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WHERE WERE YOU ...

During the Blizzard of '78?



News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Consalvo Aims for More Affordable Housing

Boston City Councilor Rob Consalvo has just been re-appointed to the city's Neighborhood Housing Trust. The trust is responsible for allocating the city's linkage monies to organizations and groups seeking assistance in building affordable housing. The trust works to increase the supply of such housing. Consalvo has been a trust member since 2002. Said Consalvo, "In this role, I will be able to continue the working partnership with many worthy organizations as we attempt to provide more affordable housing opportunities in our City."

Since its inception, the trust fund has helped create or preserve over 6,000 affordable housing units. Housing is a priority issue for Consalvo who also was just reappointed as the chair of the City Council's Housing Committee. As Consalvo concludes, providing safe, quality, affordable housing is one of the key issues to making our city a great city. To be able to work on that is one thing I love.

Connecting Those Make-believe Dots

As I read Charles Babington's AP commentary (Tucson rampage casts light on toxic political tone, Banner, January 13) connecting non-existent or suspected dots between Sarah Palin and the Tucson shooting, I remained amazed on how many in the media shoot (pardon the gun-related metaphor) from the hip with little if any real evidence. Bottom line, the gunman's motives are still not really known. Nor do we know if he even listened to the so-called right-wing radio.

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The Real State of the Union ... By the Numbers

by Herman Cain

Now that the mainstream media is hopefully done swooning over President Obama's State of the Union Speech, some of us are more concerned about the real State of the Union, by the numbers. It's not what he said or did not say, nor is it how he said it. It should be about our national security and our national economic health.

The day after the president's State of the Union speech, an appliance installation and repair man was installing some new appliances in our home. Unsolicited, he said he had a hard time sleeping last night after hearing the president's speech. When I asked why, he said he did not hear anything in the speech that made him feel that America is safer as a nation, nor did he hear anything that would really help grow the economy.

No wonder the man doesn't sleep.

I told him I agreed with him, and that he expressed the feelings of probably most of us who are not intoxicated by the president's words and his delivery. Many people

are, but most of us are not.

Maybe there are some provisions in the START Treaty that regular folk like the repair man and I don't know about. But it appears as if the Russians got a better deal by limiting our ability to deploy missile defense systems in other parts of the world, where a lot of our enemies are located. For example, cancellation of the missile defense system being built in Turkey does not seem like a good idea. The world is not safer! And we have reduced our ability to help keep it safe.

Many of the most compelling facts about the real state of our economy were missing from the president's speech.

Gross Domestic Product did grow year over year in 2010 by 2.6 percent. But China's economy grew by around 10 percent, which means, at those comparable rates, China's economy will surpass us 15 to 20 years from now. Since China holds the largest percentage of our foreign-held debt, I consider that a national security threat as well as a threat to our financial stability.

In fact, the total amount of U.S. Treasury Securities held by foreign countries increased 18.5 percent in 2010 (Treasury.gov). That's not a comforting sign.

Total bankruptcy filings were nearly 14 percent higher in 2010, on top of the 1.4 million filings in 2009. It should be no surprise that the unemployment rate remained between 9.4 and 9.8 percent throughout 2010, and that the weekly new jobless claims were around 400,000 per week nearly every week. The small number of "new" private sector jobs has simply not been enough to offset that pace of joblessness.

A year ago, in the president's State of the Union speech, he said that creating jobs would be a top priority. In early 2009, he said that the nearly \$1 trillion in stimulus spending would keep unemployment under 8 percent and grow the economy.

The unemployment rate has not been below 9 percent since the stimulus bill was passed, and I guess it de-

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East Boston Students Preparing for Sicily

by Nicola Orichuia



Shown in photo are East Boston High School students with Italian students from Sicily, Italy, who took part in the Student Exchange Program. In March students from East Boston High will be participating in the Exchange Program by traveling to Italy.

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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PIUS TIBERIUS

Tiberius Claudius Nero Ceasar, second emperor of Rome, was the third of the twelve Caesars and was also the third member of the Julio-Claudian line. He was born on the Palentine Hill on November 16, 42 B.C., the son of Tiberius Claudius Nero and Livia. His mother Livia later married Augustus. His father died when Tiberius was only nine years old and at that young age he eulogized his dead parent from the rostrum in the Forum. While in his early teens he and Marcellus accompanied the chariot of Augustus in the triumph at Actium (the defeat of Marc Antony and Cleopatra).

At a later age Tiberius married Agrippina, the daughter of Marcus Agrippa the army general, statesman and builder of the Pantheon. They lived happily for a few years but he was forced to divorce her and to contract a hurried marriage to Julia, the daughter of Augustus, an act he regretted for the rest of his life. His marriage to Julia soon cooled to the point where he ceased to live with her.

His first military service was as a tribune of the soldiers (commander) wherein he led a campaign against Armenia and Parthia, and was responsible for resettling forty thousand prisoners of war into new homes along the Rhine. He returned to Rome riding in a chariot, honored with the Triumphal Regalia, a new kind of distinction never before conferred upon anyone. His popularity mounted and in time he held the offices of quaestor (public prosecutor), praetor (chief magistrate), and consul (one of the two highest magistrates).

During the height of his success Tiberius withdrew from political life, asking for leave of absence because of weariness of office and a desire to rest. He made a hasty departure from Rome and settled in Rhodes for about seven years. He returned to Rome and took up residence on the Esqualine Hill where he attended mostly to his personal affairs and exercised no public functions. Claudius was adopted by Augustus along with Marcus Agrippa a great military

commander and also the builder of the Pantheon. The practice of adopting adults was not uncommon in Rome during imperial times.

During a revolt and ensuing three year war with Illyricum, Claudius was given command of fifteen legions plus an equal number of reserve forces. His perseverance was amply rewarded by a complete victory over this territory which now makes up a part of Yugoslavia. The victory took on more importance because of a simultaneous defeat of three Roman legions in Germany, thus, through Claudius the day was saved for Rome in this area. Because of this success a "Triumph" or great victory parade was held in honor of Tiberius. He was offered the surname of Pannonicus, Invictus, or Pius. It is interesting to note that this all took place in the year 9 A.D. and the name Pius in Latin means conscientious, godly, holy, motherly, brotherly, sisterly, good, sacred or patriotic. I'm not complaining, just explaining.

NEXT WEEK:
Tiberius the Plunderer

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



From Person to People: Presidents Reagan and Obama Compared

Thirty years ago tomorrow President **Ronald Reagan** opened his first major Presidential address to the nation on the economy with these words:

"I'm speaking to you tonight to give you a report on the state of our Nation's economy. I regret to say that we're in the worst economic mess since the Great Depression."

Last week President **Barack Obama** turned to the economic condition and outlook in his 2011 State of the Union Address, stating:

"We are poised for progress. Two years after the worst recession most of us have ever known, the stock market has come roaring back. Corporate profits are up. The economy is growing again."

By some measures Mr. Obama is correct. By some measures the economy is improving. But for the millions of American who are unemployed, underemployed or who have taken pay-cuts just to keep a job, there is little evidence of economic growth. There is a telling difference in how these two presidents — thirty years apart and of quite different political persuasion — respond to unemployment.

In 1981 conservative Republican Ronald Reagan spoke of:

"Seven million Americans caught up in the personal indignity and human tragedy of unemployment. If they stood in a line, allowing three feet for each person, the line would reach from the coast of Maine to California."

Mr. Reagan — a man who had risen from poverty him-

self and who, as a conservative, instinctively thought in terms of the individual soul — conceived unemployment as a personal blow to the out-of-work man or woman. Even when he speaks of the unemployed collectively he does so with a graphic image of persons queuing up, much as at a 1930 Depression-era soup kitchen. It is an image that directs the listener to the magnitude of individual suffering and away from the abstract idea of "unemployment."

Now consider how President Obama addressed the same suffering:

"We measure progress by the success of our people. By the jobs they can find and the quality of life those jobs offer."

Mr. Reagan's imagery conveys that he has looked into the faces of these sufferers. He feels — and moves us to feel — sympathy. Mr. Obama, on the other hand, can merely summon up a clichéd phrase about "quality of life." I've no doubt President Obama cares about "our people," but he shows little, if any, understanding of how it is for the individual person who is unable to care for his or her family. In that he is like the **Charles Schulz** character Linus who said, "I love mankind, it's people I can't stand."

David Trumbull is the chairman of the Boston Ward Three Republican Committee. Boston's Ward Three includes the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, downtown, waterfront, Chinatown, and part of the South End.

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz Appointed Vice Chairman of Transportation Committee

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee on Transportation by Speaker Robert DeLeo for the 2011-2012 Legislative Session. The transportation industry is a major sector of the Commonwealths economic vitality and transportation policies have significant impact throughout the 3rd Suffolk District.

"I am truly honored to be named Vice-Chairman of the Transportation Committee. With two major highways, numerous commuter hubs, and every MBTA subway line running through the 3rd Suffolk District, transportation is an issue that is near and dear to my heart," said Representative Michlewitz. "The transportation policies that the Commonwealth makes have a disproportionate effect on my district and with this appointment I fully intend to ensure that that the

quality of life of my constituents is taken into account when these policies are formulated."

Representative Michlewitz was also named to the House Ways & Means Committee, which is responsible for crafting the budget and spending policies for the Commonwealth.

"I am excited to have such vital committee assignments for the upcoming

Legislative Session. I am eager to continue my work and thank Speaker DeLeo for these added responsibilities."



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"Ricordi d'Italia" Presents 33rd Annual Carnevale Dinner

Il Gruppo Folcloristico "Ricordi d'Italia" will present its 33rd Annual Carnevale Dinner - Dance which includes a performance of multi-regional Italian folk songs and dances on Saturday, February 26, 2011. In addition to the songs and dances you will enjoy an authentic 4-course catered Italian dinner provided by *Maria's Catering* and dance the night away to the live music of *'The Ambrosiani Band'*. The event will be held at the American Legion Post #440, 265 California Street, Newton, MA with cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner following at 7:00 pm. To purchase tickets, you may contact Michael Vivaldi at 781-246-1516 or by email at mviualdi_1971@yahoo.com.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

THE NORTH END, RESTAURANTS AND CLOSING TIMES

by Sal Giarratani

Another battle over a proposal from two North End restaurants to stay open for an extra hour have drawn opposition from several of the neighborhood's residents. Many are fearful that if these two eateries get the extra hour, there will be an avalanche of restaurants asking for the same action.

Mary McGee who is a member of the North End Waterfront Residents Association is quoted in the *Boston Herald*, "I've lived in the North End 37 years and I love city living ... But even city dwellers have to sleep at some point."

Both Tresca on Hanover Street and Vinoteca di Monica on Richmond Street are seeking to remain open until 1 a.m. Massimo Tiberi, co-owner and general manager for Tresca said 73 percent of North End restaurants with full liquor licenses close at one in the morning and believes his place is "not asking anything out of the ordinary."

I understand what Ms. McGee is saying and also that of North Ender Anne Pistorio who told the *Herald* reporter, "If these restaurants win approval for later closing hours, it will open up the flood gates for all the others." She asked why don't they open up earlier for, say, breakfast or lunch? However, folks don't eat ham and eggs or a burger and fries at fine Italian restaurants.

In recent decades with the growth of restaurants inside the confines of the North End, there has been an ongoing uneasy truce between restaurants and residents. This latest battle has been played out before and surely will again in the future. Each side really does need the other. Perhaps, with Tresca and Vinoteca di Monica, a compromise time of 12:30 a.m. could be reached. The real problem is that over the years as the neighborhood restaurant base has grown, the needs of neighborhood folks often can get lost. Restaurants also have to be good neighbors and work with the community to address issues of commonality.

When it comes to communication, there is much work to be done by both sides.

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 NON È TUTTO ORO QUELLO CHE LUCCICA.**

All that glitters is not gold.

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A Tribute to Ronald Wilson Reagan

by Sal Giarratani



Thirty years ago, Ronald Reagan was sworn in as the 40th President of the United States. The nation in 1980 was very downbeat after suffering through four very long years of Jimmy Carter who, in my book, is hands down the worst president ever elected. Reagan was elected despite being 69 years old when folks voted for him on that Election Day back in 1980. On January 20, 1981, he officially became the oldest elected first term president and just 17 days until birthday number 70.

This upcoming Super Bowl Sunday (February 6) will mark the centennial of Reagan's birth back on February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois. He grew up to become a success in life before going into politics as a B-movie actor which he often joked about in later years. He didn't enter retail politics until he was 55 years old, when he was elected to his first of two terms as California governor. In fact, the governor of California today, Jerry Brown, was the governor who followed him in office back in 1975. However, even as an actor, he was politically motivated and in the late '40s and early '50s, as Screen Actors Guild president, he fought to cleanse Hollywood from those accused of communist ties. In 1962, he switched to the Republican Party saying he didn't leave the Democrats, the Democratic Party left him.

The birth of Reagan's political career began in 1964 when he became a spokesman for U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign against President Lyndon B. Johnson. He first came to my attention as a possible national leader during the Goldwater campaign. In 1968, he took on Richard Nixon at the Miami convention, Nixon won but Reagan was apparently on the move to a goal. In 1976, he took on President Gerald Ford in the GOP primary and narrowly lost to him. Ford lost to Carter which set the stage for 1980. In 1980, Reagan was the underdog thanks to President Nixon, 1974 and Watergate. After Nixon got on the helicopter back on August 9, 1974, the Republican Party looked like death warmed over. However, Ronald Reagan pulled the party from the depths of hell back

into power with his optimistic leadership after four long years of pain under Carter.

