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1st Annual Daffodil Day on the North End Parks Celebrates Spring

by Matt Conti



Ribbon-Cutting at the 1st Annual Daffodil Day.
(Photo by Angela Cornacchio)

On Sunday, April 14th, the first annual Daffodil Day was celebrated on the Greenway. The event was hosted by The Friends of the North End Parks (FOTNEP) in conjunction with the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway Conservancy and North End Beautification Committee. The celebration included music by the Boston String Academy and poetry, as well as daffodils. Other activities were face painting, a petting zoo and a dog show held by RUFF.

The daffodils were planted last fall by these 3 organizations with help from many volunteers, including 27 children from the North End's Eliot School. They planted over 13,000 daffodils on the North End Parks and surrounding curb gardens along Cross Street.

Among those in attendance were City Councilor Sal LaMattina, who led the ribbon cutting; Nathan Swain, president of FOTNEP; vice-president Diane Mustone; Secretary David Kubiak; event organizer Diane Valle and supporters Joe McKenna and Deni Ross.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

They Think Gay Marriage Already Won

I picked up the April 8th *Time Magazine* issue, the one with the two guys mugging up each other. The liberal *Time Magazine* thinks gay marriage is here to stay. According to the cover story by David Von Drehle, the U.S. Supreme Court may not have made up its mind but America has. According to *Time*, 53 percent of Americans are now okay with gays and lesbians marrying. Gay approval, it says, is now 73 percent among 18-29 year olds and 39 percent among the 65 and older demographic. Personally, I'm thinking that is quite inaccurate. Many people out there simply don't care one way or the other and these folks get added with the pro-gay marriage group. I am not that sure that yesterday's impossible is tomorrow's inevitable.

What will the U.S. Supreme Court do is still unknown. They may probably end DOMA as it isn't the job of the federal government to decide who can and cannot get married. However, as far as the California case is concerned, they could very well uphold the vote of the people and overturn

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MARATHON MONDAY MADNESS

by Sal Giarratani

Someone once said, "Ideologies separate us but dreams and anguish unite us." I thought of this quote after hearing and then viewing the horrific devastation left in the aftermath of the mass violence that occurred after two bombs went off near the finish line of the Boston Marathon at 2:50 pm. Three people are reported dead and over 100 injured in the mayhem that overtook the joy of this annual event.

At this writing, most are assuming it is an act of terrorism while officials have yet to call it such at this time 24 hours later. The entire City of Boston is on high alert. The National Guard has been mobilized and stationed at area hospitals. Mass violence like what we all just experienced can trigger overwhelming feelings of anxiety, anger and fear. Why did anyone or group do this? Were they sending some kind of sick message?

Many are assuming that this may have been an act of domestic terrorism since it not only happened on Marathon Monday but Patriots' Day too. The world is a very unsafe place. There are many angry groups out there. Can we only imagine if those two bombs and the other reported devices found went off an hour earlier as the elite runners were crossing the finish line with



(Photo by Andrew Martorano)

even larger crowds down by the Lenox Hotel and Boston Public Library near Copley Square?

It is not difficult to imagine the fear and panic as bombs burst killing and maiming so many. The sounds of fear could be heard on the audio of those scenes on our TV sets or computer screens.

The city is rebounding and those who are responsible for this violence will be caught

and punished. Many had forgotten the immediacy of mass violence that we felt so strong back on September 11, 2001. The people of Boston are strong and we will survive this but now know that such violence remains a clear and present danger and that we can never let down our guard when it comes to those who would hurt us. We will survive. Learn and grow from April 15, 2013.

Re-enactment of the Paul Revere Ride

by Ivanha Paz

Every year, on Patriots' Day, the third Monday of April, a re-enactment of Paul Revere's famous midnight ride takes place. Before the ride, there is a parade featuring the Colonial Militia and the National Lancers. The ride starts in Boston's North End on Hanover Street with stops in Charlestown, Somerville, Medford and finally arriving in Lexington. This year it happened on Monday, April 15 and the rider as Paul Revere was Col. Richard Reale, from the National Lancers. State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz played the role of Dr. Joseph Warren as he gave the military information to Paul Revere, who shouted "onward!" as he galloped away on his horse, portraying the part of Brown Beauty.



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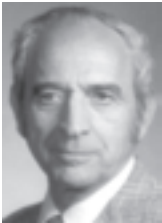
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JAMES MONROE



DATE OF BIRTH: April 28, 1758

DATE OF DEATH: July 4, 1831

PLACE OF BIRTH: Westmoreland County, VA

PLACE OF DEATH: New York City, NY

WIFE: Elizabeth

PRESIDENT: 1817-1825

Another Virginian named James Monroe,
Was C.E.O. number five as Presidents go;
His administration was called "The Era of Good Feeling,"
Obtained Florida from Spain without wheeling and dealing.
Just when people were doubting his leadership skills,
Came the Monroe Doctrine which caused European chills;
For those who would try to occupy slices,
Of this hemisphere like the Cuban missile crisis.
In foreign affairs he never split hairs,
He took what was ours and gave what was theirs;
An example of his problems and also the stakes,
Was to limit British armament on all the Great Lakes.
The admission of Missouri as a slave state,
A thorn in his side caused quite a debate;
He signed the act to the public's surprise,
In Congress they called it "The Great Compromise."
His wife was Elizabeth, reserved but yet warm,
Her attitude precipitated a real social storm;
She refused to sip tea with the rest of the gals,
Or chew the fat with all former pals.
Her young daughter's wedding was a private affair,
Only relatives and close friends were asked to be there;
During her White House years she had guests without ritual,
Now the policy she started has become quite habitual.

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by David Trumbull



The Blow Given to Boston Smote on Every Patriotic Heart

"In that day of general affection and brotherhood, the blow given to Boston smote on every patriotic heart from one end of the country to the other. Virginia and the Carolinas, as well as Connecticut and New Hampshire, felt and proclaimed the cause to be their own ... Congress ... expressed its sympathy for the suffering inhabitants of Boston and addresses were received from all quarters, assuring them that the cause was a common one, and should be met by common efforts and common sacrifices."

The lines above, from **Daniel Webster's** 1825 address on the occasion of the dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument came to mind Monday, as I heard **President Barack**

Obama say on television: "Boston is a tough and resilient town, so are its people. I am supremely confident that Bostonians will pull together, take care of each other and move forward as one proud city and as they do, the American people will be with them every single step of the way."

As I write, we do not know the who or why of the 2013 Boston Marathon Terror Bombing. We know that, as always, the American people will come together. That uncounted multitudes of volunteers will step forward assist the victims and their families. And that the culprits will be found and justice will be done.

HHS Announces New Partnership with Law Enforcement
to Help Prevent Sale of EBT Prohibited Items
Partnership Gives Local Law Enforcement New Tools;
Enhances Program Integrity and Data Sharing

Massachusetts Health and Human Services Secretary John Polanowicz announced a new partnership with statewide law enforcement associations to increase data sharing, while giving local police the tools they need to ensure that clients and retailers are abiding by the law. The announcement builds on the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) 100 day Bridge to Stability action plan announced last month and helps protect benefits for clients who truly need them.

The new partnership includes the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCOPA) and the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs Association (MMCC).

"We're giving local law enforcement the data and information they need to ensure that clients and retailers are abiding by the law," said Secretary Polanowicz. "This partnership is an important step forward for DTA, and it will help us protect benefits for those who need them as a bridge to stability during tough times."

Secretary Polanowicz was joined by Chelsea Police Chief and Vice President of the MMCC, Brian Kyes, Everett Police Chief Steven Mazzie, DTA Interim Commissioner Stacey Monahan, and DTA program integrity personnel at the State House Steps today for the announcement.

As part of the 100 day action plan, DTA has launched bi-weekly monitoring of ATM and point of sale withdrawals to identify any purchases made at prohibited establishments. DTA staff members are monitoring where transactions are located and

visiting potentially prohibited establishments, such as stores that sell liquor. Under the new agreement, the Department will share this data with local law enforcement so they can investigate and prevent the sale of prohibited items and the use of EBT cards at prohibited establishments.

"The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association are pleased to partner with the Department of Transitional Assistance to ensure that clients and retailers are abiding by the law," said Chief Wayne Sampson, executive director of the MCOPA. "Our participation will help provide the DTA with the necessary evidence to take action against those who intentionally violate the law."

DTA is also working in collaboration with MCOPA, MMCC, and other law enforcement in cities and towns throughout Massachusetts on trainings on the EBT restrictions signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick last year. The law prohibits the use of cash assistance at certain locations and for certain items.

The partnership builds off DTA's 100 day action plan, which was launched last month to enhance program integrity, restore public trust in DTA's critical programs, and improve services for clients.

To date, DTA has notified more than 78,000 cash clients and approximately 22,000 individual retail establishments through 38 vendor associations, outlining the prohibited items, establishments and penalties for restricted purchases listed under the law.

DTA is in the process of implementing the blockage of ATM and Point Of Sale transactions for cash assistance clients at prohibited establishments and that is expected to be completed by October 2013.

DTA began charging cash clients a \$5 fee for replacement EBT cards in December 2012. In total, more than \$22,000 has been collected through the end of March 2013 and preliminary research shows a reduction of 28 percent in card replacements during that time. USDA has also granted DTA approval to charge SNAP clients a replacement fee and DTA will be implementing this charge in the coming weeks.

The 100 day plan incorporates established best practices, brings increased oversight and training to the Department, and moves forward with technological enhancements to address issues raised by the offices of the Inspector General, the State Auditor and federal regulators. The plan also takes proactive steps to prevent fraud and abuse, block EBT card usage at prohibited establishments and increase investigation and enforcement of SNAP trafficking.

