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## KEVIN H. WHITE

*The Mayor of America, Indeed*

by Sal Giarrotani



Old friends Fred Langone, Mayor Kevin White and Caesar Donnaruma

When 1967 rolled around and the campaign for mayor got going, there were several candidates vying to replace the outgoing Mayor John F. Collins. Among them were Edward Logue, the first B.R.A. Director under Mayor Collins, there was Republican John Sears, then there

was the 4 term Secretary of State Kevin White and School Committee Chairwoman Louise Day Hicks. Boston was not in the best of shape at that period in the city's history. Under Collins and Hynes before him, the

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## Fare Increase for the Disabled Unfair

by David Trumbull



If you depend on the MBTA's **The RIDE** service — and I know many of my readers in the **North End, East Boston**, and surrounding communities do — you are probably worried about the proposals to cut MBTA services and raise fares. The potential for a 500% increase, to \$12 per ride, is, and ought to be, frightening to Americans with disabilities living on a *fixed*, and often very *limited*, income. The detailed proposals from the MBTA are extremely complex and are written in a technical jargon that is nearly impenetrable by the average citizen.

Here are the facts, simply stated.

**The MBTA is required, by a federal law, to provide the RIDE service.** When President George Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law on July 26, 1990, he said: *"It signals the end to the unjustified segregation and exclusion of persons with disabilities from the mainstream of American life."* He went on to compare it to the Declaration of Independence. So in spite of any rumors you hear, the "T" is **not proposing to end the RIDE. Nor are they going to limit the RIDE to only doctor's visits.** The law requires that the RIDE provide service "comparable to ... public transportation services provided to individuals without disabilities." It would hardly be comparable service to tell the disabled that you cannot use the RIDE to visit your grandkids, go marketing, attend church or synagogue, or go to the theatre or sporting event, when persons with-



out disabilities can do all those things on a bus, subway, or trolley.

The T, however, does have *two specific proposals to increase the fare for using the RIDE.* Currently the fare is two dollars, which it has been since 2007. To understand the proposals, first you must understand that there are *two* components to the RIDE. First there is the standard service that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires. Secondly, there are additional services (what the MBTA calls "Premium Service") that go beyond the requirements of the law. Tens of thousands of disabled persons in the greater Boston area depend on *both* the standard and "premium" services.

The T is required to provide the RIDE service for any trip that is within 3/4 of a mile of a bus, subway, or trolley line and for the same hours operation as the bus, subway, or trolley line. The fee is limited to not more than two times the cost of a subway ride. Finally, to get this basic service you must book the trip at least the day before.

Currently the RIDE goes to many more places than just those within 3/4 mile

of a regular T route. In some places you may take the RIDE earlier or later in the day than when the buses run. Finally, the T does its best to accommodate "same day" requests. These are the so-called "premium services" that will have large fee increases under the MBTA plans. The standard service will also go up in price.

Under MBTA Plan #1 the standard service will have a 125% fare increase, to \$4.50. The "premium" services will have a huge 500% increase to \$12.

Under MBTA Plan #2 the standard service will increase to \$3 and "premium" services will increase to \$5.

Neither plan, as far as I can tell, calls for eliminating any RIDE services, but the proposed fare increases could put the RIDE out of the price range of many current users.

Fare increases for the RIDE under Plan #2 are not as high as under Plan #1, however, Plan #2 also calls for eliminating over 100 bus routes, including the #120 and #121 buses (East Boston), which could result in more RIDE trips falling into the more expensive "premium" category (due to no longer being within 3/4 of a mile of a bus route). The complete list of bus route eliminations under Plan #2 includes: routes 4, 5, 14, 18, 27, 29, 33, 37, 38, 40, 43, 45, 48, 50, 51, 52, 55, 59, 60, 62, 64, 67, 68, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 85, 90, 92, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 105, 106, 108, 112, 119, 120, 121, 131, 132, 136, 137, 170, 171, 201, 202, 210, 211, 212, 215, 217, 230, 236, 238, 240, 245, 275, 276, 277, 325, 326, 350, 351, 352, 354, 355, 411, 424, 428, 429, 430, 431, 434, 435, 436, 439, 441, 448, 449, 450, 451, 456, 459, 465, 468, 500, 501, 502, 503, 505, 553, 554, 555, 556, 558, and CT3.

Plan #1 also includes a significant number of reductions in bus service. It would eliminate weekday routes 4, 48, 52, 170, 217, 275, 276, 277, 325, 351, 354, 355, 436, 439, 448, 449, 451, 465, 468, 500, 554, 555, and CT3, Saturday routes 33, 48, 52, 60, 72, 78, 136, 171, 211,

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarrotani

### More Thoughts on That Italian Ship Captain



Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger

By now, most of us have heard that god-awful audio between Italian Coast Guard Captain Gregory De Falco and Captain Francesco Schettino of the Costa Concordia ocean liner that crashed into the rocks. It didn't sound too good for him. Talk shows on the radio are tearing the guy apart for his alleged not so Profiles In Courage moment. Eventually, the whole truth will come out. Meanwhile, I was thinking of another captain named Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and his emergency landing on the Hudson River on January 15, 2009. He and the crew of US Airways Flight 1549 were awarded the National Air and Space Museum's highest honor: the 2010 Current Achievement Trophy.

As Capt. Sullenberger stated, What can other pilots learn from your experience? One of the things I encourage other pilots to think about is that —out of a 43-year career — my entire life is

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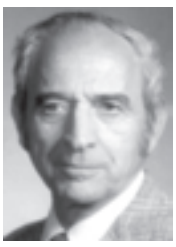
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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## COMMODUS ... THE BASTARD RULETH

Commodus had not only developed the habit of drinking all night long but often wandered through taverns and brothels, squandering the resources of the Roman Empire. Even the selection of provincial rulers was made from among his criminal companions, or was recommended by them. He so detested the Senate that he vowed to destroy all of them, consequently, some senators formed a conspiracy against him. The fool who was sent to perform the assassination betrayed the plot by forecasting his intention before performing the deed, and was quickly overpowered. Needless to say, this set off a round of executions.

Meanwhile Saoterus, the lover of Commodus, became more powerful than the officers could endure. He was escorted from the palace through a ruse and assassinated. Commodus, who was now angered more than he had been concerning the attempt on his own life, started a wholesale purge of the Praetorian Guard, exterminated one entire family named Quintilii, and a number of high ranking officials. After this incident, Commodus appeared in public infrequently, performed few, if any, of the duties required of an emperor, and

even processed written messages through his secretary Perennis. The emperor was now easily persuaded to devote himself to pleasure while the secretary assumed all of the burdens of the government, and of course the power that went along with those burdens.

Commodus now living a riotous life in the palace amidst his drinking, gambling, banqueting, baths, and 300 concubines. Secretary Perennis gradually secured all of the power, carried on indiscriminate executions, plundered at will, violated all of the laws, and stuffed his own pockets. Meanwhile back at the bedstead, Commodus debauched most of his sisters, conducted an affair with his father's cousin, and killed his wife because she cheated on him. He then became involved in the more exotic forms of entertainment, this consisted in having his concubines debauched before his own eyes while he became intimate with young men.

Now, by a strange turn of fate, Perennis was declared an enemy of the state, was executed, and his office was presented to Cleander. This turned out to be just one more case where the cure was worse than the sickness

and more crimes were committed under Cleander than under Perennis. Prefects of the guard were being changed daily or hourly, and all positions of honor were sold for money. Once again, condemnations, plundering, and executions became the order of the day until by still another strange turn of events, Commodus caused the death of Cleander.

It was at this time in history, about 189 A.D. when Commodus pulled out all stops and went on a wholesale killing spree which included (for fear of retaliation) the kin of most victims. Bellona was a mythical goddess of war, with an active cult of worshippers. In his passion for cruelty Commodus actually ordered each of the male worshipers to cut off one of his arms while devotees of another cult were forced to beat their breasts with pine cones to the point of death.

He was fond of dressing as an Amazon and carrying a club. In this manner he fought lions in the arena but also struck at any men who came near him. Men with feet and leg deformities were dressed to look like giants, and then he stalked and killed them with bow and

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## ROMNEY WINS BIG IN FLORIDA, Next Stop Nevada

by Sal G1arratani

Mitt Romney carried the Florida Primary over Newt Gingrich with 47 percent of the vote to Newt's 31 percent. In this primary it was winner take all of the 51 delegates at stake. The Romney forces see the result as a big step toward winning the party's nomination to challenge President Obama in the November 6 elections.

Many credit the big win to aggressive debate presentations and big time negative campaigning. Supporters of Romney view this as a big win since Florida is viewed as a mini-America with its diverse population including Tea Party conservatives,



evangelical Christians and Cuban Americans.

Newt Gingrich promised to carry the fight forward in the name of the conservative

movement saying a moderate Republican from Massachusetts seemingly cannot beat Obama in November. Also, in the middle of the good news from the election results was a recent poll of independent voters, a bloc the GOP needs in November shows 49 percent of independents look unfavorably at Mitt while only 31 percent hold him in high regard. Those numbers must change in a battle against Obama and the Democrats.

Meanwhile the campaign moves forward, many think that Super Tuesday, March 6 could be the make or break date for Gingrich.

## North End Historical Society Offers Free Events

On **FEBRUARY 8**, NEHS President Alex Goldfeld will speak about Boston's earliest African-American community, located in the North End, at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. David Lambert, an expert genealogist, and Joseph Carvalho III, a researcher and author on African-American genealogy in western Massachusetts, will also make presentations.

All participants will receive free access to the NEHGS research library for the day, with time to research on your own! Registration required. Call 617-226-1226 to register. More details located here.

On **FEBRUARY 28** at 6:00 pm. (location TBA) Melissa Mannon, M.S., will speak about caring for your family's valuable informational materials. Mannon will sign copies of her *The Unofficial Family Archivist: A Guide to Creating and Maintaining Family Papers, Photographs, and Memorabilia*.

She will discuss the basics about avoiding factors that can harm or destroy your materials; the best ways to ensure that your family history is documented and maintained for future generations; options for duplication, digitization and conservation of cherished family items; and considering your family's role in a wider community history.

Mannon is the proprietor of ArchivesInfo.com and is an archivist and cultural heritage consultant with twenty years of experience.

On **MARCH 29**, 6:00 pm, at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Lori Rogers-Stokes, Ph.D., a public historian and a member of the Board of Directors of the Arlington Historical Society, will discuss Arlington's role as a watch post along the spy road from Boston to the Provincial Congress in Concord. She will also elaborate on the mood of the countryside at the time of the Revolution and the partnership between the town of Boston and neighboring communities. This event is cosponsored by the Arlington Historical Society, founded 1897.

Please join us for these FREE events.

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## WARD 3 DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS

Registered Democrats in Ward 3 of Boston will hold a caucus at the Nazzaro Community Center, (30 North Bennett Street) on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012** at 10:30 AM to elect delegates to the 2012 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Registration will begin at 10:00 AM.

The Convention will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. Democrats from across the Commonwealth will gather during that day to endorse a candidate for United State Senate.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Ward Three. For caucus information please contact Ward Chairman Jason A. Aluia at [WardThreeDem@gmail.com](mailto:WardThreeDem@gmail.com) or call 617-447-4987.



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**OUR POLICY:** To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

GUEST EDITORIAL

WHY AREN'T LIBERALS  
CALLING THIS RE-APPOINTMENT  
"RETURN TO BAD OLD DAYS?"

by Sal Giaratani

Remember back in the day 35-40 years ago when lots of liberals were always calling members of the old five member citywide Boston School Committee racist? Remember when Louise Day Hicks and John J. Kerrigan were especially made an example of by them? Now we get someone re-appointed to today's school committee whose untidy rhetoric, to me, sounds far worse than what Hicks or Kerrigan were alleged to have committed back in the day. Read the following carefully and come to your own conclusion about whether liberals are truly hypocrites most of the time.

The news that Mayor Thomas Menino has appointed Meg Campbell to a seat on the appointed Boston School Committee, I found as good news. As the mayor stated, the school committee "Plays an essential role in our city, working to make sure all of our children learn and thrive."

Campbell founded and is the executive director of the Codman Academy Charter Public School. She is active in her Dorchester neighborhood and really cares about the quality of public education available for the school-age children of Boston.

I am however not that happy with the mayor re-appointing Claudio Martinez to another term on the school board. Doesn't Menino remember what Martinez did a year ago when he directed a seemingly racist comment to a parent during a heated discussion at a school committee meeting, I believe, in December 2010?

I remember that meeting and what was reported on it at the time. During a hearing on a school closing plan, Martinez reportedly told a white parent from the Agassiz School to take a seat because if he wanted to hear from a "white privileged woman" he'd let her know.

Martinez may be the Executive Director of the Hyde Square Task Force and he may sit on many other community boards. He may have been recognized for his leadership inside the community but making overt racial remarks is totally unacceptable for membership on the appointed Boston School Committee.

Did he ever apologize directly to that parent his racist rant was directed towards? Does he understand how vile his remarks were? Many people say unfortunate things when they get upset but there is no excuse for racist comments from a public official to a citizen at a public hearing.

In the old days, liberals often blasted members of the elected Boston School Committee for being racists. Why was the liberal community silent over Martinez's remarks? Why is the mayor quiet? The mayor has called Martinez a respected leader "Who can help raise our schools to the next level." I don't think we can get to the next level until some particular school board member understands that we must treat all people as equals without reference to gender, race or ethnic background.

BE THANKFUL WE'RE NOT GETTING ALL  
THE GOVERNMENT WE'RE PAYING FOR.

