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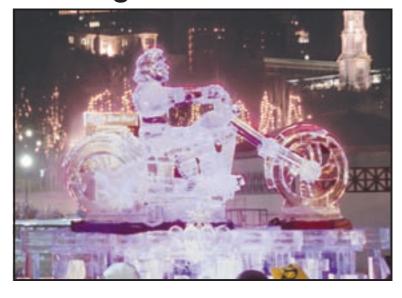
A Very Merry Christmas to our Readers and Advertisers from the staff of the Post-Gazette Pam Donnaruma Claude Marsilia Christian A. Prof./Cav. hillip J. DiNovo Franklin Trumbull John Christoforo Bennett Molinari Sal Giarratani Cappuccio Richard Girard Plante **Richard Preiss** Daniel Alessandra Sambiase

Celebrate First Night Boston 2015

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the City of Boston announce First Night Boston 2015's full programming and schedule for afternoon and evening activities on December 31, 2014 form 1:00 pm to midnight at The Hynes Convention Center, Copley Square, Boston Common and other venues.

First Night Boston features a Grand Procession Parade that sweeps down Boylston Street, colossal ice sculptures that dot the city's landscape, and a dazzling fireworks display to welcome in the New Year.

Nearly one million people gather in downtown Boston for a celebration that showcases over 1.000 artists in 200 performances and events at over two-dozen indoor and outdoor venues.



Boston's signature events," says Mayor Walsh, "in the same company as the Boston Marathon and Independence Day celebrations."

Founded in 1976, by a "First Night is one of group of artists and community activist, it's the oldest and largest New Year's arts festival in the world. Over the years, it has been replicated by over 250 cities and towns.

(Highlights on Pages 8 & 9)

Within Our Hearts a Yearning

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



On Saturday, December 20th, the Saint Leonard Choral Society accompanied by the North End Chamber Orchestra presented an evening of spiritual and popular Christmas music entitled "Within Our Hearts a Yearning." The concert was the eleventh in a series of Annual Christmas concerts a lovely event much antici-

pated by parishioners and friends of Saint Leonard Parish.

As in the past, the concert was held in the magnificent setting of Sacred Heart upper church. The concert began promptly at 6:00 pm with greetings and opening remarks by Laurie Warnock, President of the Choral Society who graciously welcomed

concert attendees. She then introduced Dr. Dan Drzymalski, Music Director who so ably has arranged and conducted these concerts over the years. Father Claude Scrima, Parochial Vicar of Saint Leonard Parish then offered a blessing for the parish and all in attendance.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Another Hawaiian Get-away for Prez and Family

It bothers me a bit when I hear all these moonbats talking about income inequality and then dead silence from them when our president packs up and takes his family to Hawaii for Christmas, oops I mean winter vacation. Seventeen days in the sun and all paid for by you and me to the tune of \$16 million. What a deal, less than a million per day.

Meanwhile, I am staying home. Or maybe I'll take a day trip to either the North End or Charlestown. Oh, and that root canal I need, the president needs his trip more than I need good

I wonder how he would feel if he actually had to work for a living just once in his life.

I don't even expect a postcard from him, how 'bout you"? I can't wait for January 20, 2017.

People Magazine Interviews Barack and Moochail

Recently, People Magazine interviewed President Obama and First Lady Michelle and the subject turned to the stain of racism and how it has impacted their lives to this day.

Michelle remembers once in Target, another

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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.



POSEIDON

Poseidon was the Greek god of all flowing waters. He lived in the sea and rode over the waves in a chariot drawn by brazen-hoofed horses. Giant waves smoothed out as he approached, while sea monsters recognized him and frolicked around his chariot. He generally yoked the horses to the chariot without the help from others, but occasionally he was assisted by the Nereid Amphitrite (a sea nymph) who was his wife. Most of the time was spent in the sea, however, when the gods assembled at Olympus he appeared there in person.

This god is credited with building the walls around Troy for King Leomedon, the



founder of that city. A period of labor for wages was ordered because of Poseidon's participation in a conspiracy against Zeus. Later the king refused to pay the wages that were promised, and in consequence, a sea monster was sent by the sea god to ravage the land, and to devour the king's daughter.

Hercules just happened to be passing through the area and saved the beautiful princess by killing the monster.

Poseidon continued to bear a relentless hatred for the Trojans and sided with the Greeks later, in their war against Troy. At times he stood off and witnessed the fighting as a spectator from the high ground at Thrace, and at other times he appeared as a mortal to encourage the Greeks while Zeus was helping the Trojans.

As the ruler of the sea, Poseidon had the power to cause clouds to appear and storms to form, or he could have granted a safe voyage to help those who were in troubled waters. At one time he argued with the goddess Athena over which of them should offer a name for the capitol of Attica (Athens). The gods decided that the honor be reserved for whichever of the two bestowed upon mankind the most useful gift. It was at this time that Poseidon created the horse, while Athena created the olive tree. and of course, we all know that Athena won.

Poseidon is credited with teaching men the art of handling horses by the bridle and also for being the originator of horse racing. This is why he is sometimes represented on horseback. The symbol of his power is the trident (a spear with three points). This is the instrument that he used when he created or subdued storms, shattered rocks or even shook the earth.

shook the earth.

This sea god was worshipped all over Greece and Southern Italy. Sacrifices to him generally consisted of bulls, wild boars and rams, while horse races and chariot races were often held in his honor. For more than twenty-five hundred years, he has been easily recognized in any artistic representation by his accompanying dolphin, horse or trident.

Next Week: Neptune

Holiday Greetings to All



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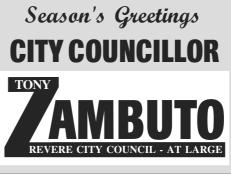
Gilda (Scrima) Pasto May She Rest In Peace



Gilda (Scrima) Pasto, 87, of Worcester and a long time resident of Boston's North End died peacefully surrounded by her loving family, Saturday, December 13, 2014 in the Jewish Healthcare Center. Her husband Mario Pasto predeceased her. Gilda is survived by her loving children: a son James Pasto and his wife Milah, her daughter Lisa Gurney and her husband Daniel of Worcester, three grandchildren, Amaya, Alisa, and Mario. A brother Rev. Claude Scrima OFM of St. Leonard's Church in Boston, and Mary Greco of Wilmington. She was predeceased by two sisters Connie Zarrella and Sylvia Pisano both of Saugus, and a brother Michael Scrima.

Gilda was born in Boston, daughter of the late Antonio and Palmina (Uva) Scrima, and lived in the North End of Boston most of her life before moving to Worcester several years ago. Gilda worked at the Lavanderia and also the Waterfront Laundry for many years before she retired. She loved being at the ocean, and was an avid fan of old black and white films, especially musicals. She adored Fred Astaire. One of the highlights of her life was a trip to Italy where she met several of her cousins and found it to be a very peaceful place. However, her most treasured times were those with her grandchildren. Gilda will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

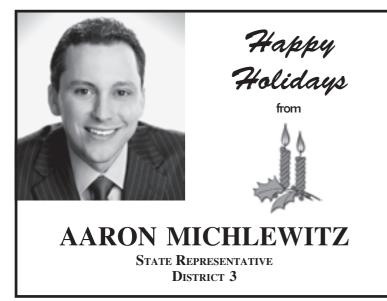
Gilda's funeral was held Wednesday, December 17th, at 10:30AM in St Leonard's Church, Hanover Street, Boston's North End. Contributions may be made in Gilda's memory to the Jewish Healthcare Center, 629 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609.