DTA has also launched statewide Bridge to Stability listening sessions, to gain public input on strengthening client services.

DTA serves one in eight people in the Commonwealth and ensures that the emergency and transitional needs of the individuals and families are met through federal and state-funded benefits, such as Supplemental Nutritional Assistance and cash assistance.

Emma Ruth Randolph

Emma Ruth Randolph was born on December 3, 1907 and passed away on April 11, 2013. She was a long time resident of Boston's North End and worked as a nurse at Mass General Hospital.

Ruth lived her life believing that as long as you had a kind heart and a helping hand that God would bless you and he truly did bless her by surrounding her with amazing family and

friends who supported her and loved her until the end of her days. She is survived by her great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, she will be missed by many.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

I Love NY (Today)!

by Sal Giarratani



The NY Yankees paid tribute to the victims of the bombings at the Boston Marathon that killed three and injured 183 others at Yankee Stadium on April 16th against the Arizona Diamondbacks. They even played the Fenway Park favorite "Sweet Caroline," after the third inning. The Neil Diamond hit was played over the p.a. system and Yankees fans some wearing Red Sox caps and jerseys sang loudly. Diamond wrote on his Twitter page, "Thank you NY Yankees for playing "Sweet Caroline" for the people of Boston. You scored a home run in my heart.

A ribbon was shown on the stadium scoreboard displaying the insignias of the Yankees and Red Sox with the caption, "New York stands with Boston ... Pray for Boston."

In a pre-game acknowledgement of this senseless tragedy, they held a moment of silence and posted the message "United We Stand" affixed to the electronic board atop the entrance to the ballpark.



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Boston Marathon Explosions

by Ivanha Paz



Crowds gather enjoying the Marathon approximately a half hour before the explotions.
(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

On Monday April 15th, Patriots' Day, two explosions near the finish line of the Boston Marathon which is held annually and brings in people from all over the country, took the lives of three people and left more than 170 injured.

The explosions took place about 10 seconds and 100 yards apart from each other, at 2:50 pm and they were caused by homemade bombs. As reported by CBS, law enforcement is thinking that the bombs were made to look like discarded objects that could have been on the sidewalk or inside garbage cans.

Mike Sienkiewizz from Milton was attending a Mercedes Party at stake house Abe & Louis on 793 Boylston Street when he heard the explosions. He said that he saw mass confusion, "shoes, legs, and limbs." Restaurant staff ushered people through the backdoor and they were told to leave through Newbury Street. He was concerned that there might have been a third explosion.

During the immediate aftermath a lot of misinformation started to be reported. Fear was palpable throughout the city as people scrambled to call loved ones and try to understand what was going on. Now, it has been reported that there were no other bombs that

needed disarming, as it was initially thought, and that the only two explosives found were those that exploded.

So far, there is no knowledge of who made the bombs or the motives, but Boston and other major cities such as New York and Washington have been taking extra security measures to protect their citizens. Also, countless videos and photos taken on smart phones and other such devices by those in attendance are all valuable evidence that the FBI is examining.

By now, everyone knows the bombs had ball bearings to cause maximum damage. It's all over the news what type of bombs they were, how they were made and speculations about where they were placed. All of this is very important, but I don't want to write more on that. I want to write about kindness and bravery.

In spite of this tragedy, there is something to be said about the way people reacted. Countless videos and photos were taken showing heroic responses to danger. People made tourniquets from their own clothes, runners kept on running to hospitals so that they could give blood, those present helped out any way they could. When the explosions were heard, the initial reaction was not to run away from them, but to run towards the chaos and

see what could be done, and who needed attention.

As President Obama said, "the American people refuse to be terrorized. Because what the world saw yesterday (Monday April 15th) in the aftermath of the explosions were stories of heroism and kindness, and generosity and love ... So if you want to know who we are, what America is, how we respond to evil — that's it. Selflessly. Compassionately. Unafraid."

Humans are good. People stick together and show solidarity. Whoever caused this attack of terrorism, be it a group or one single person is nothing in comparison to the mass amount of caring and goodness that exists in the world and especially in our city of Boston.

In the following days after this tragedy Bostonians have shown courage and strength. Business is being conducted as usual; citizens of this great city refuse to let fear run their lives. In the words of Michael Leiter, and NBC News national security analyst, "you just have to do the best you can to keep people safe and maintain resilience," he said. "It's important we don't alter our lives because that provides the terrorist - domestic, international, whoever it may be - with a huge victory."

It is clear that Boston will not let this terrorist, or terrorists win.

Thoughts and Well Wishes from Italy

I have learned the news of the tragic event in Boston with sorrow. It is incredible how the human mind can think and organize events so heinous and destroy not only human life but also the happiness of such a nice and typical Bostonian event.

I hope and I am sure that in short time the perpetrators will be dealt with.

I spent some of the best years of my life in Boston and so I felt just like if the explosions had happened in my backyard and the flag of my heart is at half-mast.

Be strong and be sure that America will prevail.

— Roberto Falaschi, former
Consul General of Italy in Boston

I hope all are well and that this barbaric terrorist attack did not touch any of your loved ones. We are living with deep grief and sorrow this unprecedented tragedy striking the city that hosted us so warmly and gave us friendships and immeasurable feelings, such as those that unite us.

We are very close and pray that this does not happen again, and Boston, with its wonderful people, will soon subside the pain for this heartbreaking wound.

A big hug, with all my heart.

— Carlo Cipollone, former
Educational Director of the
Consulate General of Italy

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Why I Love Boston

by Ally Di Censo

When I first frantically switched on the television to view the news about the tragic attacks at the Boston Marathon, my heart immediately jumped to my throat, a cold, hard iron ball. I was not only saddened by the accounts of innocent people killed and wounded in the bombings, but I also shuddered over how the explosions shattered a proud, feisty city. The true soul of Boston, however, is not found in catastrophe but rather in the spirits of the people who selflessly helped the injured and those who stayed strong for the sake of their loved ones. These acts of bravery made me realize how beautiful and inspiring Boston truly is, a city of rebellion and dreams and hope. As sure as the sunrise illuminates the blue-gray glass of the John Hancock tower on spring mornings and as sure as sailboats dot the Charles, I love my City of Boston. Moreover, I know that as sure as my fellow Bostonians remain steadfast in their love for the city and most importantly in their love for its *people*, no act of hatred could ever bring this city down.

I love Boston because its citizens are tough and resilient. I can hear this hardy character in the robust voices gracing Dropkick Murphy tracks like "Tessie" and "I'm Shipping Up to Boston." I can see it etched in the faces of characters in the countless films that comprise Boston's cinematic renaissance, many made by hometown talent like Ben Affleck and Mark Wahlberg.

I can see it whenever I pick up one of the city's celebrated newspapers and magazines or tune into *Chronicle* and constantly become amazed at the new innovations and attractions Boston has to offer. I feel this character whenever I hear about how Boston's hospitals are groundbreakers in the field of medicine and how its universities educate millions from around the world. Most touchingly of all, I see this unbridled fortitude in the everyday Bostonians I meet on a regular basis: the construction workers in hard hats gripping iced coffee at Dunkin' Donuts, the stylish university students rushing to catch the T, the Red Sox fans belting out "Sweet Caroline" against the backdrop of the Green Monster, the hip foodies dishing out fusion cuisine from the city's rapidly-expanding array of food trucks, the sturdy mariners unloading their wares at the docks. I know that this resilience will help us get through any sort of future trouble.

I love Boston because it is a city with a unique spirit, unafraid to be lively and rebellious and to stand up for human dignity. It is here that the stirrings of colonial independence began, from the brave minutemen who stood their ground at Lexington to the women who boycotted imported cloth and tea. It is here that a hub of abolitionism formed prior to the Civil War, as many men and women put their lives at risk for the cause of freedom. It is from here that the 54th Massachusetts, the African-

American Union regiment, departed to Southern battlefields with courage rippling through their veins. It is here that university students in the 1960s protested against war and pollution and human injustices. With this spirit comes fierce loyalty: something has to be said for a city that never failed to support a scrappy, loveable baseball team which made millions of dreams soar when they won the long-awaited World Championships in 2004 and 2007. I know that this spirit will help us continue to serve as an inspiration to people around the world.

I love Boston because of its diversity. The North End neighborhood long contributed to my sense of pride as an Italian-American. In this neighborhood, I gulped down Nutella-flavored gelato on hot summer nights and stepped into rickety little shops to buy Christmas *panettone* with my father. There's also South Boston, with its Irish pubs and where I spent many brisk days walking through the green paths of Castle Island. My father loved eating in authentic Chinatown restaurants when he used to work near that area, sometimes bringing home boxes full of aromatic rice. I can chat in Spanish when I visit restaurants whose first-generation Latin American owners serve plates like *arepas* and *cachapas*, both kinds of cornmeal cakes popular among the Venezuelan side of my family. School vacation days were spent in the marbled corridors of the Museum of Fine Arts, glancing at impeccable art displays from around the world — I especially loved the ancient artifacts section of the museum brought both history and a sense of internationalism to the city. I know that this diversity will actually provide us with a reason to band together and celebrate the divergent ways in which we all express our Bostonian identity in the days to come.

Resilience, spirit, loyalty, diversity — these are all hallmarks of our Boston experience. Furthermore, these are the traits that will unite us and form a bulwark of support as we face difficult times. I know that Boston will continue to be strong, because history has proven time and time again that Boston's residents are a force to be reckoned with. We are Bostonians, and we are wicked awesome, no question about it.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Waiting for D-Day

"Things don't change, we do."