— Will Rogers

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Mayor Menino Alerts Residents of  
Two Consumer Scams Happening!

Boston Police Investigating Phone Scam Targeting Elderly Residents;  
Company Called GE Security Systems Going Door-to-door Using Mayor's Name  
to Promote Free Installation of Home Security System

The Boston Police Department is investigating two consumer scams targeting Boston residents. Several victims have reported to police receiving a phone call from number 702-330-9199 and other similar numbers. Victims are then told by the caller (suspect) that they have won a prize which includes a large amount of money, a new car or property. Victims are then instructed by the caller to go to a local convenience store and purchase a Green Dot Money Pack (reloadable credit card). After the reloadable credit card is purchased, victims are instructed to contact the caller (suspect) and provide the serial number to the prepaid card. Once that

occurs, the suspect is given access to the account and the money. Officers would like to take this opportunity to alert potential victims that there is no prize. This is a scam.

The Boston Police Department encourages individuals who receive phone calls of this nature to call 911 immediately. **Victims should never send money or give personal information to an unknown individual and should instead immediately contact police.**

Mayor Menino's office has also received multiple calls today from residents reporting that the company **GE Security Systems, Versatile Marketing Solutions, Inc. of Warwick, RI** is visit-

ing the homes of Boston residents and saying that Mayor Menino and the city government is offering a free installation for a home security system. The company installs their system, and although they do not charge an "installation fee," they collect social security and credit card information and sign up the resident for \$49/month service charge for the system's maintenance. **The City of Boston and Mayor Menino do NOT have any relationship with this company** and remind residents that they should not give out their personal information to anyone they do not know who calls or visits their home.

Saint Brigid of Ireland

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Brigid, (also called Saint Brigit) known as the second Patron of Ireland, was born in County Louth near Dundalk about the year 451. She was born of a noble family and is said to have been baptized by Saint Patrick. Brigid, from her youth, showed signs of sanctity; she received many offers of marriage but refused them all to become a nun. Saint Brigid is celebrated for her generosity to the poor. Brigid received the veil from Saint Macaille and was professed by Saint Mel of Ardagh who is believed to have conferred on her abbatial powers, that is, the powers reserved for an abbot or abbess.

Brigid, with a small group of nuns, went to Druin Criadh where she founded the first convent in Ireland, her famous Convent of



Cill Dara, (the church of the oak) now Kildare, over which she presided for many years. St. Brigid's small oratory at Cill-Dara became a center of religion and learning, and eventually developed into a cathedral city. It is reported that she chose St. Conleth "to govern the church along with herself"; thus for centuries, Kildare was headed by a double line of abbot-bishops and abbesses, the Abbess of Kildare being regarded as superior general of the convents in Ireland. It was from the Scriptorium at Kildare that the illuminated Book of Kildare was created, a magnificently illuminated Book of Gospels that disappeared during the Reformation.

Saint Brigid founded two monastic insti-

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SUPER BOWL XLVI  
Trivia Quiz Questions:

Test Your Knowledge of These Competing Teams!



Patriots score against Jets.



Giants score against Cowboys.

(Photos by Dick Druckman, Gold Medal Impressions, Inc.)

1. How many Super Bowls have the Manning family competed in?
2. How many Super Bowls have the Patriot's Head Coach, Bill Belichick and Quarterback, Tom Brady competed in together?
3. How long have the Giants existed in the NFL?
4. How long have the Patriots existed in the NFL?
5. How many NFL Championship titles have the Giants won?
6. How many appearances have the Patriots made at a Super Bowl?
7. Who are the teams who have won four Super Bowls?
8. How many Super Bowl matchups have been rematches of a game during the regular season?
9. How many passing yards did Eli Manning throw this season?
10. How many passing yards did Tom Brady throw this season?

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## Middlesex Deputy Sheriffs' Association Annual Membership Breakfast

by Sal Giarattani



**Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian (left) and stand-up comic Paul D'Angelo, who also happens to be a former Assistant District Attorney in a previous and obviously less funny line of work.**

The Middlesex Deputy Sheriffs' Annual Membership Swearing-in/breakfast was held at the Andover Country Club on Sunday, January 29. Once again several hundred attendees were sworn in to the association ranks from across Middlesex County's cities and towns. Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian addressed the large group saying, "I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the work you do on behalf of the Middlesex Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Your time and commitment are contributions from which our communities benefit greatly. I recognize the important role this organization plays in promoting public safety for our citizens and the positive impact your programs have throughout

Middlesex County. I am honored to have such dedicated partners in those pursuits." Association President Michael Giacoppo highlighted all the accomplishments that had been made over the year 2011. From crime prevention to children's programs, the Association helps those that are less fortunate by donating their time and energy to important causes.

As a Reserve Deputy Sheriff myself for several years now, I can tell you the Community Service Program last year completed more than 20,000 hours of volunteer service on behalf of families in need, the elderly, the homeless, our youth, brightening the lives of terminally ill children, providing comfort to our hospitalized veterans and assisting law enforcement agencies when called upon.



**Here are Fred and Jo Fernandez from the St. Joseph Society in Boston's North End. (Photos by Sal Giarattani)**

## Apply Now for ABCD Summer Jobs! ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

*Teenagers, Older Youths Urged to Apply Online  
or at ABCD Neighborhood Sites*

Teenagers and young people up to age 21 are urged to apply now for the ABCD SummerWorks program. This year Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) will provide summer jobs for young people ages 14 to 21.

Applications can be accessed and completed online at [www.summerworks.net](http://www.summerworks.net). Applicants will then need to bring necessary documentation to their ABCD neighborhood office or to 200 Tremont Street in Boston.

The ABCD SummerWorks program offers paid work experience, tutoring, mentoring and career development to youths from low-income families in the city of Boston. Those served by ABCD are the most at-risk young people in the city — all come from inner-city families with a total family income of \$27,938 or less for a family of four.

"We hope that state and federal funding and the gen-

erosity of donors will enable us to put large numbers of young people to work again this year," said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew. "These kids want and need jobs. Last year, we were able to put nearly 1200 youth to work, but we had almost 7000 applicants for those jobs."

Drew noted that with federal funding looking even tighter this year, ABCD is reaching out to friends, corporate donors and others to help fund this all-important program. "We provide career development, tutoring, mentoring with caring adults. We get teenagers off the street and engaged in positive pursuits. It's a win-win program."

The program places young people in jobs at local non-profit organizations including hospitals, health centers, museums, day camps, government agencies and child care centers. The youths also participate in

work-readiness and career-oriented workshops and receive mentoring and tutoring, including preparation for the MCAS exam.

For more information about the program, please call 617-348-6548 or visit [www.bostonabcd.org](http://www.bostonabcd.org).

ABCD SummerWorks is part of Mayor Thomas Menino's summer jobs initiative for Boston and has provided opportunities for at-risk Boston youth since 1965.

### ABOUT ABCD:

ABCD serves more than 94,000 low-income Boston-area residents through its central offices and a decentralized network of Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs), Head Start centers, Family Planning sites and Foster Grandparent sites. Programs and affiliations include Fuel Assistance; Head Start; Child Care Services; Child Care Choices of Boston; Education; Career Development; Housing and Homelessness Services; Health Services; Family Planning; Urban College of Boston; University High — an Alternative High School; Ostiguy High School for high school students in recovery; Weatherization; Foster Grandparents; Elder Services; Intergenerational Programs; Food Pantries in several Boston neighborhoods; management of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees Charitable Campaign (COBECC) and City of Boston Employees Charitable Campaign (COBECC); advocacy and consumer services.

## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarattani



### When Did I Become a Texas Democrat?

I've always liked my politics and I've always had a fondness for Texas. I've been there often over the years. My longest stay was back when I landed there as an 18-year-old for my basic training as an airman at Lackland AFB in San Antonio. I've been to Dallas-Fort Worth. I've been to the Panhandle at Wichita Falls. However, my favorite spot is Austin, the Capital City and bluest region of all Texas.

My nephew and his family call Austin home and I think of it as my second best big city in America next to Boston my hometown. I enjoy the place, the weather and mostly the folks. You don't stress out down there and the weather while it's quite hot, unlike Boston with no humidity, you can take the heat.

The politics in Austin is about as liberal as it can be in this red state where some folks say, "There are three kinds of counties in Texas, rural counties, urban counties and Travers County, meaning, the liberal county full of college students and outsiders."

In Travers County, I sound like a northern Democrat to conservative folk: Once down there on vacation, I sent a letter to the editor in response to some guy who wrote the way to prevent one gunman from killing innocent people was to arm everyone. His idea, if a gunman was watching a Longhorns game at the University of Texas stadium, a lone

gunman wouldn't stand a chance with 50,000 folks armed in the stands. I called the idea stupid because the only thing that would happen was for lots of innocent folks to be killed while the real gunman walked out of the stadium smiling.

I was called a busybody liberal from Boston for my response. I may be conservative but that idea was just idiotic. If I lived in Texas, I'd probably be a yellow dog Democrat. Up here though, lots of folks think I am a far right conservative. I guess everything is situation and relative to what state you are standing inside.

If I ever left Boston, it would probably be to go to Austin. As someone somewhat to the right, Austin sounds right enough for me. Also, I hate snow and love heat. Austin has little if any of the first and plenty of the second.

My nephew by the way is a conservative Republican. He likes politics. Probably wants to run for office someday but Austin is too liberal for him. I consider myself a Reagan Democrat which means I'm conservative but not looney tunes when it comes to politics.

Even if I never transplant to Texas, it is a great place to feel like a Reagan Democrat with all that open space and hills. You can feel freedom in the air you breathe. No wonder stress is kept to a minimum down there. It brings out my inner cowboy too.

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# Wounded Warrior Project Fundraiser A Success at Lucia's Ristorante

by Matt Conti

It was a big night for fundraising in the North End to support the Wounded Warrior Project, where friends and neighbors gathered at Lucia's on Hanover Street on behalf of three soldiers currently deployed in Afghanistan. Ricky Scimeca from the North End, along with friends Robert McCarthy, Justin Santoro and David McGrath are "rucking" the Boston Marathon upon their return from the war in March 2012 to raise awareness and money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

WWP provides unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members. The night was a huge success, raising over \$25,000 for the cause. Congratulations to all involved in putting on the successful fundraiser!

Leading the charge was Olivia Scimeca who recounts the efforts of many, many people:

I am overwhelmed by the love and support and generosity of my friends, family, community and total strangers! Donato Frattaroli and Annmarie Wilcox did an amazing job — Donato gave up his restaurant for the night to host this event. The spread of food Donato gave us was unbelievable! Mike's Pastry gave so much pastry, LuLu's Sweet Shoppe gave delicious cup cakes and Bova's gave cookies. Street Magic was fabulous! What a night — thanks to George Hadaya for moving all the furniture in and out of Lucia's and setting up all the tables, thanks to Rich MacDonald for helping take all the prizes to Lucia's, Berna DiNunzio and Tina Roseann Matarazzo Romano for doing just about everything from selling raffles to collecting prizes, posting on Facebook and driving me around, Maria Peary for helping making this event possible (I couldn't have done it without you Maria). Joyce Papa Amoroso for generously donated the Bruins Prizes, bags, picture, etc., selling raffles and just helping coordinating. John Romano for helping to sell raffles. Melissa Gibbons for helping me organize all of the prizes for the Mystery Envelope raffle. Angela Mantone for the Silent Auction table and Julie Bonnetti for the Bruins Raffle Table, Deb DeCristofaro for working the prize table all night long. Adele Cataldo for bagging all of the wine prizes. Kathy Carangelo for all of the letters, flyers, beautiful posters, gift certificates. So many people helped — the businesses thank you so much for your generosity. I hope I didn't miss anyone — thank you — words cannot express how grateful I am. Thank you to Sheila McCarthy and Robert and Quiana Blair for sharing this night with me. I was so happy to meet the families of my son's friends.



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## The Wally Bowe/Salesian In-house Basketball Tournament Begins

Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the passing of Wally Bowe, who died suddenly at the age of 52. Wally's passing ironically came on the anniversary of the feast of St. Dom Bosco, the Salesian Founder. Wally is best remembered for his work with youth throughout the community and especially with the Salesian Boys and Girls Club of East Boston and the former Savio High School. He was a quiet and unassuming leader that helped thousands of kids through his mentoring in sports and through his immeasurable acts of kindness.

To honor his memory, Fr. John Nazzaro, executive director of the Club renamed the in-house league after Wally. The league commenced this past Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. It consists of eight basketball teams with eight players on each team, ranging from teens ages 14-19. Each player will



receive a T-shirt donated by Wally's brothers and sisters, in loving memory of their brother.

Amongst the thousands of people, young and old throughout the community, Wally was also remembered by leaders in the community. State Representative Carlo Basil said "There are no words to describe the grief I feel over the death of my friend. Growing up, Wally was like an older brother that looked out for me and

my family. I can't even begin to name all the things he had done for the Basile family over the years." City Councilor Sal LaMattina said "I have known Wally my whole life growing up on Chelsea Street. Wally was truly an East Boston hero. He has been a role model to thousands of children in East Boston." And Senator Anthony Petrucci added "Bowe represented all that is good in Eastie. His loss will create a deep void in the neighborhood. He had a profound impact on the lives of so many young men and women from our community."

The teams will compete every Wednesday until the playoffs in April at the Byron Street location. Please come and support these wonderful kids.

Wally lived his life by these simple words: Do the right thing, even though no one is watching. Wally will always be remembered.

