/20 Experience World Tour* is promoted worldwide by Live Nation Global Touring.

**ELTON JOHN** — November 12th. After eight years, Elton John and his band return to Boston at the TD Garden. The 13-city tour will feature iconic hits and classic album tracks from throughout his incredible five-decade career, as well as a selection of new songs from his highly-anticipated album, *The Diving Board*, which was released by Capitol Records. Elton John's band includes Davey Johnstone on guitar, Matt Bissonette on bass, John Mahon on percussion, Nigel Olsson on drums and Kim Bullard on keyboards.

**ROD STEWARD** — December 4th. Rod Stewart has announced plans to launch his eagerly anticipated *Live the Life Tour* with a TD Garden stop. Stewart will be joined by legendary artist, Steve Winwood for an unstoppable evening of hits from two of rock music's most seminal artists.

**P!NK** — December 5th. P!nk, a Grammy® Award winning singer-songwriter and pop culture icon, will tour North America for the first time in four years in support of her new album, *The Truth About Love*. Since her debut in 2000, P!nk (Alecia Moore) has released 7 albums (*Can't Take Me Home*, *Missundaztood*, *Try This*, *I'm Not Dead*, *Funhouse*, *Greatest Hits So Far!!!*, *The Truth About Love*), sold over 40 million albums, 65 million singles (nearly 20 million digital tracks), over 1 million DVDs world-

wide and has had 12 singles in the top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart.

**BEYONCE** — December 20th. The *Mrs. Carter Show World Tour* starring Beyoncé is extending its successful global run with additional dates, including another stop at TD Garden. The *Mrs. Carter Show World Tour* is the biggest tour of 2013, with its explosive special effects and intricate, strobe-laden light show, is an artistic triumph and the entertainer's most ambitious undertaking to date. It is bigger in scope than any of her previous shows, fittingly designed for the vastness of arenas and stadiums.

**TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA** — December 22nd. Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) will celebrate their first 15 years of touring with an encore and final performance of their multi-platinum rock opera, *The Lost Christmas Eve*. TSO's 2013 winter tour will begin on November 13th, playing over 100 shows in 67 cities across North America, presented by Hallmark Channel. Live Nation is proud to welcome TSO when they return to Boston for two spectacular shows at the TD Garden. TSO, whose phenomena has grown year after year, has played over 1,500 shows for more than 10 million fans in the past 15 years and quietly became one of the world's biggest arena rock acts. The unprecedented fan driven growth is a testament to TSO founder Paul O'Neill's vision of "Rock Theater," the perfect amalgamation of Broadway storytelling with the spectacle of rock.

**AGANNIS ARENA**  
925 Commonwealth Ave., Boston  
617-358-7000  
www.BU.EDU/Agannis/  
**HILLSONG UNITED** — November 15th. UNITED is a worship band that originally rose out of the youth ministry of Hillsong Church in Sydney, Australia. This progressive worship band is a global recording and touring entity sent out to share the ever-evolving worship music of Hillsong Church to an international audience through live performances. Hillsong sold out Agganis Arena in 2012. Don't miss your chance!

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

**"The Sicilian Corner"** 10:00 am to 12 Noon every Friday with hosts Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10:00 am-1:00 Stpm. Go to [www.1110wccmam.com](http://www.1110wccmam.com).  
**"Italia Oggi"** Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM [www.1460WXHR.com](http://www.1460WXHR.com).  
**"Dolce Vita Radio"** DJ RocGardarco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm Sundays 90.7 FM or online [www.djrocco.com](http://www.djrocco.com).  
**"The Nick Franciosa Show"** Sundays from 12 Noon to 3:00 pm on WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.  
**"Guido Oliva Italian Hour"** 8:00 am-9:00 am Sundays on WSRO 650 AM and online at [www.wsro.com](http://www.wsro.com).  
**"Radio Italia Unita"** - Thursdays 2:00 pm-3:00 pm on [www.zumix.org/](http://www.zumix.org/) radio or itunes, college radio click on Zumix. For more information, log onto [www.italiaunita.org](http://www.italiaunita.org).  
**"Tony's Place" on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1** - Sundays 9:00 pm-10:00 pm on MusicAmerica. Host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place. Visit [www.MusicNotNoise.com](http://www.MusicNotNoise.com).

**QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE** — December 13th. The undisputed best rock record of the year ... *Like Clockwork* was produced by founder Joshua deHomme and Queens of the Stone Age, recorded by Mark Rankin with additional engineering by Alain Johannes and Justin Smith, at Josh's studio, Pink Duck, in Burbank, CA. ... *Like Clockwork* is the sixth QOTSA album and the band's first U.S. #1 album. Rightfully hailed in *Rolling Stone* as one of The 50 Greatest Live Acts Right Now, QOTSA, comprised of Homme and cohorts Troy Van Leeuwen, Dean Fertita, Michael Shuman and Jon Theodore, is delivering the world's premiere live rock show nightly and will be stopping in Boston.

FREE EVENTS

**BOSTON COMMON**  
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**NOVA SCOTIA TREE LIGHTING** — Thursday, November TBD. Annual Christmas Tree lighting event on Boston Common. Holiday music, cultural exchanges and other entertainment. The tree is a gift from Nova Scotia in gratitude for Boston's aid after the tragic Halifax Explosion of 1917.

**MARINER'S HOUSE**  
11 North Square, Boston  
508-292-5258  
Maxine@ReikiByTheSea.com  
**FREE REIKI CLINIC/SHARE**  
Thursday, December 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. All participants will receive a 10-15 minute Reiki session as well as instruction in relaxation and self-healing techniques. Reiki has been found to help with pain control, stress reduction and with self-healing of all kinds.

ART

**THE CYCLORAMA AT THE BOSTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
539 Tremont Street, Boston  
617-363-0405  
www.FineArtBoston.com  
**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FINE ART SHOW** \_ Thursday, November 21st. Co-Producers Tony Fusco and Robert Four are pleased to announce the Seventeenth Annual Boston International Fine Art Show (BIFAS). Both traditional and contemporary galleries from the United States, Canada and Europe will offer more than 3,000 original works of art. The only show of its kind in New England, BIFAS has no restrictions on the type of work that may be shown. Works on offer range from fine original prints priced at a few hundred dollars to museum-quality masterpiece paintings priced in the millions. The show enjoys a stunning mix of both blue chip traditional works and today's outstanding contemporary artists. The show opens with the Gala Preview on Thursday, November 21 from 5:30 to 8:30pm to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children-Boston.

