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St. Agrippina's 18th Annual Christmas Program



(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

St. Agrippina's membership held its 18th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday, December 9th. The program once again, was a huge success! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine. There were many families anxiously waiting for his arrival, while holiday music played. With 125 children in atten-

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East Boston Chamber of Commerce Holds *Annual Tree Lighting Parade*

by Cyn Donnelly



(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

On Sunday, December 2nd, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce brought Christmas festivities to the city with the annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting. Along with the parade and the holiday lights, revelers enjoyed refreshments and entertainment from the East Boston Central Catholic

Bell Ringers and the Beverly Richards Dance Studio. As a special way to start off the Christmas season, Santa Claus and some of his elves even made an appearance lighting the tree in front of the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home on Saratoga Street.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Great Quote to Note

I read *Investor's Business Daily* at least three or four times a week. One of this national conservative newspaper's best commentators is a syndicated columnist by the name of Thomas Sowell. He had a great opine recently about the so-called fiscal cliff and his opinion on it. Said Sowell, "Amid all the political and media hoopla about the 'fiscal cliff' crisis, a few facts are worth noting. Raising the tax rates on everybody in the top 2 percent will not get enough additional tax revenue to run the government for 10 days. Taxing 'the rich' will produce a drop in the bucket when compared with the staggering and unprecedented deficits of the Obama administration. Yet political and media discussions of the financial crisis have focused overwhelmingly on how to get more tax revenue to pay for past and future spending."

Obama's Cliff Offer Gets Spurned

President Obama made an opening bid in talks with Republicans that they couldn't accept. The President is seeking a \$1.6 trillion tax hike, \$50 billion in infrastructure spending next year and new power to raise the debt ceiling himself. I CALL THIS A STEP BACKWARD. All we keep hearing is taxing and spending. Isn't that how we all reached this cliff in the first place? Republicans

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Another Successful Holiday Stroll

by Cyn Donnelly



Holiday Stroll participant LIT Boutique.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

On Friday, December 7th, the North End celebrated the sixth annual *Buon Natale Holiday Shopping Stroll*. From 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm shoppers were treated to refreshments and discounts at the various neighborhood businesses that participated. As a bonus, if you picked up a free passport to the event and had it stamped at all the participating businesses you had a

chance to win a gift basket filled with different gifts and even some gift certificates to local businesses. There was a variety of different businesses involved in the event from jewelry stores to boutiques to shoe stores and spas. Hundreds of residents turned out for the festivities and made the evening another success for the North End.

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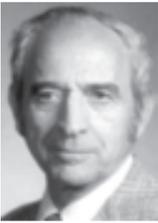
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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE VIGILS OF OLD ROME PART IV

During these old Roman times, the law required that all landlords whose buildings faced on a public street be required to clean the sidewalk in front of their property. It also ordered the Vigiles in each area to be responsible for the enforcement of that law, even if it required getting bids from private contractors and assessing the cost to the delinquent property owner (sound familiar? That law is almost 2,000 years old).

Because the streets were so narrow and steep and because of the hundreds of thousands of people that congested them, the law also provided that between the hours of dawn and dusk, no transport cart was permitted in the city except the chariots of the Vestal Virgins, the sacred rulers, contestants in

the public games and emergency construction carts.

Beyond these, no other daytime traffic was allowed except for pedestrians, horsemen, litters and carrying chairs. Even the caskets of the dead, whether in the most costly or least expensive funerals, had to be given their last journey on a simple handcart pushed by the "libitinarius" or undertaker.

And then came the nightfall and along with it came the wagons of every shape, form and description, carrying wares that stagger the imagination. The stalled wagons at the intersections, the breakdowns, the loading, the unloading and the cussing of the drivers all contributed to a night of bedlam which made sleep in any of the "main line" tenements impossible. Any carts

which did not get out of the area by daybreak were required to halt and stand idle until the next nightfall.

I suppose that in the midst of all this daily pandemonium, the traffic, the fires the family squabbles, the neighborhood brawls and the problem of every form and description, that somewhere, at sometime, one shopkeeper chased a kid for snitching an apple, and then called for the police. If no police happened to be in the vicinity, I wonder if he said "QUARE QUO INFERNI AGERE NOS SOLVERE TIBUTUM" (What the hell are we paying taxes for)? I suppose that there also were those tolerant and understanding citizens who said to "Virgil the Vigile" ... "ILLEGETIMI NON CARBOR-UNDUM" (Don't let the bastards grind you down).

NEXT WEEK: Aurum

Simple *TIMES*...

by Girard A. Plante



I am pleasantly surprised to have seen the widespread media coverage of the public ceremonies locally and across America during last week's remembrance of the ambush on Pearl Harbor by Japanese pilots in Hawaii 71 years ago. Despite time, veterans still recall the singular event that thrust the United States into the throes of World War Two.

The rare occasions that bring a handful of World War II veterans together is fast fading. Many people stationed at Pearl Harbor who lived to tell of its horrors have passed away. Thousands more die daily. For the courageous men and women who still gather to vividly share their accounts of the day that "shall live in infamy" is a distinct honor for us.

Seven decades of reliving a hell that no one from my generation of Baby Boomers can fathom has not deterred

the Greatest Generation from speaking out or attending Pearl Harbor ceremonial events. Those of us born between 1957 and 1962 have happily and peaceably meandered along our unique journeys free from recollecting the dodging of bullets or seeking safety from encroaching armies hell-bent on crushing entire armies.

Yet within our midst since our childhood have been our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors who lived through the defining moment of their youth. We can put their anecdotes to good use as we continue to seek solutions to our life's struggles.

The whole nation swung into action upon President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to arms in December 1941. The men and women who didn't go to the battlefields of Europe and warships in the Pacific stood strong on the home front, ensuring all citizens would be safe

and keeping soldiers' loved ones upbeat that the war would soon end and they'd return home happy again. Most came back to the warm embrace of family and friends. Too many never returned home to kinfolk and a country proud of their service.

The evil forces of Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime goose-stepped across Europe, invading neighboring nations for seven years before World War II began full-throttle. By the war's end, historians say the staggering death toll amounted to 75 million people when the carnage ended in July 1945.

December 7, 1941, could have turned out differently for the world had the Japanese not invaded Pearl Harbor. It's a vexing question that will haunt human comprehension for eternity.

What was the emotional climate of America 71 years ago? During my youth and years later as my mom and dad and aunts and uncles began aging, I harbored a longing to know, so I asked questions about the war and how it consumed their lives for four years.

Their gripping stories and watching documentaries in my teens about World War II pushed me more deeply into the mindset of a nation pulling together, never falling apart, though the world they knew fondly was slipping

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Massachusetts Conservative Assembly is Born

A group of Massachusetts conservatives, fed-up with the lack of success by the Massachusetts Republican State Committee in electing Republicans and finding qualified candidates to run, have launched the Massachusetts Conservative Assembly.

According to a press release from the group, shortly after the November 2012 elections a small group of established conservatives attended the State Committee meeting in Plymouth. Listening to the excuses and rationalizations being told to the Committee and audience, it gave no solace to ease the pains of what they felt was a great embarrassment. There were also no concrete proposals or course of action for the future. It was clear from this meeting that principles were compromised, antiquated strategies were employed, indiscernible plans had been communicated and execution at many levels had failed to gain any momentum whatsoever. This was evidenced by the election results. In all, 81 State Representative and 21 State Senate seats went unchallenged.

According to the founders of the new group, the current Republican Party is not working for, or in the best interests of, the citizens of Massachusetts. They call for a Conservative Assembly to be established that represents and includes all conservatives across the state. This core group has recruited Republicans and Independents, as well as members of the Liberty Party, Constitution Party and Libertarians. Numerous organizations are also represented including: Tea Party Patriots; Massachusetts Republican Assembly; Conservative Voter Regulation; Massachusetts Conservative; National Rifle Association, Massachusetts Against Illegal Immigration; and the Gun Owner Action League.

The group has been established and is actively reaching out to all groups, Asian, Hispanic, African American, women, veterans, and youth (high school and college) with the intention of educating all citizens of Massachusetts on the true meaning of conservatism. Unlike the Massachusetts Republican Party which seems to have forgotten what conservative values are, the Massachusetts Conservative Assembly embraces true American conservatism and seeks to bring this message back to Massachusetts, through education, activism and election of true conservatives at all levels of government.

To learn more about the Massachusetts Conservative Assembly visit www.massachusettsconservativeassembly.com.

Italian Christmas Music at the Dante Alighieri Society



Ceiling detail: Santa Maria della Rocca, Offida, Le Marche.

(Photo by Sadie Stoumen)

On Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 pm, Coro Dante and Director Kevin Galiè, JD., M.M. present *Revealed Treasures - Italian Christmas Music from Three Centuries. American Premieres & Traditional Italian Christmas Carols*. The performance will be held at the Dante Alighieri Society at 41 Hampshire Street in Kendall

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RIGHT TO VOTE BY MAIL FOR ITALIAN CITIZENS RESIDENT ABROAD. During the course of 2013, elections will be held for the Italian Parliament, and Italian citizens residing abroad will also be invited to elect their representatives to the Chamber of Deputies and to the Senate of the Republic by casting their vote for the candidates listed on the ballot for the "Circonscrizione Estero" (Overseas District).

Voting is a right protected under the Italian Constitution and, based on law 459 of 27 December 2001, Italian citizens residing abroad who are registered voters in the Overseas District may VOTE BY MAIL. We advise that you contact our offices if there are changes to be made in regards to your address or marital status; such changes can be made by sending an email to: anagrafe.boston@esteri.it or by calling the AIRE office 617.722.9220.

Alternatively, you may elect to vote at your Municipality in Italy, notifying this decision in writing to the Consulate within the time period allotted by law (OPTION = OPZIONE). The decision (option) to vote in Italy is valid for one election only.

Those wishing to vote in Italy must notify the Consulate General of Italy in Boston in writing by 31 December of the year immediately prior to that of the normal expiration of the legislature (April 2013), and thus by 31 December 2012.

Should the legislature be dissolved earlier, the option may be sent or delivered by hand no later than ten days after the election has been called.

In all cases the option must be received by the Consulate General of Italy in Boston no later than ten days after the election has been called. No special paper format is required for the written notification. However, in order to be valid it must contain the voter's first and last name, date and place of birth, place of residence, must be signed by the voter. You may also use the form that can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.esteri.it) or the Consulate General of Italy in Boston (www.consoston.esteri.it)

Proof of identification of the declarant must accompany any declaration that is not delivered in person.

Pursuant to current law, voters must verify that mailed notification of their option has been received within the allotted time period by the Consulate responsible for their jurisdiction of residence. Voters who choose to vote in Italy for the coming political elections will receive from their respective Italian Municipalities the notification card to vote in Italy for candidates in the National Districts, not those for the Overseas District.

By law, those opting to return to Italy to vote are not entitled to any reimbursement for travel costs, but they are eligible for certain fee waivers within Italian territory. The decision to vote in Italy may be revoked later by written notice to be sent or delivered to the Consulate using the same means and within the same terms envisioned for the option.