## It's Not Fair to Keep a Grand Celebration Secret, So ...



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### • Super Bowl Trivia (Continued from Page 3)

#### Answers:

1. This will be the fourth Super Bowl for the Manning family. Archie Manning, father of Eli and Peyton and former quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, failed to make any. Peyton however, is 1-1, with a win against the Bears in 2006 and a loss to the Saints in 2009. This is Eli's second Super Bowl, the first being against the Patriots in 2007 and the second, being this rematch.

2. This will be the fifth Super Bowl for the Head Coach/Starting Quarterback combi-

nation of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady; which is an NFL record. They are 3-1 in the four previous Super Bowls, wins against the Rams, Panthers and Eagles and a loss against the Giants.

3. The Giants have existed since 1925, when the NFL allowed five teams to join their league. The Giants are the only team that remains today from those five. The other four included the Detroit Panthers, Pottsville Maroons, Providence Steam Rollers, and the Canton Bulldogs.

4. The Patriots have existed since 1960, as an original member of the American Football League (AFL) known as the Boston Patriots. Other original Members of the AFL included the Titans of New York (Now The New York Jets), Buffalo Bills, Houston Oilers (Now the Tennessee Titans), The Dallas Texans (Now the Kansas City Chiefs), Denver Broncos, Los Angeles Chargers (Now The San Diego Chargers), and the Oakland Raiders.

5. The New York Giants are third in the NFL in total NFL Championships won with seven overall titles: four titles prior to the Super Bowl and three Super Bowl wins.

6. With this weekend's appearance, the Patriots will now be in second place in the NFL all time with seven Super Bowl appearances. (The Steelers and the Cowboys are tied for first place with eight.)

7. Only four teams have at least four wins in the Super Bowl, The Steelers (6), The Cowboys (5), The 49ers (5) and the Packers (4). This game will allow either the Patriots or the Giants to join that elite group.

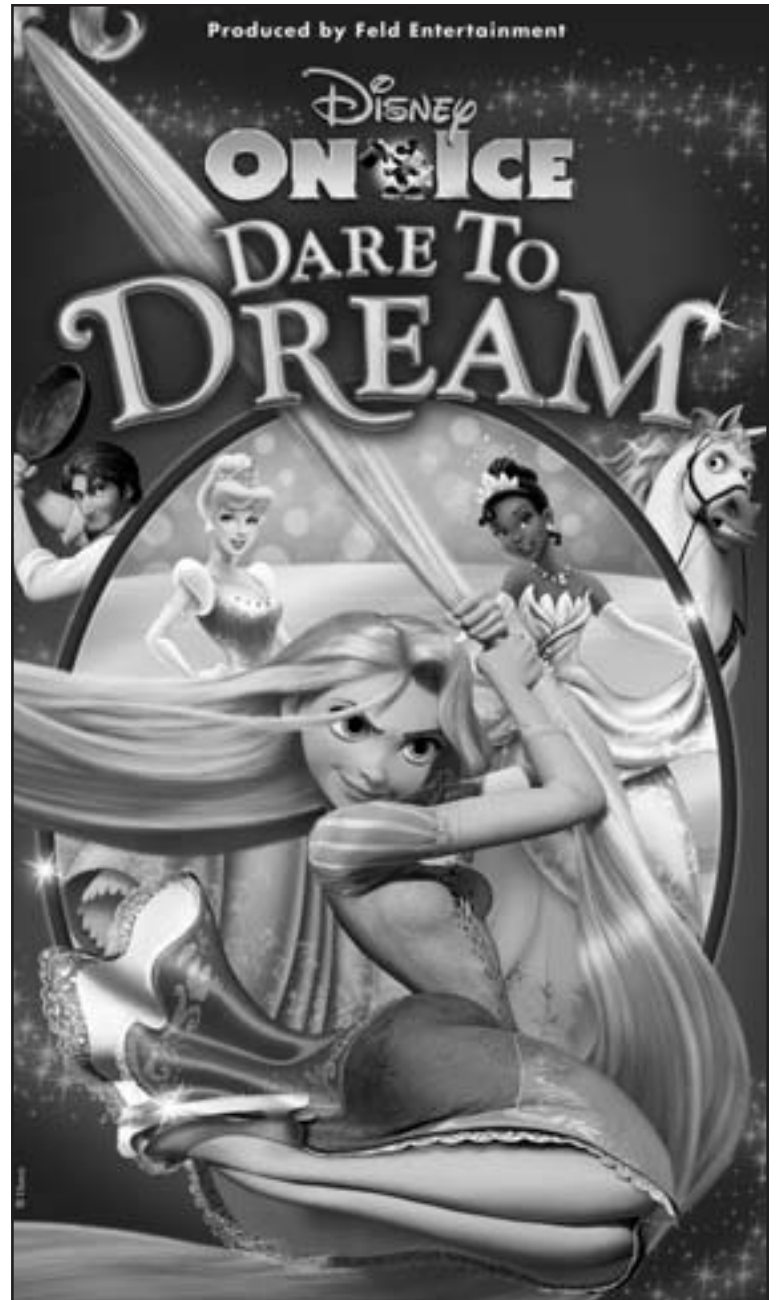
8. This will be the sixth Super Bowl matchup that is a rematch of a game during the regular season. (The Giants beat the Patriots 24-20, November 6, 2011.)

9. This season, Eli Manning broke the Giant's single season record for passing yards, (4,933 yards or 2.8 miles).

10. This season, even though Tom Brady threw for 5,235 yards, breaking the NFL single season record, he came in second place behind Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints with 5,476 yards.

World-renowned sports photographer, Dick Druckenman, is heading to the Super Bowl and will be capturing one-of-a kind photos of all of the action.

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*The dragon is a symbol of power.\**

Therefore in Chinese astrology the dragon person born under this Chinese Zodiac sign tends to be a "doer" — they do things and achieve power by getting things done. A dragon can breathe out fire so the person born in the Chinese Year of the Dragon can be a hot-head. Watch out if you make them angry!

However, the dragon has a soft underbelly and so in Chinese astrology the



dragon person born in this Chinese Zodiac year has a "soft spot" to them. They may get angry at someone who annoys them but they also show great compassion to people in need.

A dragon has a long tongue which is often seen. So in Chinese astrology the dragon person born in this

Chinese Zodiac year has a sharp tongue — they will say things that can be quite sarcastic and biting. The person born in the Chinese Year of the Dragon can be quite a confronting person but if you can reach their "soft heart" they are worthwhile allies. 2012 is the Chinese year of the dragon. So what does 2012 hold for a person born in the Chinese Year of the Dragon? Such people such double their efforts in whatever they do — work, education and other projects. Their natural talent and abilities should stand out with great results. However, watch out for that temper! Keep it in check and do not spoil your good work.

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FEBRUARY 19, 2012



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leader Pascal Gangi will have on display paper mache art, while an ongoing slide show of "Carnevale" around Italy will be highlighted throughout the day. You may dress up or put on a complimentary mask at the event while Italia Unita's artistic group entertains you. If you feel like putting on your dancing shoes, you can join in on the fun!

Bring your sweet tooth because we are serving traditional Carnevale desserts such as Pignolata (a Sicilian specialty) and Chiacchiere literally translates into "chatter," "chit-chat", or "gossip," but in this context it is a strip of sweet pastry dough fried and coated with powdered sugar.

So bring your masks or dress up in Carnevale mode for an afternoon of fun and Italian culture. For tickets or further information call 617-561-3201 or e-mail [Italiaunita@verizon.net](mailto:Italiaunita@verizon.net).

## Time to Cheer Up Charlie

by Sal Giaratani

Charlie Upton down at the barber shop at 1 Thompson Square in Charlestown recently ended up in Mass.

General Hospital for surgery after a recent fall. He's still at MGH waiting for a bed in rehab. Get well cards can be

dropped off with Jimmy at the barber shop at the old Bank Building and he will forward them on to Charlie.



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

Hello folks, no one can complain about the month of January. Now onto

February and Valentine's Day. It's a good sign for Eastie that rents have gone up nearly 14 percent. If people are willing to pay the hike, it means that Eastie has something to offer ... A true Eastie activist has passed away recently. Nick Moscaritolo who owned and operated the landmark Barney's Grill on Havre Street for nearly 70 years passed on after a brief illness. He will be missed by many friends and family ... Congrats to Clark Moulaison and the East Boston Main Street Board of Directors for another outstanding "Taste of Eastie." Hundreds were in attendance at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual event with lots of new faces! Restaurants that participated got the best exposure by providing samples of their products to potential customers ... Let's talk about the junk mail that we all receive every day. Why aren't environmentalists complaining about it? Tons and tons of junk mail paper is picked up every day by trash collectors that are costing cities and towns a huge amount of money. Besides the junk mail, we get nuisance soliciting phone calls on a daily basis. Can't someone in charge put an end to this unwanted means of advertisement? I stay away from companies that pollute my mailbox and tie up my phone with advertisement ... Is there any newspaper in this country that tells it as it is? There is never any negative reporting on Obama, or what he's up to (which is next to nothing). If we want to know what's going on in this country you have to get an overseas newspaper! ... President Obama's mother-in-law is having the time of her life traveling with her daughter, and her family, compliments of the taxpayer! Why don't the ultra liberal media report this? We pay millions in tax dollars for their elaborate vacations. The country's debt is mounting by the minute, but that doesn't seem to bother President Obama ... Unions are great for Union workers that collect big pay checks for doing

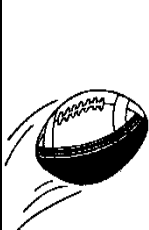
nothing. Unfortunately those costs are passed onto you, the consumer! Unions are also instrumental in hurting small businesses expand! ... Does Massachusetts want another Kennedy in office? Joe "Free Oil" Kennedy seems to think so; he's prompting his son Joe Kennedy III to run for Barney Frank's seat in Congress, the liberal 4<sup>th</sup> district. It's expected Joe "Free Oil" Kennedy will be pouring a lot of that free oil money into his son's campaign. By the way there is no such thing as "FREE OIL." Joe has made mega billions on the taxpayers by selling the oil he purchases from his friend Hugo Chavez to our government. His alliance with Hugo Chavez, who by the way doesn't like America but likes Joe, has earned Joe the rights to purchase oil from Chavez very cheap and turn it into huge profits when he sells it to the United States. Only in America ... It was no surprise when it was announced that former Mayor of Revere Tom Ambrosino was named Executive Director of Mass. Supreme Court, taking his position immediately. Ambrosino a friend of Governor Deval Patrick and Barack Obama was destined for a high position. With that being said, Ambrosino is more than qualified having graduated Harvard Law School. I believe he will do better in his new position in the Supreme Court than he did as Mayor of Revere ... It was a shock that Newt Gingrich won South Carolina! Evidently he won the forgiveness of the Evangelicals. His campaign strategies are out of control and dangerously sour. If he can't capture the nomination for president, he wants to hand it back to socialist Barak Obama. It appears Conservative Newt is jealous that Moderate Conservative Mitt may become the front runner for the Republican Party. Newt has no trouble talking about all the jobs taken away by Romney, but he fails to name the number of businesses Romney saved, and the jobs he created. I find Newt Gingrich to be an egotistical maniac and needs to clean up his own affairs before he can clean up ours ... *Till next time!*

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# A Slice of North End History

## After 105 Years, Parziale's Bakery Still Going Strong Thanks to Family and Tradition

by Nicola Orichuia



Owner Augustine "Augie" Parziale stands in front of Parziale's Bakery at 80 Prince Street.

To taste what bread was like in the North End over 100 years ago, one can head down to Prince Street and walk into Parziale's Bakery. The Parziales have been baking bread in Boston since 1907, when Giuseppe "Joe" Parziale came from Italy with his wife Anna and opened a small bakery on Charter Street. Many things in the neighborhood have changed since then, including the bakery's address — which is now 80 Prince Street — but the Parziale family still churns out crunchy loaves of Bastone just like it did back in the day. "The bread is made the same way my grandfather used to make it," says Augustine "Augie" Parziale, the third generation of the family currently running the bakery. "We don't use any preservatives and we let the dough rise twice before placing it in the oven."

The recipe is the same one grandfather Joe brought with him from the province of Naples, but Augustine learned to knead and bake bread from his father Arcangelo, better known as Angelo. "I didn't get to know my grandfather that well," says Augie. My father was given the bakery that year as a wedding gift when he married my mother Brigitte. I was a teenager when he passed away, and my parents had been working in the bakery since 1933." Between then and 1950, Angelo and Brigitte had five children: Ferdinand, Anne, Loretta, Sandra and Augustine. "You

can say we grew up in the bakery," says Augie. "As a boy, I'd be in here every chance I had, throwing dough around or helping out with whatever needed to be done. It was my life. Then I got married and took one of the apartments over the bakery, so it was really easy to go from home to work."

Augie took over the family business in 1986, when his mother fell sick. Now that he is older, though, he has left many of the bakery's daily operations to other members of the family, stopping by around 4:30 in the morning to check how things are going. "It's all about family," he says. "Family is the most important thing in a business like this. It's a hard life, so you need family to keep going. I used to work with my brother Ferdinand until he passed away in 2002. Now it's up to my children, my nieces and my nephews to carry on." Augie's eldest son, 37-year-old Augustine, recalls the days he'd sneak in as a kid to take in the smell of fresh bread in the morning. "I loved it in here. People come in at all hours for our bread," he says. "We're closed only between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., then we re-open to start working on the next day's bread. You'd be surprised to see how many people, like cab drivers, stop by during the night just to get a loaf of bread." Augie's other son Aldo, 30, prepares the renowned Parziale tomato and cheese pizza, drizzled in fine extra virgin

olive oil and works at the bakery's two ovens alongside his cousin Matthew. At the front, Augie's niece Maria takes care of sales.