THEATER

**REAGLE MUSIC THEATRE**  
617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA  
781-891-5600  
www.ReagleMusicTheatre.org  
**LIBERACE!** — November 10th. For decades, this phenomenal actor/showman has stunned the world with his dazzling re-creation of the great Liberace. Most recently, Mr. Preston performed at the premiere of the recent smash HBO Liberace movie, *Behind the Candelabra*, starring Matt Damon and Michael Douglas. This show delivers sheer magic, intricately weaving a mesmerizing mix of music, song, humor and of course ... the most magnificent costumes ever to grace the stage!  
**CHRISTMASTIME** — December 6th through 15th. The one Boston Christmas spectacle guaranteed to warm any heart! Children of all ages are enchanted by Santa's Workshop, Teddy Bears' Nutcracker, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Victorian Christmas, precision dancers and The Living Nativity. Our cast of 200 comes gift wrapped in fabulous holiday sets and costumes — all backed by a full live orchestra.

**COLONIAL THEATER**  
106 Boylston Street, Boston, MA  
617-482-9393  
www.Boston-Theater.com  
**WE WILL ROCK YOU** — November 5th-10th. In a future age of mindless manufactured music, where everyone dresses the same, thinks

the same, is the same, hope of breaking free rests with an unlikely resistance — an alliance of rebel Bohemians deep below iPlanet, waiting for a hero to bring the power of Rock back to the people. And in Galileo they may just have found their man ... that is, unless the terrifying Killer Queen gets to him first, or even worse, he's actually found somebody to love...

**I LOVE LUCY** — December 3rd-22nd. *I Love Lucy Live on Stage* is the brand-new hit stage show adapted from the most beloved program in television history! It's 1952 and you are a member of the Desilu Playhouse studio audience awaiting the filming of two hilarious and oh-so-familiar *I Love Lucy* episodes. A charming host entertains and enlightens you to the behind-the-scenes filming process of this brand new thing called "television," the Crystallone Singers perform advertising jingles in perfect '50s style harmony and the side-splitting antics of America's favorite foursome — Lucy, Ricky, Fred and Ethel — are presented live on stage and in color for the very first time! It's a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience *TV Guide's* William Keck calls "the most entertaining stage production I've seen in years — including Broadway!" The truth is in the title — whether young or old, everybody really does love Lucy! This show is a Season Special and is not part of the Season Package.

**50 SHADES! THE MUSICAL** — January 7 and 8, 2014. The hilarious parody of the *Fifty Shades of Grey* phenomenon, will premiere at the Citi Emerson Colonial Theatre for two nights only. A sexy, hysterical musical romp, *50 Shades! The Musical* is a laugh out loud night of fun that you won't want to miss! A resounding hit in Chicago and New York, and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, *50 Shades! The Musical* opens with a ladies book club deciding to read *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Through their interpretation of the novel, the audience is lead on an uproarious rollercoaster ride of this unlikely bestseller. The show is full of dance numbers and original songs delivered by an outrageous cast with a live, on-stage band. For more information call 866-348-9738.

**ONCE** — January 7th-19th. Winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *ONCE* is a truly original Broadway experience. Featuring an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments onstage, *ONCE* tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. As the chemistry between them grows, his music soars to powerful new heights ... but their unlikely connection turns out to be deeper and more complex than your everyday romance. Emotionally capti-

vating and theatrically breathtaking, *ONCE* draws you in from the very first note and never lets go. It's an unforgettable story about going for your dreams ... not living in fear ... and the power of music to connect all of us.

**NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE**  
62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA  
978-232-7200  
www.NSMT.org  
**MISS SAIGON** — November 5th-17th. From the creators of *Les Misérables*, this classic love story is one of the most stunning theatrical spectacles of all time. *Miss Saigon* sets Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* within the turmoil of the Vietnam War where an American soldier and a Vietnamese girl fall in love, only to be separated during the fall of Saigon. Their struggles to find each other over the ensuing years is a moving testament to the human spirit as she fights to find a better life for the child he never knew he had. Songs include: *The Heat is On in Saigon*, *Sun and Moon*, *The American Dream*, *Last Night of the World*, *The Movie in My Mind* and *Why, God, Why?*

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL** — December 6th-22nd. Based on the Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol* tells the tale of curmudgeonly miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who is visited by the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future hoping to change his destiny and save his soul. This brilliant musical, an original adaptation written for NSMT audiences, follows Scrooge through a series of strange and magical journeys, where he ultimately discovers the true spirit of the holiday season.

**AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER**  
Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, MA  
www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org  
**THE DONKEY SHOW** - Ongoing. Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirror balls, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustle queens tells the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through great '70s anthems you know by heart.

**THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD** — December 11, 2013- January 19, 2014. In this spectacular rendition of the English legend, the notorious Robin Hood and his band of merry men steal from the rich, but refuse to share with the oppressed peasantry. As the wicked Prince John threatens all of England, it is down to Marion to boldly protect the poor and convert Robin Hood from outlaw to hero. First seen at the Royal Shakespeare Company in 2011, this new production is filled with high adventure, epic romance, amazing fight choreography, and an original score inspired by contemporary British folk music. Written by David Farr, directed by Gisli Orn Gardarsson, and original music by Stu Barker. Single tickets on sale now.



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NOVEMBER

NOV 1-10 | Dartmouth College, University of Rhode Island. Italian preeminent authors: Carmine Abbate at URI and Dartmouth. **HANOVER, KINGSTON**  
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NOV 13-17 | The Paramount, Boston. Compagnia Marionette Carlo Colla e Figli Presents "The Sleeping Beauty." **BOSTON**  
NOV 23 | Brown University, Providence. International Prize: "Boccaccio Afterlife." In cooperation with the American Boccaccio Association (ABA) and the Town of Certaldo on the occasion of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Giovanni Boccaccio. **PROVIDENCE**

DECEMBER

DEC 6 | MIT, Cambridge "5th Sense Project" Seminar organized by the Bocelli Foundation and MIT. **CAMBRIDGE**



# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

So what is new? A German Catholic bishop was summoned to Rome to discuss why he spent \$42 million on a new residence and flew business class to India to visit the poor. Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst denied that he lives “a pompous lifestyle.” Ah! Vows of poverty!