— Henry Thoreau

On Tuesday, April 30 at 3:15 pm, when I clock out for the day it will also be my clocking out of my long career with the State Department of Mental Health. My first day on the job was Monday, December 3, 1972. President Richard Nixon was still inside the White House and Frank Sargent was in the Governor's Office at the State House. I was 24 years old and beginning my long journey of work climbing up those 15 steps at Massachusetts Mental Health Center into the grand lobby. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, decade after decade. I lived in Somerville, Charlestown, Quincy and now East Boston. I used to ride the old Charlestown El into Park Station on the Green Line. The E-Line Arborway streetcar got me to Brigham Circle one morning to the next. Until I bought myself a car.

For the past 27 plus years, I have been a licensed special police officer for the mental health department. Over time, I have, not surprisingly, aged. My hair turned quite grey but I never lost my great sense of humor.

Back in 1971, I thought my father was an old guy. A few weeks after unknowingly starting off this long career of mine, my father turned 60 years old. My God, wasn't Sixty-Five quite old, eh? Today, I am heading toward my 65th birthday five days after retiring. The last thing I think of myself is as an old guy.

As I wind down, I am making sure all my ducks are in line. No surprises. Smooth sailing. I thought I would be nervous over ending this career which took me from being a young guy to getting ready to receiving my first pension check. I've already been reading *AARP Magazine* for years but still think old people are all the other folks out there not me. Someone asked if I was going to sign up for elderly housing and my response was to get out of my face. Old people live in elderly apartments. I don't really qualify.

I still enjoy playing softball for the West End Softball League. I will be back at first base in a few months. I still like going out dancing and

flirting with pretty women. I still power-walk over at Wollaston Beach, Castle Island and the East Boston Greenway. Yes, I listen to WJIB on am 740 but the music really is good. Sunday mornings, it is *Sunday Morning Jazz* on 106.7. I still read lots of newspapers and not on-line. I like touching the pages and smelling the newsprint. This summer into fall I will be out there on the campaign trail working on someone's campaign.

Thanks to my sugar going up, my diet has changed. I eat better and am starting to like my new menu. Donuts no longer get to me nor does fried crispy chicken. I like my yogurt, granola and my broiled fish with lots of lettuce. It was hard to start this new way of thinking but I did it.

What I will do in my retirement I am still sorting out. What I won't be doing is nothing. You won't catch me in front of the TV set with a bag of chips growing fat. I will, however, keep on writing and thinking and sharing my thoughts and opinions with anyone out there who likes my stuff.

Someone told me upon hearing of my retirement that I was entering the twilight of my life, I told him to get lost. Twilight is a movie and one-half of an old TV series. It remains broad daylight for this character here. Other than that, the only other thing I won't turn into is some fat old security guard. I have had more than enough work in a security role. I want to face challenges and to continue to live life as happily as I can and for as long as I can.

One of my favorite uncles was my Uncle Neal Harrington. He passed away suddenly at age 71 but right up to his last moment he was forever young. He was someone who lived his life to the fullest. He never looked back but only ahead. He grew a little more everyday because not to do so would only get some dirt thrown upon you as people cry for you. When he died I didn't cry because I remember how he lived and his big smile always present.

It is now time for Chapter 2 of my life. I can only hope it is slightly slower. But just as much fun.

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RUFFERS!!!

Richmond Street Park Will be Getting a Facelift

The park Richmond Street Park is scheduled to be reopened on Boston Shines — April 27th. This is VERY exciting news!!! RUFF will sponsor dog walks during this time if you are interested. The pups still need to play right?? Thanks to everyone who has shown an interest in improving the Richmond Street Park — It's finally happening!

Your understanding is appreciated while the park is under construction for improvements. Leash walks for a week will be well worth the improvements when Richmond Street is cleaned up! Stay tuned for group walks and group outings to the fenced in park in Charlestown.

Friends of the North End Library Present 2013 Honorary Friend Award to Al Natale

by Matt Conti

For his many years of service to the North End Branch Library, Al Natale was presented with the 2013 Honorary Friend of the North End Library Award at a ceremony on Wednesday, April 10th.

A framed plaque was presented to Al Natale by President Emeritus Christine Bergstrom and current President Robin Ardito. Robin spoke at the event about Al's contributions to the library and community: "Al and his band have been mainstays at the annual Holiday Open House where he has offered his services for free and donated his pay back to the Friends to continue their works. He has also been a loyal patron of the branch. The Friends thank Al for his longstanding friendship with the North End Branch."

In thanking the group, Al noted how important the library and reading in general was to his success and happiness. Al turns 90 this August, so the group also celebrated that event with a special cake at a reception following the award ceremony.



President Emeritus Christine Bergstrom presents Al Natale the 2013 Honorary Friend Award.



Current Friends President Robin Ardito and Al Natale. The group also celebrated Al's upcoming 90th birthday.



Al speaks at the Library event.

(Photos by Matt Conti)

EARTH DAY 2013

by Ivanha Paz

Earth Day is very important nationwide. It is celebrated on April 22nd, marking the anniversary of what is considered to be the birth of the "Modern Environmental Movement" in 1970. The founder of this movement was, at the time the U.S. Senator for Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson. His idea was to reign in all the energy and momentum from the anti-war protests and channel it through a concern for the environment.

Nelson announced via national media a "National Teach-in on the Environment." The results were amazing. Approximately 20 million Americans made demonstrations for a healthy environment in streets, parks and auditoriums on April 22nd.

This day brought everyone together in spite of their political affiliations or socio-

economical standing, they all had one common goal: to save the earth from all the pollution and harm that industrialism was causing.

It also led to the creation of the United States' Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of three separate acts: Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species.

Due to its significant relevance this day tends to be extended into Earth Week which culminates on Earth Day, Monday, April 22nd. This is a day full of fun and important events for Bostonians. Some of the events around the Boston area range from: a Charles River cleanup on the 21st from 9:00 am to noon to a "Great Cloth Diaper Change" the same day! The Diaper change event is to help set a Guinness World Record for the most diapers changed

simultaneously, so bring your baby and stay for the after-party with food, drinks, music and raffles. It will be held at the Diaper Lab in Cambridge.

On April 22nd there are also numerous events centered on staying green. There will be a Picnic for the Planet at the Boston Common from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This event is also for the Guinness World Records; help make it for the largest global picnic. Join local vendors and enjoy family friendly activities as well as a nature treasure hunt.

Another event taking place on Earth Day is the Race Against Extinction starting at Artesani Park in Brighton. Proceeds from the race will be donated to the World Wildlife Fund and the Nature Conservancy. In addition don't miss "Garbology" an educational and fun session at the Nature Center in Mattapan. Children will be able to enjoy a scavenger hunt and a craft session as well as learn how compost is broken down and digging it up themselves.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO DANIKKA AND JACOB FROM UNCLE SAL

by Sal Giaratani



In this May 1998 photo my brother Dominic gets to hold little Jake for the very first time.

My niece Danikka Moses and my great-nephew Jacob Schaefer from Roslindale both celebrated recent birthdays. Danikka had her birthday on April 14 and Jake turned 15 a day later on April 15, Tax Day. Jake was my brother Dominic's grandson, born back in 1998. He seems to be getting older and older and taller and taller. Right now he is into lacrosse and is really good at this sport which is growing popular around here. He was born in California, eventually making it home to Boston's Roslindale neighborhood to be close to his mother. His dad lives in Virginia so Jake gets to travel around a lot more than his Uncle Sal. He still misses his "Poppa," my brother, who passed away just before Jake's 9th birthday, as do I and the whole family. My brother would be proud of the young man that Jacob is becoming.

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



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— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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Saint Anselm

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Anselm was born Anselmo de Candia Ginevra in the Aosta valley region of Italy in 1033. He was born of noble parentage; his father was Gundulf de Candia, his mother, Ermenberga of Geneva.

Anselm was educated in Normandy. At the age of 27, he became a Benedictine monk at the monastery of Bec, he studied under the renowned Lamfranc. Prior of the monastery, whose abbot was Herluin. Anselm was made Prior in 1063 and Abbot in 1078 upon the death of Herluin. Under his leadership, Bec became one of the foremost seats of learning in Europe. While Abbot, Anselm made a number of visits to England in the interest of his abbey. Having become known and well regarded in England, he succeeded his old friend and teacher Lanfranc as Archbishop of Canterbury on December 4, 1093.

Anselm is often called the father of scholasticism and has been a major influence in Western theology. He is characterized by his spirit of recollection which he was able to maintain even in the most distracting situations, and by the bent of his mind, which was concerned with things transcendent and spiritual.

Anselm resisted the injustices from the rule of King William Rufus, son of William the Conqueror, which attracted the anger of the

king and he was exiled from England from 1097-1100. He journeyed to Rome then journeyed to Calabria where he spent time in a monastery; it was there that he composed his work on the Incarnation. It was during this period that he wrote several of his metaphysical works. Anselm did not return to Canterbury until the death of King William in 1100. He once again experienced difficulties with the new king, Henry I who required Anselm to be reinvested by him. Anselm refused and was exiled from 1105-1106. Anselm journeyed to Rome where his authority as Archbishop of Canterbury was upheld by Pope Paschal II. He returned to England in 1106 where he died in 1109.

Saint Anselm was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Clement XI in 1720; his feast is celebrated on April 21st.

Team MILES OF MEMORIES Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

Team Miles of Memories will be hosting a fundraiser event at Filippo's Ristorante, 283 Causeway Street, North End, Boston to benefit The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on Thursday, April 25, 2013 beginning at 6:00 pm.