In 1984, Reagan ran for re-election and easily defeated Walter Mondale at age 73. He left office in 1989 and was followed into office by his vice president George H.W. Bush. He slowly disappeared from view. In 1994 he wrote a letter to the American people, his long goodbye, revealing his diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. The last years of his life seemed unknown to him. He forgot he was a president, a great president.

He forgot his role in ending the Cold War. He forgot how he pulled Americans back up on their feet after the horrible '70s. He made people forget about Watergate. He made us proud to be Americans again. He forgot it all. However, we didn't forget and still haven't forgotten his role in American history. I was saddened to hear that Reagan's memory had died long before his body did at age 93 on June 5, 2004. There's a story about former attorney general Edwin Meese, who recalled going to the christening of the USS Ronald Reagan back in 2001. He brought Reagan the ship's baseball cap which read "USS Reagan CV-76" and wondered "why would anyone name a ship after me?"

Twelve years after leaving office, the most important president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt had no memory of having been president for eight years or even having been a B-movie actor. So sad. As for me, I will remember him for inspiring me to public activism. I was inspired by Jack Kennedy back when I was 12 years old. I was inspired again by Ronald Reagan 20 years later in 1980. I have not been inspired since. Sarah Palin called Ronald Reagan "America's Lifeguard" in a commentary run in the *Wall Street Journal* in January. She's right. We needed a lifeguard in 1980. Someone who made us feel safe. He was someone who led us and the entire world out of darkness. I will always remember Ronald Reagan for who he was and what he gave us when we most needed it. He was our lifeguard, rescuing us, as Sarah Palin stated, "with his optimism and common sense. We need more lifeguards like him."

FRIGID TEMPERATURES INCREASE THE RISK FOR FROZEN WATER PIPES

... Simple Steps Can Help Protect Homes and Businesses ...

Frigid temperatures and gusty winds can cause one of winter's worst woes — frozen water pipes. With winter's cold, more and more home and business owners may encounter frozen water pipes.

"But property owners can take some simple precautions to prevent the inconvenience and expense of frozen water pipes," said Raymond Raposa, executive director of the New England Water Works Association, the region's largest organization of water works professionals. These include:

Turning off outside faucets. Disconnect the hose. Turn off the water from inside your home or business, then drain the pipe. Leave the outside valve open slightly, so any water left in the pipe can flow out and not freeze in the line.

Patching any cracks and holes in doors, windows, and walls near pipes. When temperatures drop to near zero, a high wind blowing through a small opening can freeze a nearby pipe. When patching these openings, do

not block the air vents that your furnace needs for proper combustion.

Making sure that heat can circulate around pipes. Pipes inside or outside walls, or in an enclosed area can freeze, especially when the wind-chill factor is well below zero and heat is not circulating through these areas.

Insulating pipes and faucets in unheated areas. Wrap pipes with pipe-insulating material, which is available at hardware and plumbing supply stores, or use insulation. Be sure to protect all pipes in unheated areas, such as crawl spaces and garages.

NOTE: Follow-up interviews can be arranged with Raymond Raposa, executive director of the New England Water Works Association, to discuss the information in this release.

Not allowing your water to run overnight — this should not be your first option. This practice will not necessarily prevent pipes from freezing. Instead, it wastes water and increases

your water bill. Check with your local utility about the necessity of running water overnight under special circumstances.

Checking insulation around pipes regularly. Older-model furnaces generated sufficient heat to warm basements in cold weather. However, today's energy-efficient heaters limit wasted heat. Homeowners with wood stoves or other heat sources often turn down the furnace, which could lower temperatures in the basement.

Never shutting off your heat completely. If you are planning to leave your home or business for an extended period and you don't drain your pipes, you should lower the thermostat but never shut it off. The lack of heat can freeze the pipes in walls and the basement. If freezing occurs, the pipes will burst. When the area warms up, the thawing water will cause flooding and possible property damage.

If, despite these precau-

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FinanciallySpeaking

with Ben Doherty

THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



ECONOMY HITS NEW HIGH

US economy tops 2007 peak, rising 3.2% in the fourth quarter. The economy ran up for the second straight quarter as consumer spending increased for the fastest pace in four years according to the Commerce Department. Wall Street had expected a strong rate of expansion, but consumers were supporting the Federal Reserve's aggressive efforts to boost growth and bring down unemployment. There is increasing evidence that the economy is self-sustaining said analysts at Wells Fargo Investments and bring down unemployment. There is increasing evidence that expansion is becoming a more self-sustaining prophecy and bring down unemployment. There is increasing evidence that expansion is becoming more and more sustainable. The level of red GDP 13,38 trillion. Last week the Consumer Index shot up 15.8%, the first positive reading since September 2009, and the outlook for jobs and the economy improved.

Consumer confidence is tied to consumer sentiment. Orders to restock inventory should be a positive for the economy and the first half of 2011. Exports rose at a rate of 8%. Government spending shrank with a drop in orders and cutbacks to debt laden state and local governments. Stocks weakened on the troubles in Egypt and the uncertainty of the situation there. Many investors have increased their cash position switching to an aggressive stance. Ford and Amazons earnings were not good and the pressure on the Dow was greater as they both sank below their 50 day moving averages. The GDP growth increased 3.2%. The 50 stocks on average were up 3.2% for the week. The NASDAQ lost .1% and the NYSE lost .5%. Facebook is developing a third party site ad network and would compete against Google's Ad sense to target ads. Google had revenue. Facebook generated \$1.2 billion in reserves and Facebook is targeting ads on

the third party sites. Facebook has revenue of \$1.2 billion in the first nine months, but it is still tiny relative to Google. Some Facebook members have separate ads for business, social and business contacts. For Yahoo and Microsoft, separate partnerships with social networks have been a mixed bag. Their linkups to Facebook compared to Yahoo, Google and Microsoft are one, two and three respectively. In June, Facebook had 141 million visitors. In November, Facebook launched a new site, it attracted 181 million from 170 million in June 2010. Facebook, Yahoo and Microsoft all share a goal, wanting to beat Google. It's a great win for them to counteract the Google threat. Google continues to dominate the top search provider in the US with 65%. The search space is the majority of their revenue and their growth. It's time to call your financial advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.

Massachusetts Small Business Cheers Ruling in Federal Health Care Challenge

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) applauded a ruling in federal court today overturning the controversial Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Bill Vernon, the organization's state Director, said the decision is a major victory for small businesses in Massachusetts. "The mandates, penalties and regulatory burdens imposed by this law are costly and confusing to Massachusetts small business owners, who already face the financial burden of Massachusetts' health care law," said Vernon. "We are very pleased by the judge's ruling today and we are confident that higher courts will agree that the law is an unprecedented and unconstitutional power-grab by the federal government." NFIB is the only business organization in the country to have joined 20 states in a

lawsuit against the measure. Since NFIB filed its case, six more states have joined, meaning that a majority of states now reject the federal law as an intrusion into their constitutional rights. "Just as Massachusetts employers can testify to stagnating job growth from health care changes here, the staggering increased costs for small businesses from the federal changes will likely cost the nation hundreds of thousands of jobs, and further frustrate local business owners as alignment of the two laws gets underway," said Vernon. "In addition, there are federal constitutional issues concerning the authority of the federal government to mandate that private citizens purchase a commercial service or product," said Vernon. "If the federal government can order people to

buy insurance, then it can order people to do virtually anything else it considers appropriate. Massachusetts small businesses do not want to be ordered into commercial contracts by strangers in Washington, D.C. The state is enough to deal with." Karen Harned, Director of NFIB's Small Business Legal Center, said the law violates the Constitution because it concentrates too much power into the hands of politicians and bureaucrats in Washington. "NFIB is extremely pleased with Judge Vinson's decision," said Harned. "NFIB joined this case to protect the rights of small-business owners to own, operate and grow their businesses free from unnecessary government intervention. The individual mandate, which forces citizens to purchase government approved health insurance, undermines this core principle and gives the federal government entirely too much power. We are delighted Judge Vinson agreed with NFIB and the states on this critical issue." In his decision, Judge Vinson ruled that Congress lacks the constitutional authority to force citizens to purchase health insurance: "Because the plaintiffs maintain that an individual's failure to purchase health insurance is, almost by definition, 'inactivity,' the individual mandate goes beyond the Commerce Clause and is unconstitutional." Page 13

Lexington Letter Writer and the Bill of Rights

Recently, a letter writer from Lexington, you know, THAT Lexington next door to Concord which began the American Revolution back in 1775, pens an opine that made little sense. The US Constitution and the Bill of Rights did not create any rights for the citizenry of the United States. The authors of that document only detailed all those rights we have as human beings and predates the existence of civil society. Government back in the 18th century only acknowledged what we already had. The whole purpose of the Bill of Rights being highlighted was to curb the potential appetite of our future governments to grow powerful and to ensure the supremacy of the people who were actually the government. However, many liberals today think that everything comes from the government rather than from us. Government makes civil laws but these laws are also predated. Government is here not to give us stuff but to not take stuff from us, to put it simply. Here is my letter of response, which unsurprisingly was never published.

free speech, the free press, religious rights, the right to own firearms or the right against the government illegally searching you or your property. Our founding fathers also did not view the government as the enemy to ward off. These 18th century statesmen looked into the future and defined the limits of government not just for their day, but ours too. What need is there to reassess or re-examine how the federal constitution works today? It works the way it always worked for the benefit of the people who are the governors of our national government. Government gives us nothing but a way to stay safe from our enemies. It acknowledges that we as a people need to safeguard our individual rights. We are the government. Our 18th century statesmen who created America actually knew what they were doing. They thought of future generations. We have something few countries in the world possess, which is the enduring birthright that recognizes the peoples' primacy. We as a people can grow and place restrictions on things like firearms ownership, preventing anyone from carrying machine guns around or the requirement to register firearms and observe all gun laws but the right itself to bear firearms is as relevant today as it was in 1775 or 1781. We can also tell people riding horses they cannot do so on the Southeast Expressway. Common sense today is unchanged from the past. I believe the difference between the letter writer from Lexington and myself is that I get what our founding fathers created. It may have not been perfect but show me something better when it comes to individual freedom and economic liberty. Sincerely, Sal Giarratani

January 18, 2011
LETTER TO THE EDITOR
BOSTON GLOBE
To the Editor,
After reading a letter to the editor from Richard D. Guilman of Lexington (Letters, January 18, page A 10), I needed to set the record straight on just what our 18th century founders acknowledged when they authored the US Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Our 18th century Founding Fathers did not create the rights within the first ten amendments but simply acknowledged that which the people retained entering into this government compact. The authors of our constitution did not create rights such as

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

We're shovel-ing out and pre-paring for an-other storm? HOW ABOUT THAT! An old-fashioned winter! Heard school areas didn't do such a good job clearing out! Some people reported falling, but then again people shouldn't be walking following a snow storm. What do they expect? ... What happened to consistency in our judicial system ... seems that once again it's who you know not what you do! ... Valentine's Day is around the corner! East Boston can boast it offers the best restaurants money can buy. We have a fine collection of restaurants to choose from ... Whatever happened to the litter laws that the City of Boston said would be enforced such as littering, spitting or trash in front of your home? Granted with all the snow fall most of the gar-

bage is covered but it ap-pears that lazy people still drop their trash wherever and whenever they want! Capitol Waste has been doing a good job keeping up with the trash removal despite the messiness the snow causes. Residents need to work together to keep the streets clean. Use durable garbage bags and tighten up the bags properly. Using shopping bags or other thin plastic bags are not strong enough to hold the garbage. It is not the responsibility of the garbage pickup team to gather trash that falls out of their grip because the resident was irresponsible in securing the bag ... Listen up: it's your community keep it clean! ... The East Boston Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Installation of Officers and Directors on February 9th at Spinelli's. The lunch time event will honor past board

members and welcome new directors. ... It may be cold out but you can warm your body up with a work out at the East Boston YMCA. The new exercise equipment area has state of the art machines. Stay in shape, drop into the Y today and see what is has to offer! ... Hearing good things about Station 7 Captain Mancini, a real hands-on officer who is ensuring the safety of residents in East Boston. ... Consumers are wondering what will fill the AJ Wright store? The East Boston AJ Wright is one of the designated stores to turn over into another TJX company such as Marshall's, TJ Maxx or HomeGoods. Chelsea is been rumored to get a HomeGoods, which means East Boston might get a Marshall's or TJ Maxx which would be a great thing for Eastie! ... Happy shoveling and Happy Valentine's Day ... Till next time!

• East Boston Students Preparing for Sicily (Continued from Page 1)

This upcoming spring break will be a very special one for twelve lucky and hardworking students of East Boston High School. As part of an ongoing exchange program with a school in Italy, the students will be part of a two-week experience abroad that will strengthen a relationship started in 2010 with a Sicilian school.

Students will fly from Boston to Rome on an overnight flight on March 16. Before heading down to Palermo with another flight, the students will spend two days exploring the cultural and historical sites of modern and ancient Rome. "The plan in Rome is to see the main sights," says Jessica Gorham Cronin, a level 2 Italian teacher at East Boston High School who has been helping with the trip's organization. "It's hard to see Rome in six months, let alone two days!"