Big deal! A 518-pound British man was forced to pay for two airplane seats to account for his extra heft, only to discover on boarding the plane that the seats were not side-by-side. “{One} was in row 17 and the other in row 19,” said Les Price, 43.

Weirdo! An Oklahoma man’s gruesome Halloween decorations, which included a fake dead body in his driveway, have prompted complaints from neighbors and even a 911 call. Johnnie Mullins says he was “just trying to scare people,” but neighbors say the dead body, which appears to be crushed by Mullin’s bloodied garage door, crosses the line. “If I think it’s real, just think of what a child would think,” said one parent.

Mama Mia! Sicily has declared a state of emergency as hundreds of migrants from Africa continue to arrive in Italy each week. Following the recent shipwreck that killed more than 350 people off the island of Lampedusa, 33 more died in another wreck, while 370 were rescued from three more boats. Tiny Lampedusa is swamped with asylum seekers and Italian authorities are now transferring scores of people a day to Sicily for processing. Italian Defense Minister Mario Mauro said the country would triple its naval patrols of the Mediterranean. “We need strong action to stop these shipwrecks,” he said.

Ah, immigrants! Just before World War I ... 711,446 Italians left their native land. United States attracted one-third or 267,637. Switzerland was second in popularity ... 89,000 Italians, Germany and France about 75,000 each, Argentina 70,000, Brazil 35,000 and Canada, 19,000.

Ah, Italy! A narrow peninsular of 110,675 square miles crowded with more than thirty-five million human beings. That was the last count many years ago.

It was in 1968, a book about Italian fellow citizens stated the Italians in America are always identified with crime. The press uses words like Cosa Nostra or Mafia. Motion pictures were produced showing the Italians, usually as gangsters or racketeers. Organized crime has been attributed to Italians. Corruption is in most cases attributed to the Italians. Not so today! Times have changed! Italian Americans are now prominent in many, many areas! They are noted Italian Americans in politics, industries, legal professions, sciences, education, etc. In fact, our great nation has been Italianized! The number one ethnic food in our nation is Italian! We feast on pizza, pasta, cold cuts, bread, etc. And we also enjoy Italian wines. Yes! America has been Italianized! It begins with the name of our country ... America. The country was named in honor of the Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci, by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller. Enough said!

My true name is Barisano. And Italy’s famous cathedrals are noted for their Barisano di Trani bronze doors. It would require many pages to cover the life and time of Barisano di Trani. The name Barisano has always presented a spelling and pronunciation problem to individuals who heard the name for the first time. We have heard Barisano coming out as Bari-zano, Bara-sono, Barresano and some people have voluntarily remarked that Barisano is a beautiful sounding name. Are you ready for this? When I was a little boy, my friends use to refer to me as Bare-ass-ano. Ugh.

Huh? A German couple’s marriage got off to a shaky start when the groom left his new bride at a highway gas station. The newlyweds were driving home from a honeymoon in France when they stopped to get gas. While her husband was at the pump, the bride, who had been sleeping in the back, went to use the restroom. But the man

didn’t notice his spouse was missing and drove off. He didn’t notice she was gone until two hours later.

According to the astute Robyn Waters of Swampscott, it’s not just the American people who have been getting fatter — their animals have been, too. The National Pet Obesity Survey recently reported that more than 50 percent of cats and dogs — that’s more than 80 million pets — are overweight or obese. Yes, Robyn has an attractive pet dog Penny who is truly shapely. Bow! Wow! Bow! Wow!

Robyn’s handsome and brilliant son Kyle, says, “Isn’t it wonderful how dogs can win friends and influence people without ever reading a book.”

How to speak to a dog? Avoid staring. “What works for humans doesn’t necessarily translate over to dogs.” Don’t pat their heads! Even the friendliest tap on the noggin registers as a threat to a dog, though family pets learn to accept it. To make a dog happy, scratch behind his ears or on the chest instead. “Walking straight up to a dog is in very poor taste.” To a dog, a towering figure is trying to assert dominance and might be asking for a fight.

A third party? 60% of Americans say the Democrats and Republicans do such a poor job of representing the people’s interests that the country needs a third political party. That’s the highest percentage in the 10 years Gallup has asked that question. A third political party? What would it be called?

What? Experiencing stressful events in mid-life makes you more likely to develop dementia later. In brief, Swedish researchers found that for every stressful event the women faced in midlife, their risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease increased by 20 percent — regardless of how well they appeared to cope with the setbacks. Experts say the findings probably also hold true for men.

It is reported the production cost of an average milk chocolate bar has surged by 25 percent over the last year, due to growing demand in emerging markets and bad weather in cocoa-producing countries. As a result, U.S. retail prices for chocolate are up 7 percent.

Fishy! Two servings per week of fish high in omega-3 fatty acids — salmon, tuna, trout, mackerel — can lower the risk for heart disease and increase longevity, WebMD reports. The study also found that people with high levels of omega-3 lived two years longer than those with lowest levels.

On this date, November 1, 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists attempted to assassinate President Harry Truman. And on this date in 1982, we lost Phil Silvers, the popular comedian and actor.

Time for some show business stuff via myself and the stately musicologist and philanthropist Albert Natale. Nasty! “Greta Garbo is a deer in the body of a woman, living resentfully in the Hollywood zoo.” So says Clare Boothe Luce. “Ursula Undress.” Isn’t that her name? It should be. She’s always flashing her assets all over the screen.” So stated Mary Astor on Ursula Andrews. And this is what the sexy Betty Grable had to say about Jackie Gleason. “Jackie Gleason wasn’t big enough for pictures. He became a star on the small screen. I worked with him and I know — he was just a big bully. He had one emotion he could play: outrage. He was as false as his teeth. They call him the “Great One” to many of us, he’s merely the “Overweight One.” And Sal Mineo claimed Paul Newman’s a great-looking ice cube. And Richard Brooks, says, “Leave it to Hollywood to take the few genuine no-talents in England, bring them over here and try and make stars of guys like Stewart Granger and Roger Moore!” “That broad’s got a great future being her.” So claimed Constance Bennett on newcomer Marilyn Monroe.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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### VEAL CACCIATORE