Season's Greetings from



Congressman MIKE CAPUANO

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Cartier Holiday Party Honors Boston Ballet



Cartier boutique director Michelle Wellington, poses with The Nutcracker, Boston Ballet artistic director Nikko Nissinen, left, and ballet dancers Bo Busby and Boyko Dossev

On December 8, 2014 Cartier partnered with the Boston Ballet for a private holiday cocktail event at the Boston boutique at 40 Newbury Street from 6:00-8:00 pm. The event was hosted by Michelle Wellington, Cartier Boston Boutique Director, and Mikko Nissinen, Artistic Director of the Boston Ballet. Approximately 100 attendees were present including guests of Cartier and supporters of the Boston Ballet. The nutcracker and dancers from the ballet were also in attendance. Guests enjoyed Cartier champagne, hors d'oeuvres and a festive specialty cocktail as they viewed select Fine Watchmaking Collection pieces that were specially brought in for the event. Cartier values its partnership with The Boston Ballet and continues to support the organization.



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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Ringing in the New Year

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Christmas does not end once the page marked "December 25th" flies off the calendar. True, radio stations stop playing carols like Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas and Sleigh Ride on permanent rotation. Yes, the presents under the tree have been unwrapped, revealing the delights hidden inside. However, the celebrations of Christmas continue for a while after the holiday proper has come to a close. According to old tradition, and that famous song about five golden rings, there are actually twelve days of Christmas. These days begin on the 25th and do not end until January 6th, which is the feast of the Epiphany. In Italy, each of the Twelve Days is imbued with a special significance. December 26th, for example, is St. Stephen's Day, or la Festa di Santo Stefano in Italian. During this day, Italians visit family or go skiing in mountain resorts. Indeed, the Twelve Days of Christmas all contain a magical and mystical quality, a unique sense of being removed from the daily bustle and grind of the rest of the year. I spend the Twelve Days of Christmas in a jolly haze, taking advantage of my vacation from school. I catch up on grading, eat Christmas leftovers, shop in blissfully uncrowded stores, and see family members who are visiting from overseas. However, I also spend these days preparing for one of my favorite holidays and what I believe to be the most mysterious date of the Twelve Days of Christmas: New Year's Eve. Filled with folklore and tradition, the twinned holidays of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day ring in a fresh new beginning with luck and good fortune.

New Year's Eve feels different from all the other days of the year, carrying with it a palpable aura of anticipation and hope. I see people going about their daily business walking a dog, shopping at a supermarket, driving home for work — yet overlapping these scenes of everyday life stands the electric buzz of nostalgia and optimism, the profound knowledge that the with my family. We gather old year is giving way to a new at my aunt's house and enjoy and exciting start. I believe a special meal that ends with looks special on New Year's marbled ring cake for des-Eve, glowing with a gemtoned dark blue shade indica- lucky food for New Year's Eve tive of the slowly lengthening since their shape symbolizes days. The marked uniqueness of New Year's Eve is what has led a number of stories of ancient New Year's luck-bringing folk traditions traditions in the small Italian to surround this holiday. town of her youth, such as the Since New Year's Eve is laden practice of sweeping out the with so much insecurity — door with a broom in order to



will the new year be worse or better than the last? A smattering of superstitions seek to increase people's good fortune in the next twelve months. The most famous New Year's Eve superstition involves creating a lot of noise at the stroke of midnight, reflective in the noisemakers and party horns of today. In ancient times, people believed that supernatural beings wandered the Earth during times of transition, and that loud noises were especially adept at chasing evil spirits away. Certain foods also bestow good fortune in the upcoming year. In Italy, the main lucky New Year's food is lentils, which are thought to resemble coins and as such bring prosperity. They are usually eaten with a spicy pork sausage known as cotechino. My grandmother fondly remembers a quirky luck ritual enacted in Naples on la Notte di San Silvestro ("St. Sylvester's Night" — this is the Italian term for New Year's Eve, since December 31st is also the feast day of Saint Sylvester). As a boarding school student in this city during the 1940s, my grandmother had to exercise great caution walking down the street on New Year's Eve, for people threw old, unused or broken items from their windows, all in the name of making a fresh start in the New Year!

While I do not throw things out my window, I do celebrate New Year's Eve in a traditional and folksy manner sert. Ring cakes are another the cycle of the year. I love to listen to my grandmother's

family plays Bingo together, which is known as tombola in Italian. Games of chance are popular parts of New Year's celebrations around the world, for they symbolize the unexpected thrill of good luck. We watch the televised New Year's festivities in New York and when the famed Times Square ball finally drops all the way down at midnight, we hug and kiss and wish each other a happy New Year. This is my favorite part, handsdown, of New Year's Eve, since the love of family and friends is what I most want to be surrounded by every year. New Year's Day is more relaxing. Known as Capodanno, or "head of the year," in Italian, this is traditionally a day spent recuperating from the festivities the night before. Superstition decrees that the way you start the year is the way you will end it, so I like to spend New Year's Day doing a little bit of the things that I love, such as writing, reading, baking and watching a movie. Last year, I woke up late on New Year's Day and walked to the gym on the other side of my townhouse complex. As I walked down the quiet street, I noticed that the sun seems brighter and that the snow twinkled as if it was made of diamonds. Even the bird songs sounded happier! It was such a wonderful feeling, like the whole world was starting fresh. It is a feeling that characterizes New Year's

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are magical holidays, overflowing with mystery and luck and tingling anticipation. While they are part of the Christmas season, they also burst with their own unique traditions and lore. New Year's celebrations urge us to start the new cycle with the love of family and with luck always on our side. For we make our own luck by greeting the world with optimism and kindness, two traits that typify New Year's festivities around the world. Whether it includes eating lentils or shouting gleefully at midnight, New Year's customs remind us that facing the world with love and hope will provide us with the forthat even the twilight sky my chocolate-and-vanilla tune we need to blaze happily in the unknown. Yes, it can be scary to leave behind the familiar and face something completely new, but New Year's offer us the chance to improve ourselves and our outlook on life. Without endings, there can be no beginnings or new opportunities for joy and self-discovery. This New Year's, surround yourself with people that you love and promise to make the next twelve months a time of wonder and cheer!

Day for me.

Happy New Year! Buon Anno!

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LOOKING BEHIND, LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas and New Year's is a time of the year where we slow down almost as swiftly as we rush around buying all those gifts. We are in a time of the year where we are forced to look into the nearest mirror and attempt to see who we really are and what we have accomplished over the previous twelve months. Most of the time we come up short on our selfanalysis. We find it difficult to measure up to our own hoped expectations of what we want to be.

I recently heard an old hit song on the radio and the lyrics were so simple yet so profound as it went, "I've been crazy all these years just to keep me from going insane." To me it means staying loose and relaxed, taking things as they come up and never losing perspective on the important things of life.

Life isn't about getting things as much as it is about giving of yourself to others around you. It is about living life to the fullest and doing good along the long road you are riding. Sometimes things go smoothly and sometimes the road gets bumpy, but you keep plugging away one step after the other.

Christmas is about love and New Year's about hope. Our lives are to be lived. We are born to live and not merely exist. I recently heard a homily at church which stated, some people get dead as soon as they are born and live dead and then die dead. Their lives were wasted. They made no one happy. They did nothing good. They wasted their gift

New Year's is the time to come alive after celebrating life at Christmas. Every year is another opportunity to grow. Remember it isn't over for us until they throw dirt atop us.