MICHAEL MERCOGLIANO

August 2, 1922 - December 11, 2012

The North End lost a dear friend this week when Michael Mercogliano, best known as the proprietor of the famed Mike's Pastry on Hanover Street, passed away on Tuesday, December 11th surrounded by his family.

Mercogliano moved to the North End when he was 12 years old, when his family immigrated to the United States from Italy. He worked in his cousin's bakery where he discovered his talent for making amazingly delicious cannoli. In 1943, along with his wife Annette, Mike started Mike's Pastry and the bakery has been enjoyed by everyone from residents of the North End to former President Bill Clinton.

His legacy is one of a very generous man who never forgot his roots in the North End.

Mike leaves behind his adoring wife Annette (Fiorentino), his loving children, daughter Diane Volch and stepchildren Angelo Papa and his wife Lorraine, Elaine



Martins and her husband Richard and Joseph Papa and his wife Bridget as well as his siblings, Ralph and his wife Janice and Rose Tricca. He joins his parents, the late Michael and Philomena (Caronia), his son, the late Michael, Jr., his daughter, the late Phyllis DeNictolis, his son in law, the late Ronald Volch and his brother-in-law, the late Anthony Tricca. Mike also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Maria Johnson and her husband Tyrone, Vince DeNictolis,

Jason Volch and his wife Beth, Monique Mercogliano Battista and husband Gerald, Daniel Papa and her boyfriend James Caterino, Amanda Benoit and her husband Shaun, Joseph Papa, Rebecca Papa, James McConville, Lorenzo Papa, Michael Martins and Nikko Martins as well as his four adored great-grandchildren, A.J. Johnson, Ryan Volch, Landon Benoit and Angelina Benoit.

His wake will be held at the Boston Harborside Home at 580 Commercial Street in Boston on Monday, December 17th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and his funeral service will take place on Tuesday, December 18th at 9:45 am at St. Leonard's Church on the corner of Prince and Hanover Street in the North End.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113.

Mary R. Trifone

APRIL 8, 1923 - DECEMBER 9, 2012

On December 9th, Mary R. (Greco) Trifone of Cambridge passed away peacefully. Mary was the beloved wife of the late James Trifone and the daughter of the late Nina (DiLello) and Vincenzo Greco. She leaves behind her loving children Connie Muolo and her husband Frank, Annmaria, Michael and Alice Trifone, all of Cambridge, and her devoted grandchildren Brian and Christina. Mary was the sister of Olga DiVecchia, Peter Greco and the late Carmine, Guido and



Anthony Greco and she is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was a proud member of Third Order of St. Francis and Children of Mary. Mary's wake was held at the Donovan-Aufiero Funeral Home in East Cambridge and her Rite of Christian Burial was out of Cambridge's St. Francis Church on Wednesday, December 12th with interment at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, also in Cambridge. She will be deeply missed by her friends and family.

Time Once Again for Season of Peace Will Year Five Bring a Difference?

by Sal Giarratani

Like last year and the year before and the year before (you get it) gun-toting gangsta-types are asked to stop the vicious cycle of violence as the Boston Ten Point Coalition kicked off its 5th annual Season of Peace recently at Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury. This annual community rite calls for a cease-fire between gangs and anyone looking to do harm between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Messages of peace are created by local youths and passed out throughout communities and youth facilities. Posters are also advertised on MBTA trains and buses and in the stations.

Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley added, "The Season of Peace encourages young men involved with gangs and guns to end the violence that has

left too many people dead, injured or behind bars. We know a large share of Boston's violence is retaliatory. Declaring a cease-fire even for just a few months interrupts that cycle of retaliation." Rev. Jeffrey Brown stated, "The messages come from the young people themselves. We try to give (young people) something that would appeal to them and cause them to think more deeply about preserving and valuing life. This year let peace rule."

As someone who grew up on the same mean streets of Boston neighborhoods that are today engulfed in endless violence, I think we need more than a season of peace, we need real peace that can allow young people to live a lifetime of peace. Too many are dying in their youth before their lives can even be

gin. As a society I have seen in my own lifetime a new more violent culture take hold of too many of us. How this happened or when it began isn't really that clear. However, the evidence is clear in the carnage left behind that we have become a bloodier society that has lessened the value of human life.

Fifty or sixty years ago there was violence because violence will always be among us. However, today too many of our neighborhoods and streets within have become killing fields. Sometimes the innocent die simply because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

I wish that this year's Season of Peace really works between not only Thanks-

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dance. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave him or her an age appropriate gift, a balloon and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats. Santa's friend, Batman, made special guest appearances. Furthermore, the Boston Celtics Cheerleaders made a special visit to the program and added plenty of smiles and good wishes to the families of the North End. A very merry good time was had by everyone that attended.

The membership would like to thank the following for their support of the program, Councilor LaMattina, State Rep. Michlewitz, Knights of



everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our 99th annual feast August 2, 3 and 4.

Viva St. Agrippina!!!



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The St. Agrippina's Society membership is very proud of our Christmas Program for North End children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank ev-

(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

I Am Startinmg to Think this "Fiscal Cliff" Might Not Be So Bad After All

Lately, if you are tuning into either the Fox News Network or MSNBC, all you hear is about the impending fiscal cliff approaching if Capitol Hill can't reach a compromise by December 31st. Liberals say Republicans are unbending on the issue and are holding on to their no new tax pledge. Liberals say the GOP is all about protecting the wealth of the wealthy. Democrats say they have been willing to move on the issue but that's not exactly true. Democrats in Congress want the other side to bend on the raising of the tax rate while Republicans are willing to negotiate on tweaking loopholes and deductions as well as agreeing to some new revenues. However, Republicans want to see some movement by liberal Democrats on cuts in entitlements which Democrats see as sacred cows.

Compromise is needed by both sides. Taxes will probably rise, but there is no way that entitlement spending can go uncut in significant ways. Much of the problem with our long-term debt as well as year to year deficits stems from entitlement spending. President Obama seemingly wants tax hikes now in return for a promise of maybe entitlement cuts next year. Maybe? Sounds like the word "compromise" to liberals is defined as just give us what we want now and hope we keep our word on spending cuts later.

I believe the House, the Senate and the White House must come together. Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives have a job to do or allow automatic tax increases and drastic spending cuts to take effect. It is too bad that both sides can't come to an agreement that both can live with and that we the American people can live with too. There is still hope and time that it can be accomplished. How-

ever, push comes to shove? A law in place will do what they cannot do.

Rather than a Doomsday clock ticking away, those December 31st tax hikes and spending cuts might actually save us rather than toss us off a cliff into nowhere land. It shouldn't have to happen like this. Congress and the President can still act like grownups rather than school yard bullies.

The fiscal mess we are in was caused by everyone not doing their jobs effectively. Rather than throwing around blame, it would be nice to see opposing sides do right by the American people. This country can't move forward until our government moves forward first. As bad as things have been and as bad as they could become, our leaders hold the off-on switch to this turmoil. Stop blaming each other and find some middle ground to end this so-called crisis of leadership.

It's time for President Barack Obama, House Speaker John Boehner, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to stop all the posturing and sit down at a table and not get up until a deal is reached. Right now they all look like members of the Peanut Gallery awaiting the arrival of Howdy Doody and Buffalo Bob Smith.

As a baby boomer I've seen bad times before but usually we have had a national leadership pool seeking solutions rather than casting blame. The present status quo needs to go. Our Founding Fathers must be rolling over in their graves looking at our current governors in Washington, D.C. If the current crew in Washington, D.C. were around back during the Revolutionary War, we would still be flying the Union Jack today.

A pox on both Houses and the White House too! Get over it and fix things now!

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Saint Lucy Society's Annual Christmas Party a Success

by Cyn Donnelly

This year's Saint Lucy Society's annual Christmas party was, once again, quite a success! On Saturday, December 8th, the Society got together with volunteers from the Nazzaro Center at the Saint Anthony's Club on Endicott Street in the North End and celebrated the holiday with laughter, food and music courtesy of the Nazzaro Center Band. The main event of the celebration was the check for \$750 that the Society presented to the Nazzaro Center.

The Saint Lucy Society of Boston is a chartered, non-profit, religious organization founded in 1921 by Italian women immigrants. The members of this organization are dedicated to perpetuating the memory and devotion of their patron, Saint Lucy, by organizing an annual one day celebration in her honor on the Monday following Saint Anthony's Feast at the end of August. In addition, the Saint Lucy Society donates thousands of dollars to charities, organizes food and clothing drives for worthy causes and is a vital part of the North End Community. For more details on the Society, you can visit their website at www.stanthonyfeast.com/stlucys.html.



Saint Ambrose Bishop and Doctor of the Church

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Ambrose was born about the year 340 in the region of Trier. Much of what we know of his life comes from a work entitled *Life* written after his death by his secretary Paulinus at the suggestion of Saint Augustine. Ambrose, the youngest of three children, was born into an ancient Roman family whose members were both early Christians and martyrs. His father, whose name was Ambrosius, was Prefect of Gallia, and as such ruled the present territories of France, Britain and Spain. About the year 354, Ambrosius died and the family returned to Rome. Saint Ambrose's mother, who was both saintly and accomplished, greatly assisted in



the religious training of her two sons. Ambrose's interest in religious life was sparked by his sister, Marcellina, who had become a nun. Ambrose acquired a thorough mastery of the Greek language and literature. Upon the completion of his education, the Saint devoted his attention to the study and practice of law, and so distinguished himself at the court of the praetorian prefect, Anicius Probus, that he obtained from the Emperor Valentinian the office of consular governor of Liguria and Emilia, with residence in Milan.

Milan, at that time, was in the grip of the Arian Heresy headed by the petty tyrant, a Cappadocian, by the name of, Auxentius, who himself was an Arian filled with bitter hatred of the Catholic faith. To the great relief of the Catholics, the death of the petty tyrant in 374 ended a bondage which had lasted nearly twenty years. Ambrose was made Bishop of Milan by acclimation and served between 374 and 397. At first he refused the office for which he was in no way prepared. Ambrose was neither baptized nor for-

mally trained in theology but later accepted it upon receiving a letter from the Emperor Gratian praising the appropriateness of Rome appointing an individual imminently worthy of holy positions. St. Ambrose was baptized, ordained and duly consecrated bishop of Milan.

Upon his appointment, Ambrose gave his personal property to the poor; he then devoted himself to the study of Scripture and the Church Fathers, with a marked preference for Origen and St. Basil. In order to make up for a lack of early theological training, he placed himself under the instruction of a priest by the name of Simplicianus.

Saint Ambrose was successful in ending the Arian Heresy in Milan and convened the Council of Milan in 381 against the heresy and a year later assisted at one held in Rome. Saint Ambrose battled to preserve the independence of the Church from the state. He had a significant influence on sacred music. Ambrose baptized Saint Augustine in 386 and together with Saint Augustine, Saint Jerome and Saint Gregory, was one of the four original Doctors of the Church. Saint Ambrose died in the year 397.