#### Veal Stew Meat or Veal Shoulder Arm Chops

1 pound veal meat	1 full tablespoon capers (in vinegar and water)
1/2 cup chopped celery	1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
2 cloves garlic (optional)	3 medium-size ripened tomatoes chopped
1 medium onion chopped	1/2 pound fresh string beans, or 8 oz. can of cut beans, or frozen cut beans.
2 large carrots	
2 large potatoes	
1 sprig of bay leaf (optional)	
1 chicken bouillon cube	
1 cup water	

Line a twelve-inch skillet with canola oil and heat over medium flame. Leave bone in if using shoulder chop but remove extra fat from veal shoulder chop. Place veal in heated skillet to sear and brown. Remove meat from skillet and set aside. Add celery, onions and capers to the skillet. Stir until onion is opaque. Do not brown onion. Add a little of the vinegar and water from the capers’ bottle. Add bay leaf (optional) and simmer about two or three minutes before adding chopped tomato pieces. Stir occasionally and cover. Simmer slowly for about three minutes. Meanwhile, dissolve bouillon cube in warm water. Slowly stir in bouillon mixture into skillet. Add garlic and veal into skillet. Cover and cook about ten minutes over medium heat.

Peel and slice carrots into wedge about two inches long. Cut tips of string beans if using fresh beans and wash thoroughly. Peel potatoes and cut into two-inch wedges. Add carrots first to skillet. Cover and cook them about five minutes before adding string beans and potato pieces.

Add additional water if needed. Cook until potatoes and vegetables are tender. Season to taste. If bay leaf is used, remove before serving meal.

NOTE: I learned from my mother to vary the recipe by occasionally adding a can of mushrooms to the skillet. Another option is to add sliced green peppers or some green peas. In place of potatoes, I sometimes prepare some of my favorite rice and serve it plain or topped with a few tablespoons of sauce from the skillet.

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• L’Anno Bello (Continued from Page 4)

from the prevalent belief that spirits roam the Earth during these nights, which originated from the ancient Celtic holiday of Samhain, the precursor to our Halloween. All Souls’ Day in Italy also means snacking on *ossi dei morti*, or spice cookies whose name translates to “bones of the dead.” Often, these cookies are shaped like beans, which have been a symbol of death since the time of the ancient Romans.

I believe that it is hardly a coincidence that these celebrations of the dead occur during the month of November. This month reminds us of the mortality of the earth and its seasons, a symbolism which carries over to its holidays. During November, dark, bare branches frame cloudy skies. The last brittle leaves of autumn float off the trees, swirling around in the crisp and chilly air. The melancholy sound of migratory geese, flying in v-formations across the heavens, sets the appropriate tone of the month. At a time when vegetation withers and the harvest have already been collected, people naturally turn to the memories of the dead, of all things past. The cold weather and dark days of November also encourage people to gather together as a community, taking comfort in the love of family and food. Holidays such as St. Martin’s Day

and Thanksgiving provide a honeyed glow of abundance, gratitude and companionship as the Earth begins her winter nap. The celebrations of the dead that begin November, therefore, anticipate the overall sense of family and community that characterize this month, whether they include the community of the living or of another world.

Italy’s Day of the Dead overflows with spooky traditions that emphasize the transitory nature of November. These are not festivities of fear, but rather feast of honoring the past and attuning to seasonal changes. Italians embrace the unknown, inviting the spirits of the deceased to eat dinner at home or leave small presents for children. We should follow their lead by commemorating the spirits of the past and reveling in seasonal changes instead of fearing them. Just as the *ossi dei morti* spice up All Souls’ Day in Italy, so too do holidays that bring people together in festivals of harvest and community spice up the cold winter days as well.

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a child, there was an event that happened every fall. As an example, let me relate one episode that I remember. There was a knock on the kitchen door early one Saturday morning. I'd say it was around 6:00 am. Dad had come home around 2:00 am with a couple of the guys in his band and a dozen hot bagels they had picked up at Katz bakery in Chelsea. The musicians didn't leave until around 4:00 am, so I'm assuming Dad didn't get more than two hours of sleep.

When we heard the wrap on the kitchen door, Dad, grumbling under his breath, got up, threw on his robe and headed into the kitchen. I was right behind him curious as to who was looking for us at that early hour. When my father opened the door, there was Grandpa Christoforo standing there holding up a twig with three large red grapes hanging from it. When Grandpa spoke it sounded like he said, "Fa tempo per fare vino nuovo, tu, me e mi genero, Jim." ("It's time to make the new wine, you, me and my son-in-law, Jim.") Son-in-law, Jim, was Uncle Jim Dello Russo, Dad's sister's husband.

As Dad was grumbling under his breath about only two hours sleep, I jumped up and down asking, "Me too, me too, me too!" By this time, Mom was up making coffee and within minutes, we heard footsteps climbing the stairs that led to our top floor apartment at 74 Eutaw Street in East Boston. It was Uncle Jim Dello Russo. He had picked up Grandpa Christoforo and was waiting in the car. Grandpa was in a hurry but neither Dad nor Uncle Jim had had their morning coffee as a result of the early hour and no one was going anywhere until that first cup had been consumed.

Grandpa kept looking at his pocket watch, but it was almost a half hour before my father and uncle were ready to travel. When we did leave and were in Uncle Jim's car, Grandpa said to Dad, "Io promesso tu suocero, andiamo a suo cassa." ("I promised your father-in-law, let's go to his house.") So, we headed to Nanna and Babbononno's place and picked up Babbononno who was already waiting on the front steps.

Babbononno had long since stopped making his own wine, but this year, he and Grandpa Christoforo split the cost for grapes and they were joining forces to make a new batch of both red and white.

Uncle Jim parked in front of Grandpa's house on Chelsea Street and we headed down to the cellar. En route, I could smell the sweet aroma of grapes filling the air. When we were finally in the wine making part of the cellar, there were cases of grapes piled up from floor to ceiling. There was Italian writing on each case indicating the point of origin of the grapes. Normally, when Grandpa Christoforo made wine on his own, he would buy California grapes, but this time around, with both he and Babbononno splitting the cost, they decided on the imported grapes.