There will be delicious food, raffles and prizes. Fifty percent of the dinner proceeds and 100% of the raffle proceeds will go directly to the American Cancer Society. For more details or to purchase tickets call 617-308-5408 or kparker209@yahoo.com.

Menino's Latest Set Back, Ayanna Rumblings Re-newing Murphy Talk

by Sal Giarratani

Mayor Thomas Menino's latest medical set back that led to surgery on a broken bone at Brigham & Women's Hospital and yet another stay at the Parkman House to recuperate once again has fueled new speculation that Mayor Menino might pull another surprise and announce that he will be leaving Boston City Hall prior to his term's ending next January. It is all talk right now and some political observers believe while it isn't probable, it is possible.

Recently, even prior to his injury, talk had already begun over the possibility of City Councilor Ayanna Pressley being urged to join the growing mayor's race. All this puts additional political pressure many believe upon City Council President Stephen Murphy to look seriously at jumping into that race too. As it now stands, if Menino leaves the mayor's post soon, it would put Murphy into the role of Acting Mayor much like what happened with Menino, himself, back in 1993 when Mayor Ray Flynn resigned from office to become President Clinton's U.S. Ambas-

sador to the Vatican. If Murphy runs, he can call himself Mayor Murphy on the campaign trail and stands a good chance of getting elected Boston's next mayor.

Few politicians like having events control their actions but in Murphy's case, this looks exactly like his unwelcomed development. Does he get into the game or remain a spectator? In a crowded field holding the title of acting mayor, he has a good shot of not just making it out alive in the September preliminary but of winning it all in November. Few politicians envy the position that events have placed upon Murphy at this writing.

Politics in Boston is a bloody sport which will be seen as the house cleaning inside Council Chambers that will bring out many new voices and wannabes eyeing all the vacant seats up for grabs. Over in District 8, Michael Ross's desire to run for mayor has developed into a heated race for the District 8 seat between Greg Timilty, son of former City Councilor Joseph Timilty and Joshua Zakim, son of Leonard Zakim for whom the bridge is named after. District 4 in Dorchester and Mattapan will be losing Charles Yancey to the mayor's race. That district has been Yancey's since its inception back 30 years ago.

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The Taste of the North End was founded by Donato and Nancy Frattaroli in 1993 as a benefit for Casa Monte Cassino. The Frattaroli's became aware of Casa Monte Cassino when a family from Italy came into their North End restaurant. The family was staying at the CMC while their four daughters received medical attention at Boston's Children's Hospital. The Frattaroli's were touched by their story and inspired by the mission of the Casa; to provide a place to stay for impoverished families from around the world while their children receive serious medical attention in Boston.

All proceeds from the event are split between multiple non-profit organizations in the North End including elderly, education and health programs to help better the entire community; last year over \$100,000 was raised. This is the fourth year that North End Waterfront Health has partnered with the Frattaroli family to put on and host the event. This year's event co-chairs are event founder Donato Frattaroli, owner of Lucia Ristorante and James Luisi, CEO of North End Waterfront Health. The Master of Ceremonies for the 16th year is KISS-108 and NECN personality Billy Costa. This ceremony will also honor Matt Conti, a local North End Community Journalist for his charitable work with North End organizations and North End restaurant owner, Barbara Summa of La Summa Restaurant.

Participating restaurants include: Al Dente, Antico Forno, Aragosta, Artu, Bricco, Cantina Italiana, Carmelina, Ducali, Filippo, Fiore, Gennaro's 5 North Square, Il Panino, J. Pace, La Summa, Lucca, Lucia Ristorante, Mamma Maria, Massimino, Mercato del Mare, Mike's Pastry, Modern Pastry, Neptune, Pagliuca, Paul W. Marks, Pellino, Perkins, Piantedosi Baking, Quattro, Taranta, Terramia, Tresca, and Vito's Tavern.

The event will take place at DCR Steriti Memorial Ice Rink, 561 Commercial Street, Boston, MA on Friday, May 10th, from 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.totne.brownpapertickets.com or by calling 617-643-8105.

EAST BOSTON SHINES Needs Volunteers

Please join East Boston Main Streets for Mayor Menino's annual neighborhood clean-up: Boston Shines.

Volunteers will convene at 9:00 am on April 27th in Maverick Square. Brooms, gloves and T-shirts will be provided.

An hour or two will be spent cleaning up Maverick Square and then helpers will walk to Central Square to do the same.

To sign up or for any additional information you can e-mail or call Max Gruner at (617) 561-1044 or mgruner@ebmainstreets.com. You can also sign up on the website, www.cityofboston.gov/ONS/BostonShines.

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the tragedy that befell the most prestigious Boston Marathon last Monday. The two bomb explosions were not a last minute crime executed by some crazies, but a well planned crime. Gov. Patrick says Boston people are resilient and going to "get through this"! Mayor Menino says "we're going to get through this", but neither says "it won't happen again"! ... Recently el bandito's robbed approximately six to seven established businesses in East Boston armed with guns and masks. It appeared they weren't ordinary thieves, but well organized. According to victims there were two masked culprits that spoke Spanish. Hopefully they will slip up and be caught! ... District Attorney Dan Conley has thrown in his hat to run for Mayor of Boston. Mr. Conley is polished, knowledgeable on

Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Citizens of Massachusetts were shocked and saddened when hearing

crime and more than qualified. He has a good insight into what Boston needs to be a first rate city. Heard Conley is a moderate conservative and that's what Boston needs ... How does Steve Winn propose to clean the land that was home to the Monsanto Chemical Plant in Everett for many years? Winn is proposing to build a state of the art casino. Winn's plans are impressive, but developers would have to prove the land is toxic free???? For many decades the chemical plant operated contaminating the soil. A large population of people in Everett and surrounding cities were diagnosed with various cancers. Many people think it would be a better idea to build a casino at Suffolk Downs in East Boston. ... Since Orient Heights station is not in operation, an abundance of buses are using the streets causing a lot of traffic ... The Lombardo Companies are putting in a new facade at Liberty Plaza. Central Square should be hand-

some when the park is reconstructed. However, the public needs to keep the streets cleaner. Cigarette butts, trash and gum is thrown onto sidewalks in the area everyday giving the square a slummy appearance ... Now that the good weather has finally arrived, expect to see trash pickers picking through garbage. These people are greatly responsible for contributing to trashy streets and have to be stopped. Boston needs to pass a city ordinance making it illegal for trash pickers to sort through other people's trash without a "Trash Pickers License". I believe that would put an end to it! ... The senior senator from Massachusetts race to replace John Kerry is dull! Ed Markey is the "same old, same old" Boys Club Politics. While Steve Lynch's claim to fame is being brought up in the projects "public housing." How about discussing the real issue. HOW SAFE IS IT TO WALK THE STREETS in your own city???? ... Till next time!

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Bradley Pennington, founder and Artistic Director of Boston Bel Canto Opera (1995) is the consummate celebrant of opera in the Boston area. Having concluded a quarter century of university teaching, as head of BBCO he has mentored many singers who have "received lauded recognition in major venues." One of his

most accomplished sopranos will accompany him in this program. Mr. Pennington's return to Burlington has been in large part requested.

Joanna Porackova, an earlier student of BBCO, has celebrated success in two professional fields. While studying, practicing and teaching nursing, she studied and achieved an enormously successful vocal life. She has become a worldwide acclaimed opera soprano, a diva. Her performances and venues are endless, to include film. "Ms. Porackova is simply a great artist ... Her vocal endowment is huge, larger than the majority of today's leading Wagnerian sopranos. This singer has abso-

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Simple *TIMES*...

by Girard A. Plante



She sat in the overstuffed comfy chair tethered to a nose tube supplying oxygen. Yet she contentedly and slowly shared a defining moment in the life of a 17-year-old ready to drink in the world rumbling within a historic world war while safe in a nation united by crisis.

Ruth Harriet Jacobs never met me until Palm Sunday last month as my twin brother and I visited our 93-year-old friend Armando, whom I introduced to you in this column three years ago. You've since learned more about the educator and World War II hero in a previous column. Ruth resides in the assisted living facility in Weston where Armando and his wife live.

I've met many wonderful folks from America's Greatest Generation since visiting Armando after he moved from his Newton home two years ago to the campy atmosphere of wingback chairs, cozy couches stuffed with pillows, delicately decorated plates fill China closets, fresh flowers adorn large shiny oak tables as a few Grandfather clocks sprinkle the sprawling common rooms of the main floor.

Ruth is one such wonderful woman Armando eagerly introduced to me. "Meet my good friend. He's a writer, too." Ruth smiled, asked me my name and then gestured me to move closer so her large specially made eyeglasses could adjust her dimming vision.

Her lifelong penchant for reading books, magazines, newspapers and other publications scattered atop the teakwood tables has Ruth struggling to read small-print with a magnifying glass that she carries in a cloth satchel hanging from her sturdy walker.

"I started my career at 17 as a copy girl in 1943 writing stories about the boys returning to America from Europe," she proudly recalled. "I had just graduated high school and because men, who were the reporters and editors at news-

papers during those days, went off to war, I got hired on the spot at the *Boston Herald Traveler*." She earned \$28.00 a week and took courses at night at Boston University.

Born in 1924 in Roxbury to a Jewish family, Ruth was the first in her family to attend college. "My maternal grandparents raised my brother and I after my mother died at age 32. I was 10 and my brother was three. I gave my grandmother money to help with costs of raising my brother," she explained.

Her writing interests sprang from being co-editor of her high school yearbook. She then worked for the newspaper one year. "I wrote feature stories and earned more money than seasoned reporters. When I turned eighteen, I began writing feature articles, which paid me by the inch. That meant even more money weekly," Ruth fondly remembered.