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

The Week Before Christmas in the Beauty Salon



Ciao bella,
I would like to wish all my readers and my comrades at the *Post-Gazette*, Buon Natale. May God bless you all in the New Year.

Please enjoy this poem as

it is a parody and can be read like *A Visit from Saint Nicholas*. Christmas in its beauty is the season to make time for people. People you don't even know. Make time.



*Twas the week before Christmas when all through the salon
The scissors were clicking; the mad rush was on.
The hairdressers were busy primping the coifs;
Perm odor, tinting, hair spray, what cough?
The nail-techs stayed sitting, painting their art,
And the patrons were in and out like a dart.
The receptionist was praying for the end of the day,
While just out the window she noticed a sleigh.
And in walked a lady all covered in flour;
She said she'd been baking for hours and hours.
I've seen to the children, but what of myself?
My husband's been busy and couldn't spare an elf.
My nails are all broken; my hair feels like glue;
I hope there is someone who can make me feel new.
With that gleam in her eye it was hard to say "no."
Mary volunteered for the job. Ho, ho, ho!
Shampoo, shampoo, how do you do?
Rollers and gel, need the dryer too.
With a trick of her brush she was coiffed in a flash;
Manicured, painted and dried in a dash.
Her nails were all shiny, painted "jungle-red."
The smile on her face left nothing unsaid.
As she waved us good-bye, "Merry Christmas to all,"
Everyone stopped to see the great haul.
While out the window we all began to peer
At a giant sleigh and eight strong reindeer!
Our lady hopped right in and with a nod to go
Off went her chariot above all the snow.
Jingle, jingle, jingle, you can hear the bells ring.
It was a sight to behold there were songs to sing.*

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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Freeway Says ...

You can email your questions to postgazette@aol.com to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

"Make Time for Friends this Christmas!"

It's the Christmas season; what do we think about at this time of the year? A big tree, all the lights, the tradition of giving gifts to our loved ones, making our favorite cookies and of course the Christmas dinner that will fill the dining room table with many dishes to share with our family and friends to enjoy. How often do we think of sharing time with a friend that we haven't seen in a while? Or sending a card to someone we've thought about but did not have the time to do so? Or, taking some time to visit a senior or homebound neighbor? Speaking of friends, do we ever take out the time to say, "Thank you" to someone who has taken time for us, or has been concerned about our well being? At this time of year especially, the thoughtfulness or the special attention they gave us by just being there when we needed a shoulder to lean on. We take life for granted at times, as we do friends. Caring, consideration, compassion and kindness all are a gift that we so often take for granted. We never realize how important that friend was until they aren't here. Before that happens, take a minute and reflect on that

friend, the one who made the time when you needed it. For this Christmas, "friends" are a gift you can't buy, especially if that friend is genuine. Telling that person, "Thank you for being my friend," is a perfect gift for Christmas. Helping a senior by offering to do an errand or brightening their day with a gift of cookies is another way to celebrate the season. To my genuine friends, a "Thank You" and a "Merry Christmas" is all the gift they need. To all my pooch friends and their human companions a very Merry Christmas. To all of you that read the *Post-Gazette*, I wish you and your families a healthy, safe and happy holiday and one full of friends and good cheer. My co-workers at the *Post-Gazette* you have been very faithful taking care of me every day with TLC. I love you guys. Have the best Christmas ever and keep safe.

Christmas

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season; and not deigning to send you three lines by way of letter during the rest of the year!"

That's all for now!

M.P. & Co. Tax & Financial Services Celebrates 75 Years in Business



Left to Right: Warren Magoon, Teresa Walsh, Kerri Magoon, Andrea Fonte, Matthew Magoon, Theresa Martino and (seated) Grace Previte Magoon.

On December 5th Grace Previte Magoon and the staff of M.P. & Co. Tax & Financial Services celebrated 75 years of service in the East Boston community. The Previte name has been a respected name and fixture in the Maverick Square area of East Boston. A true family business, Matthew Previte established his company in 1938. In 1985, Grace Previte Magoon continued

in her father's footsteps and has successfully grown M.P. & Co. Tax & Financial Services into a full tax and financial service business. She is pleased to announce that her son Matthew Magoon has joined the family business and has also established his own real estate company, MHM Realty located at 146 Maverick Street in East Boston.

• East Boston Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade (Continued from Page 1)



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Renaissance Lodge, Sons of Italy, and State Senator Sal DiDomenico Support the 11th Annual Veterans Recognition Event

by Dr. Dean Saluti, Renaissance Lodge, Sons of Italy



The Saccone family was honored by the Queen of England and State Senator Sal DiDomenico. Donnetta and Vincent Saccone are both WWII veterans. To their left is their grandson, Major Kenneth Wisniewski and to their right is their son Skip Saccone.



The entire Hill family was present as Roy Hill received a State Senate citation for his Cuban Missile Crisis service. Roy was presented by his son-in-law, Les Cavicchi, from the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy.



State Senator Sal DiDomenico presented a citation to Everett Veterans Affairs Director, Joe Hickey, a Vietnam veteran. Joe is the former Commander of the Italian American War Veterans Post.

Recently, Boston's Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy helped to run the Annual Veterans Recognition Event at Boston's Smith & Wollensky Restaurant. This is the eleventh year that this wonderful restaurant, located at the "Castle" in Boston's Park Square, has featured our Veterans Day event.

The "Castle" was the former armory of the First Corps of Cadets, the organization responsible each year for the Veterans Recognition Event. This event represents a collaboration between the Mas-

sachusetts Army National Guard Military Police Battalion (the 211th MP Bn), the Association of the First Corps of Cadets and the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy.

This collaboration results from the hard work of First Corps of Cadets Board members Dean Saluti, Richard Matlak, Bill Hurley, Larry DiNardo, John Silva and Bob Soldani, who are also members of the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy. These retired Army officers connect a historic military organization to Boston's Italian community.

After dinner, there were twelve veterans honored. Seven WWII veterans received honors, two "Cold War" veterans received honors and three Vietnam veterans received honors. There were two Silver Star recipients present. Many of the veterans came from the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy and represented Boston's Italian community.

Peter Gacicia, Jr., of Quincy, MA, a WWII veteran, was presented by his son, Peter Gacicia III, a member of the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy. Angelo "Tony" Crugnola, a recently deceased WWII veteran, was presented by his daughter, Christine and Colonel Dean Saluti, President of the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy. Donald Clark, a WWII



Cornwall's English Pub staff and relatives of John and Pam Beale looked on as John Beale received a State Senate citation from Sal DiDomenico, with the Queen of England by his side.



Peter Gacicia, III, from the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy, watched as his father, Peter Gacicia, Jr., WWII Veteran, received a State Senate citation from Senator DiDomenico.

veteran, was presented by Colonel Robert Soldani from the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy. Roy Hill, a veteran of the Cuban Missile Crisis, was presented by his son-in-law, Les Cavicchi, from the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy. Vincent and Donnetta Saccone from Boston, who met during WWII and are both veterans, were presented by their grandson, Major Kenneth Wisniewski. Joe Hickey, the Veterans

Agent for the City of Everett, was presented by Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico.

John Beale received a civilian award for his hard work in raising funds to support families who have soldiers serving overseas in combat. John and his wife, Pam Beale, own Cornwall's English Pub in Boston's Kenmore Square. Many of his restaurant staff and relatives were at the event to share his honor. Also present were Michelle Dickson and Gus Niewenhous, who portrayed the Queen of England and her aide — after all, Cornwall's is an authentic English Pub.

The evening was an outstanding success. Each veteran received a recognition plaque, a beautiful marble slate prepared by Dirk Burrowes and Vytex Corporation, a State Senate Citation from Senator Sal DiDomenico and a medal for his or her military service, along with an award "coin" from Major General Rice.



Enjoying the Veterans Recognition event are (L-R) Colonel Dean Saluti, President of the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy and his wife, Marjorie Cahn, Lodge First Lady, State Senator Sal DiDomenico and his wife Tricia, Major General Rice and his wife Nancy and Gina Fiandaca, Parking Clerk of the City of Boston.



Michelle Dickson and Gus Niewenhous portrayed the Queen of England and her aide to honor WWII veterans who participated in the D-Day invasion.

Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico was a featured speaker at the event and presented each veteran with a Massachusetts State Senate citation. Also, Gina Fiandaca, the



Col. Dean Saluti and Christine Crugnola presented Christine's father, WWII veteran, Angelo "Tony" Crugnola.



The colors were presented to (L-R) Major General Rice, The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, Colonel Thomas Finn, President of the Association of the First Corps of Cadets, Lieutenant Colonel Brett Conaway, Commander of the 211th Military Police Battalion and Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio



Santa is no stranger to the Boston Pops and their holiday traditions. You can see him at special presentations this season with conductor Keith Lockhart.

(Photo by Stu Rosnin)

And the Christmas Entertainment Continues On The holidays are filled with so much family fun that there just isn't enough room to keep up with the rest of the world in my column. So this December *Socially Scene* is keeping the theme, "Seasonal" Arts Around Town. Not to worry, I will be covering all those fantastic New Year's Eve parties and previewing spring fashion shows before we know it.

The Boston Pops "Blink" along with Shoppers The Boston Pops have partnered with Faneuil Hall this holiday season to provide the musical basis for *Blink!* a light and sound extravaganza presented for shoppers at Faneuil Hall now through Monday, December 31st. Beginning at 4:30 pm and running to 10:00 pm each evening, *Blink!* will illuminate Boston's skyline with 350,000 energy efficient lights synchronized to music from the popular Boston Pops

album *Sleigh Ride*. The Boston Pops presents one of New England's greatest Christmastime traditions, *Holiday Pops*. The 8:00 pm concert from December 14th through December 20th will be conducted by Keith Lockhart and is sponsored by Commonwealth Worldwide Chauffeured Transportation, the official chauffeured transportation provider of the Boston Pops. The Arbella Insurance Foundation is the official sponsor of the seven *Kids Matinees* performances. Performing both beloved holiday classics and new arrangements of seasonal favorites, Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops celebrate their *Holiday Pops* season in world-famous Symphony Hall, specially decorated to evoke all the magic and charm of the holiday season. This year's *Holiday Pops* includes thirty-seven evening and matinee concerts, seven of which will be the special *Kids Matinee* program on

December 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th at 11:00 am. A family holiday tradition for children of all ages, *Kids Matinees* feature lighthearted seasonal music from *The Nutcracker* and favorite tunes such as *Frosty All the Way!*, as well as *A Visit from St. Nicholas ('Twas the Night Before Christmas)*, with dramatic narration. The Tanglewood Festival Chorus will also join in with the Pops on a rendition of the John Williams piece *Some-where in My Memory* from the movie *Home Alone*. This year's *Kids Matinees* will also feature the musical accompaniment to the classic children's book *The Snowman*. Each performance also culminates in a Boston Pops sing-along designed especially for children including tunes such as *Jingle Bells*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *The Chipmunk Song* and *Frosty the Snowman*. *Kids Matinees* run without an intermission, holiday snacks are available for those seated at floor tables and parents are invited to bring cameras to take photos of their children with Santa after the concert. Programs and artists are subject to change. For further information call the Boston Pops at 617-266-1492 or visit the website at www.bostonpops.org. The *Holiday Pops* performances are being recorded for future radio broadcasts on WGBH's Classical New England 99.5 in Boston, 88.7 in Providence and online at classicalnewengland.org. *Holiday Pops* broadcasts will be presented on December 22nd and December 23rd.