As actor Morgan Freeman's character in "Shawshank Redemption" stated, "It is time to get on with the business of living or get on with the business of dying." In short, use this time of the year to look ahead with hope for the future and not be held captive by your past. We are only guaranteed the present. Use it to make better tomorrows. The past is past, move on from it.

Look forward to the future and be happy about it.

Merry Christmas



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Thank You from St. Agrippina's Society





St. Agrippina's membership held its 20th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday, December 14th. 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. 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 for over 125 children.

Santa's friends Batman and Blades from the Boston Bruins made special guest appearances. Furthermore, the Boston Celtics Cheerleaders made their annual 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 Sal LaMattina, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Knights of Columbus, North End Against

Drugs, Green Cross Pharmacy, VFW Post 144 North End, Al Dente's, Benevento's, Mangia Mangia, Monica's, Rodman Insurance, Fisherman's Society, Bianco's Sausage Company, Millinium Cleaners, Balloons Over Boston, Mike's Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station, Hillside Press, Marina Ortega of the Boston Celtics, Post-Gazette and Patty Papa of the Mayors Office of Special **Events**

The membership of St. Agrippina's Society 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 everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our 101st annual feast August 1-3, 2015.

Viva St. Agrippina!!!!!

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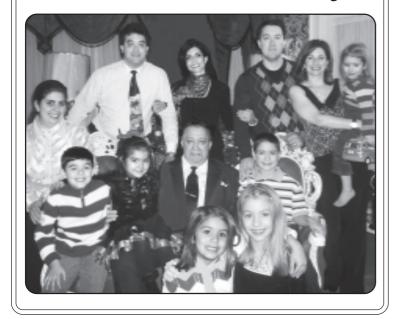
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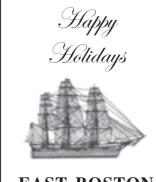
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The Friends of the North End Update ...

by Victor Passacantilli

Celebrates Feast of the 7 Fishes ...



End celebrated their Christmas with a Feast of 7 Fishes.

The Friends of the North The sumptuous meal was prepared by Vito Aluia, Joe Blazo, Pat Reppucci and Paul

Lavecchia, shown in the photo. They were ably assisted by Libby Federico, Viscione, Sam Frank Marino, Joe Ferullo and expedited by Richie "Duffle Bags" Delliago. The Dabene boys were on "KP" and left the kitchen better than they found it. The feast took place at the Sons of Italy Hall in Winchester on Wednesday, December 17th. Sixty North End friends gathered to share a traditional Italian meal and continue friendships that have endured for over 60 years. The Friends of the North End wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Appreciation of the Chefs for the Feast of the 7 Fishes ...



End held a special bocce match at the indoor courts in the Stephen Steriti Rink on Sunday, December 21, again close with the team of Angelo Di Girolamo, Vito Aluia, Richie Delliago and Frank Julianello taking first place. Chefs Vito Aluia, Pat Reppucci, Joe Blazo, Libby and expediter

The Friends of the North Richie Delliago, were each given a gift of gratitude for all the time and effort they expend bi-weekly to provide the Friends of the North 2014. The match was once End Diners Club a homestyle cooked meal. The picture of Sam Viscione epitomizes what takes place each time The Friends play bocce or gather socially. Merry Christmas to all from the Friends of the North End.

Sam Viscione



Dal C.A.S.IT., Un Mondo Di Auguri!

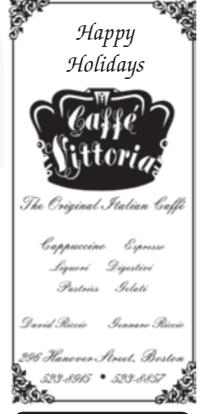


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give you a firm foundation for the language. A more advanced class will also be available on Tuesday evenings for those with knowledge of Italian. The eightweek classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in Stoneham.

Instructor is Tiffany Bistocchi Murphy, graduate of Dickinson College (2003) with a major in Italian and a Master's in Italian from Middlebury College (2006). She has traveled extensively throughout Italy and has taken courses there. The class is casual, interesting and the experience will be enjoyable. If you are traveling to Italy or just want to relive your heritage roots, this class is

Please contact Coordinator John Nocella for further information at 781-438-5687 or preferably by email, at appianitalianclass@yahoo.com. Please pass along to family members, friends and neighbors.

The class is sponsored by the Appian Club of Stoneham, a non-profit, social charitable 501(c)(7) organization whose mission is to promote Italian culture and heritage.

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Sal and Yvonne

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10 New Year's Resolutions for My Pooch Friends

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

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

2. FIT IN FITNESS. Give your dog more exercise. Being active offers many health benefits; studies show that it reduces the risk of some canine cancers, increases life span, maintains weight loss and even improves arthritis. A daily 45minute walk is ideal, but start off with five minutes and build up slowly. Don't forget to take a clean-up bag with you and pick up any messes your dog leaves on the street.

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

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

5. START TRAINING AGAIN. Work on any annoying behaviors your dog might have developed, such as begging from the table, barking at other dogs on the street, jumping on strangers or destructive chewing. "It's never too late to train a dog to do anything," To locate obedience classes or trainers in your area, ask your veterinarian or friends for recommendations.

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

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

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Yo La Tengo

This year's First Night features highlights including long-time favorite indie rock group Yo La Tengo, often referred to as "the quintessential critics' band," who will perform in the Hynes Covention Cetner ballroom. This year the band celebrates 30 years together with the re-issue of their 1993 album Painful (Matador Records) next month. In addition, in partnership with Berklee College of Music, First Night presents Patty Larkin and Dom Flemons at the Berklee Performance Center. Patty Larkin, who received an honorary doctorate from Berklee, is a reverred singer-songwriter whos most recent album Still Green, was released on Signature Sounds. A founding member of African American string band Carolina Chocolate Drops, multi-instrumentalist Dom Flemons plays banjo, guitar, harmonica, fife, bones, bass drum, snare drum and quills, in addition to singing.

ABOUT YO LA TENGO

Yo La Tengo is one of the

most beloved and respected bands in America. For nearly thirty years, Ira Kaplan, Georgia Hubley and James McNew have enjoyed success entirely on their own terms — playing the world's best concert halls, museums and dives, dominating critics' lists, doing a Simpsons theme, playing the Velvet Underground in "I Shot Andy Warhol," sharing stages with some of the most important musicians of our time, and even creating a holiday tradition onto themselves with their yearly series of Hanukkah shows at Hoboken, New Jersey's legendary club Maxwells, from which they've donated hundreds of thousands to charity. For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/ TheRealYLT.

ABOUT PATTY LARKIN

Patty Larkin redefines the boundaries of folk-urban pop music with her inventive guitar wizardry and uncompromising vocals and lyrics. Acoustic Guitar hails her "soundscape experiments"

while Rolling Stone praises her "evocative and sonic shading." She has been described as "riveting" (Chicago Tribune), "hypnotic" (Entertainment Weekly) and a "dropdead brilliant" performer (Performing Songwriter).



Patty Larkin

Patty Larkin grew up in a musical and artistic family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Descended from a long line of Irish American singers and taletellers, her mother was a painter, her sisters both musicians. She learned at a young age to appreciate the beauty of the arts. She began classical piano studies at age 7, and became swept up in the sounds of pop and folk in the 60s, teaching herself the guitar and experimenting with songwriting in high school. An English major, Larkin sang throughout her high school and college career, starting out in coffeehouses in Oregon and San Francisco. Upon graduation from the University of Oregon, she moved to Boston and devoted herself to music, busking on the streets of Cambridge and studying jazz guitar at Berklee College of Music

and with Boston area jazz guitarists.