Students will fly to Palermo on Saturday morning where they will be met by their

host families. The group will stay in Alcamo, about 25 miles southwest of Palermo, for seven nights. The Sicilian host school has compiled an itinerary of our week's stay, which will include travel to various cities of historical/ cultural importance within the region. The group will return to Boston on Saturday, March 26th.

To help the students pay for their airline tickets, the school is organizing a special "Serata Italiana" — Italian evening fundraiser. On Saturday, February 12, participants in the fundraiser held at Savio High School (145 Byron Street, East Boston) will enjoy home cooked pasta, meatballs and Italian cookies. There will also be a raffle with many prizes and children will be involved in games such as "pin Sicily on the map of Italy" after getting their faces painted with the green, white and red tri-colore. Once again, the fundraiser will take place on February 12, from 5 p.m. to

8 p.m., at Savio High School. Tickets are \$10 each, or \$5 for children 12 and under.

The trip is the second act of a broader exchange that saw eleven Italian students from Sicily come to Boston last year, so the students going to Italy already know who they will meet across the ocean. "The students are Facebooking each other already, making arrangements with the families they will be staying with and planning their schedules while there," says Cronin, who herself spent her junior year of college in Florence. Cronin recalls the great time the Italian students had in Boston, as they experienced some U.S. traditions such as the school's homecoming dance and watching the Thanksgiving football game all together.

"The students are very excited and motivated for the trip," says Cronin. Students will keep their teachers, friends and families up to date on their Sicilian adventures through blogs they will set up before the trip. A major theme is easy to predict: cannoli, a Palermo specialty!

For questions about the February 12 fundraiser or to make a donation, contact Jessica Gorham Cronin: gorhamcronin@gmail.com. Checks can be made out to East Boston High School and sent to East Boston High School Italian Exchange; c/o Jessica Gorham Cronin; 86 White Street; East Boston, MA 02128.

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Once again this year, members of Donne 2000 celebrated the arrival of "La Befana" on January 9th with their children commemorating Christmas Italian style. La Befana entered sweeping, dressed in worn garb, greeting the little children. They all marveled at her and anxiously awaited their gifts. She also passed out little treats to the grownups consisting of a tangerine, torrone and chocolates with the traditional Befana poem attached.

La Befana is one of Italy's oldest and most celebrated legends. Each year on January 6th, day of the Epiphany,

the children of Italy awaken in hopes that La Befana has made a visit to their house. This is a significant day for Italians because it marks the end of the Christmas season and it is the day that the three Wise Men arrive at the manger of the Christ Child bringing Him presents of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

As legend has it, the three Wise Men were in search of the Christ Child when they decided to stop at a small house to ask for directions. Upon knocking, an old woman holding a broom opened the door slightly to see who was there. Standing

at her doorstep were three colorfully dressed men in need of directions to find the Christ Child. The old woman was unaware of who these men were looking for and could not point them in the right direction. Prior to leaving, the three men asked the old woman to join them on their journey but she declined saying that she had too much housework to do. After they left, she felt as though she had made a mistake and decided to catch up with the kind men. After many hours of searching she could not find them. Thinking of the opportunity she had missed, the old woman stopped every child to give them a small treat in hopes that one of them was the Christ Child.

Each year on the eve of the Epiphany, she sets out looking for the Baby Jesus. She stops at each child's house leaving good treats to those who have been good and a lump of coal to those who have been bad. The purpose of recounting this story is to teach our children our customs and traditions from our old *paese* and pass them along to future generations.

Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization formed primarily to educate and benefit women and celebrate and preserve our Italian traditions and customs from generation to generation.



La Befana (Franca Susi) surrounded by children. Center back - Rosa Giammarco (President) and far right Rita Susi (Co-secretary).

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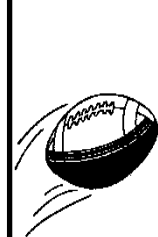
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Teamwork

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

One of life's more satisfying experiences is working together as a team, particularly when the team is harmonious and well experienced. It was such an experience we recently enjoyed when we came together with a team of volunteers from Saint Leonard Parish. We met in the hall of Sacred Heart Church where we worked on a parish mailing. It is the type of endeavor most of us have experienced, you and your fellow teammates sit at a table with piles of paper and envelopes waiting to be stuffed sealed and stamped all in an effort to help support some cause, in this case, our parish.

Within minutes we were talking about the merits of our project and sorting out the work, each of us assuming a particular function in the process as we set up an impromptu mass production line that would have made Henry Ford proud.

Once we assumed our posts and the work began to flow smoothly we could relax into the job and get on with what for many of us is the "real" fun of these projects, reminiscing about the past. Repetitive work seems to lend itself to reverie and revisiting the many past events that helped shape our lives. We touched on occurrences that many of us had long forgotten, discovered friends we have in common and the many shared events that helped make up our common history. The popular theory of "six degrees of separation", that is, that anyone on the planet can be connected to any other person through a chain of no more than five intermediaries, was alive and kicking

among us as it was obvious that as a group we were far closer in background and shared experience than we could have imagined when we first began our project. It was fun to discover that on a certain day somewhere in the past, some of our paths crossed without our ever realizing it.

It was just a year ago, while working on a volunteer project in New York, that a team member who we had never met, prompted by the fact that we lived in Boston, began reminiscing about her early life in Boston. It was purely by chance that she mentioned the fact that she knew our Aunt Mary, who passed away many years ago. She recounted the fact that they would have been at the Coconut Grove the day of the fire, had Aunt Mary not had a migraine headache that kept her home resulting in the postponement of their plan. It was a valued piece of information that renewed the memory of a person very close to us, something that we would have never known but for a chance conversation.

Volunteer efforts and the team work that makes possible the success of a project can be as rewarding for the participants as the recipient of their efforts in the sense of accomplishment and knowledge that your efforts have served a good purpose coupled with the sheer pleasure of spending time with friends both well established and newly acquired.

It only took little more than a day to accomplish what we thought would take a week; it was a job "well done" and an experience that will be happily remembered.

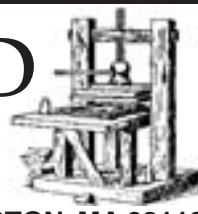
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The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



Henry Lee, center, President and Founder of the Friends of the Public Garden, is pictured with Brian DeLorey and Elizabeth Thomson at the 40th Anniversary Gala, held at the Taj Boston. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

The Friends of the Public Garden is a non-profit citizens' advocacy group formed in 1970 to preserve and enhance the Boston Public Garden, the Boston Common, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall in collaboration with the Mayor and the Parks Department of the City of Boston.

The Friends number more than 2500 members and many volunteers.

The "40th Anniversary of The Friends of the Public Garden Gala" was held at the Taj Boston in November.

The anniversary gala was the culmination of a year celebrating four decades of stewardship of Boston's first

public parks — the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Co-Vice President Bill Clendaniel announced that the "Henry Lee Conservation Fund" had raised more than \$380,000. The fund was set up to honor Mr. Lee's 40 years of stewardship, and is dedicated to care for the parks' sculptures, fountains and other selected structural elements.

Elizabeth Vizza is the Executive Director of the Friends. For information about the organization, including an interesting blog, be sure to visit www.friends-of-the-public-garden.org.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

..... The Boston Athenaeum presents "Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey" from February 9 through June 4, in the Athenaeum's Norma Jean Calderwood Gallery, located at 10 ½ Beacon Street on Beacon Hill near the State House.

The exhibition is open to the public. The admission fee for this special exhibition is at the visitor's discretion, but a donation is required. Members are admitted at no charge. For more information, call 617-227-0270 or visit www.boston-athenaeum.org, where there is also information about the recent water leak.

Edward Gorey's voracious consumption of literature, his love of the ballet, and his offbeat and wry view of the world resulted in a sardonic and witty oeuvre. This exhibition explores the diversity of Gorey's art through original pen-and-ink illustrations, preparatory sketches, unpublished drawings, and ephemera.

Drawn from the holdings of the Gorey Charitable Trust, the exhibition includes approximately 180 objects, including selections from *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*, *The Unstrung Harp*, *The Gilded Bat*, and other well-known Gorey publications. Carnivorous plants, falling masonry, and uninvited guests fill the imaginary world of Gorey. His stories and accompanying illustrations maintain a delicate balance between the hilarious and the horrific.

Edward St. John Gorey (1925-2000) was born in Chicago, educated at Harvard, and lived in New



Frank Gilligan, Wendy Murphy and Mario Russo, left to right, smile for the camera at the Friends of the Public Garden Gala. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

York. He wrote more than 100 books, including *The Doubtful Guest*, *The Loathsome Couple*, and *The Wuggly Ump*; created prize-winning set and costume designs for productions for theaters from Cape Cod to Broadway; and published illustrations in publications such as the *New Yorker* and the *New York Times* and for books by authors such as Charles Dickens, Edward Lear, Samuel Beckett, John Updike, Virginia Woolf, and H.G. Wells.

His animated credits for the PBS series *Mystery* introduced him to millions of television viewers. His masterful pen and ink illustrations and his ironic, offbeat humor have brought him critical acclaim and an avid following throughout the world.

This exhibition is organized by the Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, and is accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue with an essay by curator and critic Karen Wilkin. The exhibition is organized at the Boston Athenaeum by David B. Dearing, Curator of Paintings & Sculpture.

The Boston Athenaeum, founded in 1807, is one of the oldest and most distinguished independent libraries in the United States. The building's first-floor galleries

are always open to the public.

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..... The Roslindale Arts Alliance announces the "3rd Annual LOVE Exhibit" during the months of February and March at the Bangkok Cafe, 25 Poplar Street, Roslindale. This exhibit was created to celebrate Bangkok Chef/Owner Raungdet "Danny" Titisuttikul's birthday on Valentine's Day, February

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Enjoying the Friends of the Public Garden Gala are Patricia Quinn, left, and Elizabeth "Liz" Vizza, Executive Director of the Friends of the Public Garden. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

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History of Valentine's Day in Italy

Valentine's Day was initially celebrated as a Spring Festival in Italy. Celebration for the day was held in the open air. Young people would gather in tree arbors or ornamental gardens and enjoy listening to music and reading of poetry. Later they would stroll off with their Valentine into the gardens. The custom steadily ceased over the course of years and has not been celebrated for centuries.



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Early Valentine's Day Tradition in Italy

In the Italian City of Turin, betrothed couples used to announce their engagement on the Valentine's Day. Several days ahead of February 14, stores were decorated and loaded with a huge variety of bon-bon. Some even sold china baskets and cups filled with delectable Valentine's Day candies and tied with a ribbon. These were to be presented as gifts to Valentine.

Another interesting Valentine's Day tradition followed in Italy and Britain made unmarried girls wake up before sunrise. People strongly believed that the first man an unmarried girl sees on Valentine's Day, or someone who looks like him would marry her within a year. Girls therefore used to wake up early on Valentine's Day and stand by their window to watch a man pass.



Valentine's Day Celebration in Italy

People of Italy see Valentine's Day as a holiday imported from the US, just like Halloween and Mother's Day. For the love and lovers country of Italy, the major day for celebration of love is "il giorno della festa degli innamorati." As lovers exclusively celebrate this day family members and friends do not exchange gifts.

In recent times however, lovers in Italy celebrate Valentine's Day by expressing their love to sweethearts. Couples usually go out for dinners at pizzeria or ristorante. Just as in several other countries, the festival has been commercialized to a great extent. There is a strong tradition to exchange gifts like roses, perfume, chocolates and diamonds depending on the age and taste of the person. Another popular Valentine's Day gift in Italy is Baci Perugina - small, chocolate-covered hazelnuts containing a small slip of paper with a romantic poetic quote in four languages. You might want to indulge in some cuddling, spending some time curled up on the sofa with your significant other and watch a romantic movie. A few romantic Italian movies to choose from ... *Pane, amore e fantasia*, *Pane e tulipani*, *Il postino*, *Ricordati di me*, and *Casomai*

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However, why let facts or the lack of them get in the way of a good story. As a police officer, I can't figure out Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik suggesting that "all this vitrol" in recent political discourse might be connected to the Tucson shooting spree. There go those connecting dots again. The sheriff even had this to say about the First Amendment, "This may be free speech but it's not without consequences." Isn't that why we have free speech for? Methinks Pima County needs a new sheriff in town.

Finally, Jonathan Cowan from a Democratic group called the "Third Way" said, "We do know that politics has become too personal, too nasty and perhaps too dangerous. Perhaps out of this senseless act some sense can return to our public discourse." However, is anything senseless violence? To say that would mean there might also be sensible violence which there is not either.

Let us find out what made the shooter do what he did back at that suburban Tucson shopping mall before we fault Sarah Palin, Tea Partiers or *Fox News Network* or appear worrisome about our Bill of Rights.

WHO WAS THAT LONE REPUBLICAN? NONE OTHER THAN HOLLY ROBICHAUD!

Holly's January 24 column in the *Boston Herald* was another good article. Here's a fact of hers from her great piece.

According to the Center for Immigration Reform, there are 220,000 illegal immigrants living in Massachusetts. Says Holly, "Twenty-five percent are on welfare. That means 55,000 are collecting benefits from the state. If each alien gets \$1,000 in taxpayer-funded payments, that equals \$55 million a month or \$600 million a year. If they get \$2,000 in benefits, we are talking about \$1.2 billion annually.