Tea with a little Music for the Holly Days The Gore Place will offer an evening of music for the holidays on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 pm. The historic estate in Waltham will offer a holiday event entitled, *Music for the Holly Days*. Waltham's own Moody Street String Band will play traditional music of the season in the Governor Gore mansion. Along with dance tunes from Ireland, Scotland, England and New England there will be some of your holiday favorites. According to Program Director Thom Roach, "Music for the Holly Days is a little like a house party for the community. Guests sit close to the performers and join in on old favorites. We'll have an intermission when folks can talk to the



The season just isn't the same without the classic *A Christmas Carol*. You can see the show with the Chorus Pro Musica at Boston's Old South Church.

(Photo Courtesy of Sue Aclair Productions)

band members or meet their neighbors. It's a nice way to celebrate the season." There will be light refreshments and free parking. For more info visit www.goreplace.org/concerts.htm. Gore Place is also still holding its, *JANE AUSTEN HOLIDAY TEA & TOURS*. You are welcome to come and enjoy a tradition full of English tea, scones, tea sandwiches and assorted sweets served in the entertainment suite of the beautiful 1806 Governor Gore Mansion. After tea you will join a guided tour of the private quarters of the mansion. There is even a holiday twist for the kids, Santa's Teas. It features a children's menu, activities and a visit from Santa. The last remaining dates to share this special time with Santa are Saturday, December 15th, 3pm and Sunday, December 16th, 3pm. The Mansion is located at 52 Gore Street, Waltham, MA 02453 and can be reached at 781-894-2798.

A Timeless Classic "Dickens Christmas" Celebrate the holidays with story and song on Friday, December 21st at 8:00 pm in the Old South Church, Boston. The magnificent Boston-based chorus, Chorus Pro Musica, under the direction of Dr. Betsy Burleigh, will

present *A Dickens Christmas, Celebrate the Holidays with Story and Song*. They will be holding this concert in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens' birth. The concert will be presented with readings from Charles Dickens, the Victorian-era author with perhaps the greatest expression of Christmas spirit, *A Christmas Carol*. Boston actor Terrence O'Malley, who has performed frequently with the Lyric Stage Company and the New Repertory Theatre Company, will provide the narration. "This special concert combines two holiday favorites — music of the season and selections from Dickens' immortal *A Christmas Carol*," says Betsy Burleigh. "We'll alternate between great arrangements of beloved English carols and favorite readings about Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future." Tickets for this performance at Old South Church can be purchased at www.choruspromusica.org, or by phone at 800-658-4CPM. Old South Church is located at 645 Boylston Street in Boston's Copley Square.

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BABES IN TOYLAND (Blu-ray)
Disney

The legendary Annette Funicello is at her best in the joyful Disney adventure *Babes in Toyland*, an adventure for the whole family. Experience a fantastic excursion into the world of Mother Goose where all roads lead to magical, merry Toyland. While Mary Contrary (Funicello) and Tom Piper prepare for their wedding, the villainous Barnaby schemes to steal Mary away, setting off a series of hilarious comic chases and double-crosses. Will the silly villain succeed and will Tom and Mary get to live happily ever after?

CHRISTMAS MIRACLE (DVD)

Nasser & Gaiam Vivendi Ent.

The true spirit of the holidays is movingly depicted in *Christmas Miracle*, the uplifting tale from beloved artist Thomas Kinkade. Due to an unforeseen road closure, eight strangers are forced to take refuge in an abandoned church during a snowstorm. During their time together, they learn from one another how to manage through various personal dilemmas and that despite their differences, by working together, they can make even the most unlikely miracles happen. Wonderful holiday story that shows the real meaning of the season — kindness, understanding and love!

EASTBOUND & DOWN: THIRD SEASON (DVD)
HBO Home Ent.

In Season 3, Kenny brings his unapologetically crude behavior to the Myrtle Beach Mermen. Even as he continues to party hard in this new locale, Kenny grapples with growing older, his hometown sweetheart April and dealing with the arrival of up-and-comers who challenge him in the league. Guest appearances from Will Ferrell, Matthew McConaughey, Craig Robinson, Jerry Minor and others.

WORLD WITHOUT END (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Ken Follett's epic eight-part miniseries *World Without End* takes viewers back to his fictitious town of Kingsbridge, 200 years later and with all new characters. England is on the brink of a devastating war with France that will last over a hundred years. A terrible plague, which will wipe out a third of Europe's population before it is done, is spreading. Caris, a visionary young woman, struggles to rise above the suffering and oppression in order to lead her people out of the Dark Ages. She and her lover, Merthin, build a community that stands up to the Church and the Crown. Ultimately ushering in a new era of freedom, innovation and enlightenment!

JAVIER BARDEM 3-FILM COLLECTION (DVD)
Lionsgate

Javier Bardem's collection features three of his most memorable films, including Best Picture Oscar winner, the gripping and ambitious supercharged action-thriller *No Country for Old Men*. Plus the Academy Award-nominated, unforgettable *Beautiful*, where he is cast as a man struggling to provide for his children on the dangerous streets of Barcelona. *Mondays in the Sun* is an insightful and heartbreaking drama that follows five unemployed shipyard workers on the coast of Spain. Bardem manages to encourage them to search for work, love and strength and the hope for better days.

MAKING FRIENDS (DVD)
Warner Home Video-Sesame Street

Preschool is Cool: Making Friends will show how having friends makes everything better, even schoolwork. Professor Grover will teach today's lesson with some help from his trusty assistant, Elmo. Professor Grover believes it's important for Elmo to make friends with the class and Elmo wants to give it a try. They share silly stories and songs about friends, taking turns and sharing.

SUPERNATURAL ACTIVITY (DVD)

Well Go USA Ent.

The *Supernatural Activity* team is at the top of their game, debunking myths, ghouls, and spooky places for freaked-out viewers everywhere. The world's most beloved illusionist and crack team of paranormal investigators embark on another ghost-hunting assignment hoping for their best foot-age yet. Terrorized at every turn, this creature-questing supernatural spoofacular is very funny and scary! Turn out the lights, and watch this video with a friend you trust, and be sure to keep your eyes glued to the screen!

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

DOWN AT THE BERKLEE

Direct from Vegas for The King's 78th birthday is Steve Connolly live in concert as Elvis! Also appearing will be James Montgomery on Saturday, January 12th at 8:00 pm at the Berklee Performance Center in Boston. For more information, visit www.berkleebpc.com or call 617-747-2261.

RUFF NAMES OFFICERS

RUFF (Responsible Urbanites for Fido) over in Boston's North End has named its officers and committee chairs. The Executive Committee Chairperson Amy Hand, President Leslie Horn, Treasurer Jenna Hitchko and Secretary Anya Potter. Committee chairs are Tim Braun, Tony Dettore and Jen Cimno. RUFF meets monthly. Next meeting is December 18th at the Nazzaro at 7:00 pm.

KUDOS TO JOHN ROMANO

Longtime president of North End Against Drugs (NEAD) John Romano has decided to step down from post to spend more time with his family. John, or as his friends call him "JR," has been with NEAD for 23 years and has left a lasting mark on his neighborhood as someone who leads and cares about those kids and families who need assistance in bad times and continued support in good times too. Good news is that Romano will stay on as baseball coordinator and soccer league director at the North End Athletic Association. Every neighborhood hasn't been as lucky as the North End when it comes to true leaders coming up from the ranks generation after generation. John has never forgotten his roots and has become a mentor to many younger folks out there ready to lead in the future thanks to his example of leadership.

BAH, HUMBUG?

I am starting to like listening to the Jeff Kuhner Report mornings on WRKO. Recently, he talked about another chapter in the War on Christmas. It seems recently a customer showed up at the Braintree RMV Office and reportedly became immediately offended by a small Christmas tree and Santa Claus inside the office. He complained that he found it both, I guess, offensive and insensitive. What did the RMV do? I guess they called MassDOT and Santa and the tree are now history. What is wrong here? One guy goes bananas over the RMV wishing everyone Christmas greetings and instead of getting the ho, ho, ho, this guy gives them the heave-ho. Are our government agencies that weak-kneed that they can't just tell the guy, "See you in five years. Get a life."

Down in Rhode Island they have a weak-kneed governor who likes Holiday Trees only. Comic Dennis Miller was on Bill O'Reilly recently and was talking about all this political correctness go-

ing around at Christmas. He told Bill that the governor in Little Rhody always reminded him of one of the central characters in the manger scene. When Bill asked, which one, Miller said "the *%# inside the stable." I never thought the donkey was a key figure inside the stable before but Dennis Miller has me thinking now.

WALKING FOR THE HOMELESS

Hundreds of walkers took off from the Boston Common on December 2nd and took steps to end homelessness. The two-mile Winter Walk sought to raise \$200,000 for housing and service organizations. Organizers said the event symbolized the hardships and struggles faced by the homeless every day on the streets of Boston. Hopefully the goal was reached.

MAN CAVES GOING FOR \$1,500 PER MONTH?

There is a push in Boston for micro-units as an affordable alternative for those making too much for so-called affordable housing in Boston's Innovation District. Real estate developers are expected to open micro units at 63 Melcher Street in South Boston before the end of this year. These micro-units are 300-square-feet. These units are for young professionals with enough money to rent them who are now priced out of apartments in the Downtown Boston area. Here we are building man caves for Yuppies. Big enough for one or two people and possibly a yuppie dog too.

COMING TO THE WILBUR

Mark down January 16, 2013 on your calendar. Smokey Robinson up close and personal. For details, visit www.thewilbur.com.

DROPKICK MURPHYS HOLD GARDEN PARTY

Boston's own Dropkick Murphys will be appearing at their own Irish Festival at TD Garden on Friday,

March 15th with Black and other special guests on two stages. They are also, appearing Saturday, March 16th at the Brighton Music Hall and again on Sunday, St. Patrick's Day at the House of Blues. For more details on these dates, go to www.dropkickmurphys.com.

GAS PRICES

KEEP DROPPING

Over on Washington Street near Roslindale Square, I purchased gasoline at the ALFA station for only \$3.31. Down the street closer to Forest Hills, it was \$3.35 and up near the West Roxbury-Dedham line, it was \$3.39.