Although Parziale's is known for its bread, it also serves pastries, cookies and muffins, as well as a few specialty breads. "The shop actually used to sell all sorts of groceries when I was a child," says Sandra, one of Augie's sisters. "It was a long time ago, but we sold cold cuts, coffee, tomatoes... you name it. Then the bread business picked up and we focused just on that." Sandra, who still lives in the North End and often goes to Italy to visit the land her grandparents came from, was not as involved as her brother Augie in the family

business growing up, but she never managed to let go of the family's passion for bread. "I still go to the bakery every Saturday to lend a hand," she says, "and I make my own bread at home. When I was younger we'd have a stand selling our bread during St. Anthony's Feast. I used to do that all the time. Then we stopped doing it, but now the boys have picked up that tradition again, and I think it's been three years we have had a stand at the feast." Sandra is now working with her niece Patty on a new and revamped website.

In 2007, Parziale's Bakery



celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Mayor Tom Menino, who distributed free bread alongside Parziale family members to hungry passersby. On that occasion, the mayor placed a commemorative plaque right in front of the shop's entrance, and had a sign attached to the street light just outside. Pictures of the event, as well as old family photos, are hanging today at the store windows, narrating the long and ongoing family history. The best testimony to the Parziale's long history, though, remains their bread, a 105-year-old North End tradition that lives on.



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#### Super Bowl

- ACROSS**
- 1. No longer required to lick this
  - 6. "Kick catcher
  - 9. Manufactured
  - 13. BBQ spot
  - 14. Argonaut's propeller
  - 15. Inside of a jacket
  - 16. Lusitania's destroyer
  - 17. \* \_\_\_\_ Bowl, 1 week before Super Bowl
  - 18. \_\_\_\_ peace
  - 19. Type of sale
  - 21. \*Last year's winner
  - 23. International trade organization
  - 24. Screen material
  - 25. Legal group
  - 28. Process of seeping
  - 30. Pass away
  - 35. A graduate
  - 37. Of sound mind
  - 39. Specialty
  - 40. \*Can be used to describe a safety
  - 41. Item in diary
  - 43. To finish with a ceiling
  - 44. Twig of willow tree
  - 46. It includes upward and downward dogs
  - 47. It replaced the ECU
  - 48. Food of the gods?
  - 50. "Where the Wild Things Are" rollick
  - 52. Teacher's favorite
  - 53. \*A field goal wide right, e.g.
  - 55. Immeasurable period
  - 57. \*She infamously had a wardrobe malfunction
  - 61. \*This year's host
  - 65. Repent
  - 66. \*Defensive \_\_\_\_
  - 68. Quechuan people
  - 69. Inanimate thing that talks?
  - 70. Electric swimmer
  - 71. Not fashion-minded
  - 72. Volcano action
  - 73. Wade's opponent
  - 74. Austin Powers creator

- DOWN**
- 1. Basketball star Tim Duncan, e.g.
  - 2. Inhibition resulting from social custom
  - 3. A-bomb particle
  - 4. \*Most frequent Super Bowl host
  - 5. Sometimes mashed
  - 6. Antonym of "yup"
  - 7. ENT's first concern?
  - 8. Figure of speech
  - 9. Not to be worn, according to PETA
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- 11. It can be white-tailed or black-tailed
- 12. He/she " \_\_\_\_ on the safe side"
- 15. Bushy tree growth
- 20. \*Tony Siragusa's nickname
- 22. Egyptian cobra
- 24. Trusted advisors
- 25. \*Last year's MVP
- 26. Nonchalantly unconcerned
- 27. Derived from gold
- 29. Like a clown
- 31. \*Hall-of-Famer and Super Bowl XXIII MVP
- 32. Frost over
- 33. Frodo Baggins' homeland
- 34. Feudal lord's property
- 36. \*Team captains do it on the 50 yard line
- 38. Consequently
- 42. Mandarin's headquarters
- 45. The infamous JonBenet \_\_\_\_ case
- 49. Site of 2016 Olympics
- 51. Preacher's platform
- 54. Show contempt
- 56. Nincompoop
- 57. Peach and strawberry preserves, e.g.
- 58. Summit location
- 59. Traffic controller
- 60. "I \_\_\_\_ it!"
- 61. Not in use
- 62. Heart pain
- 63. Hair removal product
- 64. #22 Down, pl.
- 67. What's old is new again, prefix

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• **Kevin H. White** (Continued from Page 1)



**Mayor White hosting a dinner for Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Boston July 11, 1976 as part of the Bicentennial of the United States of America. L-R: Queen Elizabeth, Mayor White, Kathryn White and Prince Philip.**



**Mayor White enjoyed visiting the neighborhoods. Fred Langone, Mayor White and Danny Nuzzo.**



**Mayor White listening to the concerns of the North End residents at the Prado on Hanover Street in the North End.**



**Mayor White (center) Phil D'Alessandro and Pat Barrasso (far right) meeting with AmVets. (Photo Courtesy of Pat Barrasso)**

city was slowly edging forward but at times it looked like two steps forward and one step back. Racial tensions growing in several city neighborhoods slipped over into politics as Hicks became the voice of discontent for many and White attempted to be that voice of reason. He finished runner-up to Hicks that September but beat her in November to win the job of mayor.

He would go on to get elected three more times and evolved over the years into whom some consider the first modern mayor of Boston. You know that old song about being part country and part rock and roll? White was part old-school Boston politics. Both his father, grandfather and father-in-law all served as City Council President. He obviously had politics in his DNA. He loved it. However, he also had a leadership vision of trying to make Boston the best it could be. One of the slogans used to describe him stated that he was "A Loner in Love with his City." Loner, I don't know, but he was in love with his city.

Boston in the Seventies went through much racial turmoil as outside forces demonized the ethnic neighborhoods of South Boston and Charlestown. Court-ordered busing divided the city and the mayor was called upon time and time again to hold the city together. He succeeded for the most part. Many called him a polarizing figure but he really wasn't. I always say Boston elects the mayor it needs at various times in city history.

*Boston Herald* columnist Peter Lucas poked fun at him calling him "Mayor of America" and "Kevin DeLuxe: Anti-Busers would call him Kevin from Heaven. With all transparency, I was a Joe Timilty guy through White's first three terms as mayor. However, by 1979, I actually supported his re-election bid. I remember writing a newspaper column explaining my change of heart over him. A short time later I received a note from the mayor saying it was about time I supported him. He appreciated that I was always fair to him in my criticisms.

Looking back now, I think he would have made a good governor and I am sure he would have been good at any office he sought because he put 110 percent into everything he did. I also remember my mother met him one year after he left the Mayor's Office. He was glad to see my mother remembered him and told him she always voted for him. She also told him I was her son. My mother told me he laughed at getting that news and told her I was a great newspaper writer especially when I said good things about him.

The last time I spoke with him and his wife Kathryn was under the Golden Tea Kettle at the Starbucks by City Hall Plaza. He was there to



**Angelo Picardi and Mayor White singing a tune during Summerthing Concerts at City Hall Plaza.**

watch the Columbus Day parade march by him. We talked for a while about the old days when he and I were younger. We talked about Charlestown politics. We talked about how great Boston grew under his helm and that of Ray Flynn and Tommy Menino who followed him into office. We hugged each other and made our goodbyes. Too many people saw him as stand-offish but he really wasn't that guy at all. He had great wit and a great smile that he often used as a political tool when necessary.

Many people in my generation learned so much from him. You need to be serious when you have to be but you need to be able to laugh during your struggles too. Was he bigger than life and my answer would be in the negative. He wasn't bigger than life but he used his time well and for a purpose.

There was a quote in the newspaper recently by former City Councilor Larry DiCara, "It's a sad day for Boston ... he deserves a (10-foot statue across from City Hall) statue that is bigger than life." I disagree with my friend Larry, the statue is too big and out of reach. This mayor was never distant from the city; he had an intimate relationship with all parts of it. He was approachable, funny and proud to call himself a Bostonian.

Recently, as US Senator John F. Kerry stood gazing at the Kevin White bronze statue, an 8-year-old boy stood next to him doing likewise. Kerry asked the boy, "Do you know who this is?" The little boy answered, "A famous man." I would like to add, a man with a vision for tomorrow. His eyes always fixed on the future. Boston is a better place because of him.



**Mayor White (L) and Fred Langone (R) in the Stillman Street Playground in the North End of Boston.**



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being judged on the basis of those 3 minutes and 28 seconds. We never know which flight will test us. So it's incumbent on each of us to be vigilant and avoid complacency. I had gotten to a point late in my career when I thought that test would never happen to me. I was wrong.

Stop Insider Trading on Capitol Hill

There was a great letter recently in the *Boston Metro* concerning insider trading by our elected officials.

After several years of the FBI investigating Wall Street, a number of folks were charged with insider trading of hedge funds. The letter writer pointed out ... "according to a recent episode of *60 Minutes*, if you are a member of Congress insider trading rules do not apply. (Right, Nancy Pelosi?) Then again, Congress is not subject to ObamaCare either." Hey, at least some people out there aren't knuckleheads taking up space, huh?

Gingrich Should Send Flowers to ABC's Nightline

The week leading up to the South Carolina Primary was a very good one for Newt Gingrich. He bruised up on Fox's Juan Williams in one debate, knocked out CNN's John King moderating another debate and then whacked Mitt Romney by getting a 12 percent victory at the polls. Newt picked up a first-place 40 percent of the vote to Romney's runner-up spot with only 28 percent. Mitt was supposed to win South Carolina not lose by a 12 point margin. This race continues. Mitt seems still to be running not to lose while Gingrich runs to win. Soon Santorum will drop out of the race and most of his supporters will not be going Mitt's way. Romney supporters still say he is the most electable candidate to face President Obama but his overall win-loss record in all his races including presidential primaries is now 6-18. If he were a major league pitcher, that record would stink.

Getting back to ABC-TV. The network's decision to broadcast an interview with Mrs. Gingrich Number 2 (who by the way was Mistress Number 1) actually

seemed to have backfired in favor of Newt who actually took the evangelical vote in the primary.

I felt sorry for John King who hails from Dorchester. He was looking like a punch drunk boxer right from the get-go. He also added a new word to political lexicon: "John Kinked" as in to be John Kinked.

"You Didn't Hear Me Say the Word 'Home?'"

It isn't always the economy, stupid ... but it might be the lie, stupid. When you admit to an act of omission like this guy did, you too can be toast. A Missouri gubernatorial candidate who had been playing up his economics degree was out-ed as a liar, liar, pants on fire by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* when it discovered the candidate had left out the word "home" in his "home economics" degree.

The candidate claimed to be an economics major in campaign fliers. After, the news leaked, he called the whole thing "overblown."

This Trip Like Real Torture for this Grieving Family

A trip to the bathroom ended badly for a Port Colborne, Ontario resident who died of natural cause as he was turning on the sink faucet. The water flowed for three weeks before his body was discovered. His family wants water officials to waive the \$600 bill but so far they've refused. I say tell the water department, they can take a trip to hell to collect. That place never has any water.

Some Things You Can't Multi-task

A woman crashed her car into the rear of a tanker truck in western Sweden. She was breast-feeding her infant. Using a cell phone is one thing but breast-feeding is something else. Next time pull over if your tank is full or in the baby's case empty.

No Charity for this Tinman

The trial of former US Senator John Edwards is getting delayed so the former vice presidential candidate can get some heart surgery. "The real shock," said Michael Goodman from the *NY Post*, "Is that doctors found he really has a heart." Ouch!

State of Union Not That Good!

That's putting it mildly.

Our president delivered his State of the Union Address but we've seen it before and it always turns out the same, a lot of hype and spin and very little substance. If we're lucky, this will be Mr. Hope and Change's last such address to the full Congress.

The country is still in deep trouble. All the bailouts haven't really helped the American people. The homeownership train just left the station empty leaving most of us on the platform. Too many of us remain homeless, jobless and hopeless. Wall Street got bailed out but the rest of us are in deep water without a paddle.

Right now I say a pox on both sides. The Keystone pipe-line from Canada is being used as a way for both sides to blame the other for failure to do something. Nobody compromises anymore. It is all or nothing. It's the Aaron Burr-Alexander Hamilton duel all over again. No wonder so few folks bother to vote anymore.

President Obama has been the biggest faker in the Oval Office since poor Jimmy Carter. His idea of a solution is a great speech signifying nothing. I always think of St. Paul when thinking about Obama, "a clanging bell and a noisy gong signifying nothing." The Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader can also be located inside that quote from St. Paul.

The failed leadership in Washington, D.C. just keeps marching along like the 3 Stooges, "A left, a right, a left press, press, pull, nyuk, nyuk, nyuk!"

Liberals Hated Rick Perry

Liberals dislike conservatives to put it mildly. They couldn't stand the idea of a Rick Perry coming out of Texas running for president as an evangelical Christian. He hit the race by falling on his face tripping over his own words. Eventually, he just decided to pack it in and go home to Austin. He could be back in four years if he can polish up his national image and study better before stumbling more at debates.

However, the liberals were on his case from the get-go before he imploded. *Rolling Stone* back in November did a big piece entitled, "The Best Little Whore in Texas" and one simple sentence in the long commentary compared him to the Fuhrer, "He could be the Adolf Hitler of shallow." How low can liberals go? Let's do the limbo, eh?

I hope he returns to the national scene in the future, if only to bother liberal know-it-alls.