Patty is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Music from Berklee College of Music, where she is now an Artist in Residence. Patty has earned eleven Boston Music Awards and has been honored by Boston's Mayor Thomas Menino with "Patty Larkin Appreciation Day" in recognition of her philanthropic contributions to non-profit organizations. For more information www.pattylarkin.com.

ABOUT DOM FLEMMONS

Dom Flemons is the

"American Songster," pulling from traditions of oldtime folk music to create new sounds. Having performed music professionally since 2005, he has played live for over one million people just within the past three years. As part of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, which he co-founded with Rhiannon Giddens and Justin Robinson, he has played at a variety of festivals spanning from the Newport Folk Festival to Bonnaroo, in addition to renowned venues such as the Grand Ole Opry.

In July 2014, Dom released his third solo record









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Dom Flemmons

with Music Maker Relief Foundation, and his first since leaving the Carolina Chocolate Drops. Prospect Hill finds Flemons digging deeply into ragtime, Piedmont blues, spirituals, southern folk music, string band music, jug band music, fife and drum music, and







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ballads idioms with showmanship and humor, reinterpreting the music to suit 21st century audiences. He was featured on NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross and his new album has received praise from The Boston Globe, Paste Magazine, Living Blues Magazine, and more. For more information visit www.domflemons.com/.

For nearly 40 years, First Night Boston has become a cherished Boston tradition and a signature event of the city.

"First Night Boston is a wonderful event," says Blake Jordan, Executive Director, Highland Street Foundation "that provides access to the arts for Massachusetts families. With the Family Festival at the Hynes, to the Grand Procession parade, there is a great variety of fun family activities to choose from.

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CHUGGINGTON: SNOW RESCUE (DVD) Anchor Bay Ent.

It's wintertime in Chuggington and the Chuggers are busy making preparations for the Parade of Lights Festival, adorning themselves in glowing colored lights for a special procession through Chuggington! But when freezing fog traps Koko and a snowy avalanche derails Fletch, Wilson and the Chug Patrol team must set out on a wild winter rescue! In this actionpacked collection, featuring the Snow Rescue Special and four additional episodes, your own little Chugger will discover important lessons about safety, responsibility and teamwork.

WHAT IF (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Ent.

"What If" is the story of medical school dropout Wallace (Daniel Radcliffe), who's been repeatedly burned by bad relationships. So while everyone around him, including his fried Allan (Adam Driver), seems to be finding the perfect partner (Mackenzie Davis) Wallace decides to put his love on hold. It is then that he meets Chantry (Zoe Kazan), an animator who lives with her longtime boyfriend Ben (Rafe Spall). Wallace and Chantry form an instant connection, striking up a close friendship. Still there is no denying the chemistry between them, leading the pair to wonder, what if the love of your life is actually your best friend?

HISTORY PRESENTS: THE DEFINITIVE WWI & WWII COLLECTION (DVD)

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GETTING ON: THE FIRST SEASON (DVD) HBO Home Ent.

At the Billy Barnes Extended Care Unit of the Mount Palms Hospital in Long Beach, California, the staff attends to the needs of female patients who are often "getting on" in years, while dealing with the challenges of healthcare bureaucracy in need of an overhaul. As the attempt to serve their charges under lessthan-ideal circumstances, the lives of this ragtag crew are complicated by conflicting agendas, both professional and personal.

BREAKING AMISH -SEASON 2: BRAVE NEW WORLD (DVD) Cinedigm

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by Sal Giarratani

ONE NORTH PUPPIES?

That new residential development off Route 1 and the Tobin Bridge in Chelsea looks pretty great. I had to laugh though, this complex has an on-site doggie daycare for residents. Whatever happened to daycare for babies. Is the world going to the dogs or what? That's a big bow-wow!

ALISON BARNET **BOOK TALK AT** WEST END MUSEUM

Earlier this month at the West End Museum, Alison Barnet, author of "South End Character: Speaking Out on Neighborhood Change," a collection of columns from the South End News spoke about her book and a discussion on neighborhood change, gentrification and loss. In a way, what happened to the West End also happened in the South End down in the New York Streets neighborhood along Harrison Avenue near where Whole Foods is soon to arrive.

I have known Alison for many years, she and I share a connection called East Springfield Street. She has called the South End her home now for 50 years. I grew up there until I was in high school. The two of us have lots of South End history in our heads. Keep on writing Alison, your voice is needed.

SANTA GETS SACKED IN PEOPLES REPUBLIC

Recently, Santa Claus got the boot from The Peabody Elementary School in the Peoples Republic of Cambridge at the school's annual concert after a single complaint about whether Santa belonged in a public school. The school's principal sent a letter home to parents informing them that Santa was no longer welcomed at the school's concert. As many

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might say, "Only in Cambridge," but sadly this anti-Christmas stuff is growing like a cancer. One would think Santa was some kind of Level 3 perp wearing an ankle bracelet.

What bothers me is that too many parents just wave their hands in surrender when they should be standing up to what's happening. Remember what Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing."

NEW WHOLE FOODS IN SOUTH END **COMES WITH DAY SPA**

Bread, grapes, cold cuts, cereal and a manicure or wax job? The new Whole Foods coming to the site of the old Boston Herald building will come with a full day spa and it will be the first such operation in the 400store supermarket chain.

Four buildings are underway at Ink Block, each with retail space on the ground floor and restaurants above. This development includes at least 10 restaurants, 315 apartments and 83 condos

CAMBRIDGE READY TO BAN PLASTIC BAGS?

Recently, the Cambridge City Council voted to make their city the latest on the East Coast to ban plastic bags. If adopted the ordinance would replace disposable plastic bags with recyclable bags. Brookline in 2013 passed a similar measure and theirs bans polystyrene coffee cups and those take-out containers

Cambridge City Councilor Dennis Carlone says, "it's almost silly (the ban) hasn't happened yet." He goes on to say that "the benefits far outweigh any additional costs borne by the companies." Sounds like a great sound bite by a moonbat liberal type.

Down in Austin, Texas where most of the state's liberals live, the city outlawed not only plastic bags but paper ones too unless you want to purchase them at the counter. You have to carry your shopping bags with you when you go shopping unless of course you leave the area of Austin under control by Austin City Hall. Last summer, I chose to bypass the local H.E.B. Supermarket and drove about two miles away on RR 620 to Randell's Supermarket where plastic bags are plentiful. Who loses here? How about the businesses that watch their customers drive short distances away to shop? Liberals never seem to see those unintended consequences.

REVERE RAISES LOTS OF AID TO VICTIMS OF TORNADO

The Revere Tornado Relief Fund raised \$250,000 and is now in the process of distributing it to 150 residents and businesses. The freak tornado roared through the city back on July 28th. The fund was started under the direction of Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo. The mayor recently stated he was "deeply grateful to the over 700 residents and businesses that donated to the fund."

BPPA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association's President Tommy Nee was recently ousted and the new president elected is Pat Rose out of C-11 in Dorchester. As one police officer said, "Tommy is a great guy, but it was just time for a change."



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U2 — July 10, 11, 14 & 15, 2015. Join U2 on their iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE Tour 2015. The band are heading out on the road again, playing indoor arenas for the first time in a decade. The iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE Tour will see U2 play 19 cities worldwide next year, with pairs of shows in each city. Special shows are being planned for Dublin for the end of next year to benefit the U2initiated Music Generation project and details will follow once they are finalised. "We are going to try to have a completely different feeling from 10 years of age and older.

night one to night two," said Bono, "and have some fun playing with the idea of innocence and experience. More to be revealed!"