Of course, the 220,000 estimated illegal population might be too conservative for us conservatives.

However, anyway you add things up, the add up is way too high.

GOVERNOR AIDE NOW MASSPORT HEAD

Governor Deval Patrick has seized control of Massport's board of directors with the announcement that Transportation Secretary Jeff Mullan has been

named chairman of the Massport board. The governor has been attempting to rein in spending at quasi-state agencies with Massport his latest target. I'm not sure this is such a good idea but governors have always loved controlling The Massachusetts Port Authority since it was created. Nothing new here. Same old same old.

PAUL PICERNI WAS UNTOUCHABLE



Hollywood actor Paul Picerni was a WWII veteran who starred during the sixties in the hit TV series "The Untouchables" with Robert Stack. He passed away on January 12 and was 88. Picerni was called "the friendliest actor in Hollywood and was born in Gloske, NY. During World War II, he flew 25 combat missions with the Army Air Force and received a Distinguished Flying Cross. After 1945, he served as a Special Services officer in India after Japan surrendered.

After the war, he moved to Los Angeles in search of warm weather, enrolled in college to study drama.

He went on to become an actor in numerous westerns and war movies and played mostly Italian characters. He is best known from both "House of Wax," a 3-D horror movie in the mid 50s and from his role as "Agent Lee Hobson" (during Hollywood's there are no Italian roles era of the 60s) who was Robert Stack's right hand man in "The Untouchables" from 1960 to 1963.

He leaves his wife Marie; six children and ten grandchildren. His wife Marie said, "We had 63 wonderful years together. It was the kind of marriage that just doesn't happen in Hollywood very often."

POL STANDS BY NAZI REMARK

Everyone is jumping all over Sarah Palin for using the term "blood libel" to talk about the attacks, on conservatives and the Tea Party

Movement but liberals are silent when it comes to US Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tennessee, comparing GOP critics to Nazi Germany's Joseph Goebbels. During the recent House debate on repeal of Obamacare, Cohen said, "Just like Joseph Goebbels, you say it enough, you repeat the lie, you repeat the lie and eventually people believe it. The Germans said enough about the Jews and the people believed it and you had the Holocaust."

In the aftermath of that remark, Cohen said he never called Republicans Nazis, he just cited their tactics. Who's buying that rhetoric? Hey, if it walks like a duck and sounds like duck, it's probably a duck. Cohen was wrong in his Nazi remark and just needs to own up to it and apologize for saying something so offensive.

CHUGGING DOWN THAT OBAMA KOOL-AID

Since his inauguration as president back on January 20, 2009, Our Fearless Leader has taken over the auto industry, become the actual CEO of General Motors, signed an \$862 billion stimulus bill, used \$700 billion for TARP programs, taken control of health care through his ObamaCare idea, the country now borrows 41 cents of every dollar it spends and we are now in the red for \$14 trillion.

Yet according to an *NBC/Wall Street Journal* poll in January, only 45 percent of the American people think Fearless Leader is a liberal. Back in 2008, 56 percent attached that label to him.

Yes indeed, they must be drinking Obama Kool-Aid out there in the Blue wilderness.

JACK LALANNE DEAD AT 96

Jack LaLanne who showed up on TV in the '50s and '60s as a fitness guru helping viewers trim off some of their couch potato fat has died a healthy 96-year-old. He is considered the earliest and most well-known exercise proponent. Thanks to him eventually America began a national obsession with exercise and good health. You can thank LaLanne for all those health clubs out there today pumping in all those customers.

Famous last words from him are, "The only way you can hurt the body is not use it. Inactivity is the killer and remember, it's never too late."

thawed, it will leak. In this case, you will need to shut off the water in your home or business until the leaky pipe is fixed.

For more information on how you can prevent frozen water pipes, contact your local water department or the New England Water Works Association at 508-893-7979.



WUBBZY BE MINE (DVD) Anchor Bay Entertainment

Wubbzy Be Mine is an irresistible compilation of three episodes featuring the series' much-loved characters, as the lovably cute and quirky bendy-tailed Wubbzy, and friends Widget, Walden and Daizy. In these Valentine-themed episodes full of friendship and appreciation, Wubbzy uses Cupid's bubble-blower to bring together Wuzzleburg's oddest couples, and Wubbzy and his pals find the fastest way ever to make their own valentines. (36 mins.)

FUNNY OR DIE PRESENTS: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (2-DVD)

HBO Home Entertainment

Funny or Die is a half-hour of off-the-wall comic genius from the sick and twisted minds of some of America's biggest comedians, actors, and writers. Considered to be one of the most outrageous, hilarious, insane sketch comedy series to ever grace your television, with faux commercials and recurring sketches that cross lines you never even knew existed, and laughs while doing it. (6 hrs.)

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE: THE BEST OF CHRIS FARLEY (DVD) Lionsgate

Chris Farley could be big and loud and clumsy, shy and quiet and graceful, and hilariously funny, all at the same time. Farley was an unstoppable force of nature at SNL in the 1990s and fans can enjoy all of his finest moments, as the best of motivational speaker Matt Foley, The Chris Farley Show, the bit overweight Chippendale dancer and other unique and endearing characters. (1 hr. 55 mins.)

RED HILL (Blu-ray-DVD) Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

An action-packed thriller starring Ryan Kwanten as Constable Shane Cooper. Arriving in the small town of Red Hill in search of a quieter life, on his first day with the Red Hill Police Department, a convicted murderer escapes from prison and heads straight for Red Hill to kill the men who put him there. One by one the townsmen fall until Cooper discovers the shocking truth about the convict and must challenge everything he believes in order to stop the massacre and bring justice to Red Hill. (1 hr. 37 mins.)

SILLY STORYTIME (DVD) Warner Home Video

Once upon a time ... Elmo and his friends had all kinds of silly adventures on Sesame Street. Hearing the story of Rapunzel makes Zoe wish for longer hair, but

when her Hairy Godperson grants her wish, it puts Zoe in a hairy predicament. Then a wizard casts a spell on a grouchy princess to make her sleep for 100 years. Can Prince Elmo wake "Sleeping Grouchy?" Jack is trying to grow a beanstalk — can the Sesame friends help? Finally, dance along with the Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood as they sing about the parts of a face. It's fairytale fun for everyone! *Silly* also features four classic "Muppet Newsflash" segments! (50 mins.)

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE: THE BEST OF JOHN BELUSHI (DVD) Lionsgate

One of the most brilliant comedic performers of all-time, John Belushi's rebellious presence and intensity changed the face of comedy forever. From classic original characters like the Blues Brothers, King Bee and Samurai Warrior to incomparable impressions of Joe Cocker, Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Taylor and more, fans can relive the best of Belushi again! (1 hr. 45 mins.)

IMOGEN HEAP — EVERYTHING IN-BETWEEN: THE STORY OF ELLIPSE (DVD) RCA Records

Everything In-Between: The Story of Ellipse is a behind-the-scenes look and diary of Imogen Heap's three year journey to making the Grammy Award-winning album "Ellipse." Culled from over 370 hours of footage, travel with Imogen as she warmly invites you into her old family home, where we experience her building the recording studio, her writing and recording process and everything in-between. Get a real feel for the fabric of the sounds on the album, from wineglasses in the kitchen, to the birds flocking over the park woods in the evening. Imogen Heap, a creative and inventive artist.

ULTIMATE DEATH MATCH (DVD) MVD Entertainment Group

After a death in the ring of one of their superstars, the Federation of Pro Wrestling loses their licenses. Promoter Jake Reed is forced to hold his illegal matches on the Internet with one big catch ... all matches are now to the death! Someone will die in front of millions of rabid bloodthirsty fans. Not since the bloody days of the Roman Gladiators has there been such a public exhibition of savage combat! Starring WWF & WWE superstar Al Snow, *Ultimate Death Match* is a fury of intense, relentless and lethal action inside the ring - leading to the ultimate decision — death! (1 hr. 30 mins.)

• Frozen Water Pipes (Continued from Page 3)

tions, your pipes do freeze, it is best to call a licensed plumber, added Raposa. "Make sure you keep the name and telephone number of your plumber handy throughout the winter."

If you locate the frozen section of pipe and try to thaw it yourself, be sure to take the following precautions to protect yourself and your property:

Do not use a torch with an open flame. You risk setting your property on fire. In addition, overheating one area can cause the pipe to burst.

Place a warm towel or rag around the pipe.

Make sure you know the location of your master shut-off valve. The frozen pipe may already be broken and, when the water is

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THEATER

THE LYRIC STAGE COMPANY OF BOSTON

140 Claredon St., Boston, MA
MY NAME IS ASHER LEV - February 11 - March 12, 2011. My Name is Asher Lev follows the journey of a controversial young Jewish painter torn between his Hasidic upbringing and his desire to paint. His artistic gift threatens to estrange him from his sheltered religious community in postwar Brooklyn and the parents he loves. While his mother is torn between her son and her husband, Asher must choose between his art and his faith. Visit www.lyricstage.com or call 617-585-5678 for tickets.

CITI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER WANG THEATER

270 Tremont St., Boston, MA
SHEN YUN - Friday, February 11, 2011 - 7:30pm; Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 2:00pm; Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 7:30pm; Sunday, February 13, 2011 - 2:00pm. This is an authentic, high end Chinese classic show. Rediscover the beauty of Chinese traditional culture with SHEN YUN Performing Arts' Chinese Spectacular. A culture 5,000 years in the making comes to life on stage through nearly 20 classical Chinese dances, songs, and drama based on ancient legends, heroic stories and courageous tales. A collaboration of more than 80 classically trained dancers, choreographers, musicians, and vocalists. New York-based SHEN YUN Performing Arts presents the best of China's culture like you've never experienced before. This show is a feast for your body and soul. For information call 1-800-954-4606 or log onto www.shenyunperformingarts.org.

AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER

64 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA
AJAX - February 2011. As the great warrior Ajax recovers from a bout of madness, he struggles to live with the consequences of his crazed violence and with the trauma of war. A poignant examination of how combat affects the mind of a soldier, Sophocles' tragedy speaks directly to our times. A world premiere translation of this classic work, under the direction of Obie Award-winning director and Artistic Director of Soho Rep, Sarah Benson. By Sophocles,

in a new translation by Charles Connaghan, directed by Sarah Benson.
PROMETHEUS BOUND - March 2011. An outcry against tyranny, the bold new musical Prometheus Bound illustrates one man's struggle against the brute force of a ruthless dictator. Written by Tony Award and Grammy Award-winning lyricist and playwright Steven Sater (Spring Awakening) with music composed by System of a Down lead singer and Grammy Award-winning composer Serj Tankian. This bold new musical is inspired by Aeschylus's ancient Greek tragedy about the suffering of Western civilization's first prisoner of conscience. A.R.T. Artistic Director Diane Paulus stages this world premiere production in OBERON, immersing the audience in an environment that has the Dionysian energy and rebelliousness of a rock concert. Text and lyrics by Steven Sater (from the play by Aeschylus), music composed by Serj Tankian, directed by Diane Paulus.

DEATH AND THE POWERS - March 2011. When the eccentric patriarch Simon Powers downloads himself into The System, his entire house comes to life around his family and friends. A groundbreaking new production developed by the MIT Media Lab in partnership with the A.R.T., Death and the Powers explores what we leave behind for the world and our loved ones, using specially designed technology and an expressively animated stage, including a chorus of robots and a musical chandelier. Machover, called "America's most wired composer" by the *L.A. Times*, distinctively blends technological and artistic finesse to create a score that is passionately inventive, yet filled with arching melodic lines. Death and the Powers, which receives its world premiere in Monaco in the fall of 2010, is supported by Futurum Association (Monaco), and will be presented in collaboration with Chicago Opera Theater, in association with Opera Boston. Composed by Tod Machover, libretto by poet-laureate Robert Pinsky from a story by Robert Pinsky and Randy Weiner, directed by Diane Paulus. For info call 617-547-8300.

MUSIC

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB

DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel
400 Soldiers Field Rd., Allston, MA
DAVE KOZ - Thursday, February 10,

2011, shows at 8PM and 10PM. In a career spanning two decades, Dave Koz has established himself as a platinum-selling artist, humanitarian, entrepreneur, radio host, and instrumental music advocate. A six-time Grammy® nominee, he was honored in September 2009 by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The list of artists who Koz has played with bears testament to his talent and includes such musical luminaries as Burt Bacharach, Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Celine Dion, U2, Michael McDonald, and Rod Stewart. Koz is constantly touring, with annual summer and holiday tours, and even taking to the sea occasionally with the The Dave Koz Cruise. With a triumphant career as an artist and radio personality, and the well-earned respect of the recording industry, Dave Koz's artistry, commitment and influence continue to grow. Purchase tickets by calling 617-562-4111 or online at www.scullersjazz.com.

THE WILBUR THEATRE

246 Tremont St., Boston, MA
HERB ALPERT AND LANI HALL - Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:30PM. For more than fifty years, Herb Alpert has come to mean many things to many people. To generations of music fans, Alpert is the dark-haired, trumpet-playing songmaker whose name instantly brings to mind memorable songs like "The Lonely Bull," "A Taste of Honey," and "Rise." These are but a few of the tunes Alpert recorded either as leader of the legendary Tijuana Brass. You may purchase tickets by calling 1-800-745-3000 or log onto www.thewilburtheatre.com.