PETER GELZINIS

AT THE HERALD KEEPS GETTING MORE LIBERAL

His recent *Sunday Herald* commentary concerning a lawsuit filed by two parents against the Kraft Group was just more of the mentality that personal responsibility doesn't matter. Their daughter died after leaving a tailgating party outside the stadium in Foxboro back in the summer of 2008. She drove home reportedly with a friend who was allegedly drunk at the wheel. Both she and the driver died in the crash. Now the parents are trying to hold Bob Kraft responsible because it was his parking lot. What about the driver of that vehicle that ended up in a tree? What about the daughter whose parents are suing? She chose to get into that car exiting the parking lot? The whole world is yours or anyone's baby sitter.

Jeff Kuhner on WRKO is right on blasting Gelzinis and his liberal mindset. As Kuhner stated. "Sometimes people aren't even wrong. Two and two equals four. That's right. If someone says it equals five, they are wrong." However, like Gelzinis, it's like saying two plus two equals a banana. I love Kuhner cutting to the chase.

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OLD SOUTH CHURCH
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www.OldSouth.org

KING OF INSTRUMENTS - Monday, December 31, 2012 at 3:30 pm. Experience the "Sensurround" magnificence of Old South Church's mighty 1921 Skinner orchestral pipe organ — affectionately dubbed the "Copley Philharmonic Organ"—played by renowned organist Harry Huff. The program will include Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*,

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THEATER

BOSTON CHILDRENS THEATRE
316 Huntington Avenue, Boston
617-424-6634
www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT — December 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd. Don't miss one of the most magical theatre experiences of the holiday season! Tickets are now on sale for the Boston Childrens Theatre's production of THE VELVETEEN RABBIT! Back by popular demand for a 4th smash season, THE VELVETEEN RABBIT features puppets and live actors in a production that is quickly becoming one of Boston's most popular holiday traditions. Young actors from eight local communities have learned to maneuver their puppets while learning their lines for this wonderful performances that will be held at The Benjamin Franklin Institute, 41 Berkeley Street in Boston.

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62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA
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www.NSMT.org

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COLONIAL THEATRE
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www.StonehamTheater.org

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE — Now through December 23rd. Alone on top of a bridge that overlooks his beloved Bedford Falls, George Bailey has convinced himself that his life and his work have been for nothing. Can the small victories and common decency of one man change an entire town? George will find out when he's visited by a guardian angel who will show him what life would have been like without him. See this new adaptation of a Christmas staple that adds back some of your favorite scenes, including the Charleston dance above the pool floor. Everyone should have the opportunity to experience live theatre. In an effort to bring the excitement of live theatre to more of the community, Stoneham Theatre offers "Pay What You Can." One hour prior to the first Thursday performance of each Mainstage production, tickets to that performance will be sold on a "Pay What You Can" basis. Contact the theater for more information.

COMEDY

WILBUR THEATRE
246 Tremont St., Boston, MA
617-248-9700
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CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER — Sunday December 30, 2012. Two shows at 7 pm and 9:45 pm. Cedric the Entertainer is best known for his crowd-pleasing roles in the hit films *Barbershop*, *Madagascar*, *Johnson Family Vacation* and *The Original Kings of Comedy*. He has many career successes including receiving the Richard Pryor Comic of the Year Award, winning the Afra Award of Excellence in Television Programming for his tv series *Cedric The Entertainer Presents...*, and being awarded four consecutive NAACP Image Awards for "Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series" *The Steve Harvey Show*. His first comedy book, *Grown-Ass Man*, was released in January of 2002 and sold out across the country.

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617-923-0100
www.ArsenalArts.org

SMALL WORKS 2012 - Now through January 10, 2013. ArsenalARTS presents Small Works 2012, their annual group show of artworks no larger than 12" x 12" in size, each priced at \$300 and under. The timing of this exhibit allows holiday shoppers to purchase unique gifts at affordable prices.

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www.HampshireHouse.com

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MUSEUMS

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Stockbridge, MA
413-298-4100
www.nrm.org

NORMAN ROCKWELL: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS — Now through January 21, 2013. During the holiday season, Norman Rockwell's anxiously awaited illustrations brought good cheer to millions of Americans who encountered his images on the historic covers and pages of their most favorite magazines and on holiday cards that brought the spirit of the holidays home. His memorable, enduring images, which reflected the best in us, are on view in this special holiday installation of original artworks and objects. Original drawings for Hallmark cards, paintings inspired by Charles Dickens' classic story, *A Christmas Carol*, a point-of-purchase Coca-Cola Santa and costumes and props featured in Rockwell's artwork will be on view.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
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www.AfroAmMuseum.org

PORTRAITS OF PURPOSE: A TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP - BOSTON 1980-2012 — Now through April 15, 2013. During the 18th and 19th centuries, Boston was a leader among Northern communities of color. Black Bostonians traveled and interacted with leaders nationally and internationally. They were entrepreneurs, educators, artists, authors, activists, elected officials and patriots. This tradition continues. Leaders and citizens in Boston's communities of color have continued to lead and form institutions that have proved critical to the fabric of this city. Their activism, community involvement and commitment have led to a better Boston and a better world. A selection of these dedicated citizens is represented in Don West's *Portraits of Purpose*, a collection of life-sized photographs. *Portraits of Purpose* gives us an understanding of the many people of Boston and beyond who have acted their conscience and made a difference. Their history will not be forgotten. Don West, noted Boston photographer, has been photographically recording the events and the people in Boston for over 35 years. He began his career as a freelance and news photographer, making a conscious choice to capture affirmative images of people of color in all facets of community life. In the 1980s he worked for United Press International and Boston's black weekly paper, the Bay State Banner. West has since gone on a host of assignments with major newspapers and magazines such as the Boston Globe, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, Ebony, People and Black Enterprise.

FREE EVENTS

Steriti Memorial Rink
561 Commercial Street
North End (Boston), MA
617-523-9327

FREE PUBLIC SKATING - Now through March 10, 2013. Take the family ice skating in the North End for free all week long. Enjoy skating in an indoor rink! Don't have skates? You can always rent a pair! Skating hours are limited, so call ahead to make sure that the rink will be open.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS
"The Sicilian Corner" 10:00 am to 12 Noon every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and "The Italian Show" with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Go to www.1110ucm.com.
"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM www.1460WXR.com.
"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.
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"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.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS



Ready for this? Pope Benedict XVI says in his new book that there were no oxen, donkeys or other animals at Jesus' birth. The Pope also says the entire Christian calendar is based on sixth-century monk's miscalculation of when Jesus was born.

Ugh! Mariah Carey uses a wildly expensive face cream to moisturize her toddlers' rear end after diaper changes. Carey, 42, who has 18-month-old twins with TV host Nick Cannon, slathers the kids' rears with La Mer facial lotion, which retails for \$150 per ounce, or \$1,900 for a large bottle. "She probably spends more than \$6,000 a month on the lotion alone so the kids don't have diaper rash," a source tells *ShowbizSpy.com*. "Nothing is too good for Mariah's babies."

Wow! Laws prohibiting smoking in bars, restaurants and workplaces are now on the books in 30 of the 50 largest U.S. cities. In 2000, only one city — San Jose — had such a ban.

A sign in a Boston hospital: "We don't sell cigarettes — We love you too much."

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill says, "A man promised his wife five hundred dollars if she'd stop smoking cigarettes — and she did. Now he's offering her one thousand dollars if she'll stop talking about it."

Carlo Scostumato says, "There's a new cigarette package containing ear plugs for those who don't want to hear reasons why they should quit smoking."

According to the astute Tom Analetto of Medford, "Just about as many people will quit smoking cigarettes this week as last week — and a lot of them will be the same people."

Hey! Start meditating! Meditating — the practice of sitting quietly and clearing the mind of all thoughts could dramatically improve heart health, a new long-term study suggests. Researchers divided 200 adults with heart disease into two groups. One group was taught to meditate for 20 minutes twice a day; the other group was encouraged to spend a similar amount of time exercising and preparing healthy meals. After nearly a decade, researchers found that those who had meditated for the recommended time had reduced their risk of heart attack and stroke by 66 percent compared with those who hadn't. The risk for those who meditated only eight times per week dropped by nearly 50 percent. The meditators also reduced their blood pressure and reported feeling better able to control their anger. Previous studies have shown that meditation can do a whole host of positive things: reduce anger and stress and encourage happiness.

One more time! We have been asked what states have the most Italian Americans. New York leads with 2,811,911, New Jersey is second with 1,315,632, Pennsylvania is third with 1,205,823 and sunny California is the home of 1,144,102 tanned, Italian Americans. We have 749,583 Italian Americans in Massachusetts. For the record, these are not the most recent figures.

As for the cities with the largest number of Italian Americans: New York City, 2,827,167, Philadelphia, 556,065, Chicago, 477,932, Boston, 447,359, Los Angeles, 396,243, Pittsburgh, 252,739, Detroit, 219,280, San Francisco, 214,908, Providence, 159,687, Buffalo, 151,296, Cleveland, 148,749, Washington, D.C., 110,517, Rochester, N.Y., 110,355, Ft. Lauderdale, 106,070 and New Haven CT., 102,109. As for how many Italian American organizations in Massachusetts, last count was 102. Believe it or not, in Vermont we have two Italian American organizations. As far as we know, there are no Italian American organizations in Alaska. As for Italian American organizations, the state with the most Italian American organizations, New York tops them all with 241 organizations. Gee, there is one Italo club in South Dakota!

Do you own a pet? A recent study suggests to prolong your pet's life, do a weekly checkup. Start at the nose and work to the tail, "feeling and looking for any abnormalities" like pale gums, a symptom of anemia. Clean your pet's teeth! Dental disease can cause heart, liver and kidney problems, so

brush daily with animal toothpaste. Dental chew treats also help. Keep your pet active! Insufficient exercise can lead to obesity and diabetes. Cats need one or two 15-minute play sessions a day. "The amount of exercise sessions your dog needs varies by breed, but she should be breaking a pant daily." Bow wow! Meow! Meow!

Yes, we once had a dog called Bozo and a cat we named Cicero. The pets got along beautifully! They lived right into old age!

So what are hoping to receive as a Christmas gift? Money? A new car? A diamond ring? A trip to Florida? Ah, Christmas is a time when everybody wants his past forgotten and his present remembered. A small gift will do if your heart is big enough. The gift people appreciate most is something you made yourself — such as money. What do we want for Christmas? Jars of sugar-free orange marmalade! The time was when the perfect gift for a sixteen-year-old girl was a compact. It still is — if it has four wheels.

Mama mia! Sophia Loren gets lovelier as the years pass — but it's hard work to retain her status as a legendary sex symbol at 78! "There are many ways to fight against advancing age. The most important one is to find peace within yourself and peace with the world." Then comes the tough part! The *Marriage Italian Style* actress — now a widow after nearly 50 years of marriage to producer Carlo Ponti — starts her day around sunrise with a cup of strong espresso. Then she shares "I put on a tape, lay out my mat and do 45 minutes of exercise — not one minute less." She drinks plenty of water, snacks on olives and rubs olive oil on her skin to retain her youthful glow. For a facial, the Italian stunner mixes yellow cornmeal with cleansing cream and puts it on oily patches, rinses, then applies a rosewater toner. She also adds vitamin A to her eye cream. She adds olive oil and fragrant salts to her bathwater to soften her skin. And, she says: "When you are older, you have to be careful about putting on too much makeup or you become kind of a caricature." She rarely consumes meat and occasionally dines on fish, but loves cheese and milk. "The last secret is sleep," she reveals. "Since I hate a useless social life, I go to bed very early and sleep soundly until the morning." My dear Sophia, buona notte.