Ruth interviewed some of the giants in 20th century history: Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy; Mass. Gov. Maurice J. Tobin, and longtime Boston Mayor James Michael Curley. She also covered presidential conventions and national elections for the daily newspaper.

"I'd meet the boats arriving in Boston Harbor that carried injured and dead soldiers. It was shocking to see these men in terrible situations get carried off on stretchers. I also wrote the obituaries of dead soldiers. The awful part of my job was to go to the homes of deceased soldiers and bring the families bad news. I hated it," she said.

Shortly after marrying in 1949, Ruth left the *Boston Herald Traveler* because of a problem pregnancy. Her doctor advised her to leave the newspaper. She continued freelance writing from home and wrote children's articles. When her two children began school, Ruth

returned to Boston University and earned an undergraduate degree in three years. Years later, she also earned a doctorate in Gerontology from Brandeis University. Ruth is author of nine books.

Ruth taught at Clark University during the Vietnam War. "A lot of men went to college on the G.I. Bill. I learned from them about Post-Traumatic Stress, which was different from the soldiers I met during World War Two," she recalled. "I wrote a feature story about PTSD with another reporter." After leaving Clark, Ruth taught at Regis College. She also lectured as a senior scholar at Wellesley Centers for Women at Wellesley College.

At age 60, Ruth became a Quaker. "I worked with people in the Peace Movement during the Vietnam War. I hung out with other people in the anti-war demonstrations. Most protesters were Quaker. My children supported my peace activism," she adds. "I never abandoned my Jewish heritage. You don't resign from the people who went through the Holocaust."

She steered the conversation towards the present with an educator's instructive tone. "I hate the thought that as I near the end of my life there's these wars (in Afghanistan and Iraq). Do what you can to work for peace."

Ruth swiftly returned to reminiscing about the vagaries of a copy girl working within a largely male profession who, out of necessity, got assigned to write stories about soldiers. She narrows her large blue eyes, leans forward and impishly reveals: "I was the most kissed woman in the world!" Spontaneous laughter echoed across the quiet large room.

Ruth lay back into her comfy chair staring beyond three French doors leading to an outdoor deck, heartily laughing as though she's still was that 17-year-old copy girl.

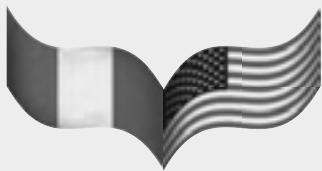
Editor's Note: Some of Ruth's comments came from a YouTube video interview before the Natick Veterans Oral History Project at the Morse Institute Library in 2008.

Dawn Marie D'Onofrio - Lukas

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Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio

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Nation Poetry Month Slams in Boston Wednesday, April 24th join Marty McConnell, the night's scheduled feature and also for a poetry lesson.

Marty will be offering a generative poetry workshop called "Stranger than Fiction." From the workshop leader: "In this workshop, we will discuss how poetry allows us — and sometimes requires us — to be stranger than fiction by examining and discussing two poems that push boundaries with purpose, then doing a bit of writing of our own." The doors open at 5:30 pm for workshop participants only: the workshop runs from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Your cover charge to the workshop will also include admission to the evening show.

Marty McConnell transplanted herself from Chicago to New York City in 1999, after completing the first of three national tours with the Morrigan, an all-female performance poetry troupe she co-founded. She received her MFA in creative writing/poetry from Sarah Lawrence College and



The "Swag Bag" returns to the city, Style Fixx returns to Boston on May 1st and 2nd.

(Photo courtesy of Style Fixx Productions)

for nearly a decade, co-curated the flagship reading series of the New York City-based louderARTS Project. She appeared on both the second and fifth seasons of HBO's *Def Poetry Jam*. She returned to Chicago in 2009 to co-found Vox Ferus, an organization dedicated to empowering and energizing individuals and communities through the written and spoken word.

A member of seven National Poetry Slam teams representing New York City and Chicago, McConnell is the 2012 National Underground Poetry Individual Competition (NUPIC) Champion. In 2011, she completed her first European tour and debuted her one-woman show, "Vicebox." She is a two-time recipient of the Community Arts Assistance Program grant from the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism and Culture, and received a 2013 grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

The Boston Poetry Slam kicked off in May of 1991, imported directly from slam's birthplace, Chicago, by Michael Brown and Patricia Smith. The slam first started at T.T. the Bear's in Central Square in Cambridge, MA, as an addition to the existing reading

Stone Soup, the longest-running poetry reading in Cambridge. The slam migrated to the Book Cellar in Porter Square later that year and in January of 1992 expanded to a twice-weekly schedule in order to accommodate the burgeoning popularity of the event. When the Cantab Lounge became one of seven hosts for the International Poetry Slam, the Wednesday show settled into its since-permanent location on October 16, 1992, making the Cantab home to one of the three oldest slams in the world and a fixture of the international poetry scene.

The Boston Poetry Slam ran on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Cantab Lounge from 1992 to 1995, when poetry slam began to take a back seat to the venue's signature open mic. Praised as "the best open mic in the English-speaking world," the now Wednesday-only open began to shine as a mecca for touring performance poets and local readers alike. The historic head-to-head 8x8 series and Champion of Champions slam events were moved to the latest portion of the evening, which added yet another qualification for the many talented poets seeking a prestigious Cantab slam win: the willingness to close the bar on a Wednesday night.

In 2004, Michael Brown stepped down from the position of SlamMaster, turning the post over to 2001 slam team member and then-Champion of Champions Simone Beaubien. The weekly Wednesday show continues to thrive, acting as a hub for the New England performance poetry scene and consistently drawing high-quality featured poets and up-and-coming slammers. In recent news, the Boston Poetry Slam served as the Host City Slam for the highly successful 2011 National Poetry Slam and will be honored to host again for the 2013 National Poetry Slam.

Boston has been represented in competition at every National Poetry Slam since 1991 and every Individual World Poetry Slam since 2004, winning team championships in 1992 and 1993 and sending a total of six teams and nine individuals to the Finals stage. For a more detailed championship history, try the Wikipedia



Get your Muck on at the Boston Muck Fest on April 27th. (Photo courtesy of runamuckfestival.com)

page for the National Poetry Slam or read a bit more about the show's history and the history of slam poetry in general at Kurt Heintz's *Incomplete History of Slam*. As the third longest-running poetry slam in the world, the Cantab slam community has borne witness to nearly 20 years of triumph, tragedy, scandal, heartbreak and glory, one Wednesday at a time. Consider this your personal invite to join in, either to read or listen in, at the weekly open mic and poetry slam.

There is always more to come and in the future *Socially Scene* will be bringing you the latest acts to hit this historic stage. This show in their weekly Wednesday series takes place at the Cantab Lounge, 738 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge. Doors for the show open at 7:15 pm. The open mic begins at 8:00 pm and the feature performs at approximately 10:00 pm. For more details on upcoming show, tickets or times call 617-354-2685 or log on to www.bostonpoetryslam.com.

Muck and Mud in Mass Saturday, April 27th Run through the Muck!

Get ready, Boston, for the best mud and obstacle fun-run in the nation! You'll be running, swinging and sloshing through five miles of incredible obstacles and the muddiest pits, craters and trenches you've ever seen. The reason for getting mucky is to wipe out MS, 100% of the fundraising dollars go back to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

All muckers receive a bib and timing chip, to be picked up on the morning of the MuckFest MS. Registration also includes lunch (and two beers for adult participants) and an official MuckFest MS t-shirt.

MuckFest MS is the nation's best mud and obstacle fun-run. But it's so much more. Made with mud, sweat and cheers, the five-mile course features a gauntlet of muck-filled mazes, pits and craters with over 20 gigantic steel obstacles. The fun doesn't stop when you slide over the finish line. There's beer, great food and music in the MuckFestival area. The organization operates on "the more, the muckier" principle, so friends and family are encouraged to join in the hilarious spills and thrills. They even have a specially-designed mucky play lot for the kids called Lil' Muckers.

And here's the best part, 100% of the fundraising dollars go to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society — helping to prove that you can have loads of dirty fun and feel good about it in the morning.

Deadline for registration is on April 24th and the event to be held on Saturday, April 27th. The location for this mucky event is Fort Devens on Antietam Street and Sherman Avenue in Devens, MA. For further information, registration or fun photos, please visit www.runamuckfestival.com.

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The TARDIS materializes inside an Aztec tomb. Outside it, the Doctor and his companions soon discover that Mexico in the 15th century is a bloodthirsty and dangerous place. Barbara is mistaken for a reincarnation of an ancient high priest called Yetaxa. The history teacher thinks that she can put an end to the barbaric human sacrifices once and for all. Can she without consequences?

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The TARDIS lands on a space station orbiting the earth in the distant future. It's seems deserted, but the Doctor, Sarah Jane and Harry soon discover that they are not alone. Thousands of humans — the only survivors of the human race — are in cryogenic sleep, and while they've slept their Ark has been invaded. A parasitic insect race — the Wirm — takes control and threaten the future of mankind.

**MIDNIGHT STALLION (DVD)
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Fifteen-year-old Megan Shepard and her parents will do anything to save their struggling farm. When the family discovers a wild stallion in a nearby forest they begin to wonder if this could be the answer to their prayers. Kris Kristofferson and Jodelle Ferland star in this heartwarming and inspiring tale that celebrates the spirit of family and the amazing courage and determination it takes to defeat all odds, and race towards their dreams.