HOUSE OF BLUES

15 Lansdowne Street, Boston
GEORGE CLINTON & PARLIAMENT/FUNKADELIC - February 18, 2011. The funkmaster himself is back in action. George Clinton continues to entertain with his soul and funk style with hits like "Flashlight," "One Nation Under a Groove" and "Atomic Dog." Don't miss out on this fantastic performance. For tickets log onto www.ticketmaster.com.

LONGWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SEASON

New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall
30 Gainsborough St., Boston, MA
IMAGERY & INSPIRATION: KECHLEY & VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - March 19, 2011 at 8:00pm. Join Maestro Jonathan McPhee and Longwood Symphony Orchestra for this Boston premiere by David Kechley and Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 2 in an evening of Imagery and Inspiration. What inspires the composer's vision? What sparks the listener's imagination? In David Kechley's Wakeful Visions/Moonless Dreams (2009), Kechley found inspiration in four pieces of literature: the Bible, Japanese haiku, Shakespeare and Proust. Ralph Vaughan Williams was intrigued by the sights and sounds of his beloved city, from its Hansom cabs to the chimes of Westminster Cathedral, and depicts these in his London Symphony. For info call 617-667-1527 or visit longwoodssymphony.org.

BOSTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

161 First Street, Suite 202, Cambridge, MA
IL GIARDINO ARMONICO - Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 8pm. Founded in Milan in 1985, the legendary ensemble Il Giardino Armonico celebrates its 25th anniversary season by making its debut with the Boston Early Music Festival. Acclaimed around the globe for their performances and recordings, these eight extraordinary musicians will bring their talents to an evening of sonatas and concerti by Venetian Baroque masters. For tickets call 617-661-1812 or visit www.bemf.org.

THE REGATTABAR THE CHARLES HOTEL

One Bennett St., Cambridge, MA
NEWPOLI - March 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM. Newpoli is a group of exceptionally talented singers and musicians, all alumni from Berklee College of Music and New England Conservatory, that performs Southern Italian Folk Music, mainly from the regions of Campania and Puglia, integrating a wide variety of styles such as Tarantella-Pizzica, Tammuriata, Villanella and the Neapolitan Canzone, encompassing music from the Middle Ages to the 19th century. Formed in October of 2003, the group consists of two singers, Carmen Marsico and Angela Rossi, a Tamorra player (traditional Italian percussion), Fabio Pirozzolo, a percussionist, Michael Dailak, an ac-

cordion player, Roberto Cassan, a classical guitarist, Björn Wennäs, a double bass player, Kendall Eddy, a flute player, Geni Skendo, and a violinist, Megumi Sasaki. For tickets call 617-395-7757 or www.regattabarjazz.com

Special Events

TOP OF THE HUB RESTAURANT

800 Boylston Street, Boston, MA
VALENTINE'S DAY - February 14, 2011. Guests are invited to enjoy live music and dancing at Top of the Hub's Lounge. The Marty Ballou Trio will be featured. A vegetarian menu will also be available upon request. Advance credit card reservations available by calling 617-536-1775, are required for Valentine's seating.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Science Park, Boston, MA
FRIDAY EVENING STARGAZING AT THE GILLILAND OBSERVATORY - Every Friday from 8:30 - 10:00 PM - FREE - Enjoy the Museum's rooftop observatory equipped with a computer-controlled 12-inch Meade LX200 telescope - you'll be amazed and astounded by it all.

WEATHER-WISE - This new permanent 2,800 square foot interactive exhibit takes you through the scales of weather. It features the CBS4 Weather Team as video guides, helping people to understand the science and technology behind weather predictions. Some of the features are: Storm Watch Living Room, where visitors experience simulated severe weather conditions as if they were looking out a window of their home; Fog Tornado, where a simulated 3-D tornado shows how a real tornado can form; Walk-through Weather Front, where visitors can walk down a corridor in front of a canopy of clouds and experience temperature changes, wind gusts and rain sounds; and much more. The Museum of Science has more than 600 permanent hands-on exhibits, frequent traveling exhibitions and a staff of science interpreters. For more information about other aspects of the MOS, please visit www.mos.org or call 617-723-2500 or (TTY) 617-589-0417.

ARTS

THE PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

161 Essex Street, Salem, MA
GOLDEN: DUTCH AND FLEMISH MASTERWORKS FROM THE ROSE-MARIE AND EIJK VAN OTTERLOO COLLECTION - Febru-

ary 26, 2011 to June 19, 2011. Nearly seventy paintings from the internationally acclaimed collection of Eijk and Rose-Marie van Otterloo illuminate one of the greatest artistic and cultural chapters in history. The Van Otterloo collection is virtually unrivaled for its masterworks by the leading Dutch and Flemish artists of the 1600s: Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Jacob van Ruisdael, Jan Brueghel the Elder, Aelbert Cuyp and many others. At PEM, over 20 examples of 17th-century Dutch and Flemish furniture and decorative arts, also from the Van Otterloo collection, are shown in the company of these glorious portraits, still lifes, landscapes and interiors. Made possible in part by a generous grant from the Richard C. von Hess Foundation, the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, the Circle of Friends and the Netherland-America Foundation in honor of Frederik J. Duparc.

FREEPORT [NO. 002]: MARIANNE MUELLER - March 26, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Located in the: Photography, Hilborn Gallery. Swiss artist Marianne Mueller delves into PEM's collection to create an installation that combines museum objects and the artist's personal archive of photographs. Unexpected juxtapositions of time, place and influence arise in this, the artist's first solo exhibition at a U.S. museum.

FREEPORT [NO. 003]: SUSAN PHILIPSZ - May 1, 2011 to September 1, 2011. Susan Philipsz creates sound installations that explore ways in which the emotive and psychological properties of song alter a listener's perception of place and time. Hearing her disembodied voice in settings where you least expect to have such an intimate experience sets up a tension between the listener's private memories and the communal associations of song.

PAINTING THE MODERN IN INDIA - April 10, 2010 to January 1, 2012. It features seven renowned painters who came of age during the height of the movement to free India from British rule. To liberate themselves from a position at the margins of an art world shaped by the colonial establishment, they organized path-breaking associations - the Calcutta Artists Group in 1943, the Progressive Artists Group in 1947 Bombay, and the Delhi Shilpi Chakra in 1949. They pioneered new approaches to painting, repositioning their own art practices internationally and in relation to the 5,000-year history of art in India. Log onto www.pem.org.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00AM to 1:00PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10AM to 1PM www.1110wccmam.com.

"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1PM to 2PM with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM www.1460WXB.com.

"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11AM-1PM Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.

"The Nick Franciosa Show" Every Sunday at 12 Noon to 3PM on radio stations WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" 8AM - 9AM every Sunday on WSRO 650 AM in Framingham and online at www.wsro.com.

"Don Giovanni Show" Saturday mornings from 6AM-8AM and Sunday evenings 5PM-7PM on 950 AM WROL. www.dongiovannishow.com.

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY

41 Hampshire St., Cambridge
THE CORO-DANTE, New England's all-Italian repertoire chorus of the Dante Alighieri Society, will begin on January 31st in preparation for the Spring concert. Rehearsals are every Monday night from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We are a four-part (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass) chorus conducted by Kevin Galie', M.M., J.D. New members are always welcome. This is a fun group of all ages who are interested in singing in Italian, Italian culture, and making friends. Contact Kellie at kellieogutman@gmail.com.

UTRECHT STRING QUARTET FROM THE NETHERLANDS WITH KEVIN GALIÈ, POSITIV ORGAN - Sunday February 13, 2011 at 8 p.m. Works by: Sweelinck, Sammartini, Tchaikovsky. Free Event.

EMIGRATIO 2011 - Sunday, February 20, 2011 at 4:00pm presented by Dante Alighieri Society and Ediat present a theatrical performance de-

signed and directed by Luisa Marino, Freedom for Woman in love, New York City's Little Italy 1880-1940 from the sketches of Eduardo Migliaccio. Performed by Richard Migliaccio Farfariello's grandson.

VENEZIA RESTAURANT BOSTON

20 Ericsson Street, Boston, MA
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 12:00 PM. Donne 2000 invites you to celebrate "Festa delle Donne" with an exquisite Brunch, Entertainment and The Donne 2000 Scholarship Award Presentation. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship for a woman in college studying the Italian language and/or culture. For further information, please contact Rita Susi at 617-742-7337 or E-mail: ritasusi@aol.com.

HILLTOP RESTAURANT

Route 1, Saugus MA
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 12:30PM. Saint Domenic Society Protector of of August celebrates International Women's Day. Entertainment provided by Ross Zagami. All Proceeds to benefit breast cancer research. For more information please call Maria Mellace at 781-289-6323, Maria Teresa Costa at 781-662-2752, Franca Daniele at 781-485-1042, Lucy Russo at 781-284-0362 or Lina Saraceno at 781-284-7551.

SPINELLI'S FUNCTION FACILITY

280 Bennington St., East Boston, MA
BOSTON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT - Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 1:00pm. Please join us in celebrating the Centenary of Women across the world to honor Ana Maria de Jesus Ribeiro da Silva di Garibaldi best known as Anita Garibaldi. For more information please contact Francesca DiBenedetti at 617.820.8885. Scarf contest: Free free to wear your fanciest scarf to model with us!

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Wow! The world's four richest citizens — Carlos Slim, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet and Mukesh Ambani — control more wealth than the world's 57 poorest countries.

Lucky guy! John Davis, a mechanic from Pawlewys Island, South Carolina, was down to \$6 in his checking account and was only days away from foreclosure when his luck turned: Davis won a \$200,000 lottery jackpot. Winning "took my breath away," said Davis, a single father of two daughters, ages 3 and 15. A few of the people at work came over, and I said, "Am I seeing things?" They said, "No, you won the lottery." Davis said he will use the money to pay off his mortgage and save for his daughters' college tuition.

Huh? A Houston couple was told to stop feeding the homeless because they don't have a permit. Bobby and Amanda Herring had been feeding up to 120 people nightly, using donated food prepared by volunteers. But city officials shut down the program because the kitchen isn't inspected and certified. "Poor people are the most vulnerable to food borne illness," an official explained.

Eat your broccoli! British researchers found that eating five more portions of fruit and vegetables a day raises carotenoid levels and gives skin a golden tone, making people look healthier and more attractive. So remember, eat more veggies and fruits!

Poor Arnold. Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger calculated that he lost \$200 million in box-office receipts by serving in government instead of making movies. "It was more than worth it," Arnold added.

Good thinking! A group of Austrian undertakers said they planned to funnel the excess heat generated by the crematorium next door into their new headquarters, so as not to waste energy.

Was Columbus a Pole? Christopher Columbus might have been Polish rather than Italian, the Polish version of *Newsweek* reported last week. Citing new research by the Portuguese historian Manuel Rosa, *Newsweek Polska* said Columbus could have been a son of the Polish King Wladyslaw III, rather than of a Genovese weaver. The king was long believed to have died fighting the Ottman Turks, but Rosa has presented evidence that Wladyslaw actually found refuge on the Portuguese island of Madeira, where he married a local woman and, the scholar contends, fathered Columbus. In support of his theory, Rosa points out that Columbus had red hair, blue eyes, and fair skin — traits more common among Poles than Italians.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, says, "America is still the land of opportunity; the only foreigner who didn't make any money here was Columbus."

The astute and attractive Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston, reminds us, if Columbus had turned back, nobody would have blamed him, but nobody would have remembered him either.

The noted financial wizard Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, reminds us, traveling on credit is not new: centuries ago Columbus took a trip on borrowed money.

Carlo Scostumato says progress has so improved the world that if Columbus came back to earth today he'd think he was in hell.

Lest we forget, there are more cities, towns and streets named Columbus. For example, we Columbus, Ohio, Columbus Avenue, Columbus Square, etc.

Dogs and cats may be good companions, but they can break your leg. A new analysis of emergency room data found that 86,000 people a year wind up in the hospital after tripping over a pet, its bowls, or its toys. Dogs cause nearly eight times more injuries than cats, mainly because they're bigger and stronger, and can yank people down stairs or into holes when pulling on their leashes during walks.

Sinking news! A previously unknown form of bacteria that eats iron is feasting on the wreck of the Titanic, and will consume the disintegrating remains in 20 years at most, a study by Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia has found. "Eventually there will be nothing left but a rust stain on the bottom

of the Atlantic," said researcher Henrietta Mann.

Salty news! Eating too much salt can subtract years from your life. Americans eat far more than the recommended amount of sodium, mostly in processed foods. Reducing the daily intake by three grams, or just half a teaspoon, would cut the number of heart attacks by 99,000 — a 13 percent decline; strokes and new cases of heart disease would decline too, by 8 percent and 11 percent, respectively.

For you know-it-alls! What tin-eared millionaire, great aficionado and lover of opera, once rented Carnegie Hall so she could sing her favorite arias? Florence Foster Jenkins, on October 25, 1944. Now in her late 60s, charming, screechingly awful Florence made her debut. Did this Diva know how bad she really was? If she did, she chose to ignore it and the critics as well. It seems Florence's voice was so ghastly that only morbid fascination can explain why so many people remained rooted to their seats listening to her.

Victor Borge once said; "When an opera star sings her head off, she usually improves her appearance."

Believe it was the observant Tom Analetto of Medford who once stated, what an opera singer needs most is size — a big voice, a big chest and a big mouth.