Grandpa was always a laid back type of person, but he now took command and gave his son and son-in-law and Babbononno instructions on what he wanted them to do. I just watched and sampled the grapes (as fruit, not wine). Dad, Uncle Jim and Babbononno opened the cases of grapes and emptied them into the big round grape press until it was filled. This large round vat with vertical wooden slats had a cover that was lowered by a spiral thread on a screw shaped spindle. There was a hole going through the threads and a long metal rod was fed through the hole, parallel to the floor. When it was turned clockwise, the cover was lowered, crushing the grapes as it descended toward the bottom of the round press. A spigot at the bottom of the press was opened and the squeezed liquid poured out into containers held below it by Grandpa and Babbononno. When the containers were filled, the spigot was shut off and the grape juice poured into oval and round shaped casks for the fermentation process that would convert the liquid into wine within the next few weeks or months.

I watched the men in my family repeat this operation several times until all of the boxes of grapes were empty and the juices had been poured into the casks. When all that remained at the bottom of the press was crushed grapes, Dad and Uncle Jim lowered the lid

again, one man on each end of the iron bar pushing as hard as they could, while Grandpa instructed them to squeeze out every drop of liquid that was possible.

When all of the red grapes had been crushed, Grandpa and Babbononno cleaned out the press by scooping out the crushed grapes and putting them in an old fashion oval shaped copper wash tub. In the mean time, Dad and Uncle Jim opened the boxes of white grapes and when the press was empty and cleaned out, they poured in the new batch. They repeated the squeezing process and the white liquid was later poured into another barrel which was exclusively reserved for white wine.

Me being the observing little kid, asked why the writing on the boxes of white grapes was in English. As it turned out, the only Italian grapes Grandpa and Babbononno could get their hands on were the red. The white grapes were from California, hence the English writing on the boxes. When all was said and done, Grandpa and Babbononno added something to the barrels that contained the new grapes. I think it was sugar, but I'm not sure. When I asked, Grandpa told me that he wanted to speed up the fermentation process and Babbononno just nodded in the affirmative as he spoke.

Just before we headed upstairs to the kitchen, I spotted pieces of wood that were just lying around and asked Grandpa if I could have them. One was a 2" by 6" by 4" piece. Another was 1" by 2" about 3 feet long. I explained that if I nailed a large empty grape container on top of the large board and cut the smaller one in half and nailed them on top for handles, I could then nail the two halves of a roller skate to the bottom and have myself a scooter. Grandpa said, "Va come se piace," (Whatever you like.)

Grandpa, Babbononno, Dad and Uncle Jim would soon have a new batch of Italian wine and I would have a new scooter. GOOD BLESS AMERICA.

## • Socially Scene (Continued from Page 9)

antics and a show worth the wait!

For over a decade the Boston Comedy Festival has been the "Comic's Comedy Festival," showcasing the most innovative up and coming stand-up comedians in the country, the go-to for the industry looking for their next big comedy star. It is a great opportunity for audiences to get an inside look at the best comics of today in a city legendary for producing comedy genius. The Boston Comedy Festival also brings stars such as Lewis Black, Dennis Leary, Joan Rivers, The Smothers Brothers and Louis CK to Beantown as well as a hilarious independent films and premium improv and sketch comedy.

The Boston Comedy Fest is running from November 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. This long list of entertaining performances can be found at [www.bostoncomedyfest.com](http://www.bostoncomedyfest.com) where you can also purchase tickets and access directions. Now that the layers are coming on and the cold keeping us in a nice warm laugh is the way to go!

**Celebrity Series of Boston...** Is getting the season going with acts like Benjamin Grosvenor, piano and the Danish String Quartet making their Boston debut.

On Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> 8pm at Pickman Hall Benjamin Grosvenor will take stage for the first time ever here with the Celebrity Series. In 2011 and 2012 his dazzling, sold-out performances at the BBC Proms were the talk of London's critical community. Still in his early 20s, he signed to Decca Classics, and is the youngest British musician ever signed to the label. His program will feature; Mendelssohn, Andante & Rondo capriccioso Opus 14, Schubert, Impromptu in G-flat Major, Opus 90, no.3 and more.

Also at Pickman Hall on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 8pm will be another act welcomed to the City of Boston for a debut, The Danish String Quartet. This remarkable young group, all under the age of 30, has a unique history, having performed together since 2002, winning awards and being celebrated throughout Europe. Word of this meteoric quartet has spread to the New World, and the ensemble was recently appointed to Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's CMS Two program.

Established by Aaron Richmond in 1938, the Series has evolved into New England's major presenting organization with over 100 performance and outreach activities annually. From its inception the Celebrity Series became a mainstay of Boston's cultural life with performances by Ignace Jan Paderewski, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Vladimir Horowitz, Jascha Heifitz, Lily Pons,



**Boston Comedy Fest is taking place November 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and the very unique Judah Friedlander will help get things rolling by taking the Davis Square Theater stage November 9<sup>th</sup>.**  
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Francois Poulenc, the Trapp Family Singers, Isaac Stern, Andres Segovia, Marian Anderson, Martha Graham and Company, Yehudi Menuhin, Glenn Gould, Burl Ives, Rudolf Serkin, Van Cliburn, Maria Callas, the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, the Bolshoi Ballet, Maurice Chevalier, the Joffrey Ballet, the Israel Philharmonic, Ravi Shankar, Olivier Messiaen, Marilyn Horne, Dizzy Gillespie, Victor Borge, Beverly Sills, the Modern Jazz Quartet, Jacqueline du Pre, Twyla Tharp Dance and Luciano Pavarotti.

Many nationally and internationally recognized artists have made their Boston debuts with the Celebrity Series. They include the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Yo-Yo Ma, Jean-Pierre Rampal, Emmanuel Ax, and Leontyne Price.

Each season from October to May, the Celebrity Series presents more than 50 multi-cultural and international artists and performing ensembles to audiences in the greater Boston area. By utilizing a number of different performance venues throughout the Boston area, each year the Celebrity Series presents programs of classical music, modern and classical dance, jazz, folk, world music, family music and multi-media performances.

With such rich history the Celebrity Series brings every performance a must see, but Benjamin Grosvenor and the Danish String Quartet are making Boston an addition to their resumes for the first time. You can find tickets, more information on the shows and directions at [www.celebrityseries.org](http://www.celebrityseries.org).