**ALICE THROUGH THE
LOOKING GLASS
(2-Blu-ray)
BBC**

The sequel to Lewis Carroll's childhood classic 'Alice in Wonderland.' In an alternate world, just on the other side of the mirror's reflection, Alice finds herself in the middle of a life-sized chess game, where she encounters a variety of surreal scenarios and fantastical characters. Including Tweedledee and Tweedledum, Humpty Dumpty, the Red Queen and others. To be crowned queen and return home, Alice must traverse all the ranks to the end of this massive chessboard — the question remains — will she make it?

**CYBERSTALKER (DVD)
Lionsgate**

Thirteen years ago, Aiden's (Mischa Barton) world was torn apart after an online stalker followed her into the real world and broke into her home to claim the object of his desire. The

resulting night of terror ended with the murders of both Aiden's mother and father. The stalker escaped the scene without his face being seen, and now a murderer; he escapes and watches Aiden's every move. To escape this danger Aiden remains offline for the next 13 years, in therapy and secluded anonymity. Whom should Aiden trust in a web of deception, where no one may be who they seem? There's nowhere for Aiden to hide when someone wants to love her to death.

**ADVENTURES IN
ZAMBEZIA (Blu-ray)
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When a spirited young falcon named Kai (Jeremy Suarez) learns of Zambezia, the fabulous city of birds, he leaves his remote country home against the wishes of his father (Samuel L. Jackson). But when an evil lizard, which plans to attack the city, captures his dad, Kai must learn the importance of teamwork if he's to rescue his father, save his new friends and help keep Zambezia lizard-free. Also providing voices are Abigail Breslin, Jeff Goldblum and Leonard Nimoy. Fun-filled adventure the whole family will enjoy.

**HOUSE ARREST (DVD)
Lionsgate**

Chanel (Stacey Dash) is living the high life until, out shopping with her boyfriend DeAndre (The Game), they are both arrested. Chanel finds herself behind bars for a crime she didn't commit as a judge places her under house arrest. With nowhere to go, she is forced to move back in with her mother and daughter, who live on the ghetto side of town. As she adjusts to her new situation, DeAndre makes her a proposition from jail that will have her torn between two lifestyles.

**HEMINGWAY &
GELLHORN (Blu-ray)
HBO Home Ent.**

One of the great romances of the last century — the passionate love affair and tumultuous marriage of literary master Ernest Hemingway (Clive Owen) and the beautiful, trailblazing war correspondent Martha Gellhorn (Nicole Kidman), as it follows the adventurous writers through the Spanish Civil War and beyond. The combined magnetism of Hemingway and Gellhorn ushered them into social circles that included the elite of Hollywood, the aristocracy of the literary world and the First Family of the United States. As witnesses to history, they covered all the great conflicts of their time, but the war they couldn't survive was the war between themselves. Nominated for 15 Emmy and two Golden Globes Awards.

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

**GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE
BATTLE OVER
TRANSPORTATION TAXES**

Beacon Hill legislators nixed the governor's \$1.9 billion transportation tax bill for a lesser one. Governor Patrick said that if their bill arrives on his desk, he will give it a veto. It appears that Senate President Teresa Murray and House Speaker Bob DeLeo are rounding up votes to override the veto. It is nothing but gamesmanship now. Our lame-duck governor wants to create his legacy but won't have to worry about angry taxpayers anymore. Meanwhile, his legacy will be paid for by House and Senate members who are in no hurry to hand the governor his legacy at their expense. In the end, I see both sides sitting down after all the posturing and will come up with a happy solution for both sides. Wait and see if I am not right.

**WELCOME BACK
MICHAEL CAGGIANO**

Young Mike Caggiano, 25, of Malden just returned state-side after six months with the U.S. Air Force in Kuwait. He is the son of Michael Caggiano, Sr., of East Boston and Karen Pastore of Malden ... I also found out from talking with Mike Sr., that he once appeared on *Boomtown* about 50 years ago with Rex Trailer, Pablo and Goldrush and liked my recent tribute I wrote on Rex right after he passed away and went straight up to his final heavenly frontier.

**BOSTON HERALD
SHOWED ITALIAN PRIDE**

Kudos to the *Boston Herald* for running both a story and photo of the recent Pirandello Lyceum 2013 Honors Award recognizing outstanding Italian Americans who have made great contributions to their individual profession, society and the Italian American community. It was a great night to be Italian.



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**ST. ANN'S \$10K DINNER
AT VENEZIA BIG HIT**

The 30th annual St. Ann's \$10,000 Dinner to support scholarships for parish students and youth activities within St. Ann's Parish in Dorchester was held at the "Venezia on the Waterfront" and was a great success thanks to all the hard work done by a great committee of St. Ann volunteers.

**THINKING OF RUNNING
THIS YEAR?**

Are you thinking of running for city council this year? If you are, you will need to gather 1,500 registered voters' signatures. April 17th was the first day candidates could sign up for nomination papers and the last day to turn 'em in is May 21st. The election is November 5th and if there are enough candidates, the preliminary will be held on September 24th.

**REMEMBER THE BLACK
POLITICAL TASK FORCE**

There is a new political action committee on the horizon in Boston's African American community. It is hoping to be the political voice that the old Black Political Task Force was back in the '80s. Back then, as a Charlestown activist, I worked with members of that task force on issues of neighborhood commonality. Leonard Lee, a former DPH director sits on this new board which calls itself Communities United P.A.C. Former BPD Superintendent Billy Celester is chairing the group. Recently, the group endorsed State Rep. Nick Collins, D-South Boston to replace former State Senator Jackie Hart in the upcoming Democratic primary.

**WALCZAK ENTERS
MAYORAL RACE**

Recently, former Codman Square Health Center CEO Bill Walczak, decided to join the growing race for mayor when he announced his candidacy. Bill is a longtime Dorchester community activist and lives in Savin Hill. Already in the race are City Councilor Rob Consalvo, D.A Dan Conley and At-large councilor John Connolly. All of them live either in Hyde Park or West Roxbury which

means they could all hurt each other splitting up that southwest Boston vote. Meanwhile, Rep. Marty Walsh from Dorchester could benefit by that crowded Westie/Hyde Park crew in the race.

Does Walczak's entry into the race negatively impact Walsh? This political observer thinks not that much to hurt him. Walczak is a big name in Codman Square, but can he raise enough cash to overtake the other candidates with such good name recognition?

Will anybody else enter the race besides a few minor candidates also trying to attain ballot status for whatever their reasons? We will have to wait until the campaign begins to gel for real.

**MT. CARMEL SPRING
FLING GREAT SUCCESS**

Over 60 Mt. Carmel supporters showed up to party down at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel on Saturday, April 13th. The food was great as was the music. Mt. Carmel survivors don't give up easy. The group has held together since October 12, 2004 when the Archdiocese of Boston "reconfigured" this Italian parish into limbo. Until about a year ago, the group met inside every Sunday at 10:00 am. Then services were held across the street by Padre Pio's statue. In the recent cold months, the group has been meeting every Sunday down at the Embassy Suites. Soon, with warmer weather on the horizon, the group will be back outside with Padre Pio once again.

GAS CONTINUES TO DROP

Belated greetings go out to all my Greek friends on their recent Greek Independence Day holiday. This community put on a great parade in Downtown Boston on Sunday, April 7th ... As usual I also love pumping my gas over in Roslindale at the ALFA gas station just outside the square. I hope everyone there had a great Greek Independence Day too. As a Sicilian American, I always feel a close relationship with the Greek community since Sicily was part of ancient Greece for over a thousand years. We are cuginos.

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

What's new? A California creationist is offering \$10,000 to anyone who can prove in court that God did not create the world 6,000 years ago. Joseph Mastropaolo, a former professor who believes Genesis's creation story is literally true, says evolutionists "are not stupid people," and "they are bright enough to know there is no scientific evidence they can give."

Moron! Councilman Steve Adams of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, called 911 to demand that police arrest a city attorney who had called him a "moron." Adams also took his complaint to Mayor Sandi Bloem, who, he said, "raised her fist and said she had half a mind to punch my nose off my face."

Our great Boston police found a scribbled checklist on suspected burglar Evan Dorsey that included such goals; as "find crystal meth," "sell drugs," "rob a dealer" and "do one altruistic thing for a stranger."

Wow! An Ohio prosecutor sought the death penalty for Punxsutawney Phil, saying the famous groundhog misled millions of people by predicting an early spring. "Punxsutawney Phil has let us down," said Michael Gmoser. "I awoke this morning to a snowstorm, low temperatures and howling wind." Gmoser dropped the suit after Phil's handlers took responsibility for the error.

Tying up loose ends, after Pope Francis phoned the owner of a Buenos Aires newspaper kiosk to cancel his daily paper. "Seriously, it's Jorge Bergoglio," the pope said. "I'm calling you from Rome."

Speaking of popes, Pope Paul IV, who was elected on May 23, 1555, was so outraged when he saw the naked bodies on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel that he ordered Michelangelo to paint clothes on them

Carlo Scostumato thinks Pope Francis should subscribe to the *Post-Gazette*. "He would enjoy reading Ray Barron's columns."

Ouch! A Canadian man was scratching his back when he noticed a pointy protrusion. It turned out to be a 3-inch knife blade that was buried in his flesh 3 years earlier. Billy McNeely, 32, said he'd often complained to doctors about chronic back pain after he was stabbed in a 2010 brawl, but physicians told him it was just nerve damage. "I'm kind of upset," said McNeely, who had the blade dug out. "They should've X-rayed right from the beginning."