Gee, we learned how to avoid dry winter skin. Ready? Don't take hot showers. Long hot showers strip the skin of essential oils. You may not want to hear it, but make your showers short and "as cool as you can stand." Switch soaps! Most soaps are "too harsh." Use the gentlest one you can find, and watch out for "lye artificial scents, and antibacterial agents like triclosan." Wash strategically. Cut down on soap exposure by lathering up only the areas of the body "that tend to smell." If you have any itchy scalp, shampoo just once a week. And moisturizers that come in a pump-top-bottle are "too thin to hold in moisture." Moisturizers should be thick and "the fewer ingredients, the better." Increase indoor humidity. Dry indoor heat is "often worse than winter weather." Use humidifiers and clean them weekly. House plants can also help circulate moisture.

A royal wedding should boost sagging spirits! "Jaded old cynic that I am, I can't help but get stupidly excited over the engagement of William and Kate," said Fiona McIntosh in the *Sunday Mirror*. And it's not just me. More than 11 million people tuned to watch the engagement interview with the prince and his bride-to-be, Kate Middleton, "which just goes to show at heart we're a nation of hopeless romantics." The two 28-year-olds have been dating for nine years and the tabloids had long dubbed Kate "Waity Katie." Now the nation has something to look forward to — not the brutal public-spending cuts that were recently announced, but a royal wedding filled with pomp and glamour. "Maybe I've read too many fairy tales, but, my God, we need one now."

Time to do some show business reminiscing with the noted musicologist Albert Natale. It was Bette Davis who said Marilyn Monroe was the original good time that was had by all. And Sophia Loren once stated, it's a shame that Gina Lollobrigida never won the Academy Award. But she likes to play herself instead of characters. Gina says Sophia Loren plays peasants. I play ladies. Totie Fields thinks Goldie Hawn is as bright as a dim light. Totie Fields claims it's no coincidence Raquel Welch has the same last name as a jelly. "Excuse me, a jam." And it was Liberace who said: "Barbra Streisand was my opening act in Las Vegas. She was multi-talented from the start, but with the social instincts of a landlady. Barbra is interested in Barbra, and her only marriage that will survive is the one between her ego and her career. "Of course I married Artie Shaw. Everybody married Artie Shaw!" So says Ava Gardner and Lana Turner.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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BAKED SCALLOPS

1 pound scallops	1 tablespoon chopped parsley
25 Ritz or Hi-Ho type crackers crushed	2 tablespoons white wine paprika
2 tablespoons butter or margarine	salt

Spread some butter or margarine at bottom of baking dish (10" x 12" x 2"). Wash scallops and drain excess water. Place scallops in baking dish. Blend melted butter into cracker crumbs. *Spread crumbs over scallops. Pour two tablespoons of white wine in a glass with two tablespoons of clam juice or water. Sprinkle gently over cracker crumbs and scallops. Sprinkle paprika over the cracker crumbs. Cover and bake at 400°F for fifteen or twenty minutes or until scallops are the right consistency to serve.

*NOTE: *When preparing the above recipe for my husband and me, I sprinkle garlic powder over the scallops before adding the cracker crumbs and remaining ingredient. We enjoy the garlic flavoring.*

I often bake this meal in my heated toaster oven set on broil. I cover scallops with aluminum foil before placing in toaster oven. Broil for about eight to ten minutes. Then set the toaster oven to bake for the remaining time needed.

I serve mashed potatoes or rice pilaf along with French-cut beans and/or carrot strips topped with butter or margarine.

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Bay State Skating School has become a Boston institution, teaching classes for children from 4½ and up and for adults, for the last 42 years. Skaters learn beginner, intermediate and advanced skills as they progress. Many parents and children take lessons at the same time, making this a real family event. February is a great month for ice-skating.

Bay State Skating School is a non-profit organization. Please visit our web site at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org.

• **Massachusetts Small Business** (Continued from Page 4)

"In every Supreme Court case decided thus far, Congress was not seeking to regulate under its commerce power something that could even arguably be said to be "passive inactivity." Page 41

"It would be a radical departure from existing case law to hold that Congress can regulate inactivity under the Commerce Clause." Page 42

"Because the individual mandate is unconstitutional

and not severable, the entire Act must be declared void." Page 76.

"On behalf of small-business owners nationwide, NFIB is determined to overturn this unconstitutional law. Today's decision represents the first significant legal victory on our way to having the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately strike down this law in its entirety," said Harned.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I have not seen this much snow since the blizzard of '78." When that storm hit in February of 1978, we got a winter's worth of snow all at once. This winter, we've been getting hit quite frequently, a few inches at a time. The problem I have at this point in time is that everyone prevents me from shoveling or plowing out the snow that we get. To keep everyone quiet, I have hired a company headed by Mike Ruggeri, a young man who grew up with my son, Michael. My problem is that we live on a street that is a bus route. The minute one snow flake hits the ground; the plows are out clearing the way for public transportation. This means that if we get a sizable amount of snow, I could have a plowed mountain across my driveway. Loretta tells me that I'm too old to shovel my way out and maybe she's right. So, I leave the snow removal to the professionals.

Snow was the main reason we left East Boston back in the 1960s ... no place to park. When I was a kid, Dad had one of the few cars that was parked on Eutaw Street. He, Al Luis, Marie Alexander, Bert Marotta and a couple of other neighbors owned cars; most did not. As a result, there was never any trouble parking. As a matter of fact, Dad never had to secure his shoveled parking spot by placing barriers like old chairs, barrels or saw horses in them. Everyone knew that the spot in front of #74 was my father's and they left it alone. At night, Dad would return home from wherever he was playing, park in his dug-out spot, take his bass violin out of the car and head into the house. But, beginning around 1950, things began to change.

The neighborhood began to change by mid century. Many of the old timers began to die off, houses were sold and new people began to move to the Eagle Hill section of East Boston. This was combined with the fact that many of my folks generation began to move to the suburbs. When this began to happen, most of the new comers owned cars, and as time went on, parking sometimes became a problem. At one point in the 50s, the city passed an ordinance regarding parking restrictions. You could only park on the even numbered side of the street on certain days and the odd

numbered side on the alternate days. If you violated this, you might get a parking ticket. This made it more difficult for Dad who came home sometime after midnight most nights of the week.

By the mid to late 1950s, most of my generation that grew up on Eutaw Street owned cars which added to the parking problem. This meant that Dad might have to drop off his bass violin while double parked and then go hunting for a parking space somewhere in the neighborhood. When I became a professional musician, I had the same problem, but I was a kid and things like hunting for a parking space didn't bother me like they did my father. Disgruntled during the winter months, Dad began talking about moving to the suburbs.

Actually, he had wanted to buy a house in the burbs before this point in time, but my mother wouldn't hear of it. She wanted to be close to Nanna and Babbononno. By the mid 1950s, they were living in an apartment at 199 Lexington Street, near the corner of Putnam. Babbononno had sold 70 Eutaw Street to the Pina family. Uncle Paul had moved his family to St. Edwards Road in Orient Heights, Uncle Nick was living in Brookline going through a divorce and Uncle Gino and his new wife, Ninna, had an apartment on Saratoga Street. We were living at 74 Eutaw and the big house at #70 became too much for Nanna to handle. Once the house was sold, my grandparents moved to Princeton Street, then later, Lexington Street, both locations within walking distance from where we lived which meant that Mom could take care of her parents whenever it was necessary.

In 1957, Nanna developed breast cancer and passed away just before Christmas in 1958. Cancer cures were primitive back then, and she really suffered. After her passing, Babbononno moved in with us which allowed my mother to take care of her father every day. The five room third floor walk-up became a bit crowded, but we managed. Every time Dad mentioned moving to the suburbs, Mom and Babbononno would gang up on him and the subject went nowhere.

I graduated college in June of 1960 and began teaching drafting in the Boston Schools. Like Dad and my uncles, I was now a professional musician playing several nights of the week. With so many cars now on Eutaw Street, parking was getting more difficult especially during the winter months when there was snow on the ground. One night, Dad was playing with his band and went an hour overtime. When he left the function hall, there were several inches of snow on the ground and he carefully drove home. He stopped in front of the house, brought his bass inside and then drove around the neighborhood for a half hour before finding a place to park. He walked home with just his shoes on, swearing all the way. When he got in, he poured himself a drink (he was a tea totaler) and complained about the parking situation, waking everyone up in the process.

The next day, he began to look at houses in the suburbs. Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had moved to Belmont and Dad liked the town. When he mentioned it to my mother, she would have none of it. She was an East Bostonian and would not move. Babbononno sided in with her. By the winter of 1961, Dad found a house in Belmont. When he discussed it with friends and relatives, they told him he was crazy because of the price, "You can buy the same house in Medford for \$10,000 less or Saugus for \$8,000 less. His reply was always, "But, I want Belmont." When he intensified his desire verbally, Mom refused to go. He then told her that he would pay for the apartment and she and Babbononno could stay there, but he was moving to Belmont. I agreed with him.

Mom panicked and told Babbononno that her place was with her husband and if he wanted to buy a house in the suburbs, then her place was with her husband. Babbononno grumbled, but had no say in the matter. So, in the spring of 1961, we moved to Belmont. That first night, I couldn't sleep. There were no planes flying overhead. There were no sirens blasting away. There was no traffic noise. The quiet kept me awake. Dad was happy and Mom made new friends in the neighborhood. Although they weren't Italian, my mother fit in and became a Belmontonian. Babbononno was never happy there, and in his old age, moved back to East Boston. My folks remained in that same Belmont house for the rest of their lives and loved it...no parking problems. If this weather continues, I may consider moving, too. Del Ray Beach or Boca Raton, Florida sounds good to me. What do you think???

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 7)



Robert Earl and Heather Gregg Earl at the Friends of the Public Garden Gala. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

14. Bangkok Cafe has been a strong supporter of local art for many years.

The Boston area artists selected used various ways to express the theme of love. Participating artists are: Kasey Davis Appleman: mixed media; Gert Condon: photography; Kathryn Deputat: digital print; Amy Joyce: silkscreen print; Bill Mahan: acrylic; Jeff Margulies: stained glass; Chris Roberts: pastel; Alicia Shems: fiber and beads; Glenn Williams: acrylic; and Janice Williams: digital design.

There will be a "free and open to the public" reception with the artists on Thursday, February 17 from 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Bangkok Cafe. For more information, please visit www.roslindalearts.org.

..... City Spotlights, a year-long initiative of the Citi Performing Arts Center Arts Education program, is accepting registration forms for "City Spotlights Workshops Session II" for partici-

pants ages 11 to adult. The free workshops will take place in four featured Boston neighborhoods (Chinatown, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, and Mattapan). Participants need not be residents of the featured neighborhoods.

Participants will create an original performance based on an examination of individual and community identities, and perform during final showcases at select Boston Centers for Youth and Families Community Centers.

This program is suitable for all levels, including beginners, and does not require any previous training. Workshop dates and locations are listed at www.citicenter.org/news.

Enjoy!
(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, www.bostongardens.com. In addition to events covered and reported by the columnist, "The Socially Set" is compiled from various other sources such as news and press releases, PRNewswire services, etc.)

• The Real State of the Union (Continued from Page 1)

pendes on his definition of "grow". I call a 2.6 percent increase in GDP anemic, especially when most of it was generated by a productivity blitz by U.S. businesses and not by economic policies.

A year ago, Congress raised the statutory debt ceiling, and now they are talking about the need to raise it again. The current national debt, which amounts to \$45,000 for every man woman and child in national debt (\$14 trillion total) is not enough for this administration. If it is left

unchecked, there appears to be no end in sight. And we are supposed to feel good about the state of the union.

Like the appliance repair man, we will continue to have some restless nights because of broken promises and failed policies by the administration. The House is starting to see the light, but this president isn't even aware of the heat.

Maybe he will become aware in 2012 when he joins the ranks of the unemployed.

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by **Orazio Buttafuoco**



LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

Lo stress fa male non solo alla psiche ma lascia anche dei segni fisici profondi, soprattutto nei bambini. Alcuni scienziati dello Stanford University Medical Center hanno scoperto che alti livelli di stress, come per esempio in chi soffre di disturbo post traumatico da stress, lasciano delle vere e proprie ‘cicatrici’ nel cervello, danneggiando e restringendo l’area dell’ippocampo coinvolto nella memoria e nelle emozioni e rendendo così i piccoli meno capaci di gestire ansia e difficoltà. A renderlo noto è uno studio pubblicato sulla rivista “Pediatrics”. Nei bambini esaminati durante la ricerca sono stati riscontrate quantità più alte nel sangue dell’ormone dello stress, il ‘cortisolo’. Secondo i ricercatori gli alti livelli di cortisolo danneggiano l’ippocampo che, a sua volta, aumenta l’ansia. Il danno che ne deriva può prolungare i sintomi dello stress e interferire con la terapia dpts (disturbo post traumatico da stress). Un gruppo di ragazzi studiati per avere manifestato stress vari non riuscivano a gestire informazioni e nel metterle insieme, specialmente se il danno alla memoria, a causa dello stress, è stato molto serio.