Gina Lollobrigida enjoyed putting down Sophia Loren. To quote her, "Sophia Loren has a noticeable bosom. Whose is bigger, I have no idea and could care less. I became a star without a husband producing my pictures and I became a star in respectable pictures!" As for Sophia's response, "It is a shame that Miss Lollobrigida never won the Academy Award. But she likes to play herself instead of other characters."

Some show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Although Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert really didn't want to do the film *It Happened One Night*, they each won Oscars for their outstanding performances. Robert Blake played "Little Beaver" in thirty-two of the Red Ryder films. Singer/actress Polly Bergen won an Emmy for Best Actress for *The Helen Morgan Story* (1957). Ozzie Nelson played on the football and lacrosse teams at Rutgers University. Alan Alda's father, Robert, won the Tony for Best Actor in the musical *Guys and Dolls*. Yes, Alda is an Italian American. During World War Two, Waltz King Wayne King's Service Band, included vocalists Bob Eberle and Buddy Clark. The late NBC news anchor Chet Huntley played a radio sports announcer in the 1952 movie *The Pride of St. Louis*. And less we forget, by the time Frank Sinatra left the Tommy Dorsey band in late 1942 to launch his own career, he had won the *Downbeat Magazine* poll as the number one male vocalist two years in a row. And singer/actress Liza Minnelli was named after the George Gershwin song *Liza*.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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CALAMARI IMBOTTITI Stuffed Squid

2 pounds squid
(calamari, already cleaned)
20 crushed Hi-Ho or
Ritz-type crackers

3 tablespoons softened
butter or margarine
Paprika (optional)

With a knife or scissors, separate tentacles from each calamari. Cut tentacles into one-inch portions. Wash calamari and tentacles separately and drain before placing in separate bowls.

STUFFING: In another bowl, crush crackers, add softened butter or margarine of choice and blend into cracker crumbs. Add tentacle portions, mix thoroughly, and set aside.

Line bottom of a 9" x 9" baking dish with vegetable spray or butter.

Using a teaspoon, fill the calamari cavity **halfway** with stuffing mixture. Place stuffed calamari side by side in baking dish. Spread any remaining stuffing mixture over them. Top calamari with a dab of margarine or butter. Cover and bake in a preheated 375°F oven for about twenty to twenty-five minutes or until fork tender. They will shrink in size as they bake.

OPTIONAL: Sprinkle paprika lightly over calamari prior to baking.

NOTE: Mama pleased us with many different Calamari recipes during the year, particularly in Lent. I continue to prepare this recipe for my family. We especially savor succulent stuffed squid on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

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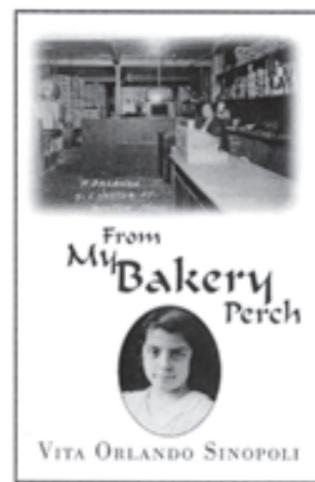


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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a young man just starting out as a young professional, I loved being invited to Christmas parties. They were not called holiday parties back then; they were Christmas parties. At night and after school, I played as many as I could book in, but if I had any time to myself, there was always someone's home, a restaurant, nightclub or a function hall where a Christmas party included me as a guest.

When I began teaching at Hyde Park High School, two of the older teachers were always having cocktail parties at their homes. Ms. Connors was the head of the science department and Ms. Murphy the humanities. They were single ladies, lived alone and enjoyed having fellow teachers join them for holiday celebrations. Ms. Connors would occasionally run faculty dinner parties at function halls. When she sponsored these, I would be hired to play music for my fellow teachers. At Christmas, the parties would be at her home as well as Ms. Murphy's, as I said, and there was no entertainment. Usually, after a couple of glasses of eggnog or their Christmas punch, we didn't need any entertainment. We would sing Christmas songs. I must admit, for a musician, I had the worst voice. I hate to admit that because I have been playing professionally since 1958, but I can't carry a tune vocally. When I try, in my heart it sounds like Sinatra, but coming out of my mouth, it sounds like Mickey Mouse (or worse).

I had a friend from East Boston that I had gone to English High with. We remained friends through college and "hung around" together once we became professional men. He became an engineer and worked at various times for the companies that used to dot Route 128, when that was our east coast version of Silicon Valley. At Christmas time, he would get invited to dozens of holiday parties and I was always invited as his guest. At the beginning, I wondered why he invited his close friends instead of taking a date. I found out when I attended that first party. There were wall to wall single ladies in attendance which pleased us to no end and cancelled out bringing dates.

On one occasion, this friend, Vince, called me regarding two parties being

held on a Friday night a few days before Christmas. I was to play an after school get together for two or three hours at the Oval Room at the Copley Plaza, but was free that night and agreed to attend both parties he had committed himself to. By this time, we had moved to Belmont and the plans were that he would drive to my house and I would drive the rest of the way as both parties were at locations just off Route 128. We headed north at about 8:00 pm that evening and it was intermittently snowing and sleeting. I took my time and we arrived at the first party 45 minutes later. It was a quiet affair and we departed for the second party at about 10:00.

There was a problem we had to deal with, the weather. My car was covered with a sheet of ice. It took us several minutes to scrape the windows clean and warm up the vehicle. Once I thought it was ready, we headed back onto 128 going south toward Waltham and the second party. 128 looked like a parking lot. Traffic was moving at a snail's-pace and when I applied my brakes, I found out why ... the pavement was covered with a sheet of ice. When I touched my brake pedal, to slow down and keep a safe distance from the car in front of me, I began to skid sideways to my right. I pushed the shift into neutral to disengage the rear wheels hoping this would stop the skid, but the weight of the car kept me heading to the right. My car then started to turn to the left, meaning that I was still skidding forward with my car, which was now in the breakdown lane, but my headlights were facing the cars in the lane just to my left. I passed a small foreign car on his right side with my headlights shining through his passenger side window. I think, at this point, Vince and I were both silently saying Hail Marys as fast as we could. As we passed said car, my headlights shined on the driver who looked shocked at the image to his right. Just after we passed him, my rear wheels caught a dry spot on the pavement and the front of my car was snapped forward allowing me to head in the right direction with the front of the car now facing the right way.

We traveled at about ten miles an hour and eventu-

ally made it to Waltham and the second party we had been invited to. Both of us were literally shaken but kept our composure. I have seldom in my life said, "I need a drink," but this was one of those times. After a short hello given to the host of the party, I headed to a makeshift bar to pour a stiff drink to regain my composure. An Oriental gentleman was ahead of me pouring a drink with shaking hands. We asked him if he was ok as he seemed frightened. In a Chinese accent, he blurted out, "I no OK, drive down 128-some nut pass me on the right going sideways." I grabbed the bottle from him poured myself a shot and said, "Sorry, I think it was me."

This party was a bit livelier than the first one and we stayed late. When we left, again we had to chip sheet ice from my car and then headed back to Belmont as slow as we could travel because the roads were bad. The distance would normally take me about fifteen minutes, but it took me a whole hour to make it home. Knowing my friend would never make it back to East Boston that night, I offered him the living room couch and he accepted. Babbonnonno hearing a commotion in the living room came down stairs soon followed by both Mom and Dad. My father had played that night and made it home on a couple of Hail Marys, too.

Babbonnonno headed to the liquor cabinet and pulled out a couple of bottles, offering us drinks to warm us up. He said he was cold and poured himself about three fingers of whiskey so that we would not be drinking alone. Mom put on a pot of coffee and Dad and I went back and forth talking about the driving conditions that night. Babbonnonno didn't drive but insisted the whiskey was good for him. When I explained the events I described in the above paragraphs, only this time in Italian, Babbonnonno, empathizing with us, poured himself another drink and laced his coffee with the same whiskey when Mom poured him a cup.

By the next day, the roads were clear and after breakfast, my friend, Vince, headed out. It was around 11:00 am. It was Saturday and Christmas time and both Dad and I were playing afternoon and night parties. I got cleaned up, climbed into my tuxedo, packed up my instruments and headed out to the first of the jobs. Before I pulled out of the driveway, I looked to see if my St. Christopher's medal was on the visor where it has been in every car I've ever owned. It was there and I headed to downtown Boston and the first of the two jobs knowing I was well protected.
GOD BLESS AMERICA

• Socially Scene (Continued from Page 9)



Costumes fit for a king. The brand new production of *The Nutcracker* has the Boston Ballet in attire that may steal the show. (Photo courtesy of The Boston Ballet)

Romula Art has moved. Romula has taken her fantastic pieces to 27 Fleet Street in Boston's North End. She will be holding, "An Evening of Art, Chocolate and Oysters" on Thursday, December 13th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. She will be displaying some new work and Narragansett will be supplying tasty beverages to compliment the treats. Romula mentioned, "I am excited to have friends and customers to the new location and would love to have some brand new eyes inside as well." For more info you can contact her at RomulaArt@gmail.com or call 617-227-2071. You can also visit RomulaArt.com to view pieces and read about the artist.

Sugar Plum Fairy's Still Fluttering at the Boston Ballet Through December 30, 2012 with music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky and choreography by Mikko Nissinen, Nissinen's *The Nutcracker* lights up the stage. The new production will capture the beauty and magic of the traditional Nutcracker story with revised scenes and choreography by Nissinen. Boston Ballet's award-winning *The Nutcracker*, has been performed annually for 42 years. Over 35 performances employ the talents of the entire company and more than 250 Boston Ballet School students who perform in the production every year. In 2009 Boston Ballet's *The Nutcracker* was voted

Best-Loved Nutcracker Production in the U.S. For the most up-to-date sketches, video and information on the 2012 *The Nutcracker*, visit www.bostonballet.org/nutcracker2012. The Boston Opera House is located at 539 Washington Street, Boston, MA and can be reached at 617-259-3400 for more ticket information.

The Grinch is Still Making his Way Through Boston The Grinch on stage closed on Sunday but he is still lurking throughout the city. The festive readings of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* are still taking place right up until Christmas Eve. The most current locations and times are as follow: Friday, December 14th from 4:00-5:00 pm at the Paris Street Community Center in East Boston, Saturday, December 15th from 12:00-1:00 pm at the Boston Public Library Lower Mills Branch in Dorchester, Saturday December 15th from 2:00-3:00 pm at the Boston Public Library Adams Street Branch in Dorchester, Monday, December 17th from 3:00-4:00 pm at the BCYF Shelburne Community Center in Roxbury and Wednesday, December 19th from 3:00-4:00 pm at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center in Dorchester. Be sure to catch the Grinch before he and Santa head back north or wherever it is that grumpy Grinch hides out until the holidays.