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January 17, 2015. "What's Wrong with People?" asks Sebastian Maniscalco in his hilarious new hit stand-up special airing on Showtime and available on DVD nationwide on March 27th. In "What's Wrong with People," he brings his witheringly sarcastic and exasperated take on modern behavior and decorum, trying to bridge the gap between the Italian-American Old World he grew up in and the contemporary frenetic world we all live in today. The result is an original, highly relatable stand-up comedy tour-deforce that has Sebastian performing sold-out concerts worldwide. His selfdeprecating comedy reminds fans of a young Jerry Seinfeld who constantly challenges his audience to recognize the absurdities of everyday life.

CRAIG FERGUSON'S HOT & GRUMPY TOUR: WALKING THE **EARTH** — February 14, 2015. Craig Ferguson entered the world of late night comedy following a diverse and eclectic career that encompasses film, television and the stage. On December 19th, 2014, Ferguson concluded his nine-year run as the host of CBS's "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," which has set all-time viewer records and earned him a Primetime Emmy nomination during its run. Ferguson can currently be seen as the host of the new syndicated game show "Celebrity Name Game," from executive producers Courteney Cox and David Arquette. Ferguson recently lent his voice to the animated features "How to Train Your Dragon" and its sequel, "How to Train Your Dragon 2," as well as the Disney animated features, "Winnie The Pooh" and "Brave." Ferguson has become a huge success on the North American comedy circuit, having performed to sold out theaters all over the country, including Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall. Additionally, Craig has released three widely acclaimed stand-up comedy specials, including, "I'm Here to Help," which garnered him a Grammy nomination for Best Comedy Album. Ferguson is also a New York Times bestselling author, having released his first novel, Between The Bridge and The River, and his memoir, America On Purpose - a book about why and how the late night funnyman became an American.

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

A new dress code for the Montana House of Representatives warns women legislators to have modest skirt lengths and necklines, and bans leggings and open-toe sandals. Women legislators say the dress code, drawn up by Republicans males without their input, is patriarchal and insulting. "The code crosses a line," said Rep. Jenny Eck.

Stay awake! The Obama administration unveiled new guidelines that will curb the use of racial profiling by federal law enforcement officers. The Department of Justice rules ban officers from stopping or arresting people on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender. But the restrictions won't apply at borders and airports, where agents give extra scrutiny to certain nationalities. The guidelines were released as protests raged across the country over the deaths of two unarmed black men in Ferguson, MO and New York City by white cops. "It's imperative that we take every possible action to institute strong and sound policing practices," said Attorney General Eric Holder, "particularly in light of recent incidents.'

Moron! A Washington state man was arrested after he took his neighbors' furniture while they were away and replaced it with his own. Prosecutors said that when a couple came home to their apartment, they found their love seat, ottoman and other belongings gone. A recliner, TV stand and a pile of pizza boxes were left in their place. Information on a traffic ticket and pizza receipt that had been left behind led police to the neighbor. He told officers he thought the couple had moved out and abandoned their furniture.

Unbelievable! Cruise ships dumped more than 1 billion gallons of sewage into the ocean in 2014, according to a new analysis of federal data by Friends of the Earth. An average cruise ship with an article about a weekend 3,000 passengers and crew in the life of the "beautiful fill 10 backyard swimming the cover of Cosmopolitan. pools a week.

According to a poll, 57% of Americans say that a grand jury made the wrong decision in not inditing New York City Police Officer Daniel Pantaleo for the death of Eric Garner, including 47% of whites and 90% of blacks. Just 22% believe the grand jury made the right decision.

A new study claims 87% of Americans want cops to wear body cameras, including 90% of blacks and 85% of whites.

Football can be injurious to teens. The danger of playing football at the college and professional levels are well established, with research showing that at least a third of NFL players develop some form of cognitive disorder. But a worrying new study has found that the brains of high school players also undergo significant changes over the course of a single season — even if they don't get a concussion.

Americans watched an average of more than four hours a day of TV last quarter, 4 percent less than the same period last year. Online video streaming via services like Netflix and Hulu, however, jumped nearly 60 percent.

Personally speaking, some of my favorites on TV are Chronicle, Wheel of Fortune, 60 Minutes, News, AMC, Bravo and the History channel.

Shame! Shame! Nearly 20 percent of workers are late to their jobs at least once a week, according to market research firm YouGov. But office punctuality is becoming less important, experts say, since more than half of employed adults check work messages over the weekend, before or after work, and when they're home sick.

Some weird American history. When Gerald Ford was chosen by Nixon to replace Spiro Agnew, many people wondered, "Who is this guy? What's he done before?" Well, among other things as a young man, Gerald Ford appeared in a 1939 edition of Look magazine with his girlfriend Phyllis Brown. It was produces enough sewage to people." He later appeared on Seems to make him as quali-



fied to be president as nearly anyone else.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. "President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill into law on Flag Day {June 14,1954} that added the words "under God" after "one Nation."

Our distinguished musicologist Albert Natale reminds us "O Sole Mio" came to represent Naples and, soon enough, all of southern Italy. For the hundreds of thousands of peasants who left Italy, it would become a kind of anthem for them, a love song. It would become the song through which Italians could indulge in nostalgia for the Old Country. They would always remember their "son."

Be aware, it was an Italian American Charles Joseph Bonoparte who founded the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1908. He built the U.S. Navy into one of the strongest in the world and was the first Italian American appointed to a cabinet position, serving as Secretary of the Navy and later as U.S. Attorney General during Theodore Roosevelt's administration.

So how did you make out on Christmas? We received a jar of Baccala, a can of pasta fagioli, calzone, cannoli, carbonade, carpaccio, ciocolato, pasticcio, ravioli, and stomache aches. Seriously, we wish to thank some of you for your Christmas

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Parla Come Mangi!

(Speak as You Eat!)

by Alessandra Sambiase



Benvenuti! This week we will celebrate a popular Italian Holiday dessert, il panforte, which literally means strong bread, a spiced sweetbread made from dried figs, nuts, candied citrus peel, flour, sugar and honey. Panforte is a delicacy from Siena, Medieval city of the Palio, the famous horse race. A legend says that the origin of the panforte dates back to the year 1200 when Nicolo' de Salimbeni, a wealthy young man from one of the best families in Siena, donated a small bag of spices and the recipe for a sumptuous sweetmeat in which generous use was made of these spices, to a local monastery. In the following years the recipe was further improved by adding almonds, hazelnuts and candied fruit. Panforte can be found in every Italian bakery during the Christmas season and can be quite expensive. Enjoy making panforte in your kitchen with this very easy and absolutely delicious recipe.

Panforte di Siena (serves six)

8-10 dried figs ½ cup hazelnuts (shelled) ½ cup almonds (slivered and without skin) 1 cup candied orange peel (finely chopped)

1/4 cup cocoa powder ½ tsp ground cinnamon ½ tsp ground ginger ½ cup granulated sugar

3 Tbsp honey

Powdered sugar to garnish

½ cup flour Preparation: spread the hazelnuts on a baking sheet and roast them in a preheated oven at 375°F for 5-10 minutes then rub off the skin using a clean cloth, chop coarsely and set aside. Coarsely chop the slivered almonds and set aside. Finely chop the dried figs and set aside. In a bowl, mix together flour, cinnamon, ginger and cocoa powder then add the hazelnuts, the almonds, the figs and the candied orange peel. Mix all the ingredients well. Put the granulated sugar and honey in a small saucepan and heat gently until the sugar has dissolved then boil until the mixture has reached the temperature of approximately $240^{\circ}F$ (about 2-3 minutes). Remove from the stove immediately and incorporate into the nut mixture. Transfer the mixture onto a working surface and, using a rolling pin, form into a flat (about 1/2 inch thick) round cake (about 8 inch diameter) to make the traditional panforte shape. Carefully place onto a flat springform pan lined with parchment paper and bake in a preheated oven at 300°F for 30 minutes. Let it cool and dust generously with powdered sugar. Slice to serve. Buon appetito!