Naturalmente non tutti i soggetti studiati erano in grado di rispondere all’effetto dello stress in maniera simile. Il loro responso era flessibile. Ulteriori studi cercheranno di spiegare se l’ippocampo più piccolo sia un segnale che predispone al disturbo post traumatico da stress, o se invece ne è la conseguenza. Uno studio condotto sui veterani di guerra sembrerebbe suggerire che sia l’ippocampo danneggiato a predisporre all’insorgere di questo disturbo, o viceversa.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Stress is bad to the psyche but also leaves its mark, physical and deep, on the little children mainly. Some scientists of Stanford University Medical Center have discovered that high levels of stress, as on those who are affected by traumatic stress disorder, leave real ‘scars’ on the brains by damaging and shrinking the section of the hippocampus involved in emotions and memory, and causing to the least able the inability to manage anxiety and difficulties. The study became public after its publication on the magazine “Pediatrics”. On the children examined during the research study they found very high quantities of ‘Cortisol’ in the blood of this stress hormone. The researchers believe that high levels of Cortisol cause damage to the hippocampus, which at same time, increases anxiety. The result is the damage that may prolong the stress symptoms and interfere with the PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). A group of children studied after manifesting diverse kinds of stress were unable to make sense of the ‘information’ and put them together, particularly if the damage to the memory, because of the stress, was very serious. Of course, not all those studied responded in a uniform manner to the effect of the stress. Their response was flexible. Further studies will try to explain if the smallest hippocampus is a sign that predisposes to the post-traumatic stress disorder, or the consequence. A study conducted on war veterans would seem to suggest that it may be a damaged hippocampus to make possible the insurgence of such symptoms, and not vice-versa.



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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 Giaratani*

THOSE “CHARLIE ON THE MBTA” DAYS



Recently while passing through the Mattapan Square area, I noticed those old orange-colored vintage streetcars that run on the so-called high speed Ashmont-Mattapan line. It brought back memories of when you take those old streetcars all the way from Mattapan to North Station with one change over at Egleston Square Station. In fact, all over the city there were tracks lining many streets before buses moved street cars into retirement. Of course back then the fares were a nickel and you even got a transfer to the next streetcar.

My Uncle Nealy was a street car conductor and usually did either the Charlestown or Chelsea routes. Streetcars over there stopped just around the time I was coming into the world. I know time has flown when I remember those street cars over at Andrew Station.

THANK YOU MARIO’S RISTORANTE

Father Wayne recently sent out a big thank you to Ursula from Mario’s Ristorante for a successful fundraiser held at her place on Sunday, January 16. Sacred Heart raised \$2,000 for the parish.

BOSTON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY EVENT

Francesca DiBenedetto of Revere, announced that a celebration in honor of the Centenary of Women across the world in honor of Ana Maria de Jesus Ribeiro da Silva di Garibaldi will be held at Spinelli’s in Day Square on Sunday, March 6 at 1 pm. For more information on this event, please contact Francesca at 617-820-8885.

READ ALL ABOUT DEVELOPER DON CHIOFARO

Boston Magazine this past November did a great piece on Boston’s most known and sometimes irreverent developer Don Chiofaro. It is a very good read on. The guy loves Boston and he loves his work. Check out the piece.

MICHELE IS BACK!

Michele McPhee is back on the radio dial over at WRKO 680 AM. Her new show is on weekdays from 1 pm until the Howie Carr Show, which follows at 3pm. Her old station seems boring to me in the evenings without her opines and great radio personality. I still listen to Jay Severin on the drive home from work but at 6pm, I start surfing my radio dial which is something I never did before.

Michele is the voice of real people. She has opinions

and disseminates them quite well. She’s also got good common sense to go with a good sense of humor. She’s street smart and always on target. Welcome back to the airwaves.

EASTIE NEEDED THAT WONDERLAND

The Winter Wonderland Party at Sacred Heart parish in East Boston was a huge success. To date, it has been quite a winter of both snow and frigid cold. As I write this, the temp is minus 1, which is cold as cold can be. People loved East Coast Acapella. I can’t wait for this year’s Gaelic Garlic St. Patrick’s Day Party. Last year’s was great. I wore my green derby and celebrated my Harrington side. Father Wayne is well with all these celebrations that carry us throughout the year.

FATHER PAT HEALEY UP THE SOLDIERS HOME

My favorite spot to start off my work day is over in Day Square, East Boston at the Elite. Joe Young always takes a bundle of *Post-Gazettes* over to the home. Patients there, I am told love reading the paper from front to back. Father Healey has an interesting story to tell and soon I’ll be stopping by to chat with him and the place. Stay tuned.

LOCAL TALENT IS OUT THERE

I was down at L.A. Roberts on Route 1 in North Attleboro to hear a local band out of Boston named Richie “Rich” & 24 Karat Funk Band. I caught their act late in the evening but the crowd seemed to be into them. They played my kind of music, a good mix of both old and new music was to be heard. The band will be at Polcari’s in Saugus on February 12. Check them out and let me know what you think.

HAIR APPARENT TO R.D. SAHL AT NECN?

The *Boston Herald’s* media column by Jessica Heslam (January 20) was great. Apparently, the new prime time anchorman over at *New England Cable News* once, I guess recently, did one of those infomercials, this one touting a hair replacement laser comb for men. John Daley is now the replacement for R.D. Sahl

and that comb add is history. Seriously, how can one definitively deliver the news well selling combs to guys going bald?

Can’t you hear it now? “Crash on Route 93 leaves one dead and seven injured as tractor trailer hit by car. Life by the way is better with a good head of hair.” Finally, now that R.D. Sahl is off his anchor desk, will he ever tell us what R.D. stands for?

SULPRIZIO OUT MADARO IN

State Rep. Carlo Basile is losing his chief legislative aide Michael Sulprizio who will be leaving the State House office and will be replaced by Adrian Madaro who is a senior at Tufts University and a Boston Latin School graduate. Basile said he will miss Sulprizio as he goes on to bigger and better things and believes Madaro will be a great addition to his State House office.

RILEY OUT — SULPRIZIO IN

Fran Riley recently left the Harborside Community Center retiring last year after years of service at Harborside’s program. Mike Sulprizio has been named as the Center’s new director. Sulprizio has enjoyed his time working for Rep. Basile and he will be a great director at the Harborside Community Center too.

REMEMBERING ROSETTA PAGLIUCA

Rosetta Pagliuca passed away back on October 19, 2009 and is still remembered by family and friends who still miss her so much. This past January 13 would have been her 61st birthday. When people die what seems much too soon we are left to remember them when we still really want them with us. As long as folks remember the dead, they remain in our hearts always. She was a special person who left this world too soon.

FUNDRAISER HELD AT WARREN TAVERN

A successful fundraiser was recently held at the Warren Tavern for the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Swim Team to help defray costs for the team, which will be competing in the National Invitational Tournament.

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Docket No. MI11P0263EA

In the Estate of
SYLVAN M. MENDELSON
Late of NEWTON, MA 02458
Date of Death November 8, 2010

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 **JENNIFER S MENDELSON** of Newton, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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, 2011**.

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 26, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 2/4/11

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Docket No. MI11P0126EA

In the Estate of
FRANCIS M McKEON
Late of FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701
Date of Death December 22, 2010

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 **THOMAS J CROWLEY** of Milton, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Sparky's Number to be Retired

The Detroit Tigers will retire Sparky Anderson's #11 this season, one of many tributes the team is planning to honor the late manager who passed away on November 4. The Tigers' players will be wearing a commemorative patch to honor the Hall of Fame manager who led the Tigers to the 1984 World Series championship.

Anderson was also the longtime Cincinnati Reds manager and took the Reds to two World Series victories. His number is already retired in Cincinnati.

Tampa Bay Picks Up Damon and Manny

The Tampa Bay Rays have picked up former Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon and signed him up for \$5.25 million for 2011. He'll be joined by Manny Ramirez who came over to the Rays in a Boras package deal and was signed for \$2 million which is \$18 million less than he earned in 2010. He will be used mostly as a DH. Damon looks like the team's opening day left fielder but the team probably hopes he can keep Manny from being Manny too much, too. When it comes to Johnny, I wish him luck, but when it comes to Manny, I wish Tampa Bay "rots" of luck.

Votto and Reds Agree on Three Year Deal

Slugging first baseman Joey Votto who powered the Cincinnati Reds to their first playoffs in 15 years, winning the NL MVP Award, agreed to a \$38 million, three-year deal, thus giving the NL Central champs some short-term budget security. Votto,

27, became a first time All-Star last season and finished second in the NL in batting average at .324, also had 37 home runs and 113 RBIs. Votto is also swift, capturing 16 stolen bases in 21 attempts. He made \$525,000 in 2010 and was eligible for arbitration. It's been quite a while since the Reds had an authentic slugger in the line-up.

Yankees Sign Jones

Former Atlanta Braves slugger Andruw Jones who also played for the LA Dodgers and Chicago White Sox has just signed a \$2 million, one-year deal with the NY Yankees. The 33-year-old Jones is being brought on as a right-handed backup to Brett Gardner, Curtis Granderson and Nick Swisher. After hitting 51 home runs for the Braves in 2005 and 41 in 2006, his career took a nose dive. He dropped to 26 in 2006 and 3 in 2007. He rebounded somewhat in Chicago hitting 17 and 19 homers over two seasons.

Price is Top Lefty

Tampa Bay Rays starter David Price won the Warren Spahn Award as the top lefty in baseball. Price went 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA in 2010.

Wake to Pen

Tim Wakefield is returning for another season at Fenway. He'll be in the bullpen. He still wants to reach 200 wins lifetime, but this goal gets more difficult with time. Wakefield was just honored at the Boston Baseball Writers Dinner by winning the Roberto Clemente Humanitarian Award from MLB. He has one year left on his contract. Last year was not a great year for him bouncing back and forth from the starting rotation to the pen. When asked if 2011 was his finale, he stated, "I don't know." However, at 44 years old, the writing does seem on the wall. He still is seven wins shy of 200 wins and 13 wins

short of tying Cy Young and Roger Clemens for the Red Sox mark of 192. Personally, I'd like to see him become a 200 game winner. I would also like to see him get to 193 wins with the Sox to put the Rocket in second place.

Beltre Goes to Texas

The Texas Rangers signed up former Red Sox third baseman Adrian Beltre to a 6-year, \$96 million contract. Beltre by the way was given the Tom Yawkey Award as Red Sox MVP for his great 2010 season by the Boston Baseball Writers Association.

C-town Little League Sign-up

The Charlestown Little League will hold pre-season practice sessions on Tuesdays at the Charlestown Community Center beginning March 1. All players participating in these sessions must be members of the Center. Membership is free and applications are available at the gym.

Twins Keep Pavano

Carl Pavano is going back to the Twins with a \$16.5 million, two-year deal. Last season, Pavano helped carry the Twins win the AL Central title by going 17-11 with a 3.75 ERA and seven complete games.

Hartsfield 1st Blue Jays Skipper Passes Away

Roy Hartsfield, the first Toronto Blue Jays manager and there for three seasons has passed away at age 85. Back in his playing days, he was with the Boston Braves from 1950 until 1952. A second baseman, he finished with a .273 career batting average and 13 homers. Hartsfield then coached or managed in the minors, including 19 years with the LA Dodgers organization. He was picked to be the Blue Jays' manager when the Toronto team was added to the American League's roster in 1977. He was 168-318 in Toronto for those three seasons.

LEGAL NOTICE
MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting professional environmental consultant services for MPA CONTRACT NO. AP1112-S1, FY11-13 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND MASSACHUSETTS CONTINGENCY PLAN SERVICES. The Authority is seeking a qualified consultant to provide environmental consulting and Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) services on an on-call, as-needed basis. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner. The work may be performed at any or all of the Authority's. The Authority expects to issue work orders contracts in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000 to the selected consultant(s) for these services.

The Authority seeks firms with extensive local and relevant experience in MCP and hazardous waste compliance, including: LSP services, preparation and submittal of MCP-related forms and reports, soil, sediment and groundwater sampling, investigation, remediation, & other response actions, human health and ecological risk characterizations, remedial design, construction-related Release Abatement Measure oversight, environmental compliance and Immediate Response Action oversight; water quality monitoring related to ongoing Authority operations including drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater, sampling and laboratory testing related to demolition projects and disposal of waste materials from the project(s); sampling and testing of oil and hazardous materials and/or wastes related to storage, handling, and disposal. Other related services including preparation of monitoring plans, preparation of monitoring plans and reports, and meeting with Authority or others to discuss any aspect of project assignments.

Each submission shall include a Statement of Qualifications that provides detailed information in response to the evaluation criteria set forth below and include Architect/Engineer & Related Services questionnaires SF 330 with the appropriate number of Part IIs. W/M/DBE Certification of the prime and subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall provide a copy of the W/M/DBE certification letter from the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. The Consultant shall also provide litigation and legal proceedings information, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, in a separate sealed envelope entitled "Litigation and Legal Proceedings". See www.massport.com/business/capit_resou.html for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

Each submission will be evaluated on the basis of: (1) relevant project expertise of the firm's designated Project Manager and Project Team within the last three years, (2) experience with federal, state, and local regulatory agencies and knowledge of regulations, policies, and procedures, (3) demonstrated experience conducting MCP response actions and bringing a site to regulatory closure in an urban environment, (4) geographic location and availability of the Project Manager and Project Team, (5) experience and expertise of subconsultants, if any, (6) M/W/DBE and affirmative action efforts, (7) past performance on Authority projects; if any, (8) experience incorporating environmentally sustainable solutions into projects, including low impact development, and reduction of carbon footprints and energy requirements, (9) ability to respond quickly to the Authority's critical/emergency needs, and (10) demonstration of cost management and tracking capabilities.