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# News Briefs

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Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

**THE MUCH-DISCUSSED "I.M.U. TAX IN ITALY:"**  
**WHAT IS IT!** The I.M.U. tax is plainly a municipal tax applied on a residence passed in late 2011. It became a law on January 1, 2012. It is applied to any Italian citizen who owns real estate in Italy. The law, however, says nothing concerning Italian citizens residing abroad who own real estate in Italy. Those who are required to pay this tax, excessive for many, are those who own not only the main residential building but also any other real estate, such as: storage buildings, stables, garages for any kind of vehicles as well as any, building lot or other buildings owned or acquired out of a divorce or from a will and testament. The question often asked by Italians residing abroad is, "how much I.M.U. he or she must pay." Presently the law provides no hints about the law's true implications. To make matters even more confusing, we learn that not all Italian municipalities have agreed to apply the I.M.U. defined by many as an experimental form of taxation. Therefore in order to avoid any alarmist concern, a foreign Italian resident should contact the municipality, he or she came from and try to get the right information. Now we learn something more interesting: in late August (2013) the Council of Ministers approved a decree to abolish the I.M.U. all together. If it is approved by the Parliament it will be a relief to at least those good citizens who have paid the tax early in 2013. Now the remaining quarterly payments are cancelled.

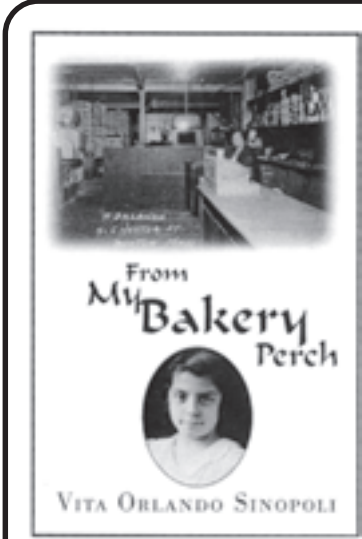
**CAN A MICROCAMERA HELP A BLIND PERSON?** Up until a few years ago such possibility was a visionary fantasy. Today it is in the process of becoming a reality. First in the entire world, the blind has re-acquired, all but partially, their eyesight. It happened at Pisa not long ago, at the local University Hospital where a medical team inserted in the eye of a 60-year-old patient a micro camera, connected to electrodes which make it possible to distinguish, at least, some shadows. The experiments, in Pisa, have continued over the last nine years on patients who had progressively lost their eyesight due to "Retinitis Pigmentosa." Most patients have been able to see moving shadows, after two weeks of rehabilitation, and recognize them! The device has been called "Argus 11," and it was developed in California and it is capable of bringing back partial vision capability in patients afflicted with degenerative illnesses of the retina which cause virtual blindness in both eyes. The surgery in Pisa was the first implantation of the prosthesis of the retina under the supervision of Stanislao Rizzo, Director of the Ophthalmic Surgical Department of the hospital. The procedure was also used throughout the European community. The Pisa experiment has been welcomed with great satisfaction by Daniela Scaramuccia, the head of the Regional Department (Toscana Region) "Right to Health" Program, which will continue to support the research and the investments with adequate policies.

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Joe Conley "Ike Godsey" from The Waltons.

of the NSA. Recently, according to the chancellor's spokesman, Merkel told President Obama, "There should be no such surveillance of communications of a head of government." The President of France, Francois Hollande, added, the latest news is "unacceptable between friends and allies."

**"The Waltons" Actor Joe Conley Passes Away**

Many people who were fans of Walton's Mountain

### LEGAL NOTICE

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To **Clementina A. Travato** of Boston in the County of Suffolk, **Lenora M. Sapienza** of Boston in the County of Suffolk, **Joseph J. Marabella** of Boston in the County of Suffolk, **Robert Marabella** of Boston in the County of Suffolk, **Geno R. Mirabella**, **Dante J. Mirabella**, and **Gabrielle M. Agrippino** and **Richard Mirabella**, All of Boston in the County of Suffolk and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **Lorraine Baldwin**, Trustee of the **Maddelena Scorza Trust** u/d/t September 17, 1982 of Arlington, in the County of Middlesex, representing that she holds as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Boston, in said County of Suffolk, and briefly described as follows: **Exhibit A** - A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon known and numbered 190 Salem Street and 4 Snelling Place, situated in the City of Boston, Suffolk County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and shown as Lot x on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Boston, Massachusetts, dated July 24, 1946, drawn by Everett M. Brooks, C.E., recorded on August 1, 1946, in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

Beginning at a point 95 feet 9 3/4 inches Southerly from Charter Street and bounded and described as follows: **SOUTHEASTERLY** by Salem Street, 36 feet 3/4 of an inch; **SOUTHWESTERLY** by the center line of a 5 foot passageway, 55 feet 0 inches; **SOUTHEASTERLY** by the end of said passageway, 2 feet 10 inches; **SOUTHWESTERLY** by land now or formerly of Cabitoso and in part through the center line of a party wall and in part of Snelling Place, 45 feet 4 inches; **NORTHWESTERLY** by land of the City of Boston, 19 feet 6 inches; **NORTHEASTERLY** by land now or formerly of Morelli by 2 lines, 5 feet 6 inches and 19 feet 8 1/2 inches; **NORTHWESTERLY** by land now or formerly of Morelli and now formerly of Capobianco, 20 feet 10 inches; **NORTHEASTERLY** by land now or formerly of Capobianco and Lot Y as shown on said plan, 15 feet 2 1/4 inches; **SOUTHEASTERLY** by land 6, 0 feet 4 3/4 inches; and **NORTHEASTERLY** by Lot Y and through the center of a party wall, 58 feet 4 1/2 inches. Setting forth that she desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$1,000,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **14th day of November, 2013**, the return day of this citation.

**WITNESS, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 15th day of October, 2013.

Patricia M. Campatelli, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/1/13

never knew Joe Conley's name. He was always Ike Godsey, the owner of the corner store in the Blue Ridge Mountains not far from the Walton's homestead. He died a few months back at 85 years old. He used to show up on all kinds of TV sitcoms going back to Mr. Ed but his role as Mr. Godsey in The Waltons made him a household name. As Conley once stated, "I will always be part of the Walton's family circle. For that I am grateful."