Panforte di Siena (serve sei)

8-10 fichi secchi 75 g di nocciole (sgusciate) 75 g di mandorle (pelate, in frammenti) 175 g di buccia d'arancia candida (sminuzzata) 50 g di farina 25 g di cacao in polvere

½ cucchiaino di canella in polvere ½ cucchiaino di zenzero in polvere 100 g di zucchero 3 cucchiai di miele

Zucchero a velo per guarnire

Preparazione: spargi le nocciole su una teglia da forno e tostale in forno preriscaldato a 375°F per 5-10 minuti quindi con l'aiuto di uno strofinaccio, pelale, riducile in pezzi e tienile da parte. Riduci in pezzi anche le mandorle e tienile da parte. Riduci i fichi in piccoli pezzi e tienili da parte. In una terrina mischia farina con la cannella, lo zenzero ed il cacao quindi aggiungi le nocciole, le mandorle, i fichi e la buccia d'arancia candida. Mescola bene il composto ottenuto. In un pentolino fai sciogliere lo zucchero nel miele quindi fai sobollire fino al raggiungimento di 240°F di temperatura (circa 2-3 minuti). Rimuovi dal fuoco, trasferisci immediatamente nel composto preparato ed incorpora il tutto quindi trasferisci su una superficie da lavoro e con l'aiuto di un mattarello forma un disco dello spessore di 1 cm e del diametro di 20 cm in modo da creare la caratteristica forma del panforte. Facendo attenzione a non rompere il panforte, trasferisci su una tortiera a cerchio mobile rivestita con della carta forno, passa in forno preriscaldato a 300°F e cuoci per 30 minuti. Fai raffreddare, cospargi di zucchero a velo, taglia a spicchi e servi. Buon appetito!



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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo



A Nostalgic Remembrance

belonged to the Trinity mas Day. I needed someone Neighborhood House. It was to take me to the party and Meridian Hill near the intersection of Meridian and White Streets in East Boston. In the 1800s, it had been the home of a prominent Boston family, but by the time I got there, it was a neighborhood center, part of the Red Feather Organization, and it serviced the youth of that island part of the city.

Each year, they hosted a Christmas party for the kids who were members, and of course, their families were invited. I was often found at the Trinity House during the week. I made airplane models, took boxing lessons, played basketball, and due to my mother's insistence, learned how to dance.

When I first joined, Mr. Dudley was the man in charge of the activities for the boys, but not long after, a local, J.J. Dana took his place. Edith De Angelis, who later became Dr. De Angelis, a prominent East Boston neighborhood activist, ran things for the girls. The head of operations for both boys and girls was a woman named Ms. Orr.

December 1949, and the Trinity House annual Christmas party was rapidly approachand my uncles were musinight playing parties during December. Mom and Nanna were spending all their time getting things ready for large went up from Galilee, out of family get togethers on both the City of Nazareth, into

Babbononno. He complained, argued, made excuses and the Christmas party.

It was on the Tuesday night before Christmas and when we arrived, Ms. Orr was at the front door greetand their families. Babbononno looked at the food table wondering what the foreign offerings were: finger sandwiches, chips, potato ing watch over their flock by salad, coleslaw, red colored punch and a large cake with the Lord came upon them, red, white and green frosting on it. I told him to help himself in Italian, and by the look on his face, you might think he was going to be poisoned. He suffered his way through a sandwich or two, but seeing he had a sweet tooth, he dove into the Christmas cake and loved the sweet red punch.

After we ate, Ms. Orr asked all of us to be seated and she read three Christmas stories to us, The Night Before Christmas, by Clement Clarke Moore; Yes, Virginia, There is It was the middle of a Santa, by Francis P. Church, and from her Bible, The Gospel According to St. Luke:

"And it came to pass out a decree from Caesar should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also

When I was a kid, I Christmas Eve and Christ- Judea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house a settlement house atop the only one left was and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great gave Nanna a hard time, but with child. And so it was, that her endurance outlasted his while they were there, the and he agreed to take me to days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because ing all of the young guests there was no room for them

in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keepnight. And, lo, the angel of and the glory of the Lord shone round them, and they were so afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And, suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

And it came to pass, as the ing and I had a problem. Dad in those days, there went angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepcians and working day and Augustus, that all the world herds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came in haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those which were told them by the shepherds."

Ms. Orr concluded her reading with Amen and we repeated. Babbononno whispered that the prayer was similar to the one we hear at Mass on Christmas Day. I just smiled and it was soon time for the parents to get a tour of the facilities at the Trinity House.

Well, that was then and it's now 65 years later and I still have that same Christmas spirit. Son, John, my daughter-in-law, Beth, son Michael and his lady friend, Abby, will be with Loretta and me this Christmas. Weather permitting, we will be combining families with my cousin, Ralph Pepe, to celebrate Christmas with the extended family, a concept we remember from our youthful days. I will let you know about the festivities next week, but in the mean time, from the descendents of the Contini and Christoforo families, may you all have a very Merry Christmas ... Buon Natale a tutti and MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA

• Within Our Hearts a Yearning (Continued from Page 1)

The concert opened with a beautifully performed version of "The Yearning" by Craig Courtney, followed by a lovely selection of familiar and not so familiar Christmas carols. One of the evening's highlights was a beautifully performed rendering of "O Holy Night" sung by soloist Sherri Snow whose operatic voice brought the audience to its feet at the conclusion of her performance.

As in the past, the finale of the concert was a "Singalong" in which the audience

was invited to join the performers in a medley of carols culminating with the rousing "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel.

Following the performance, concert goers were invited to the annual parish Christmas party that took place just across the street at Saint John Hall where they were treated to coffee and cake served and prepared by parishioners and members of the Choral Society. Looking forward to the continuation of this lovely tradition in 2015.

Merry Christmas to all our readers.

• **Gridiron Audibles** (Continued from Page 14)

for a 10 yard loss creating a difficult field goal attempt for kicker Nick Folk.

"It was a real big play," Belichick said. "That was a look we hadn't run all game. The sack made it a much tougher field goal."

Folk's line-drive kick sent the ball within the grasp of Wilfork's right hand, grazing it and fluttering harmlessly short of the uprights. "I had a good opportunity to make a play and I did it for the team," said Wilfork. "It was nothing special that I did. I penetrated a little bit and got my hands up and got a piece of it. I'm glad it helped my team win a ballgame. That's what it's all about."

After the game, Tom Brady said it best, "That was great, I'm glad it came out the way it did, it makes for a better Christmas."

We're moving on to the Bills ...

AFC PLAYOFF SEEDINGS AS OF	WEEK 16
Ranking	Record
1 New England Patriots	12-3
2 Denver Broncos	11-4
3 Cincinnati Bengals	10-4-1
4 Indianapolis Colts	10-5
5 Pittsburgh Steelers	10-5
6 San Diego Chargers	9-6

The Patriots clinched the number one seed in the AFC playoffs. The road to Super Bowl XLIX goes through Gillette Stadium.