Cocktails and occasions.... Come and visit Romula's Studio and see how she finds her inspiration to celebrate the New Year. (Photo courtesy of Romula Creations)

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by Orazio Buttafuoco

LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

E' un dato di fatto che il Governo Italiano e' molto generoso non solo regalando ai partiti politici somme ingenti per coprire le loro spese elettorali ma anche alle grandi industrie. Chi fa' la parte del leone e' la FIAT. Alla fine del secondo conflitto mondiale, i suoi impianti industriali erano stati distrutti dai bombardamenti aerei, lasciando la FIAT moribonda. Uno dei primi atti dei primi governi, in Italia, fu quello di stanziare fondi per aiutare la FIAT a ricostruire gli impianti, a Torino. Con l'avvento della Repubblica l'aiuto del Governo alla FIAT intensifico'. La ricostruzione richiedeva sempre fondi, ed il Governo continuava l'aiuto finanziario. Per avere un'idea delle somme enormi ricevute dalla FIAT basta leggere i dati dal 1990 al 1995. In cinque anni la FIAT ha ricevuto, dal Governo italiano, piu' di 5 miliardi (circa 199,700,000 euro, oppure circa \$250 million. Ecco, in breve, come questa somma e' stata spesa.

Costruzione degli impianti a Melfi ed a Pratola Serra: 1,279,400 billion euro. Ristrutturazione di impianti nel Lazio, Basilicata e Campania: 80,700,000 euro. Riapertura di impianti in Italia, eccetto Torino e Termoli: 78 milioni di euro. Apertura degli impianti a Termini Imerese e Pomigliano: 10,400,000 euro. Impianti a Cassino: 29,100,000 euro. Nuovi impianti meccanici a Mirafiori (carrozzeria): 15,600,000 euro. Nuovi impianti a Pomigliano (Alfa Romeo 156): 20,500,000 euro. A Termoli (1999): 28,500,000 euro. Sata-Melfi (2000): 151,000,000 euro. IOVECO, a Foggia: 121,700,000 euro. A Termini Imerese, LANCIA Jpsilon, 2013: 46,000,000 euro (questo progetto e' stato cancellato nel 2012) Aiuti alla formazione specialistica, FIAT AUTO: 30,200,000 euro. Aiuti alla formazione Coman, Coman bis e FIAT AUTO: 34,600,000 euro. Totale aiuti di Stato (con incentivi): 7,601,900,000 euro.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

It is a fact that the Italian Government is overly generous not only toward the political parties by refunding them for their election expenses but also to the major industries. Who gets the lion's share is FIAT. Just to get an idea of the large sums received by FIAT, let's look only to the years 1990-1995. In five years, FIAT has received, from the Italian Government, over 5 billion euro, or about \$6.9 billion. In short, here is a breakdown how the money has been invested.

Construction of plants at Melfi and at Pratola Serra: 1,279,400,000 euro. Refurbishing the plants in the regions of Lazio, Basilicata and Campania: 80,700,000 euro. (Re)opening of plants throughout Italy, except Torino and Termoli: 78,000,000 euro. New plants at Termini Imerese and Pomigliano: 10,400,000 euro (2005). A plant at Cassino: 29,100,000 euro. A new auto plant at Mirafiori (body): 15,600,000 euro. New plants at Pomigliano (Alfa Romeo 150): 20,500,000 euro. Plant at Termoli (1999): 28,500,000 euro. Plants at Sata-Melfi (2000): 151,000,000 euro. IVECO, Foggia: 121,700,000 euro. Refurbishing plant at Termini Imerese (for the new car Lancia Ypsilon-2013): 46,000,000 (this plant has been closed in 2012). Help to specialist formation, FIAT Auto: 38,200,000 euro. Financial help to workers' retraining at Caman, Caman Bis, FIAT Auto: total 34,600,000 euro. Total contribution received from the Italian State, plus incentives: 7,601,900,000 euro!

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

are willing to raise tax revenue by \$800 billion over ten years and seek more spending cuts in return.

Here's an interesting fact that the liberal news media hides from the American people. Did you know the current debt ceiling is \$16,394 trillion and that the government at this time is \$16,244 trillion in debt? The Congressional Budget office has projected the ceiling would be reached some time in late February or March.

It is time for everyone to get serious and work in good faith. Time for the President to lead, not campaign because the election is over and the due date gets nearer.

Marco Rubio Could be the Future But ...

Recently, when asked by a news reporter what he thought about evolution and how old he thought the Earth was, Rubio said he basically wanted evolution and creationism to be treated as equals. As far as how many birthdays our planet has, he responded by saying he really didn't know how old this planet of ours actually is. Apparently he is trying to

keep both evangelical conservatives and Tea Party Republicans happy. This is not showing true leadership. Trying to kiss up to evangelicals won't win further elections. Evolution is a scientific theory. Most people, myself included, believe in evolution of life. It doesn't make anyone an atheist or anti-Christian for saying that. As far as the Earth's age, it is about one billion years old which is at odds with most evangelicals who think Earth has been around for 50,000 years.

Marco and other younger Republican leaders out there need to take resolute stands and not be evasive. The object is to build coalitions around issues that bring people together. With evolution, you only get subtraction. The GOP needs to add numbers not subtract them. I think Marco Rubio from Florida and U.S. Senator-elect Ted Cruz, R-Texas are the upcoming faces of Republicans.

The economy is in the toilet and the Democrats still won. Republicans need to build a stronger case for their brand name. As far as social issues go, there is nothing wrong with evolving without

losing one's core values. As far as immigration goes, Republicans need to identify with the struggles of Latinos in this country. We need to close the borders in order to even begin to resolve the issue of the 12-15 million illegals already residing here among us. Republicans can't just be the party of 'no.' We must be the party of justice, the party of families, the party of prosperity for all. To all this and other issues, Republicans need to be saying "yes" to America's future.

All the old tired Republicans have now passed. It is time for the next generation of leaders to show the way into the 21st century and beyond.

Beacon Hill Overrides Patrick

The House voted 135-19 and the Senate voted 24-10 to override Governor Patrick's veto of a bill that would require applicants to provide proof of residency in order to register their vehicles with the Registry of Motor Vehicles. What surprised me about the Governor's action was that 19 state reps and 10 state senators approved of the Governor's idea.

• Simple Times (Continued from Page 2)

away. Life never again was the same.

To learn anew the mood Americans lapsed into upon the dread of Pearl Harbor, I called my 92-year-old friend Armando. I've devoted two of my columns in this venerable newspaper during the past three years about Armando's heroism during World War II. He shared riveting, agonizing accounts of the war's toll.

Last time I wrote about Armando, I said he tended his yard at his Newton home that he shared with his wife Mary for 62 years. Nowadays, Mary requires attention and since last September, they both share a cozy apartment in an assistive living facility a mile from their old home. Armando

quit driving in April. His sharp mind belies his wobbly gait. And he's cheerily accepting that he's declining physically.

I visited Armando two weeks ago to watch a New England Patriots football game. Five other men, each clinging to their own stories of heroism in World War II, sat watching the action on the big-screen TV, analyzing every play. After all, they were master tacticians in World War II.

Last Saturday, I called to ask Armando a few questions about Pearl Harbor: "I'm not feeling up to par," he quietly said. "I've learned that my niece's death is imminent," he added. "When I went to my 90-year-old sister's funeral last month

and saw my niece I didn't recognize her. The illness has terribly diminished her appearance." His 59-year-old niece has battled pancreatic cancer for a year.

Armando's latest war is confronting the harsh reality that an aging body exacts on he and Mary. He'll tell you he keeps going for her sake. Still he plods along with a hearty laugh. Soldiering through a torrent of emotional pain, I sense strongly that not even life's inevitable challenges will defeat him.

You see, Armando fought for his life and the lives of his shipmates in World War II. And he returned home to spend the next 67 years successfully plowing through it all.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI12P5044EA

Estate of
STATHIS J. REMPELAKIS
Date of Death SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kalliope Rempelakis of Canton MA**. A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kalliope Rempelakis of Canton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
617-768-5800
Docket No. MI12D4092DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
BHAMMIBEN PATEL
a/k/a **BHAMINI PATEL**

vs.
NISHITH PATEL

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Bruce A. Gage, Esq., Attorney at Law, 175 Central Street, Suite 219, Lowell, MA 01852** your answer, if any, on or before **January 17, 2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 6, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/14/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI12D4956DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
CHATEARA LEGER

vs.
RONALDO DaROSA, JR.

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Bret Francis, Esq., Harnish, Jenney, Mitchell & Resh, LLP, 564 Main Street, Suite 300, Waltham, MA, 02452** your answer, if any, on or before **January 17, 2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 6, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/14/12

• Season of Peace (Continued from Page 3)

giving and New Year's but year-round to the point that

there will be no more events at Twelfth Baptist Church announcing future Seasons of Peace.

We can pray for peace, but we need to do more than pray, sometimes we have to put actual efforts into making sure we are creating an atmosphere for peace. We have to exit from the church and meet up in the street to begin the healing for wounded communities. God after all, I remember being taught in my Roxbury church, tells us that we all are the instruments of peace. Without us working together, nothing will get done. Advertisements on buses are nice but each of us must be advertisements for peace in how we live with one another.

It is a tall order but civilization depends on us living up to our role in it.

LEGAL NOTICE

MICHAEL SORRENTINO (AGENT)
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TO OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES, IF YOU COULD SHOW PROOF OF OWNERSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT THE ABOVE NUMBERS. VEHICLES NOT CLAIMED IN 21 DAYS WILL BE SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE.

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2007 RANGE ROVER
VIN #SALSK25467A118464
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VIN #1YVFP84D745N72123

SUBMITTED BY
MICHAEL SORRENTINO (AGENT)

Run dates: 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass.G.L. c 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles by **private sale on December 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

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VIN #1FAFP53294G163927
- 2003 DODGE G CARAVAN**
VIN #1D4GP24373B249577
- 2001 NISSAN MAXIMA**
VIN #JN1CA31D71T620943
- 1999 FORD EXPLORER**
VIN #1FMZU34E5XZB29906
- 1993 TOYOTA COROLLA**
VIN #1NXAE09EXPZ034238
- 2003 CHEVY IMPALA**
VIN #2G1WF52E639362335

Run dates: 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI12P5026EA
Estate of BERNARD J. MCMANUS
Date of Death OCTOBER 1, 2012
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brian J. McManus of Chicago, IL**, Petitioner **Maureen Alice Moore of Melrose MA**. A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Brian J. McManus of Chicago, IL, Maureen Alice Moore of Melrose MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 12/14/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU12P2334EA

Estate of ROSALIE VITA a/k/a ROSALIE FERRERA
Date of Death September 22, 1997
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Joseph M. Ferrera of Columbia, NJ**, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that **Joseph M. Ferrera of Columbia, NJ** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2013**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 5, 2012

Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/14/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU01D2212DV1
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION SONIA F. de LIMA, PLAINTIFF v. MARCO AURELLO ALVES CHAVES, DEFENDANT

To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **Sonia F. de Lima**, seeking a Complaint for Modification.