HEAVENLY CREATURES/VELVET GOLDMINE/CITY OF GOD (Blu-ray) Lionsgate

Heavenly Creatures — Kate Winslet made her big-screen debut in this true-life story thriller. Two teenage girls form an unwavering bond rooted in a fantasy world that only they share. Velvet Goldmine — Glam-rock superstar Brian Slade (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) fakes his own death to escape the spotlight, and faces being discovered by investigative journalist Arthur Stuart (Christian Bale). City of God — is the name of the violent Brazilian neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro, where two boys grow up, one wanting only to pursue his passion for photography, and ultimately find a way out!

TRIGGER (DVD) Wolfe Video

Two of Canada's top female stars, the late avant-garde actress Tracy Wright in her final performance before succumbing to cancer, and Molly Parker as Vic and Kat. The former bandmates and lifelong friends, reunite to perform at a 'women in rock' benefit show, and after a wild night of reminiscing, reconnecting and true confessions, the pair face the dawn, and the true nature of their friendship is revealed. A heartbreakingly genuine rock-and-roll drama!

SESAME STREET: IRON MONSTER AND SESAME HEROES (DVD) Warner Home Video - Sesame Workshop

When Super Grover's cape is not ready at the Laundromat, he turns himself into "Iron Monster" — to heroically solve any problem that comes his way. The questions are can he make change for the dryer and subtract stains using amazing math skills? Find out the answers in this and three other action-packed Sesame Street stories including fantastic friends Elmo, Abby and Rosita in "The Furry Four," "Super Grover's Sidekick" and "Slimey the Hero." Powerful!

TWO MINUTES TO GLORY (DVD) NFL-Vivendi Ent.

Fans can relive the chaotic euphoria that is the final two minutes of an NFL game, as they prepare to watch Super Bowl XLVI. Packed with the emotion, the heartbreak and the triumph fans love to experience, "Two Minutes to Glory" will detail the thrilling stories of the greatest comebacks in NHL history and the legendary players who made them happen. Profiling two-minute quarterback geniuses whose defining moments are etched into fans minds forever include John Elway, Peyton Manning, Joe Montana and Tom Brady.

THE DEAN MARTIN VARIETY SHOW (6-DVD) Time Life

This "Best of The Dean Martin Variety Show" gem continues to earn rave reviews as the 6-disc set rolls out the popular show that was a blend of music and comedy, and loved by viewers from around the world. Following its 1965 debut, Dean's show was tops in the ratings for most of its nine-year run, thanks in part to Dean's classic comedy routines. Star appearances on the show had Red Buttons, Mickey Rooney, Sid Caesar, Jackie Mason, Bill Cosby, Carroll O'Connor, Bob Newhart and many others. Musical guest included "A-list" performers as, Ella Fitzgerald, Eddie Fisher, Louis Armstrong, Johnny Mathis, Liberace, Herb Alpert and The Supremes.

CIRCUMSTANCE (DVD) Lionsgate

This tale of love and family turned upside down by obsession and suspicion, is also a provocative coming-of-age story that cracks open the hidden world of Iranian youth culture. Alive with playfulness, two vivacious teenage girls, wealthy Atefah (Nikohl Boosheri) and orphaned Shireen (Sarah Kazemy) are discovering their burgeoning sexuality full of wild yearnings and imaginative fantasies. And while the simplest things are often disallowed, they take risks every day to lead their own lives.

THE JOSEPHINE BAKER STORY (DVD) HBO Home Ent.

Outrageous, shocking, sensational — Josephine Baker (Lynn Whitfield) was born poor, but achieved fame and fortune through her sizzingly exotic and erotic performances. Success in America leads Josephine to Paris where her semi-nude dancing causes an international sensation. Her life is a roller coaster ride of love and rejection from both her lovers and her country. But semi-nude, or head-to-toe in sequins, in battle fatigues or rags, her beauty and ambition ensured that Josephine Baker will always be remembered as the first, and possibly most loved, truly international star.

GAME TIME (DVD) Lionsgate

Trying to start a fresh start after an abusive past, Vance (Phil Haus) and his mother move from Wisconsin to New York City. Vance soon meets Jules (Jason Hurt), and the two form a basketball duel partnership ready to wipe the court with their opponents. Word of their new team spreads to the ultra-competitive duel championship, and they are invited to play with the big boys for the win. A "winner"!



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## NOW PLAYING UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN



**Born in Naples, Italy on March 19, 1955, self-taught guitarist Pino Daniele recorded his first album at the age of 22. From the beginning of his career, it was evident that his passion lay in rock and blues. Greatly influenced by his own cultural background, his music is a successful fusion of tradition and modernity. SEE ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS for further details.**

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**COME FLY AWAY** — Thursday, March 1, 2012. "Come Fly Away" is the new Broadway musical that brings together the legendary vocals of Frank Sinatra and the creative vision of Tony Award-winner Twyla Tharp (Movin' Out). This one-of-a-kind experience combines the seductive vocals of "Ol' Blue Eyes" with the sizzling sound of a live on-stage big band and the visceral thrill of Tharp's choreography. As 14 of the world's best dancers tell the story of four couples falling in and out of love, you will experience the exhilaration of a first kiss, the excitement of a first dance, and the bitter-sweet moments of a first good-bye in a world of sparkling romance and astonishing beauty. Come Fly Away features a host of beloved Sinatra classics, including "Fly Me to the Moon," "My Way," "New York, New York" and "Witchcraft."

**MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT** — March 28, 2012. Lovingly "ripped-off" from the internationally famous comedy team's most popular motion picture, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Monty Python's Spamalot is the winner of three 2005 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Director (Mike Nichols), as well as the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Musical. Telling the legendary tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and their quest for the Holy Grail, Monty Python's Spamalot features a chorus line of dancing divas and knights, flatulent Frenchmen, killer rabbits and one legless knight.

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**THE WIZARD OF OZ** — Friday, February 3; Friday, February 10; Friday, February 17; Friday, February 24. Based on the classic 1939 MGM movie,

this magical production will sweep audiences off their feet, from the moment the tornado twists its way into Kansas. Young farm girl Dorothy and her little dog Toto are transported "Over the Rainbow," where they meet the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man and the Scarecrow on the Yellow Brick Road, and travel together in search of the great and powerful Wizard himself. Featuring such classic songs as "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and "If I Only Had a Brain," *The Wizard of Oz* is sure to cast its timeless spell over the entire family.

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**LES MISERABLES** — March 13-April 1, 2012. Les Misérables has been seen by over 53 million people in 38 countries and 21 languages since its first London performance in October 1985. The original Broadway production opened on March 12, 1987, at the Broadway Theatre, winning seven Tony Awards that season, including Best Musical. The show went on to play a total of 6,680 performances. Based on Victor Hugo's epic novel. Relentless policeman Javert pursues escaped convict Jean Valjean over decades through the tumult of revolutionary France. Valjean becomes a mayor, agrees to raise the daughter of a dying prostitute and joins the fight for freedom. None of this impresses the single-minded Javert, until the day Valjean saves his life. Score includes "Who Am I?," "A Little Fall of Rain," "One Day More," "Bring Him Home" and "I Dreamed a Dream."

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** — May 29-June 3, 2012. Tale as old as time, true as it can be. Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, the smash hit Broadway musical, is coming to you! Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature film, this eye-popping spectacle has won the hearts of over 35 million people worldwide. This classic musical love story is filled with unforgettable characters, lavish sets and costumes, and dazzling production numbers including "Be Our Guest" and the beloved title

song. Experience the romance and enchantment of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*!

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**THE ADDAMS FAMILY** — February 7-19, 2012. They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky — c'mon, you know that tune! A dream cast takes on the quirky characters in a new and original Addams Family tale. As the musical begins, there are storm clouds gathering over the Addams Family home. Wednesday is falling in love, young Pugsley, jealous of his sister's attention, begs her to keep torturing him severely, while mother Morticia fears being upstaged and discarded by her daughter's lurch into womanhood ... like yesterday's roadkill. But when outsiders come to dinner, the events of one night will change forever this famously macabre family — a family so very different from your own — or maybe not.

## MUSIC

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**GLEN CAMPBELL GOODBYE TOUR** — Thursday, February 23, 2012. The legendary singer/songwriter released his final studio album, "Ghost on the Canvas." Despite the diagnosis of Alzheimers, Glen will hit the road for his "Goodbye Tour." "I still love making music," says Campbell. "And I still love performing for my fans. I'd like to thank them for sticking with me through thick and thin." Glen Campbell is best known for a series of hits in the 1960s and 1970s. Campbell's hits include: "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston," "Rhinstone Cowboy" and "Southern Nights." Campbell made history by winning four Grammys in both country and pop categories in 1967. For "Gentle on My Mind" he received two awards in country & western, "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" did the same in pop.

**BILL MONROE** — April 21, 2012. The musical genre took its name from the Blue Grass Boys, and Monroe's music forever has defined the sound of classical bluegrass — a five-piece acoustic string band, playing precisely and rapidly, switching solos and singing in a plaintive, high lonesome voice. Not only did he invent the very sound of the music, Monroe was the mentor for several generations of musicians. Over the years, Monroe's band hosted all of the major bluegrass artists of the '50s and '60s, including Flatt & Scruggs, Reno & Smiley, Vassar Clements, Carter Stanley, and Mac Wiseman. Though the lineup of the Blue Grass Boys changed over the years, Monroe always remained devoted to bluegrass in its purest form.

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**REAL OLDIES LIVE** — Friday, March 23, 2012. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the fun-loving, toe-tapping tunes of artists Gary "US" Bonds, The Cleftones, The Orlons, and Johnny Tillotson and the Tuttle Frutties. Gary "US" Bonds created the legendary party record, "Quarter to Three." He is also known for "School is Out," "School is In," "Dear Lady Twist," "Twist, Twist Senora," "Seven Day Weekend," and others. The Cleftones are known for hits "Little Girl of Mine," "Can't We Be Sweethearts," and "String Around My Heart." Also, appearing, The Orlons, who had some dance and novelty gems in the early '60s: "The Wah Watusi," "Don't Hang Up," and "South Street." You wouldn't want to miss Johnny Tillotson, who is famous for chart records "Poetry In Motion," "It Keeps Right On A Hurtin'," "Without You," "Send Me The Pillow That You Dream On," and many more.

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**DAVID SANBORN** — February 10, 2012. Renowned and revered the world over as one of the greatest saxophone players of all-time, David Sanborn is an artist whose music has inspired countless other musicians while creating a body of work that spans the genres of rock 'n' roll, R&B, pop and jazz. A naturally gifted performer, David has helped defined

the saxophone's modern sound while influencing a generation.

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**NEIL DIAMOND** — June 23, 2012. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and 2011 Kennedy Center Honoree, will take his greatest hits on the road on a much-anticipated North American tour. Neil Diamond has had numerous hits including: "Forever in Blue Jeans," "Cherry, Cherry," "Sweet Caroline," "I'm a Believer," "Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Red, Red Wine," "America" and many more. Neil's musical career spans nearly five decades, Neil has sold more than 125 million albums worldwide, with a remarkable track record of 16 Top Ten albums, and 37 Top Ten singles.

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**ETTA MAY'S WHITE TRASH DIARY** — Tuesday, February 7, 2012. What's the best way to describe Etta May? "Minnie Pearl with a migraine." To put it simply, when Etta May takes the stage, she is the reigning Queen of Southern Sass. She reflects "You know you're getting fat when you sit in the bathtub and the water in the toilet rises!" Etta May grew up alongside nine older brothers, who referred to their baby sister as "the human sacrifice." In fact, Etta May's parents — did not realize Etta May was a girl until she required a training bra. Etta May met her husband, Delbert, an aspiring truck driver, at a friend's kegger. From across the yard their eyes locked in a love look. Nine months later, she was blessed with a boy, followed by a girl and two more boys. "That's where my comedy comes from. I just wait for my husband or kids to do something stupid, and then I write

## ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

### ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

**"The Sicilian Corner"** 11:00 am to 1:00 pm every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Go to [www.1110wccmam.com](http://www.1110wccmam.com).

**"Italia Oggi"** Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM [www.1460WXXBR.com](http://www.1460WXXBR.com).

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**ITALIAN FIESTA** - March 25, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Featuring **Italian Folk Singers and Dancers**. Cake sale, raffle and light refreshments — an enjoyable afternoon is planned. RSVP by March 20<sup>th</sup>. One or two tables can be reserved as needed for IACO. To purchase tickets or further details, please contact Irene Gibbons at 781-843-3251 or [isgibbons@verizon.net](mailto:isgibbons@verizon.net). Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Charity Fund.

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**AN EVENING OF ITALIAN ROMANCE** featuring **MICHAEL AMANTE** and **MARISSA FAMIGLIETTI** — Saturday, June 9, 2012. Michael Amante is affectionately known as the "People's Tenor." He has been crowned the "Prince of High C's" for his remarkable ability to hit and sustain with ease, one of the highest notes of a tenor's voice. With Michael's long history of singing popular Rock and Gospel music, coupled with extensive classical Bel-

it down." Etta May, will take you on a redneck ride through the Deep South.

**DAVID SPADE** — Friday, February 10, 2012. Spade first made a name for himself as a standup comedian. He joined the cast of Lorne Michael's long-running television show *Saturday Night Live* in 1990 as a writer and a performer. On the show, he soon gained popularity for such recurring sketches such as "The Hollywood Minute" in which Spade would sarcastically shred some of Tinseltown's biggest stars with his nasty comments. Spade also proved an able impersonator of celebrities ranging from Jeff Foxworthy to Tom Petty.