REX RYAN REQUIEM FOR A (ORAL) HEAVYWEIGHT

He was yet another false "prophet" for the New York Jets. His New York arrival in 2009 was viewed as that of savior for the star-crossed franchise. He spoke well for six seasons as head coach, but ultimately Ryan could not deliver on his promise of a championship. He spoke of dethroning the Patriots in the AFC East, but during his tenure as head coach, the Patriots were 9-4 versus the Jets with six consecutive division titles.

Ryan will be missed. He breathed life into what had become a stale rivalry by being the anti-Belichick. True to form, to the end, Ryan never did kiss Bill Belichick's five Super Bowl rings. But he also never won any of his own. "I really thought it was going to be our day," said Ryan following Sundays game. "It never turned out that way."

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

reach up to a higher shelf for her. According to the First Lady it was an act of racism to have been victimized by that horrible event. Another time she remembered while Barack was wearing a tux at a party, a guest asked him for some more coffee. Another act of racism. Oh, let's not forget the day many years ago when the president couldn't hail down a cab in the South Side of Chicago. How did these two not contract Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) over all these pernicious acts of racism.

Is anyone surprised that Rev. Al Sharpton is one of the president's closest advisors?

If you are looking for racism everywhere, you will surely find it.

Bush Clinton, Bush Clinton, OMG, **Bush Clinton Again**

Oh my God, I am so tired of the Clintons' and the Bushs'. However, with the latest news out of the Republican establishment that former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is exploring a 2016 run, it could very well end up Bush versus Clinton.

The GOP Washington Leadership Team is all wired up for Bush the Third, but all it will get is yet another "Dead Man Walking" candidate like Bob Dole, John McCain and Mitt Romney. Apparently, The Republicans who think they're in charge will end up with Hillary or Liz Warren. So how do you think a race between Jeb and either Hillary or Warren will

The GOP is such a bunch of losers. Are they so afraid of Tea Party Republicans that they are willing to suffer yet another election de-

customer asked if she could feat. Haven't they learned anything from President Obama? Yet, there they are trying to marginalize Rand Paul and Ted Cruz even though without their grassroots supporters, Jeb Baby doesn't stand a chance at getting into the White House except as a guest. The Republican Establishment needs to get off its high horse.

Cuba Si, Liberty No!

President Obama now seems to desire to hang his legacy on normalizing relations with Cuba. Apparently, talks had been taking place between Obama, Fidel's bro Raul and Pope Francis.

Cuba is one of the last Retro-Soviet style dictatorships left and with the loss of Hugo Chavez as a patron, the Cuban economy was tanking even further downhill. Now thanks to these secret talks between Cuba and the U.S., there appears to be lots of give and take in the negotiations. We give a lot, they take a lot. Meanwhile, the Cuban people still suffer under a brutal dictator and reported friend of terrorists.

No wonder U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, R-Florida, is upset as is the Cuban Exile Community down in Florida. Cubans want freedom not new Chevys. Opening up an embassy and allowing the use of credit and debit cards on the island will help their economy but little else for citizens seeking economic liberty and personal

I don't care if the idea came from Pope Francis or not. Before we restore a relationship with the Castro boys, we need to see some good faith action on their part with more freedom for everyday people.





Patriots Ground Jets, Clinch AFC Top Seed

In most likely the final home game for Jets Head Coach Rex Ryan, the Patriots delivered yet another disappointing loss to Ryan and Gang Green last Sunday at Metlife Stadium. Ryan and company could only look on

as Tom Brady took a knee in victory formation in the Patriots flawed 17-16 win which earned New England a first round playoff bye.

For three and a half quarters it looked as though the New York Jets and Ryan would spoil the Patriots chance at achieving the AFC's number one seed and home field throughout the AFC playoffs. The Patriots recent offensive struggles reached a new low point versus the Jets ferocious front

In a first half dominated by defense, Brady and the Patriots came away with just seven points and 52 yards, their fewest in a half this season. The Jets had 4 sacks, all in the 1st half, equaling Tom Brady's season high. The Patriots finished with just 231 total yards, 182 of which were through the air. Much of the difficulty may have been due to the absence of wide receiver Julian Edelman, who suffered a concussion last week versus Miami, and versatile lineman Dan Connolly. The team was forced to patch



Ryan and Belichick meet for perhaps the last time in Jets-Patriots rivalry.

things together on the offensive line, inserting Josh Kline at left guard, while continuously moving pieces around in search of a solution. Kline was benched at halftime after a horrendous first half.

"I think our communication wasn't great," said Brady on the play of the offense. "We all just weren't on the same page. When you do that, especially against a team who moves a lot of guys in and out of their defensive front and they blitz linebackers and safeties ...they have a lot of guys coming. Our communication needs to be on point and it just kind of sputtered. We need to do a better job of that, especially down the

In a recurring theme, it was the special teams unit that highlighted the Patriots 12th win of the season. For the second time this season a blocked field goal attempt was all that stood between the Patriots and their rivals to the south. In October, it was Chris Jones, and Sunday it was defensive tackle Vince Wilfork's turn to torment the Jets. "It starts with coaching. You look at them and that guy (Bill Belichick) does a heck of a job. There is no denying that. They make big plays at big times," said Rex Ryan.

Jamie Collins' third-quarter interception of a ball that Jets quarterback Geno Smith never should have thrown, gave the offense an opportunity to redeem itself. A one-yard plunge by Jonas Gray, his first touchdown since week 11 in Indianapolis, gave the Patriots the lead.

Leading 17-16, following a Jets field goal, Brady was intercepted by Jets cornerback Marcus Williams midway through the fourth quarter setting up the games defining moment.

On the ensuing drive, the Jets faced a third down from the New England 24 yard line. But, Dont'a Hightower sacked Smith

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• **Hoops** (Continued from Page 16)

not played since his teen years. All he did was be named a first team All-Star defenseman in 1939, 1940 and 1941, a span that included those two Stanley Cups for the B's. Like Hitchman, his jersey number 5 was retired on the final day of his playing career — February 12, 1947. He died in 1978.

Still another player from that era — and one who is still with us today — is center Milt Schmidt. Born in 1918 in Ontario, Schmidt will be 97 in March — some 60 years after he played his final game for the Bruins back in 1955.

Active to this day, Schmidt recently put in an appearance at the Garden, receiving a well- deserved ovation from the appreciative fans.

Unlike many who play for Boston today, Schmidt was a Bruin all throughout his playing career, never traded after being called up from Providence in the middle of the 1936-1937 season.

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Once there he was reunited with childhood friends Woody Dumart and Bobby Bauer, forming the famous Kraut Line that would serve the Bruins well over the ensuing decade and a half.

It wouldn't be too long before they left their mark on NHL history. They were the engine that propelled the B's to those two Stanley Cups in 1939 and 1941. In between, Schmidt led the NHL in scoring in 1940.

But after that 1941 Cup world events would intervene. Schmidt, Dumart, Bauer and outstanding B's goalie Frank Brimsek would serve in the military during World War II, thereby missing what probably would have been some of their most productive playing years while serving a greater cause.

Schmidt, Dumart and Bauer would enter the Canadian armed forces while Brimsek would join the U.S. Coast Guard.

After the war Schmidt resumed his stellar career, finishing fourth in league scoring in 1947 and going on to win the Hart Trophy in 1951. He would play up through the midway point of the 1954-1955 season and then go on to coach the B's for 11 years. In 1967, Schmidt became general manager, building Bruins into a team that would once again claim the Stanley Cup Championship in 1970 and 1972. His number 15 was retired on March 13, 1980. More next week.