**Crashing Computers**

The Obamacare website that was meant to sign up millions quickly for one of those great low cost health plans promised by the president started crashing the moment the site opened up to the public. At first liberals said the site crashed because so many were signing up but that wasn't the truth. The crash happened because it was put into play before really getting tested and even Democrats are saying that now.

The White House claims as of October 24th that 20 million people had visited the site and that 500 thousand had already started the application process but Fox News learned only 36,000 had completed the application process. As Jeff Katz from *Boston Herald Radio* stated, "Thirty-six thousand? That's less than the population of Revere."

**Why Do Voters Keep Electing Liberals**

Here in Massachusetts, voters picked State Senator Katherine Clark for U.S. Congress in the 5th District to replace Eddie Markey on October 16th. She was the most liberal of Democrats on the pri-mary ballot. Down in New York City, Democrats picked Bill de Blasio as mayor in the upcoming election in November. Both Democrats look likely to win their respective elections.

**Tea Party a Necessary Force**

I am not a member of the Tea Party but understand why they have become a force in American politics. I see them as a loose confederation of a populist insurgency in politics, especially Republican politics. However, Tea Party supporters are also Democrats and Independents who support limited government and their individual liberties. They oppose America becoming an Euro-socialist entitlement driven nation.

I do not see them as evil, racist or anything of that nature. Recently, one U.S. Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Florida equated the Tea Party to the Ku Klux Klan and I haven't heard one liberal Democrat condemned the imagery used by Grayson to slander the Tea Party.

As someone recently said, "If you fight for those pulling the wagon rather than those who seek to ride it, if you oppose Obama on anything, you must be racist."

**What is Up with Joe Malone?**

Last week on the *Michael Graham's Radio Show* on

WCRN AM830, Joe Malone was his guest and announced to the listening audience that he had dropped his Republican Party status and was now an independent. Joe basically said the Republican Party both nationwide and statewide was useless and that it was time for voters to look elsewhere. He reportedly said he had problems with the 2014 gubernatorial candidates, all of them including Republican Charlie Baker. He said he would be backing the libertarian candidate hoping to get on the 2014 ballot. Graham to his credit added that voting for the libertarian meant the same thing as voting for a Democrat. Malone was asked if he might run in the future as an independent candidate and he said his running days were over. Actually most of us already knew that since his recent failed attempt for U.S. Congress down on the Cape where he now resides. Ray Shamie must be rolling over in his grave with Malone's latest news bulletin

**I Can't Stand Chris Matthews**

Recently, over on MSNBC, Chris Matthews from "Softball" criticized U.S. Ted Cruz who after arriving home after a month in Washington, DC told supporters that "I am glad to be back home in America." Matthews called that remark a seemingly veiled racist comment meaning that Cruz was apparently glad to be back home in white America. Gee, I think that's stretching things a bit, don't you? Can I tell you this? Whenever I plan a vacation to Austin, Texas to visit relatives, I always tell friends here that I am taking a trip to real America. No racism involved for me. Down there I meet Texans white, African American and Latino and most of them hold my conservative opinions too. Even as liberal as the City of Austin is, it is still to the right of Boston. Up here I am considered conservative. Down there folks think I am too liberal for them. I understood what Cruz was saying as do most of us. However, poor Chris, he gets so blinded by his liberal agenda.

**Finally, If You Have Friends in Virginia ...**

There's an important Governor's Race taking place in Virginia. Liberal; Democrats are trying to turn Virginia into next door's Maryland Blue. The candidates are Democrat Terry McAuliffe, former head of the Democratic National Committee and Republican Ken Cuccinelli, the current state attorney general. Libertarians have their own candidate Bob Sarvis and national columnist George Will is pushing door number three. As a centrist Democrat, even if I were a Virginian, I would be voting Cuccinelli. People shouldn't waste their time on a third party candidate because that's a vote for the Clinton candidate. If you know anyone living in Virginia, call them or email them to vote Cuccinelli.









## EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



A great photo from 1955 when Brooklyn won the World Series over the New York Yankees. L-R: Duke Snider, Clem Labine, Gil Hodges and Roy Campanella.

### How Can You Not Like Yogi

I read a great quote from former NY Yankee star Yogi Berra about how valuable Little League is to America and American values. According to the Yog, Little League “keeps parents off the streets.”

#### Remember Ron Guidry

Back in 1978, NY Yankees star pitcher Ron Guidry had a season for the ages. He finished 25-3 with a 1.74 ERA with 9 shutouts and 248 strikeouts. He won the Cy Young, was the MVP runner-up and helped the Yanks to a World Series victory.

#### The Great Steve Carlton

Pitcher Steve Carlton started off his great baseball

career with the St. Louis Cardinals but attained his legendary status as a member of the Philadelphia Phillies. In 1972, his first year with the Phillies, he finished with 27 victories, 30 complete games, 310 strikeouts and a 1.97 ERA. The lowly Phillies that season won only 59 games making Carlton's 27 wins 46 percent of the team's total victories. A Major League mark that could stand forever. He was called the best athlete of 1972.

#### No One Forgets Stan “the Man”

Stan “the Man” Musial was one of the greatest hitters of all time. He retired from baseball when I was 16 years

old. In his long career, he won the batting title seven times and finished runner-up four times. When it came to the MVP Award, he won it three times and finished second, four times. He had 3,630 career hits. He split them evenly, 1,815 hits at home and 1,815 hits on the road.

In 1948, the year I was born, he had 230 hits, 46 doubles, 18 triples, batted .376 and won an MVP for it.

#### Boys of Summer

The 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers won their first and only World Series in Brooklyn after they finally beat their cross-town arch-rivals the NY Yankees when Brooklyn won Game 7, 2-0.

#### Sandy Koufax Back in 1965

Sandy Koufax threw his fourth no-hitter on September 9, 1965 in Los Angeles in what many consider the greatest pitching duel of all time. The Dodgers great pitched a perfect game that night against Bob Henley of the Chicago Cubs who pitched a one hitter in this game. The Dodgers scored their only run in the fifth inning when outfielder Lou Johnson walked, took second on a sacrifice fly, stole third and scored on a wild throw. In the seventh inning when Johnson returned for his next at bat, he got the game's only hit a mere single.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



THE ONE THEY SENT AWAY — Of all the players that we felt should have been kept by the Bruins over the years, Jaromir Jagr ranks near the top on our personal list.