You are required to serve upon **Sonia F. de Lima - plaintiff - whose address is: 233 Vine Street #1, Everett MA 02149** your answer on or before **January 10, 2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at **Boston**, this 19th day of November 2012.

Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/14/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI12P5257EA

Estate of DAVID JOSEPH SALIBA
Date of Death October 28, 2012
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David G. Saliba of Winchester, MA**. A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David G. Saliba of Winchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 12/14/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU12P2333EA

Estate of PETER FERRERA
Date of Death August 7, 2004
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Joseph M. Ferrera of Columbia, NJ**, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that **Joseph M. Ferrera of Columbia, NJ** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2013**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 5, 2012

Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/14/12



EXTRA Innings

by *Sal Giarratani*



Phillies Add Young in Trade

Michael Young has been acquired in a trade from the Texas Rangers for two relief pitchers. Young now goes to the Phillies after waiving his no-trade clause. The Rangers will pay most of Young's 2013 salary. He is due \$416 million and the Phillies only pay \$6 million of that amount. After spending 12 seasons in Texas, he leaves as club leader in hits (2,230), runs, doubles and triples.

Bay Now a Mariner

Former Red Sox outfielder Jason Bay has now signed a one-year deal. Bay came to Boston in a trade that sent Manny Ramirez away from Fenway. Manny was just being Manny too often for most BoSox fans. However, after that season ended in Boston for Bay, he has struggled. He left Boston for the NY Mets prior to the start of the 2010 season but never really clicked in New York. He now hopes to re-group in Seattle as a member of the Mariners team. We shall see. I always like him because he was a no-nonsense player.

Can Ortiz Hit 500 Homers?

Red Sox slugger Dave Ortiz was signed to a 2-year, \$26 million contract last month and has a decent chance of reaching 500 home runs if he can stay healthy. Former baseball slugger Andres Galarraga hit 47 homers in 1997 for the Colorado Rockies but after that season, months away from his 37th birthday, wasn't resigned because the Rockies thought he was going downhill with age. He signed a 3-year deal with the Atlanta Braves and hit 44 homers in 1998.

Galarraga said, "(Ortiz) is going to get more than 500 homers. I hope he stays healthy to do it for a long

time more." Including Galaraga, 21 sluggers have hit at least 30 home runs in the season they were 37 years old. Among them are Hank Aaron, who hit 47 in 1971, Babe Ruth, who hit 41 in 1932 and Hank Saucer in 1954, who hit 41 homers. Within the last few years, both Jim Thome and Raul Ibanez were both able to hit 34 four-baggers as 37-year-old guys. Last season, Ortiz was injury-plagued and still hit 23 home runs and 60 RBIs. If he stays healthy, Ortiz can still hang around and keep hitting home runs and 500 career home runs is quite probable.

Scutaro Staying in San Fran

NLCS MVP Marco Scutaro has agreed to a 3-year, \$20 million deal with the World Champion San Francisco Giants. Scutaro hit .362 in 61 games with the Giants in 2012 at age 37. Boston fans were rooting for him in the playoffs and remembered him doing so well here in Boston where he became a fan favorite.

Greinke Free Agent Winner

Right-handed pitcher Zack Greinke has crossed town. He has left the LA Angeles to go to the LA Dodgers. Last season he was a 15 game winner. He has signed a six year, \$147 million deal. Good country America. The Dodgers are hoping to see him break out in the National League next season. Greinke was one of the biggest free agents on the open market this off-season. The Dodgers were battling the Rangers and Texas lost out and now Dodgers fans will see if Greinke was worth all that money.

Upton Leaves Rays for Braves

Free agent B.J. Upton and

the Braves have agreed on a 5-year deal. The 28 year old outfielder hit .246 with 28 homers and 78 RBIs with 31 stolen bases in 2012. He will replace free agent Michael Bourn as the Braves new centerfielder. Upton has upped his home run totals in three straight seasons but has hit below .250 and struck out more than 150 times in each of his last four seasons.

Wright Deal in NY for Third Baseman

All Star third baseman David Wright and the NY Mets have agreed to a \$138 million, 8-year deal. It is the richest in NY Mets franchise history. Wright is a fan favorite. He holds the club records for most hits, most RBIs and most walks. Wright batted .306 with 21 homers and 93 RBIs last season as the Mets went 74-88 in the NL East last season. He also hit 41 doubles and 15 stolen bases.

Keep the Three Stooges Out of Cooperstown

I certainly hope that members of the Baseball Writers of America don't vote Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds or Sammy Sosa into the Hall of Fame. Voting is going on right now with results released to the public on January 9. None of them deserve the honor. Funny had Rogers Clemens retired from the Boston Red Sox after 13 seasons, his 192 career Red Sox victories would have been more than enough to have been voted into Cooperstown back in 2001. Now with 354 wins, I say keep him out because like Bonds and McGwire before him, the stats are stained with too much alleged juice for this real baseball fan. Eventually, they all may get into the Hall of Fame but not at this time.

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Date: December 4, 2012

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David Ortiz's Annual Celebrity Golf Classic

by Cyn Donnelly



The Participants in the 5th Annual David Ortiz Celebrity Golf Classic.
(Photo from David Ortiz's Facebook page)

Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz held his annual *Celebrity Golf Classic* at The Fishing Lodge in the Dominican Republic last week. The outing is four days of golfing and socializing that gives current and former baseball players as well as other athletes and celebrities the opportunity to enjoy the warm weather in the Dominican Republic while we in Massachusetts are enduring a chilly December. It also is one of the many events Ortiz organizes to benefit his charity the *David Ortiz Children's Fund*, which is dedicated to raising funds that give children in both the Dominican Republic and the Northeastern United States access to pediatric critical care. Before the 2012 event, the *David Ortiz Celebrity Golf Classic* had raised over \$750,000 for the *Children's Fund*.

This year's event was an extra special treat for Red Sox fans as it brought together some favorites from the 2004 World Series championship team. Tim Wakefield, Pedro Martinez, Kevin Millar and Johnny Damon all showed up as did former Red Sox Manager Terry Francona. Along with other celebrities, Red Sox legends and Baseball Hall of Famers Jim Rice and Luis Tiant, former NESN personality Heidi Watney and local athlete and Olympic gold medalist Aly Raisman all attended the event as well.

Fans who couldn't make it to the event were able to bid online for sports-related items including a Tiger Woods autographed golf bag, a behind-the-scenes tour of Fox's NFL Sunday show with Howie Long, a lunch date with Heidi Watney, now working for the



David Ortiz and Pedro Martinez.
(Photo from David Ortiz's Facebook page)

MLB Network and even batting lessons from Big Papi himself!

David Ortiz has been a big part of the local charitable community since he signed with the Red Sox in 2003 and he founded the *David Ortiz Children's Fund* in 2007. A fan favorite and team leader, there was some concern that his free agency at the end of the 2012 season would lead to his signing with another team but in November the slugger signed a two-year contract with the Red Sox for \$26 million that many hope will see him retire from baseball as a member of the hometown team. To learn more about the *David Ortiz Children's Fund*, visit the website at www.davidortizchildrensfund.org.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



The roller coaster ride that is the NHL labor negotiations continues as we reach mid-December and the ever-looming possibility that there just might not be NHL hockey this season becomes closer to reality.

We all know how these talks have played. First the two sides get together, raising hopes that this is the moment that they'll come to an agreement. Then, the talks are broken off and the situation remains without a resolution — just as it did the week before, the month before or two months before.

Meanwhile people move on with their lives. The thought of hockey gets pushed farther and farther into the background. There was even a piece in the *Boston Globe* recently that put forth the idea that attendance at local college hockey games is down this season because there isn't an active NHL version of the game.

The thinking goes that locally the Bruins drive the hockey conversation in families and that gets people interested in going to hockey games — pro or college. Without the Bruins to spark things up, people have moved away somewhat from hockey in general, not simply the NHL version.

Yours truly doesn't quite agree with that but the point is well-taken. NHL teams are out of sight and out of mind. The Patriots easily fill the void and the Celtics — even though they are essentially a .500 team thus far this season — are still an interesting group to watch. And not too far into the future, as January becomes February, coverage of the Red Sox will pick up again as well.

Yes sir, if a group really wanted to damage a sport, the folks in New York are certainly going about it in the right way. Become inactive during what would be your season's prime months, have your publicity slow to a trickle and with the little that remains have it dominated by off-ice financial issues — exactly what NHL fans couldn't care less about.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman has mentioned the words "corporate partners" several times in his news conferences. We wonder what those partners think now. Here they were signing up as sponsors, official suppliers and advertisers and now their products and services are not seen by the desired audience since games are not being played.

Even though they may receive some exposure when the current situation ends, we wonder how quick they will be willing to sign another contract with the league or one of its franchises.

The prolonged nature of the talks (or non-talks as the case may be) has created uncertainty for all arenas involved. It's a little bit different here in the Hub since the Jacobs family owns both the

Bruins and the Garden, but across the league that's not the case. Arena owners face dark nights with empty seats and no money made — not a good scenario at all. And they have no control over when the situation will stop.

Nor would an end to the lockout at this stage ease that. That's because the league insists that a 48-game minimum regular season be played before the playoffs would begin. If — and that's a real big if — the season were to start December 31st, the Bruins would have only 47 games remaining on the original schedule as published in September.

What that means is that the league would most likely tear up that schedule and create a whole new one, featuring games against only Eastern Conference opponents. Until that's official uncertainty continues over dates, times, etc., meaning the possibility of scheduling alternative events such as concerts and shows is still being held up. And every dark day at an arena is one where income is lost. Arena owners across North America must really love the NHL this year.

And then there are the players who feel (or at least their union leaders feel) that they are being asked to agree to a poor deal. Could be.

But, since the length of an average NHL career is only five to six years, just where do you think a retired NHL player will receive anywhere near his active player's salary in retirement? For the vast majority it just isn't going to happen.

Businessweek reported that before the start of the 2011-2012 season, the average annual NHL salary was \$2.4 million. According to the now expired CBA, the minimum salary in the NHL for that season was \$525,000. So, just what line of employment is going to pay a retired NHL player \$525,000 or more per year?

Would you walk away from a job that was going to pay you at least \$525,000? The short-sighted players have done just that, perhaps not focusing on the reality that those high income earning years will probably come to a conclusion in the not-too-distant future. And then where will they find a job with a comparable salary? Nowhere.

Are the owners innocent? No. But time and finances are on their side. They can withstand the lockout, even if it means a season lost. In this long, drawn out game, they hold most of the cards.

And so the lockout moves slowly on, towards a truly tragic destination point some time in January when the entire season will be lost. It also could end at any moment but there have been so many false alarms one gets the feeling that for a growing number of people it just doesn't matter anymore.

And that is the saddest outcome of all.



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