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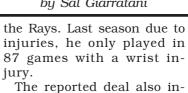
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right-hander Burch Smith, first baseman Jake Bauers and catcher Rene Rivera from the Padres and lefthander Travis Ott from Washington. The Nationals get right-hander Joe Ross and ESPN.com reports that shortstop Trea Turner will be the player to be named on June 14th.

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NOTICE OF 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

Vehicles are being sold to satisfy

their garage keeper's lien for towing,

2002 FORD F-150 PICKUP

VIN #1FTRX18W12NB63733

1997 MAZDA MPV

VIN #JM3LV5238V0819078

2000 FORD EXPEDITION

VIN #1FMPU16L8YLC28263

1999 PLYMOUTH BREEZE

VIN #1P3EJ46X5XN608852

1992 TOYOTA TERCEL

VIN #JT2EL44AXN0187819

1993 HONDA CIVIC

VIN #1HGEG8552PL007725

The above vehicles will be sold

at auction online only at

TOWLOT.COM

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

at 10:00AM at towlot.com

Run dates: 12/26, 2014, 1/2, 1/9, 2014

storage and notices of sale:

following vehicles.

rescue.



Sy Berger "Father of Modern Baseball Card" Dies

The Daddy of the modern baseball trading card who designed the famed TOPPS cards in the '50s has died at age 91. Berger struck up a design that endured for decades

• Freeway (Continued from Page 7)

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

Tampa Bay and

San Diego Make"

Big Deal" Deal

Padres have agreed on a

three-way team deal that

would land them Tampa Bay

outfielder Wil Myers. Myers

was AL Rookie of the Year in

2013 when he hit .293 with

13 homers and 53 RBIs with

Reportedly, the San Diego

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department MIDDLESEX Division** Docket No. 14W1696

> SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION **BLANCA MONTERO**, Plaintiff

CARLOS H. SANCHEZ, Defendant

To the above named Defendant: Carlos H. Sanchez

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Blanca Montero, seeking Adjudication amend birth certificate and physical custody of minor child Brittany Sanchez.

You are required to serve upon Blanca Montero - plaintiff - whose address is 149 Franklin Street, Apt. 1-R, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer on or before January 30, 2015. 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

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., Esquire First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 12 day of December 2014

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/26/14

TRUST CITATION

To all interested persons:

the bond.

The Delprato 186 Bayswater Trust in the

A Petition has been filed by Nicholas

Delprato of E. Boston, MA requesting that the

Court Remove the Trustee and Appoint a

sucessor Trustee to serve without sureties on

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 15, 2015.

by which you must file a written appearance

and objection if you object to this proceed-

ing. If you fail to file a timely written appear-

ance and objection followed by an Affidavit

of Objections within thirty (30) days of the

return date, action may be taken without

Ann Marie Passanisi, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/26/14

WITNESS, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG,

further notice to you.

First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 15, 2014

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have the right to obtain a copy of the

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts **Probate and Family Court** The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court **Probate and Family Court** 24 New Chardon Street Suffolk Probate and Family Court Boston, MA 02114 24 New Chardon Street (617) 788-8300 Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU14P2308PO

(617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU14P2309PO TRUST CITATION

The Delprato 188 Trust in the matter of: To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Nicholas J. Delprato of E. Boston, MA requesting that the Court Remove the Trustee and Appoint a sucessor Trustee to serve without sureties on

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 15, 2015.

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.

WITNESS, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG,

First Justice of this Court Date: December 15, 2014

Ann Marie Passanisi, Register of Probate Run date: 12/26/14

10. ADD TO THE FAMILY

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

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

To ALL my readers, my pooch friends and their human companions and without forgetting my POST-GAZETTE friends. I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!

That's all for now! Pray for "Our Troops" that they come home safe.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI14P6491EA

Estate of **BARBARA DAMES** Also Known As BARBARA J. DAMES BARBARA JEAN DAMES Date of Death October 19, 2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Melanie A. Henry of West Lebanon, NH 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 **Melanie** A. Henry of West Lebanon, NH 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 14, 2015.

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.

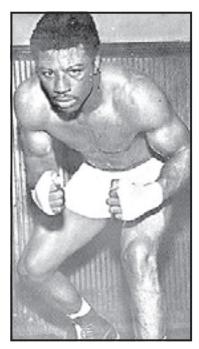
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court Date: December 17, 2014

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/26/14



God Bless those Who Passed in 2014

As 2014 comes to a close, I thought it would be a good time to remember those from the boxing world who have left us in this year. I think you will recognize most of them. They all gave there best and I hope they will never be forgotten.



Jimmy Dupree



Tinker Picot



Charlie Powell



Jimmy Ellis



Thad Spencer

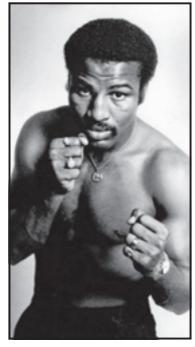


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May They All Rest in Peace

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

They are highly regarded by lifelong diehard Bruins fans. They epitomize the strength of the franchise over the course of the decades.

They are among the Greatest of the Garden — those who have had their playing numbers retired after having outstanding careers while performing for the Boston Bruins.

We looked around cyberspace and found some interesting information on them. We'll review some this week and others the next.

Defenseman Lionel Hitchman came to the B's in the middle of the 1924-25 season from the original Ottawa Senators. Due to a quirk, he actually played more regular season games than were scheduled. The 1924-25 season was set at 30 games, but because the Bruins had played fewer games than the Senators when the trade took place in January 1925, Hitchman actually wound up playing in 31 games.

In another rarity, Hitchman suffered a broken jaw during the 1928-1929 season, sat out two weeks, and then returned wearing a leather helmet fashioned by Bruins Coach Art Ross. He thus became one of the f irst players in pro hockey history to wear protective headgear.

Later, he was an assistant coach with the Bruins. Lionel Hitchman died in 1969. He was the first Bruin to have his number (3) retired — on February 22, 1934 — the actual day of his last game.

Another of the early players to be accorded the honor was defenseman Eddie Shore, who has a two-fold identity in hockey. If one is from the Boston area, Shore is readily identified by older members of Bruins Nation as the star player he was.

Coming to the Bruins in 1926, he would be a key player in two Stanley Cup title runs (1929 and 1939), would win the Hart Trophy (outstanding player in the regular season) four times and be named to the NHL All-Star Team in seven different years. His number (2) was retired on January 1, 1947.

However, once retired from playing he took on his second identity, becoming the owner of the Springfield Indians of the American Hockey League, a position he held from 1939 until he sold the team in 1976. Well known throughout Western Massachusetts, he died in 1982.

Our next player was the first NHLer to play 20 seasons in an era when the protective equipment worn today was virtually unknown. Over the course of his career he was named an All-Star at both forward and defense.

Coming to the Bruins in 1927, Aubrey "Dit" Clapper would be an on ice presence to be reckoned with over the next two decades. We say presence because he was the largest forward of his time standing 6-2 and weighing around 200 pounds - an imposing figure for that era.

Early in his career he combined with teammates Cooney Weiland and Dutch Gainor to form the Dynamite Line. In 1929, as a member of that line, Clapper scored the winning goal in the first game of the best-ofthree series against the New York Rangers that ended with the B's hoisting their first Cup. He was also a member of two additional Bruins cup-winning teams — in 1939 and 1941.

Late in his playing career, Clapper was moved back to defense, a position he had

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