Acquired from Dallas at the trading deadline last season, the big man (6-3, 230) was a presence to be reckoned with, picking up 10 assists in 22 playoff games as the B's made their march all the way to the Stanley Cup Final.

However, soon after the Cup run ended, Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli announced that the team would not offer a contract renewal to the 41-year-old veteran winger, effectively putting J-J on the free agent market. He was signed by New Jersey on July 23.

During the Bruins Stanley Cup run, Jagr stated in one locker room post-game interview that he definitely wanted to continue to play, mainly because playing hockey was something he loved to do. He made that statement with a wonderful smile on his face. You knew right then that playing hockey for him wasn't simply a means of employment, it is something that he truly has enjoyed doing throughout his life.

In short, he is fortunate enough to be an example of the statement “Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life.”

That's why it was so good to see him take the ice as the Bruins hosted the New Jersey Devils at the Garden on October 26<sup>th</sup>. And true to his persona, Jagr was a major factor in New Jersey's come-from-behind 4-3 victory over the Bruins.

Early on, in the first period, he assisted on New Jersey's first goal, a power play tally by Adam Henrique. But he saved the best for last, also assisting on the game-winning marker with 45 seconds remaining in the third — another power play score, this time by Andy Greene. It was his seventh assist of the young season, leaving him just two shy of the 1,700 threshold in career assists.

A few days later, when New Jersey played a home game against Philadelphia, Jagr bagged the game-winning goal as the Devils downed the Flyers 2-1. It was the 119<sup>th</sup> game-winning goal of his NHL career, one that spans 20 seasons.

His latest game winner brought him to within two of the all-time mark — held by NHL legend Gordie Howe who found the range for 121 game-winning scores over the course of his storied career. It also pushed him past former Bruins great Phil Esposito who is now third on the list with 118. And last, but certainly not least, he earned the game's number one star.

Thus, as the Devils closed the book on the October por-

tion of their schedule, he was the team's leading point producer with 3-7-10 totals.

This was a player that the Bruins didn't want to keep. My, oh my, oh my.

CAMPUS STROLLS — The big story continued to be Northeastern which opened at 5-0-0 for the first time since the 1988-1989 season. It was only the fourth time in school history that the team had gone that far into the season undefeated.

Even after a 6-4 loss at St. Lawrence that left NU at 5-1-0, the Huskies still managed to advance a notch upward in the U.S. College Hockey Online poll, moving up to 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation after being ranked in the 20<sup>th</sup> position the prior week.

Coach Jim Madigan's skaters are the ones to credit for the great start. It sounds simple but all they've done is put the puck in the net, having scored 30 goals in the first six contests, a hefty average of 5.00 goals per game.

Meanwhile, Hockey East newcomer Notre Dame continues to be ranked second in the nation in both national polls, having also achieved a 5-1-0 mark. The Irish had a start similar to Northeastern, posting a 5-0-0 mark before bowing 4-1 at Minnesota-Duluth. The Irish lead the nation in power play opportunities with 53. They've taken good advantage, currently being ranked second in the nation with 10 power play goals.

That's two behind UMass-Amherst which leads the nation in power play goals with 12, a big factor in that statistic being the Minutemen scoring on the man advantage four times in a pair of games against Maine up in Orono. However, those tallies didn't bring UMass success as they lost twice to the Black Bears (3-2 and 8-4).

In that second game, Maine scored six times in the second period, the first time the Black Bears have scored six goals in a single period since November 15, 2002 in a 8-2 victory over Northeastern. Maine also had two shorthanded goals and two power play goals on the weekend. The double setbacks left UMass with an overall record of 2-4, the worst start of any Hockey East team this season.

Turning to Boston University: when the Terriers lost 2-1 at the University of Michigan, it may have looked like a normal setback. But, in fact, there was a historic aspect to it. You see, in games where BU had allowed exactly two goals, they had been undefeated in 44 consecutive games at 39-0-5. That's right. The Terriers were unbeaten in the last 44 games where their opponents scored only two goals. The BU skaters scored three or more goals on 39 of those occasions. Guess they just needed a little incentive to find the scoring groove.

## Tommy Lasorda Celebrates His Family



Receiving the Ellis Island Family Heritage Award.

I'm sure you're expecting to hear about baseball from me, but I'm throwing you a curve ball — because October is Family History Month and that's what I want to talk about.

Tell you the truth, for me, every month is family history month — because not a day goes by that I don't think about my brothers, my mom and dad, and growing up in Norristown, PA. You know, my dad Sabatino was an immigrant who left Tollo, Italy in 1920 to join his brother in America. He worked in the steel mills, met my mom, a daughter of an immigrant, married and went on to have me and my four brothers. We didn't have much, but we did have enough to have a happy life, get a good education and make a place for ourselves in the world.

I'll be forever grateful to my dad for having the guts to leave everything he knew behind to come to America and build a new life — giving me and my brothers the chance for our own version of the American Dream. A few years ago Lee Iacocca and the Foundation honored me with the Ellis Island Family Heritage Award, which was really a tribute to my dad, my family and all the Italian immigrants who took a similar path to America. It meant the world to me, and I decided to join the Foundation's board to help in their important work.

I'm very proud of my heritage, as I'm sure you are of yours. If you haven't yet searched the **Ellis Island Records** for your family's arrival, I highly recommend it. Seeing your ancestor's name on the passenger log along with a picture of the actual ship that carried them to the new world hits you in a way I can't explain — it's just really emotional. And if you have any trouble searching, you can call 212-561-4588 and someone at the Foundation will give you a hand.



Signing baseballs with Lee Iacocca.

But even if you and your folks didn't come through Ellis Island, you can still celebrate your family by adding a family picture to the American Flag of Faces, which is an exhibit both online and at the Ellis Island Museum. It's really an American mosaic — a celebration of the rich diversity of our nation. Me and my brothers are on it — check out our photo by visiting Flag of Faces and simply search for “Lasorda.”

Great to visit with you. Feel free to write us at [contactus@ellisland.org](mailto:contactus@ellisland.org) to share your thoughts and maybe a little bit about your own family story. Happy Family History Month ... and Play Ball!

All the best,  
Tommy Lasorda