**KATHY GRIFFIN** — Friday, March 23, 2012. Two-time Emmy winner, NY Times bestselling author, Grammy nominee, 2009's GLAAD Vanguard recipient and 2011 Trevor Project Life Award honoree Kathy Griffin is a multi-faceted performer with rapid fire wit. She has been making audiences laugh for years discussing Hollywood gossip and celebrity blunders. After various TV guest spots, Kathy began gaining notice as a stand-up comedienne and landed her own "HBO Half Hour Comedy Special." In 1998, HBO gave Kathy her own one-hour special, "A Hot Cup of Talk." She participated in, and won "Celebrity Mole" on ABC, and then hosted the NBC reality series "Average Joe" as well as the MTV series, "Kathy's So-Called Reality." In 2010, Kathy took a dramatic turn on "Law and Order: SVU" where she riveted audiences with her portrayal of a lesbian activist with a secret. In August 2005, Kathy's reality show, "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List," debuted on Bravo to rave reviews and was nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Reality Program and the second season of "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List" won Kathy her first Emmy in that same category. The third season premiered in 2007 and again won Kathy an Emmy for Outstanding Reality Program. The fourth and fifth season were nominated again for Outstanding Reality Program. The sixth and final season of "D-List" aired on Bravo during the summer of 2010.

Canto training, he is able to sing even higher with a strength and mastery rarely heard anywhere in the world. Being able to produce these notes consistently within the context of a moving line and in conjunction with a beautiful sound, requires not only talent, but skilled use of technique. The most prolific tenor of all time, Luciano Pavarotti, the "King of High C's," once described the feeling this way: "Excited and happy, but with a strong undercurrent of fear. The moment I actually hit the note, I almost lose consciousness. A physical, animal sensation seizes me. Then I regain control." Amante experiences this thrilling sensation as well.

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**PINO DANIELE LIVE IN BOSTON** — Saturday, June 9, 2012. Pino Daniele is an influential Italian jazz-fusion guitarist. From the beginning of his career, it was evident that his passion lay in rock and blues. Greatly influenced by his own cultural background, his music was a successful fusion of tradition and modernity. His solo debut, *Terra Mia*, sung in Neapolitan, was the first example of what Daniele called "taramblù," a combination of tarantella, rumba, and blues. In 1979 his self titled record was released, followed by *Nero a Metà* in 1980, and that same year Daniele was invited to open for reggae superstar Bob Marley for his show in Milan. In 1989 Daniele took a step toward greater commercial success with the release of the pop record *Mascalzone Latino*, followed by 1991's *Un Uomo in Blues*, 1993's *Che Dio Ti Benedica* (which had two tracks produced by Chick Corea), 1995's *Non Calpestore I Fiori Nel Deserto*, 1997's *Dimmi Cosa Succede Sulla Terra*, and 2000's *Medina*. Two years later the singer teamed up with fellow Italian stars Francesco DeGregori, Ron, and Fiorella Mannoia for a tour, captured on the appropriately titled *In Tour*. In 2005 Daniele released *Iguana Café*. Between 2005 and 2010, Daniele released three more studio albums: *Il Mio Nome e Pino Daniele e Vivo Qui*, *Ricomincio da 30* and *Electric Jam*. In 2010, Daniele released his 13<sup>th</sup> studio album, *Boogie Boogie Man*.



# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

And so we begin another new month! Ah, February! It was on February 11, my mother's birthday; we left home to serve in the U.S. Army, during World War II. How well we recall that morning! My mother was weeping and saying, "What a birthday gift." Yes, my dear readers, we are that old!

Veterans staged an "eat-in" at an Iraqi restaurant in Lowell, to show support for its immigrant owners after their place was vandalized. Around 50 veterans of World War II, Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq ate at the restaurant one evening in solidarity with the Al-Zubaydi family, who immigrated to the U.S. in 2010. Vietnam veteran Patrick Scanlon coordinated the response to let the family know they were welcome in the community. "There is no more fear in my heart because there are such nice people behind us," said owner Leyla Al-Zubaydi.

Big news! A New York school district is combating obesity by making overweight students wear electronic activity monitors. The devices measure heart rate, physical movement and sleeping patterns, so Bay Shore School officials can track whether fat students are physically active. "A program like this should only be voluntary," said Jay Stanley of the American Civil Liberties Union. "There are key privacy interests at play."

Overweight people usually watch what they eat very closely — all the way from plate to mouth.

Carlo Scostumato, claims, the reason some husbands are overweight is that the only time they get to open their mouths is when they're eating.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, says, "A woman is never overweight until she has run out of places to hide it."

The compassionate Barbra D'Amico of Nahant, says everybody loves a fat man, but not when he has the other half of the seat on the bus.

A Shreveport, LA., official has introduced a bill to ban the wearing of pajamas in public. Parish Commissioner Michael Williams says he recently saw youths wearing pajama bottoms at a local Wal-Mart, and that a line must be drawn." Today its pajamas, tomorrow its underwear," said Williams. "Where does it stop?"

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney handed about \$50 in cash to Ruth Williams, a South Carolina woman who told him she was struggling financially. "God told me to pray for Romney," she said afterward.

The astute Tom Analetto, the "mayor" of Medford, says, "Running for president is like asking a girl to marry you — you may say a lot of things you later wish you hadn't."

Mother Superior Frances Fitzgerald, says, "The chaplains who pray for the United States Senate and House of Representatives might speak a word now and then on behalf of the taxpayers."

Moron! A conductor stopped a performance by the New York Philharmonic because an audience member's cell phone kept ringing. "Are you finished?" conductor Alan Gilbert asked the phone's owner, who was heckled.

A British Airways flight midway across the Atlantic mistakenly played a recording telling passengers that the plane would "shortly be making an emergency landing on water." Panicked passengers spent 30 agonized seconds thinking they were "plunging toward a cold, watery grave," one passenger said.

Britain erupted in outrage over a government minister's suggestion that the government give Queen Elizabeth a new, \$90 million yacht next month to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her rule. Prime Minister David Cameron said no public money would go toward a new yacht, but two Canadians pledged \$12 million in private contributions.

Elton John and husband David Furnish are no fans of Madonna, said the New York *Daily News*. Both John, 64, and Furnish, 49, ripped into the Material Girl after her song "Masterpiece" beat out John's song "Hello, Hello" at the Golden Globe Awards. Yes, Elton and David are "husband and wife."

Consumption of meat in the U.S. dropped

12.2 percent over the past five years, according to the Federal Department of Agriculture. Rising costs are one reason, but consumers are also eating more meat-free meals for health and environmental reasons.

Good news! For the first time since 1965, homicide is no longer one of the top causes of death in the U.S. The murder rate dropped enough in 2010 that it was overtaken at No. 15 by pneumonitis, a respiratory illness mainly seen in people age 75 and older.

Big change! Passengers left behind a total of \$409,085.56 in change when they passed through U.S. airport security checks last year. The unclaimed money goes into the coffers of the Transportation Security Administration.

Thanks to the lovely, brilliant Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston we learned how many saints the Catholic Church recognizes. In brief, there are about 2,500 saints with feast days, 200 fewer than in the earlier years of the twentieth century. In 1969, the Vatican removed the feast days of over 200 saints from the liturgical calendar because they were of only regional interest or because they were no records of whether the saints had lived. Among the saints affected were Saint Valentine, patrons of lovers, and Saint Christopher, patron of travelers.

Reminder! This year Valentine's Day, February 14 falls on a Tuesday. So remember, to send me a Valentine.

Millions of Americans may have an alcohol problem without realizing it. A new report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that one in six people binge drink about once a week. For women, bingeing is downing at least four drinks in a sitting, and for men, at least five. But the survey of 458,000 people found that bingers actually consume much more — an average of nine drinks in one night for men and six drinks for women. The results are "alarming," the CDC's Robert Brewer tells *WebMD.com*. Excessive drinking causes roughly 80,000 deaths per year — often through car wrecks, violence and suicides. Young people between the ages of 18 and 34 are the most likely to binge drink, but people 65 and older who over-indulge do so more frequently — as often as six times a month. And most binge drinkers don't consider themselves alcoholics, since they get fall-down drunk "only" once or twice a week, instead of every day. "If it is acceptable that this many adults are binge drinking," says study co-author Dafna Kanny, "we have a problem in this society."

Heavy drinkers have what is known as saloon arthritis — every night they get stiff in a different joint.

Our distinguished and stately musicologist Albert Natale reports violins crafted by the Italian masters Antonio Stradivari and Giuseppe Guarneri some 300 years ago are legendary for their exquisite sound, but they may not be worth their high price tags. When researchers brought two Stradivariuses, a Guarneri and three new instruments to an international violin competition and asked blindfolded violinists to play them and rate their quality, one of the new models emerged as the clear favorite. The oldest Strad consistently ranked worse than the others in terms of tone, projection, and general playability. "There was no evidence that people had any idea what they were playing," Michigan violin-maker Joseph Curtinb tells NPR.org. And yet the combined value of the old violins was roughly \$10 million; the new ones together were worth about \$100,000. Like wine-which people often think tastes better if they know it's expensive or from a vaunted vineyard-we may perceive added beauty in music that comes from a prestigious violin. "I don't think there are any secret" to the sound of a Strad or a Guarneri, says acoustic physicist Claudia Fritz, "except in people's minds."

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### MOLIGNANA PIENA

#### Baked/Stuffed Eggplant in Tomato Sauce

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 6 small eggplants                  | 1 stalk celery chopped                 |
| 1 cup unflavored bread crumbs      | 1 small onion chopped                  |
| 2 tablespoons grated Romano cheese | 1 large garlic clove chopped or minced |
| 6 minced Sicilian green olives     | 2 tablespoons capers                   |
| 1 can anchovies chopped            | 3 tablespoons olive oil                |
|                                    | 1 baking dish                          |
| <b>*TOMATO SAUCE</b>               | 1 garlic clove chopped (optional)      |
| 1 28 oz crushed tomatoes           | 3 tablespoons olive oil                |
| 1 onion chopped                    |  |

In a sauce pan, heat olive oil and add onion to simmer. Stir in garlic (optional) and stir to keep from burning Add crushed tomatoes stir and bring to a slow boil. Add some water and stir. Cover and simmer at least thirty minutes. Stir occasionally to prevent from sticking.

#### EGGPLANT

Remove stems from top. Wash outer skin of eggplants. Cut each in half. With a sharp paring knife, in a circular motion cut out part of the center portion of eggplant. Cut up each removed portion into small pieces and place in a bowl with the bread crumbs. To bowl add cheese, capers chopped garlic, celery, onion, green olives and anchovies. Sprinkle a little olive oil over contents in bowl and mix thoroughly. *(Keep in mind that Capers and anchovies are salted.)*

In a skillet, heat olive oil. Place breadcrumb mixture into skillet and stir for a minute or two as it blends and softens. Remove skillet from heat. Cool. Using all the mixture, with a tablespoon fill each eggplant cavity.

Heat olive oil in skillet and place the six eggplant halves skin down in skillet. Simmer skin portions of eggplant for a few minutes, being careful not to burn. Remove from heat and cool.

#### BAKING

Spoon some tomato sauce into bottom of baking dish. Place stuffed eggplant portions in baking dish over sauce. Sprinkle grated cheese over each eggplant half. Add more tomato sauce over stuffing. Cover and bake in a preheated 275°F oven for about thirty minutes. If drying too much, add additional sauce or a little water to baking dish. Uncover and return to oven for about two or three minutes to brown on top.

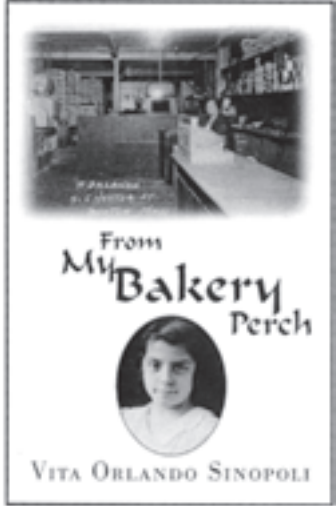
\*Remaining sauce can be served with pasta of choice or save in a container in your refrigerator or freezer.

*NOTE In 1947, Papa's niece Marianna (Amico) Giacalone arrived from Salemi with her two daughters, Frances and Paula. They lived in our home until after the husband Giuseppe Giacalone arrived with their young son, Paul. Eventually they moved into an apartment of their own in the North End and the family increased to have one more boy named Anthony. We spent many great times together as my children grew close in age to these cousins.*

*A special treat for me was when Frances prepared her mother's recipe of stuffed eggplant for us in her home. She had married. Frances had become an excellent cook like her mother. Recently I asked if she would share the above recipe with my readers and me.*

*Though a little time consuming in preparation, I find it worthwhile because of the scrumptious taste. Try it.*

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I left off leaving Florence to head to Venice. As we drove north-east, the scenery changed a bit and the temperature was a little cooler. Northern Italy seemed more like Switzerland or Austria than the Italy we had experienced in the south. If you want to know the truth, I felt more comfortable in the south. The people were more friendly and outgoing, and we physically blended in much better. Once we finally arrived in Venice, we had to leave the car in a lot on the mainland as there are no drivable streets in Venice, only waterways.

A travel service near the car lot booked us into a pensione, a small bed and breakfast and we headed to the dock to take the bus. Oh, by the way, the busses in Venice are called vaporette. They are boats that stop at various locations (bus stops) to take local people to their neighborhoods. We had just missed the bus going our way and decided to hail a taxi. Taxis in Venice are speed boats. We piled our belongings in the rear of the six passenger craft, and off we went.

When we arrived, I found the resort interesting. Although we were on the coast, the building looked more like a mountain chalet and the owners spoke a dialect of Italian that seemed punctuated with words we didn't understand. I said to Franny in English, "Dorothy, this doesn't look like Kansas." Sal and Jose understood what I meant, all having seen the Wizard of Oz.