The selection will involve a two-step process including the shortlisting of firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection. The Authority reserves the right to require proposals or to interview the firms prior to final selection if deemed appropriate.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of the Authority's standard work order agreement. A copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com. The exception to this standard agreement is the insurance requirements as follows: (1) \$1,000,000 of commercial general liability and (2) \$1,000,000 of automobile liability insurance. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11"), no acetate covers. Ten (10) copies of a bound document each consisting of: 1) a cover letter; 2) an SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs and an organizational chart identifying specific project responsibilities for project team only, including subconsultants, and 3) no more than 10 sheets (20 pages) of other relevant material not including, cover letter, covers and dividers, shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which exceeds the page limit set here or which is not received in a timely manner will be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

All questions relative to the submission shall only be directed to Catherine Wetherell, Deputy Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs at (617) 568-3501.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS J. KINTON, JR.
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayers will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P0300EA

In the Estate of
GLEN A DOBSON
Late of NORTH READING, MA 01864
Date of Death December 17, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **DANIELLE N CARLSON** of Litchfield Park, AZ or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety**.

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, 2011**.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 26, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

David R. Lucas, Esq.
Nigro, Pettepit & Lucas, LLP
649 Main Street
Wakefield, MA 01880

Run date: 2/4/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P0160EA

In the Estate of
VIVIAN RAE MONAHAN
a/k/a **VIVIAN R MONAHAN**
Late of FRAMINGHAM, MA 01702
Date of Death January 4, 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 **DAVID J MONAHAN** of Framingham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 22, 2011**.

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 24, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 2/4/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
P.O. Box 9667
Boston, MA 02114
Docket No. SU11P0128EA

In the Estate of
AARON J. NOLAN, JR.
Late of E. BOSTON, MA 02128-1010
Date of Death October 8, 2009

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 **GEORGE E. McGRATH, SR.** of Winthrop, MA be appointed executor, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 24, 2011**.

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. JOHN M. SMOOT**,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 21, 2011

Richard Iannella, Register of Probate

Run date: 2/4/11



CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

California World Boxing Hall of Famer **Tony DeMarco** Honored at the T.D. Garden Sports Museum

Massachusetts Contender **Edwin Rodriguez**, and Pride of Providence Contender

Peter Manfredo Jr., Return from Florida with Hands Raised in Victory!

Jimmy Burchfield and CES are Great. They have Many Great Team-players.

"**Rich Cappiello**" is One. They're Fighting at Mohegan Sun Tonight



Golden Gloves Boxers Denis Kelleher and Ryan White at Gentleman's Gym Youth Boxing Club in Hyde Park. They're with Hyde Park Boxing Legend, Kenny "Special Delivery" Butler.

"The Fame and Fury of Fleet Street" **Tony DeMarco** is the pride of the North End. He was honored at the T.D. Garden Sports Museum in Boston's North End. Not only is Tony DeMarco a great fighter, he's a great man. He's the undisputed World Welterweight Champion from a great era. He won his title at a time when there were only eight world champions. Three to four times the fighters there are now. There are now 102 world champions. Tony DeMarco won his world title on April 1, 1955 from world title holder Johnny Saxton. A great champion from a great era. There are 102 World Champions now, as opposed to the eight of yesteryear. Let's figure this out. Give me some time. Eight divided by 102 = 12.75. That means? For every one world champion of before, there are now 12.75 world champions. Less fighters and more champions. How did that happen? Title contender Tony DeMarco won his World title on April 1, 1955, and fought, eight world champions during his career. He fought many great world title contenders too. Also celebrating this great time is world title contender **Joe DeNucci**, (the longest serving State Auditor in Massachusetts history). He spoke well of World Champion Tony DeMarco. Did you know that Tony DeMarco is in the California World Boxing Hall of Fame. He also belongs to the Canastota New York World Boxing Hall of Fame. He's the co-participant in the "**Fight of the 20th Century**." He fought in this great historical fight, with fellow great Canastota New York Hall of Fame fighter **Carmen Basilio**. Both are immortal figures in the world of professional boxing. Their vicious display of once in a century fight tenacity is unparalleled. Both fought a fight, forever etched in boxing history together. That's a reason to enshrine them both. Carmen Basilio definitely belongs in the Canastota, New York Hall of Fame. Both are great warriors, which patrons of Boston and New England would swarm to upon this announcement. Their credentials, without a question or a doubt, should be enough to honor and induct World Champion Tony DeMarco. Both great world champions, from a great time and era in professional boxing history. He's also a sincere and honest man, who deserves his due recognition. He's a credit to professional boxing and to humanity.

Tonight, February 4, at the Mohegan Sun, they're "fighting" at the **Block Party**. Come and check out the fights at this party. The co-feature pits **Sean Eklund** (7-4) of Lowell in a battle with **Noel Garcia** of Springfield. Sean Eklund is trained by "**The Fighter**," uncle **Irish Micky Ward** and **Dicky Eklund** of Lowell. Randolph heavyweight Billy Mofford (9-1-2, 4 KO's) battles Theron Johnson (4-3, 1 KO.) Light-heavyweight Brian Macy (5-1, 2 KO's) squares off against Eric Pinarreta (2-5, 2 KO's) of New Bedford, in a middle-weight bout. New England super-middle-weight champion Vladine Blosse of Providence rumbles with Samson Onyango (20-7, 14 KO's), who trains out of Brockton. Elvin Ayala (20-5, 9 KO's) squares off with Mustafah

Johnson (8-9-1) of Indiana. Edwin Soto (5-0-1, 2 KO's) squares off with the James Ventry (7-12, 4 KO). Luis Rosa Jr., (4-0, 3 KO's) fights Aaron **Chavez** (2-2, 1 KO). Puerto Rican welterweight **Javier Flores**, (4-0, 4 KO's) of Hartford, makes his U.S. debut against tough Marcus Hall. (4-2-1, 2 KO's). Javier Flores won all four of his fights by **Kayo**. Thomas Falowo (1-0, 1 KO) takes on Greg McCoy (2-1-2, 1 KO). Come on down. I'll see you at the fights.

Peter Manfredo Jr., #9 IBF, #11 WBC middleweight title contender (37-6, 20 KO's) defeated Haitian sensation Daniel Edouard (23-4-2, 14 KO's). The Pride of Providence won by scores of 97-92, 98-91 and 98-91. Edouard started this bout off with victory in mind. Peter Manfredo Jr., would have none of that. Manfredo unleashed a right hand to Edouard in the fourth round. Down went Edouard. The Pride of Providence continued on for victory and controlled this bout for the remainder of the fight. Also in Florida, unbeaten **Edwin Rodriguez** (18-0, 13 KO's) and WBA Super-middleweight contender. He defeated Aaron Pryor Jr., (15-3, 11 KO's), by way of a ten round unanimous decision. These two fighters from New England both had their hands raised in victory in Florida. A point was deducted from Aaron Pryor Jr. in the 8th round. That one point would have made no difference to the scores of 96-93, 98-91, 97-92 in this win for Edwin Rodriguez. He won in "**Ten!**" as did Peter Manfredo Jr. Both are very impressive fighters.

Credibility is something to strive for. That's part of the makeup of 98 plus percent of real fighters, and fighters in life. To actually fight your way to the top you've got to battle. You've got to actually fight your way to the top. Think of it. Actually reaching the top is no walk in the park. To be called champion, you've got to have faced obstacles. Facing obstacles, teaches you how to deal with them, when you do. Being a champion gives you pride. That is why I have pride in my ability to fight. One of the reasons I became a boxer is because I was a fighter, before I was a boxer. I learned to fight, while I fought. I admire the "fight world." I have great admiration for the young lad I wrote of last week, Jordan Rice. I have pride for his mother Donna Rice. Both gave up their lives for their "**Blood!**" They made the ultimate sacrifice for their "**Loved One!**" A feat that others should look at, learn from, and strive for. Real fighters have courage; They stand up to adversity. They have the will to face obstacles, battling for them, uncertain of victory. You fight, and still lose? Oh well. So be it. The reward? A supreme goal. Warrior Joe DeNucci expressed it so well in the column written by Joe Fitzgerald in the *Boston Herald* titled: "Joe's leaving but the fighter remains." That's an excellent column.

Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., (41-0-1, 30 KO's) fought Billy Lyell (22-8, 4 KO's) on January 29 in Mexico. His goal: to win the WBC World title. Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., trains in Los Angeles, under the great **Freddie Roach**.

A **happy** belated January 1 **birthday** to the beautiful **Jennifer Cobis**. Happy Birthday **Jennifer!** You're such a terrific and impressive young lady. Keep up the great work you do. To Ring 4 President **Mickey Finn**. Keep up the great work you do in boxing.

Working on plans with others for future **Fight Family** events. World Champion Great Tony DeMarco, fought Ricky Ferreira in New Bedford on September 19, 1950. Rocky Marciano fought Pete Louthis in New Bedford on August 16, 1949. Tommy Martini is to be applauded for his great work and dedication to boxing. Joe Angelo is another asset to boxing.

Kenn "Special Delivery" Butler of Hyde Park checked out the Golden Gloves. I'll get some comments from him when I check out the gloves this year. Teddy Atlas is to speak at Ring 8 meeting, in New York.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Now that the All-Star game is over (congratulations on a job well done, Tim Thomas), the attention of the Bruins becomes focused on the drive to the playoffs.

There's only a little over two months remaining in the regular season (ending April 11) with just 14 home games left after February 5. Then the Black and Gold, barring a complete collapse, will enter the post season fray.

So what is the challenge for the team over the course of February, March and the first part of April?

"It will be the mental challenge about having consistency night in and night out," offered head coach Claude Julien. "We want to improve, we want to get better," said the coach of his squad that resumed competition after the All-Star break atop the Northeast Division standings.

"We tend to forget sometimes the schedule, the travel and everything else. It catches up to you. These guys aren't machines, they're not robots. They're humans. I think the bottom line is that we want to get more consistency in our play. You look for 20 guys in the lineup to be at the top of their game. As long as you've got that you're winning some games. You just hope you get everybody going at the right time."

Even though the Bruins are ahead of a lot of teams captain Zdeno Chara sounded the theme of not relaxing during the crucial final weeks.

"We can't get comfortable," said the veteran All-Star defenseman. "It's a stretch before the end of the regular season and the schedule is tough. We have some long road trips and we have some teams that are ahead of us (in the overall Eastern Conference standings). A lot of teams are going to try to creep in from behind. So it's going to be tough. We can't let up. We've got to continue to play the way we played (before the All-Star break). We've got to get better and get ready for the playoffs."

We're sure this year's team members will be preached to a number of times on the importance of not letting up, no matter how many games they win. Exhibit A will be the playoff series with Philadelphia where the Bruins blew a 3-0 lead in games, saw the Flyers come back to tie the series at 3-3 and then come from three goals down in game 7 to eliminate the Causeway Street crew. No more significant illustration need be offered than that.

But before the playoffs another important moment looms. It is the NHL trading deadline. It seems to come ever earlier each year. This time around it falls on February 28. Look for a flurry of activity (and perhaps a new addition or two on Causeway Street) as February becomes March.

THOMAS TOPS AGAIN — As briefly mentioned at the start B's goalie Tim Thomas once again acquitted himself quite well against the NHL's best, stopping 11 of 15 shots in a busy third period to earn the victory in the recent All-Star game. By doing so he became the first goalie in NHL history to be the winning netminder in three straight All-Star games. He also entered the win column in the 2008 and 2009 games. There wasn't a game in 2010 because of the Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Thomas is having a stellar season with the B's. If he stays hot there's no telling how far the B's can advance in the playoffs this spring.

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING — Well, it sure wasn't like a morning in May, not with all the snow banks dotting the landscape. But there were a lot of happy faces around Boston following the Celtics 109-96 road game victory over the Los Angeles Lakers. The game saw Paul Pierce score 32 points, Rajon Rondo dish off for 16 assists and Kevin Garnett come away with 13 rebounds and 18 points. Quite a well-rounded team performance. Sure Kobe Bryant had 41 points but it's the team total that determines the winner.

As for a much anticipated meeting with the Lakers, the regular season matchup with L.A. at the Garden on February 10 might just have to do. For the Lakers to advance to the NBA Finals this year, they will have to get by one tough San Antonio squad — a team that had only lost seven games as February began.

LET'S NOT FORGET — The Beanpot Tournament which skates its way onto the Causeway Street ice the first two Mondays this month. The 59th edition of college hockey's top in-season tournament opens on February 7 with Harvard facing Northeastern at 5 p.m. followed by archrivals Boston University and Boston College tangling in the 8 p.m. nightcap.

If you want to go with a favorite then pick BU which seems to advance to the finals most years. A dark horse would be Harvard which has had its problems in the Beanpot. While it's true that Northeastern hasn't won the tournament since 1988, it has played in the championship game five times since then, the most recent being in 2009 when the Huskies were defeated by BU, 6-2.

Harvard, on the other hand, last won in 1993 but has advanced to the finals only three times since then — in 1994, 1998 and 2008. Thus, whoever wins the Harvard-Northeastern game will have the opportunity to make up for a lot of disappointments in prior years. But that team will face either BC or BU, both of which are tough, tournament tested and ready for the challenge. It should be fun.