It was late afternoon and time for dinner. We were tired and decided to eat in the dining room of the pensione, study the map of the city and then head out later to explore and have a cup of coffee. What surprised me was that there were only one or two pasta dishes on the menu. I ordered a lamb shank and it came with a salad, vegetables and rice. When the bread basket was placed on the table, a slab of butter accompanied it. We hadn't seen butter since we ate in an American restaurant in Naples. The wine was a lot lighter in flavor that the southern wines we had become accustomed to in our travels, and I noticed that there was as much beer being served at other tables as there was wine.

After relaxing a bit, we decided to take the nearby vaporette to St. Mark's Square, the center of Venice. The square was filled with tourists and pigeons. Gondolas were docked at the edge of the water along with taxis and couples and families were waiting in line to take romantic cruises through the canals. We found an interesting trattoria, sat outside and ordered coffee and drinks. For the next hour or so, we watched the tourists parade by. I heard people speaking French, German, Dutch, Flemish, Spanish, English, Portuguese, Arabic and Japanese. I was fascinated.

Before going to bed, I decided to call home. With a six hour time difference, bed time for us was late afternoon in Boston. Babbononno answered the phone, "Allowe." I responded with, "Buon giorno, Babbononno." He replied, "Jonny, you cumin-a homma?" I told my grandfather where we were and it would be a couple of weeks before we were heading back to the states. I then described our travels north to him and he listened eagerly, not having seen his homeland since 1896, 76 years earlier. We talked for a bit and then Mom and Dad got on the extension phones when they discovered I was on the phone. Everything was OK at home and that weekend, they were all taking off for Maine. That meant that if I had to get in touch in an emergency, I would have to call one of the neighbors in Maine as we didn't have a phone at the cottage. (What did we ever do before the invention of cell phones???)

The next day, we headed back to St. Mark's Square and visited the mansions, estates and museums that were built during the Renaissance and later. Most were beautiful, ornate and reflected Venice being one of the financial and business centers of Europe back in the day. Our next stop was St. Mark's Cathedral with its golden altar and famous bell tower. Atop the tower are bronze statues of people that move on the hour. They revolve around the top of the tower, turn and hit bells with giant hammers signaling the time of day. We decided to climb to the top. Unfortunately for me, it was at noon time. Just as we reached the

top, the statues began signaling via the bells. My head didn't stop vibrating for a few hours and my ears rang all day.

We had a snack at a cafe in St. Mark's Square and then headed for a vaporette that would take us to the island of Morano. This was the location of several factories that made crystal objects for the world, glasses, goblets, dishes, decorative pieces and chandeliers. Once on the dock of Morano, we stopped in a tourist office to book ourselves a tour of one of the factories. Luckily, one had an opening within minutes. The owner greeted us at the entrance and apologized stating he would have to conduct the tour himself. All but one of his employees were on vacation. One glass blower was still there and would show us how to make glass objects.

The owner spoke perfect English. I thought he might have been an American who moved to Italy or an Italian American who returned home. That's how perfect his English was. When he used words with "ed" at the end, I discovered that he wasn't American, only someone with a good ear for the language. He pronounced the ed at the end of words like cooked or worked: cook—ed or work—ed. The man gave us the grand tour and his glass blower made a cowboy on a bucking bronco out of molten glass as we watched. He presented it to Franny as a gift. When it was time to leave, I tried to tip the owner, who refused saying, "Please, if you want to tip someone, take care of my glass blower. I did."

As we were leaving, a group of English tourists were the next in line to see the factory. The owner greeted them with a perfect British accent. Overhearing this, I marveled at his capacity with our language.

Venice was fascinating, but it was time to head back to Cassino and Franny's family at the farm. When we returned, I discovered that there were other family members who had dropped in for a few days, and Sal and I decided to check in at a local hotel, the only one in Cassino with a swimming pool. The owner turned out to be someone who had been deported from the U.S. He used his ill gotten gains to open a hotel and go on the straight and narrow, but that's a story for next week.

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• Fare Increase (Continued from Page 1)

230, 245, 275, 276, 277, 436, 451, 465, 504, 553 and 554, and Sunday routes: 18, 37/38, 43, 59, 60, 78, 136, 137, 171, 201, 202, 211, 230, 245, 275, 276, 277, 431 and 436.

If you depend on the RIDE or bus service I suggest you **call your representative and senator** on Beacon Hill and tell them that the T budget problems should not be solved by whacking the

handicapped with huge fee increases and cuts in critical bus service. In the North End your Representative is **Aaron Michlewitz** (617-722-2400), in East Boston it's **Carlo Basile** (617-722-2220). In the West End, **Marty Walz** (617-722-2380). In all these communities your State Senator is **Anthony Petrucci** (617-722-1634).

• Stirpe Nostra (Continued from Page 2)

arrow. Anyone who ridiculed him was thrown to the wild beasts. One fat person was cut right down the middle of his stomach so that his intestines gushed forth, while some men were given a new name of "one-eyed" after he plucked out one of their eyes, and still others he named "one-foot" after he cut off one of their feet. In addition to this, he murdered many other persons, some because he didn't like their garments or manner of dress, others were slain because they appeared noble or handsome. At one time he even bled men to death with scalpels as he played at being a surgeon.

During his reign, many men were able to secure punishment for their enemies by bribery, or even to buy immunity for themselves, a change of punishment, or a substitution of another person for one who was condemned to death. He sold provincial governorships, administrative posts in the city, and he even sold results in lawsuits. Finally, to show his impartiality, even his top city officials were either poisoned or introduced to the point of his sword after a few months in office.

NEXT WEEK:  
Addio Bastardo

• Saint Brigid of Ireland (Continued from Page 3)

tutions, one for men, and the other for women, and appointed St. Conleth as spiritual director of both. She also founded a school of art, including metal work and illumination, over which St. Conleth presided. She also inspired the establishment of religious communities in other parts of Ireland.

Saint Brigid is considered one of the most notable Irishwomen of the fifth century and as the Patroness of Ireland. She is lovingly called the "Queen of the South: the Mary of the Gael". She passed away in the year 523. Saint Brigid is the Patroness of Dairy Workers; her feast day is celebrated on February 1.



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News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN  
NEWSPAPERS AND  
OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

**THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF EMIGRATION INAUGURATED BY THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT, GIORGIO NAPOLITANO.** Twenty nine million Italians left Italy from the year 1800 in search of a job and a better life. The Italian President recently inaugurated the Museum in Rome, at the Vittoriano (the monument complex to King Victor Emmanuel the Second). There were, among the multiple medical records, 380 people with name 'Napolitano (as the President), 119 Bondi, 14 Fini (as Gianfranco Fini, the Speaker of the Chamber), 15 Mantica (prominent Government officer) and others having the same name as several attending Government officials. As some of the speakers pointed out, it is the story which many Italians ignore. The tragic experience lived by Italian emigrants has been experienced by those who now try to enter Italy for a better life. Poverty and misery have not changed!

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. **L1238-C2 RELOCATE FAA TRAINING ROOM, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S - Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012** immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub-bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012**.

The work includes **BOTH SELECTIVE DEMOLITION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION. CONSTRUCTION INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO NEW WALL, CEILING AND CARPET, PAINTING AND FINISHES, INSTALLATION OF NEW HVAC EQUIPMENT, LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UPGRADES, SPRINKLER SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS, AND ASSOCIATED WORK.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012**.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **GENERAL BUILDING**. The estimated contract cost is **\$290,000**.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract, filed Sub-bidders must submit with their bid a current Sub-bidder Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and a Sub-bidder Update Statement. The filed Sub-bidder must be certified in the sub-bid category of work for which the Sub-bidder is submitting a bid proposal.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$10,000,000**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

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The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantage Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **5%** of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

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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 Giarattani

MCI — PEACEFUL  
MEADOWS REST HOME?

Governor Deval Patrick reportedly wants to build several assisted living centers for old inmates to serve their time behind bars. It is all part of the governor's prison system overhaul. Sheriffs from across the state were shown it recently and the idea drew much criticism. Bristol Sheriff Tom Hodgson said, "There's no question that the population in the prisons is aging, but prison is prison. No one is being heartless about this, but you know how much assisted living costs these days? When we can't offer those things to a homeless veteran or someone on a fixed income who can't afford it, what do they do?"

Essex Sheriff Frank Cousins added, "If they're suggesting they should have a locked, secure ward for people who are in the last six months or year of their lives for dialysis or a cancer situation. I don't have a problem with that." However, he has grave concerns about the idea of building retirement homes behind bars.

By the way, the governor's proposal reportedly will also call for "sexually dangerous" inmates to be transferred to the Department of Mental Health. The state's D.M.H. facilities are for treatment, not incarceration. At least, that's what I have thought for many years. Perhaps our governor may already have a touch of Potomac Fever?

WHO'S TO BLAME FOR  
CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM?

The *Boston Globe* recently ran a piece on chronic absenteeism in the Boston Public Schools where at least 35% of students are absent more than 20% of the time. Many experts want to make the school day more "appealing" for the children. Trying to fix the problem without accessing blame for it is a nonsensical solution. Kudos to letter writer Dave Clancy from Boston who points out, "What about parental neglect?" As Clancy says, "How can so many parents fail in the basic responsibility of ensuring that their children get out of bed and go to school in the morning? That is the root cause of this (absentee) problem." To avoid placing the blame properly in order to not offend anyone does no one any good, especially the kids not learning as they should. Kudos again to Dave Clancy for saying it as it is. Someone has too!

NEAD BANQUETS  
ON HORIZON

The North End Athletic Association will be holding their combined T-ball, Minor League Baseball and Soccer Banquet at the Nazzaro Community Center on Friday, February 17 at 6:00 pm. The Annual Youth Majors Baseball Banquet will be held at the Hard Rock Cafe on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm.

MARK,  
9/11 WASN'T A MOVIE!

Actor Mark Wahlberg must be watching too many of his own movies. Recently, in an interview with *Men's Journal*, the Boston actor claims had he been aboard one of those hijacked planes on September 11, things would have ended differently. Said Wahlberg, "If I was on that plane with my kids, it wouldn't have went down like it did. There would have been a lot of blood in that first-class cabin and then me saying, "OK, we're going to land somewhere safely, don't worry." In the real world talking with a Boston accent doesn't scare the bad guys. Of course, Wahlberg later apologized for his stupid remarks. He even said his remarks were "irresponsible." Too bad he wasn't on the recent Italian ocean liner that crashed into the rocks, I'm sure he would have accepted captain duty too.

WALKING THE LINE  
WITH JOHNNY CASH

I just watched "Walk the Line" on my DVD player. I knew I would like it because it was the story of the life and legend of Johnny Cash. 40 years ago, Johnny Cash took his show on the road into BC Studios for the weekly Johnny Cash Show. I didn't love most country music but his music was as different as he was from all other country singers. He was the quiet man in black who let his music do his talking for him. His struggle in his personal and professional life was legendary. He survived all the

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 24, 2012**.

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DiGANGI, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 27, 2012  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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odds and somehow made his life finally work in his favor. I believe the phrase "Walk the Line" was a rather metaphor for the line he walked through his life's journey. Often the line was more like the third rail but somehow he kept from completely zapping himself. His music was his life and his music and life story have lived on without him.

Johnny Cash and his music wasn't really just country but a blend of old-time rock and roll with solid R&B added for extra flavor. His music was his story and his life. He sang from his heart because it really was real.

Today's country singers owe a debt of gratitude to Johnny Cash. I call him the Godfather of Country Music. I wish those cable stations that show those old TV shows would telecast those old Johnny Cash shows from the early '70s. His kind of music never goes out of style.

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0360EA**

**In the Estate of  
ELEANORE KRAM  
Late of AUBURNDALE, MA 02466  
Date of Death November 15, 2011**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Leonard Kram** of Los Angeles, CA and **Kathy Kram** of Framingham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DiGANGI, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 27, 2012  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0284EA**

**In the Estate of  
RICHARD I. ELY  
a/k/a RICHARD INGRAHAM ELY  
Late of LEXINGTON, MA 02421  
Date of Death January 7, 2011**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will and codicil** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Lynette Tsiang** of Lexington, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DiGANGI, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 24, 2012  
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0278EA

In the Estate of  
**NANCY E. BURDGE**  
Late of **BILLERICA, MA 01821**  
Date of Death December 10, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **Jeffrey S. Burdge** of Arlington, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 24, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 2/3/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0280EA

In the Estate of  
**LOUISE A. PINARD**  
a/k/a **A. LOUISE PINARD**  
Late of **ARLINGTON, MA 02476**  
Date of Death December 14, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the **last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Robert L. Pinard** of East Sandwich, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 24, 2012

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0257EA

In the Estate of  
**DENNIS MICHAEL DiGANGI**  
Late of **STONEHAM, MA 02180**  
Date of Death October 10, 1994

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **Maria L. Colotti** of Stoneham, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve **Without Surety**.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 20, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 2/3/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0250EA

In the Estate of  
**LAMBROS MIHALOPOLOS**  
a/k/a **LAMBROS MIHALOPOULOS**  
Late of **NEWTON, MA 02458**  
Date of Death November 9, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the **last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Ernest Mihalopoulos** of Weymouth, MA and **Magdalene Poirer** of Laconia, NH be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 27, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 2/3/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0276EA

In the Estate of  
**JANE C. MENTO**  
Late of **AYER, MA 01432**  
Date of Death November 27, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the **last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Mary-Jane White** of Shirley, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 23, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 2/3/12

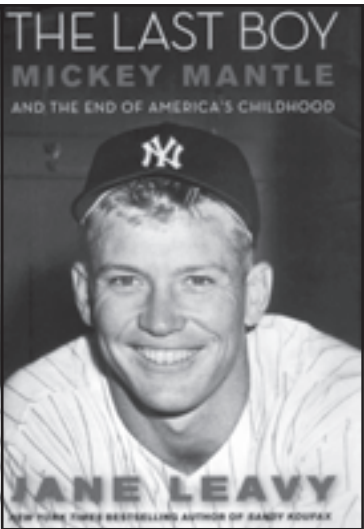


# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



## Mantle: Behind the Facade



A while back, I mentioned a book in this column about Mickey Mantle aptly named “The Last Boy” by author Jane Leavy. Doris Kearns Goodwin calls it one of “The best sports biographies I have ever read ... It reveals with stunning insight both the talents and demons that drove Mickey Mantle, bringing him to life as never before.”

Growing up 50 years ago, Mickey Mantle was larger than life and my baseball

hero. I followed his career daily. Always knew his stats. Knew when he was in a slump and happy to see when he broke out of it. When the Yankees and Red Sox played at Fenway, I rooted for the Sox to win but Mickey to have a good night at the plate. Best game, we win and Mickey hits homers from both sides of the plate which I saw him do first-hand a number of times.

Mick always had that Oklahoma smile on his face but we now know that grin was somewhat of a facade for somebody who was troubled by the demons that followed him throughout his baseball career and life. He died much too young at 63 years old seemingly from the abuse he put his body through.

It is amazing how great a player he was when you considered the inner workings of The Mick. He was one of the greatest and could have been the greatest player of all time had the pain his

facade seemingly hid from view. This book is a great read for any real baseball fan.

## Rangers Sign Up Darvish for \$60 Million

Japan's best pitching ace and the Texas Rangers have come to terms and agreed to a \$6 million, 6 year contract. Texas will also pay a posting fee of \$51.7 million to the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters of Japan's Pacific League. The deal surpasses what Daisuke Matsuzaka got when he left Japan for the Red Sox. Just more than five years ago, Dice-K got a \$52 million, 6-year deal and the Red Sox had to pay a \$51.1 million posting fee.

## Moyers Wants to Return

Jamie Moyer has agreed to a minor league contract with an invite to Colorado Rockies spring training. The 49-year-old left hander has played 24 seasons thus far and apparently is looking for season number 25. He didn't pitch last season after undergoing surgery. Moyers started with the Chicago Cubs in 1986. He went 9-9 with a 4.84 ERA for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2010. Moyer is 267-204 with an overall 4.24 ERA.

## Scutaro Traded

The Red Sox have traded shortstop Marco Scutaro to the Colorado Rockies for 26-year-old Clayton Mortenen who could end up in the starting rotation. The Rockies will now end up with Scutaro's \$6 million salary this upcoming season. This would free up cash possibly to go after free agent Roy Oswalt who could be headed for \$8 million for 2012.

At shortstop, the Sox will now most probably platoon Mike Aviles and Nick Punto. There is a future shortstop-in-waiting named Jose Iglesias. However, he's not ready yet to make the trip up I-95 from Pawtucket. The 22-year-old needs to get a little more maturation down with the Paw Sox and sharpen up his game.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0325EA

In the Estate of  
**FREDERICK J. FARRIS**  
Late of **ARLINGTON, MA 02474**  
Date of Death December 2, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the **last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Judith F. Bowman** of Cambridge, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 25, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 2/3/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0174EA

In the Estate of  
**JOSEPH C. MERRIAM JR.**  
a/k/a **JOSEPH C. MERRIAM**  
Late of **FRAMINGHAM, MA 01702**  
Date of Death September 28, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the **last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Lucy deGozzaldi** of Northfield, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 18, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 2/3/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI12P0184EA

In the Estate of  
**MADELINE V. CHALFEN**  
Late of **NEWTON, MA 02467-1527**  
Date of Death November 19, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the **last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Paulette Speight** of Wilmington, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 26, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

**Freddie "La Cucaracha" / "The Choir Boy" Roach**  
to be Inducted into **World Boxing Hall of Fame "2012"**

As is Rip Valenti from the World of Boxing.

Fighter Tommy Collins. "44 Kayo Wins." A Big Puncher.

**Brawl at the Bay! March 23, 2012. Fighting for "Dana Farber Cancer Institute!"**  
"Fighting!" is what Dana Farber Does.

Let's Talk about "Now and Then!"



**Members of the great Valenti Fight Family: Al Valenti and Fred Valenti.**

**Freddie Roach** was born in Dedham, Massachusetts. During his career a premier World Lightweight fighter. Forty wins in his professional fight career. He fought the best in the world: Javier **Flores** in New Jersey, Mario **Chavez** and Greg **Haugen** in Las Vegas, Delio **Palacios** in Texas, and Bobby **Chacon**, Hector **Camacho** and Jaime **Balboa** in California. As a trainer he's been voted Trainer of the Year many times. He's a great trainer, who trained great fighters: World Champion Manny **Pacquiao** and World Champion Julio Cesar **Chavez**, Jr. Great fighter and great trainer Freddie Roach will be inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York the weekend of June 7-10.

Suara Ray **Oliveira** has a great gym in New Bedford. "On Point Boxing!" He's got many youth with talent and some top trainers there too. I'm going to be doing a review of the fight gyms we've got in the area. "Maybe we can have a **Fight League** or two,

or three???" Hmm!" A few of the other gyms in the area are: Boston Boxing, TNT Boxing, Peter Welch Boxing, Dorchester Boxing, Capiello Brothers Boxing, Whitley's Fitness, Gentlemen Gym, West End Gym, Cyr Farrell Boxing Gym, Bishops Boxing, Petronelli Boxing, Celtic Pride Boxing, and more.

Thank you **Matthew Regan**. It's nice to hear from you. You're right. **Tommy Collins** did have a great career and was World Champion. Tommy Collins first bout was on November 11, 1946 in Boston. He won a 4 round decision over Gene **Gomes**. In a rematch January 9, 1947, **Tommy Collins** kayoed **Gomes** in 3 rounds in Fall River. Tommy Collins at 61-12-0, had 44 knockouts. A big puncher who fought the best in the world: Lulu **Perez**, Jimmy **Carter**, Fabela **Chavez**, Lauro **Salas**, Ronnie **Clayton**, Glen **Flanagan**, Willie **Pep**, Sandy **Saddler**, Joey **Cam**, Timothy Buddy **Hayes** and more. He fought the elite of a great era. Boston Fighter Tommy Collins shook the world with his punching power. He won the National Boxing Association **World Featherweight** title on August 25, 1952 in a battle with Glen Flanagan at the Boston Garden.

"**Brawl at the Bay!**" **Celtic Pride** Boxing entertains you with boxing exhibitions on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Marina Bay Sportsplex in Quincy. Come on down and watch fighters duke it out. Retired boxer, Celtic Pride President and Founder **Mark Porter** via Donegal, Ireland, a longtime resident of Quincy. Mark Porter directs this project. Fighters on this show are trained by Jimmy **Farrell** Cyr-Farrell Gym in Quincy, and Kenny **Butler**. Danny **Kelly's** Dorchester Boxing, from Peter **Welsh** Boxing Club and Mike **Culbert**. All top fighters and trainers of

future top Prospects.

Now "**2012**" & Then "**1979**" in Boxing.

**Now:** On April 28<sup>th</sup> WBC Light-heavyweight Champion of the World **Bernard Hopkins** and former Champion **Chad Dawson** as I read here have agreed to "Fight it out again at the Board Walk in Atlantic City." They previously fought with **Bernard Hopkins** getting injured from a throw to the canvas. A win, first recorded for **Chad Dawson**. Later overturned changed to a no-decision.

The Wild Card Gym in Hollywood, California, has undefeated WBC middleweight champion **Julio Cesar Chavez** in training for his World Title defense vs. #1. contender **Marco Antonio Beltran** on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This Top Rank World title double header will also feature three division world champion **Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire** fighting former champion **Wilfredo Vasquez, Jr.**, for the vacant WBO junior featherweight title.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> there's a **Brawl at the Bay** to be held at Marina Bay Sportsplex in Quincy, MA.

Canastota, New York will induct **Freddie Roach**, **Rip Valenti** and **Jake Kilrain** into the World Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York, June 7-10, 2012.

**Then:** April 1979 *Ring Magazine*, page 17 pictured is **Bobby Halpern**, who fought **Guy Casale** in New York.

A new welterweight sensation "Irish" **Sean Mannion**, pictured on page 18. Sean is 8-0-0. It tells of **Sean Mannion**, sharing his sparring duties "Irish" **Danny Long** newcomer to the pro ranks and a former Golden Glove and New England A.A.U. champion. Talks of Irish **Johnny Bowen** and fourth ranked U.S. Junior welterweight contender **Tony Petronelli**.

**U.S. Ring Ratings:** Heavyweight **Dino Dennis** of Attleboro; U.S. **Middleweight** Champion **Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Jr.** Welterweights: #6. **Tony Petronelli**, #7. **Jimmy Corkum**, #14. **Luis Davila**. **Lightweight:** #10. **Tommy Rose**. **Featherweight:** #5. **David Ramalho**, #11. **Jimmy Farrell**, #15. **Bobby Everett**.

Fights Fought — Heavyweights: **Charlie Polite** vs. **Eddie Owens, Jr.**, Middleweights: **Steve Delgado** vs. **Ted Sanders**; **Roger Leonard** vs. **Sean Mannion**. Jr. Welterweight **Jimmy Corkum** vs. **Al Hughes**; **Sean O'Grady** vs. **Beau Jaynes**. Our tough New England fighters fight the best in the world.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



**GOING LIKE 60** — It is one of the most honorable events in hockey, it is, played in our town as a constant on our calendars. Whatever the year, for the last 60 of them, you could always count on viewing excellent college hockey on those first two Mondays in February.

And while the Beanpot has remained a constant the various ways it has been covered by the media have changed over the decades. When it started — way back in 1952 at Matthews Arena — TV was still somewhat of a luxury in many homes and radio was the time honored form of broadcast delivery. Print edition newspapers ruled the streets of Boston with several having excellent sports sections.

Gradually, over time, while the tournament remained a fixture, a media revolution took place. TV became more commonplace and eventually went to cable and satellite delivery, reporters replaced their typewriters with laptop computers and photographers ditched film in favor of digital cameras.

The internet arrived and now stories are sent as e-mail attachments. Numerous stories appear only on the internet; their writers seated right along those still composing stories for time honored print edition papers.

But the winds of change didn't really affect the tournament all that much. They affected how it was covered but not the essence, the heart of the event, which centers around the games themselves.

After spending its inaugural year at Matthews Arena, the tournament moved to the original Boston Garden for a 42-year span. This month's renewal will be the 17<sup>th</sup> in the "new" facility — now called the TD Garden (formerly the FleetCenter).

Four Boston schools — BU, BC, Northeastern and Harvard (separated from the Hub only by a river) vying for the trophy — the Beanpot.

Of the four, one school rose to the top most often over time. That would be Boston University which has won the tourney 28 times in the last 46 years — including 12 of the last 17. BU has been in the title game 25 out of the last 28 years.

But things have cooled off a bit for the Terriers of late. If BU does not win the event this year, it will have gone three straight years without a Beanpot title. The last time that happened was way back in 1983-1985.

Right now BC is the hot school when it comes to playing in Beanpot. The Eagles have won the tournament 16 times, including the last two in a row and three in the last four years — 2008, 2010 and 2011.

The two schools also feature the two of the winningest coaches in NCAA history. Starting the week leading into the tournament, BC's

**Jerry York** had banked a total of 896 victories while BU's **Jack Parker** was right behind with 865.

Another school long overlooked is Northeastern which seems right on the cusp of winning a championship. NU has won the Beanpot four times — the last time was in 1988 — but has been in two of the last three Championship games (2009 and 2011). If the Huskies can get by BC in the opening round, they'll have another shot come February 13.

Rounding out the field in hard luck Harvard which this year will enter the Pot with about a .500 record as they face red hot BU in the 5:00 p.m. opener. In a possible preview back on January 14, Harvard lost to BU by a 4-3 count in overtime. So, there's a possibility of a good game there as well.

**THE BRUINS** — The B's were right back at it after the All-Star break, coming from behind to defeat Ottawa at the Garden. "I felt our guys were ready and focused and everything else," noted head coach **Claude Julien**. "I think the will and the focus are there."

But he also took note that the Bruins are not playing as well as they did earlier.

"Right now, we're just struggling through the momentum of the game, the execution and everything else. It's just not as crisp. It wasn't at the beginning of the year, it came back and now it's kind of slipped away from us a little bit. That's what we've got to recapture, but I don't think it's from lack of wanting."

The coach also took note of the challenges posed by the next few weeks of the schedule. Remember all those home games at the Garden back in the fall? Well, it's pay-back time with a long road trip looming on the horizon.

"We have to realize what's in front of us," said **Julien**. We've got a real tough schedule from here on in when you look at the 11-day road trip. We've got six games in six different cities in mid-February and we have 17 games in 31 days. We have a real heavy schedule and I think our guys have to make sure to take good care of themselves. We are going to be traveling, we are going to be playing every second night and I think you've got to gear up for that because that's what the playoffs become."

And there's more to it than just playing the games. There's the importance of rest and good nutrition.

"Every second day we've got a game and you have to make sure that the players are well rested. We have to prepare ourselves for a real grinding schedule. I talk to the players about how important it is to take real good care of themselves, getting rest, eating properly and understanding that our focus really has to be on our job from here on in."

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