Hot stuff! A Texas woman ended up burning down her home in a heated battle with a snake. When the Texarkana resident spotted the serpent in her garden, she doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The flaming snake slithered into a nearby brush pile, igniting it and the house in a conflagration that quickly spread, eventually damaging a neighboring home as well. "We were trying to kill a snake with fire," the woman said in a frantic 911 call. "It done caught the house."

Ready for this? Diet drinks tied to depression! Older adults who drink at least four servings a day of artificially sweetened soft drinks boost their chances of getting the blues by 31 percent, says a shocking new study. Those who drink sugar sweetened drinks don't fare much better, increasing their odds of being depressed by 22 percent, according to the research released by the American Academy of Neurology. But seniors who drink coffee slash their risk of depression by 10 percent.

Gee, soup really does fight the flu! Mom was right all along — chicken soup really does help battle flu and colds. In research published in the *American Journal of Therapeutics*, scientists found carnosine, a compound found in chicken soup, strengthens the immune system in the early stages of the flu. Both homemade and canned varieties work. Previous studies have shown that chicken soup eases congestion and improves the ability of cilia in the nostrils to prevent viruses from entering the body.

For you basketball lovers! Dan Biasone invented basketball's 24-second clock in 1954, an invention that many credit with creating the game we know today. A native of Italy, he immigrated to the U.S. and founded the Syracuse Nationals (today the Philadelphia 76ers), which he owned from 1946 to 1963. Biasone died in 1992 and was

inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in the year 2000. Yes! I was responsible for recruiting Johnny Most to announce via WCOP Radio the Celtic's games. At that time I was the Public Relations Director of WCOP Radio.

Reminder! Assisting others can safeguard your health and make you live longer, reveals a study published by the *American Journal of Public Health*. The year-long research shows those who lent a helping hand to others were less likely to die than those who hadn't. "Our conclusion was, helping others reduced mortality specifically by buffering the association between stress and mortality," says study spearhead Dr. Michael J. Poulin, of the University of Buffalo. Good advice!

In a promising advance, scientists have discovered a potential benefit of a molecule in green tea that can prevent changes in the brain associated with Alzheimer's disease. The onset of Alzheimer's is linked to the formation of protein-based amyloid plaques in the brain. But a study conducted by University of Michigan researchers found that the green tea molecule called EGCG, not only prevented formation of this plaque, it also broke down existing ones. "A lot of people are very excited about this molecule," says UM expert Mi Hee Lim. These initial lab findings are encouraging and have paved the way for further research.

Must admit, we are drinkers of decaffeinated green tea. Ah, nothing like a "spot of tea!" Ironically, during WWII, when we were stationed in England, preparing for the invasion of Normandy, we were often served tea! We couldn't stomach tea! We were coffee drinkers! Enough said. Time for a spot of tea.

More healthy advice! Warning! Ordinary table salt could be a key factor behind an increase in autoimmune diseases, including multiple sclerosis. Western diets all have high salt content and that has led to an increase in hypertension and perhaps autoimmune disease as well, notes Dr. David Hafler, chairman of Yale's neurology department. So cut down on using salt!

Wait! More good advice! Exercise and you'll sleep better! Vigorous exercisers are almost twice as likely as non-exercisers to enjoy a good night's sleep almost every night, according to a new poll by the National Sleep Foundation. Lack of sleep affected couch potatoes more than their exercising counterparts. And the risk of sleep apnea, when breathing stops and starts repeatedly during sleep, was twice as high among non-exercisers. "If you are inactive, adding a 10-minute walk every day could improve your likelihood of a good night's sleep," says sleep researcher Max Hirshkowitz. Work your way up to running and swimming for even better results. Buona notte.

Show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale, native of Boston's North End. From the mouth of Cary Grant, "Being married to Dyan Cannon was no picnic, but we had a child together, my only child. It seems that each new marriage is more difficult to survive than the last one. I'm rather a fool for punishment — I keep going back for more, don't ask me why." Paulette Goddard says, "The men I married, I chose because they were intellectuals — Charlie Chaplin, Burgess Meredith and Erich Maria Remarque. They were my second, third and fourth; I don't count my first husband — it wasn't memorable and he was not an intellectual." And from the mouth of the great Tarzan Johnny Weissmuller: "I'm on my sixth wife, I've married all kinds ... What bugs me is when gossip tries to connect me with my third wife Lupe Velez, the Mexican Spitfire and her tragic suicide. They have a crazy notion she killed herself over me. It had nothing to do with me. She killed herself over some French actor. It's a definite liability when you've been married to someone else who's famous and she died tragically. People concoct the craziest reason!"

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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LENTIL SOUP

2 cups lentils	1 clove garlic (optional)*
4 cups of water	2 tablespoons canola oil or olive oil
1 medium onion chopped	1 cup small shells or elbow macaroni
1 1/2 cups chopped carrots (optional)	
1 1/2 cups diced celery (optional)	

Wash lentils. Combine first five ingredients in a large saucepan. Add chopped carrots and diced celery (optional). Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to prevent boiling over. Stir frequently. Add more liquid as needed. Salt to taste. Oil is added just before lentils are fully cooked. Cooking time about 40 minutes.

*For a different flavor, add one clove of chopped garlic to lentils while cooking.

Follow directions on package to cook pasta of choice. Add lentils to cooked pasta and serve.

Lentil soup freezes well.

Serves two.

NOTE: My love for Lentil Soup came early in life. Whether Mama added carrots and onions or not, I waited for the Ditalini pasta to be served with the lentils. Sometimes, Mama preferred to serve the small elbow pasta with this soup. At times she served us the lentils with thin spaghetti that she cut up into one-inch pieces before cooking. Now I find myself also varying the pasta for this meal.

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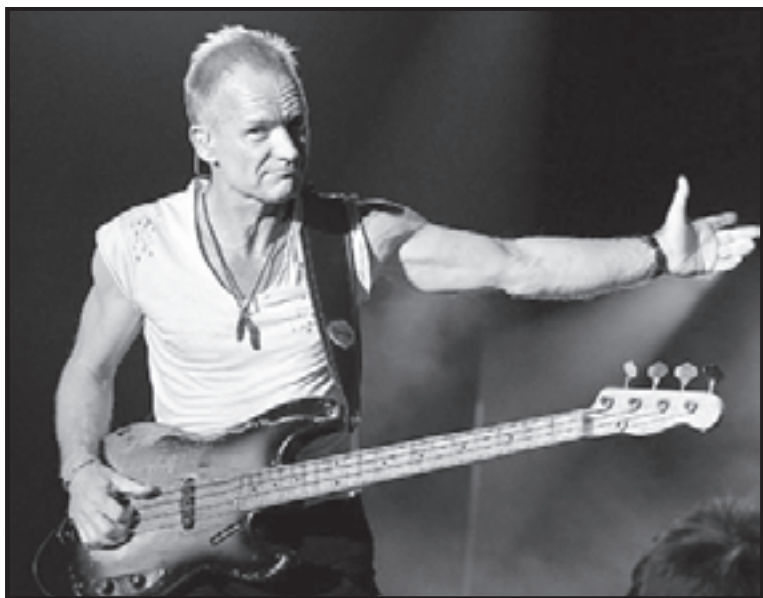
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BEOWULF: A THOUSAND YEARS OF BAGGAGE — April 16th through May 5th. The American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) at Harvard University, under the Artistic Direction of Diane Paulus, presents A Banana Bag & Bodice SongPlay, *BEOWULF* — A *Thousand Years of Baggage*, by Jason Craig and Dave Malloy, co-directed by Rod Hipskind & Mallory Catlett.

PIRATES OF PENZANCE — May 10th through June 2nd. The Hypocrites' bring their award-winning and audience favorite production from their native Chicago. An eighty-minute exotic excursion featuring bathing beauties, philosophizing pirates and grown men in remarkably short shorts! Warning: If you want boring, stay away; this experience will cause immense joy and the compulsion to spontaneously sing along. Come ashore with the *Very Model of A Modern Major General*, the Pirate King, and a banjo-picking Mabel. The show features beach balls, sunshine (the artificial kind) and tons of fun music.

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ALMIRA — June 9th through June 16th. Written when Handel was only 19, Almira tells a story of intrigue and romance at the Court of Castile. The

opera features a trio of love triangles as the newly-crowned queen Almira and two princesses navigate the ever-shifting affections of a brave soldier, a loyal aide and a mysterious foreign ambassador. These lovelorn characters must overcome misunderstandings, jealousies, duels and dungeons on their way to a joyously happy ending.

WILBUR THEATRE
246 Tremont St., Boston, MA
www.TheWilburTheatre.com

SPANK! — May 30th through June 1st. Part Chippendales, part Second City - all in one delicious package! SPANK! is a high energy musical parody of Fifty Shades of Grey, the risqué novel which recently surpassed Harry Potter to become the fastest selling paperback of all time. SPANK! was conceived (behave, now) by and directed by Jim Millan, whose credits include The Kids in the Hall, Larry King Standing Up, Marijuanalogues with Tommy Chong, and Mythbusters Live. Mature audiences only. Stay after the show for a photo with Mr. Dangerous himself and meet the cast (not applicable on Friday and Saturday 7:00 pm performances, sorry gals).

CHARLES PLAYHOUSE
74 Warrenton St., Boston, MA
617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912
www.Charles-Playhouse.com

BLUE MAN GROUP — Ongoing. This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit serves up outrageous and inventive theater where three muted, blue-painted performers spoof both contemporary art and modern technology. Wry commentary and bemusing antics are matched only by the ingenious ways in which music and sound are created. The show has recently been updated.

SHEAR MADNESS — Ongoing. This hilarious Boston-set whodunit, where the clues change every night and the laughs come fast and furious, is a worldwide phenomenon filled with up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor and quicksilver improvisation where the audience becomes part of the action and gets to solve the crime.

AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER
Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, MA
617-547-8300
www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org

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SPECIAL EVENTS

AGANNIS ARENA
925 Commonwealth Ave., Boston
617-358-7000
www.BU.EDU/Agannis/

TNA WRESTLING SLAMMIVERSARY — Sunday, June 2, 2013. "Slammiversary XI is our biggest show of the summer and we're so excited to bring it to Boston for the very first time," said TNA Entertainment President Dixie Carter. "The Northeast has such a great connection to the world of professional wrestling and we can't wait to showcase the Impact Wrestling Superstars to this audience." Impact Wrestling stars including "The Immortal" Hulk Hogan, "The Icon" Sting, current TNA World Heavyweight Champion Bully Ray, Olympic Gold Medalist Kurt Angle, "The Charismatic Enigma" Jeff Hardy, X Division standouts such as current X Division champion Kenny King and Zema Ion, plus Knockouts champion Velvet Sky and the lovely and lethal Knockouts, are among those expected to appear at Slammiversary XI.

FENWAY PARK
4 Yawkey Way, Boston, MA
www.RedSox.com

RUN TO HOME BASE — On Saturday, May 4th, several thousand runners and walkers will have the thrill of crossing home plate at Fenway Park while supporting wounded veterans and their families. The 2013 *Run-Walk to Home Base* presented by New Balance is a 9K (5.6 mile) run and a 3-mile walk to benefit the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program. Participants will help provide much needed clinical care for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with combat stress or traumatic brain injury. The

run is a unique, fun event that also supports services and counseling for veterans' families, research to improve diagnosis and treatment and community education. Registered runners and walkers begin at historic Fenway Park and wind their way through scenic Boston with a timed finish at the Green Monster and a photo finish at Fenway's famous home plate. The *Run-Walk to Home Base* is a wonderful opportunity to show your support of our deserving veterans. And friends and family are invited to Fenway to cheer you on and enjoy terrific family activities. While runners must be 14 and older, families of all ages may participate in the walk. Advance registration is required. Visit their website at www.runtohomebase.org for more information.

COMEDY

HAMPTON BEACH CASINO BALLROOM
169 Ocean Boulevard,
Hampton Beach, NH
603-929-4100
www.CasinoBallroom.com

JEFF DUNHAM — August 7th. Jeff's television specials and series have been the highest rated programming in Comedy Central history, his DVD sales have reached seven million units, his videos have received a half a billion views on YouTube and his live concerts have become mega-events played in front of sold-out arenas worldwide. No wonder *Time Magazine* wrote that he is "the most popular comedian in the United States" and Forbes named him to its Celebrity 100 list of most powerful entertainers three years running. Dunham has, of course, plenty of help on-stage: his entourage of signature characters who are there to challenge and chastise his every sentence. There's Walter, the grumpy retiree; the beer-swilling, NASCAR-loving and resolutely red neck Bubba J; the furry and manic Peanut; José Jalapeo, the spicy pepper from South of the border; the bumbling skeletal Achmed the Dead Terrorist; the almost as dead long-lost son of Achmed, AJ; and Peanut's own ventriloquist dummy: Little Jeff. They may have all been conceived and hand crafted by Dunham, but his characters, who are anything but dummies, have now taken on a life of their own, each with their own legion of fans.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON
465 Huntington Avenue, Boston
617-267-9300
www.MFA.org

NEW BLUE AND WHITE — Now through July 14, 2013. "Blue and white" means, at its simplest, cobalt pigment applied to white clay. Over the course of a millennium, blue-and-white porcelain has become one

of the most recognized types of ceramic production worldwide. Taking inspiration from global blue-and-white traditions, today's artists continue the story, creating works that tackle diverse issues, ranging from the public, to the personal, to the aesthetic. An international selection of artists and designers is featured in the exhibition, and recent acquisitions of work by the ceramic sculptor Chris Antemann and fashion designers Rodarte are drawn from the MFA's own collection. Visitors can make connections between these contemporary statements and their remarkable historical predecessors.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM
East India Square
161 Essex Street, Salem, MA
978-745-9500, 866-745-1876
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www.PEM.org

MIDNIGHT TO THE BOOM: PAINTING IN INDIA AFTER INDEPENDENCE — Now through April 21, 2013. The political freedoms gained from Britain at midnight on August 15, 1947, inspired a revolutionary art movement that continued through the economic boom of the 1990s. Unrestricted by cultural expectations, three generations of Indian artists fully engaged with the world around them, embracing their individualistic approaches to modern art. Drawn from PEM's Herwitz Collection and loans from museums and private collections.

FREE EVENTS

HATCH SHELL, Esplanade, Charles River, Boston
EARTHFEST — Saturday, May 18, 2013. Sponsored by Radio 92.9 and Whole Foods Market. EarthFest concert is a free music festival that is hosted yearly on the Esplanade. The concert was created to demonstrate how everyday individuals can reduce their environmental impact. The concert is supported by a variety of sponsors such as Whole Foods Market, Subaru, MetroPCS, and Boston Globe. These sponsors, along with the other sponsors, set up booths and offer free items to promote their products and demonstrate to concert attendees how their products will aid both the individual and the environment as a whole. Notable performers in years past have been KT Tunstall, The Fray, Los Lonely Boys and Shawn Mullins. In 2012, Earthfest audience was estimated to be over 200,000 people.

BOSTON POPS FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR — Celebrate America's birthday on July 3rd and 4th with the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, America's premier Independence Day celebration. The concert features Conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, along with special guests, at the historic DCR's Hatch Shell.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Sons of Italy Walk-a-thon Sunday, April 18. The proceeds from the walk-a-thon directly benefit the organization's annual scholarship program. DCR's Breakheart Reservation, Saugus, MA

"The Worst Comedy Show Ever" Saturday, April 26. Italian-American comedian, Craig Gass, brings his comedy show, notable for its spot on voice impressions, to Boston. Wilbur Theater, Boston.

Screening of Caesar Must Die by Taviani Brothers April 26 and 28. Harvard Film Archive, Cambridge, MA.

Gallery Talk: "Paragone: Rivalry of the Arts in the Italian Renaissance" Saturday, June 8. Gallery talk is led by graduate student, gallery talk lecturer, Caitlin Henningsen. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

"La Risonanza, Handel: From England to Italy" Wednesday, June 12. Concert directed by Fabio Bonizzoni. New England's Conservatory: Jordan Hall, Boston.

"Atalante In Carmine Dolore: Ancient Classical and Biblical Laments of 17th-century Rome" Thursday, June 13. Concert directed by Erin Headley. Emmanuel Church, Boston.

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

"The Sicilian Corner" 10:00 am to 12 Noon every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Go to www.1110wccm.com.

"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM www.1460WXBR.com.

"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.

"The Nick Franciosa Show" Sundays from 12 Noon to 3:00 pm on WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" 8:00 am-9:00 am Sundays on WSRO 650 AM and online at www.wsro.com.

"Radio Italia Unita" - Thursdays 2:00 pm-3:00 pm on www.zumix.org/ radio or itunes, college radio click on Zumix. For more information, log onto www.italiaunita.org.

"Tony's Place" on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1 - Sundays 9:00 pm-10:00 pm on MusicAmerica. Host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place. Visit www.MusicNotNoise.com.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Babbononno's taste in music ranged from classical to opera. For years, every Saturday, Babbononno would sit by the radio in his bedroom and listen to Deems Taylor broadcasting from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. My grandfather loved Italian opera. To him Italian was the only language opera should be written in. When asked about opera he would comment that German, Spanish, French and English didn't lend themselves to this art form. Then he would add, "Even Mozart had the good sense to write his operas in Italian."

When Nanna and Babbononno sold the big house on Eutaw Street in East Boston, they moved into an apartment on Princeton Street, a ten minute walk away. There was an alcove off the living room that my grandfather made into a den. Against a wall centered between a couch and a TV, stood the family's old Victrola. It was the type that was new in the 1920s with a crank handle that wound up an internal spring which allowed the records to spin around. It was probably bought when my mother and uncles were young and left abandoned when record players became electric. At times, when Babbononno wasn't busy, he would play the 12 inch (not the 10 inch) 78 rpm speed records he had purchased decades earlier ... all of them were either classical or opera. His favorites were the operas from the pens of the greatest of Italian composers, Verdi, Puccini, Leoncavallo, Monteverdi, Scarlatti, Rossini, Donizetti and Mascagni. Many of his old records featured the voices of Caruso or Gigli and were recorded in Italy. By this point in time, the records were old and scratchy but Babbononno didn't care. He listened to them with love and dedication whenever he could.

As a child, I watched my grandfather operate his record player and when he wasn't around, I played his records. My favorite was the music from William Tell by Rossini, especially the overture. Once Babbononno caught me playing this composition on his record player and thought I was watching the *Lone Ranger* on TV, as both the radio and TV series used this as the background music.

From my late teen years on, Babbononno and I would have differing opinions on the great Italian tenors. He, of course, was a fan of Caruso. I loved the voice of Lanza. Babbononno used to call him a sellout for going to Hollywood instead of staying with opera. His voice would send shivers up and down my spine especially when I would listen to his rendition of *Ave Maria*. Maybe Babbononno felt the same way about Caruso.

Even though he played with a band that specialized in Neapolitan pop music, he would always condemn American pop music, especially the music of the swing bands. He was proud of the fact that one of his sons (Uncle Nick) and his son-in-law (Dad) played with some famous big band leaders, but he claimed the music was junk. He would leave out the music of Glenn Miller when he would condemn the swing style, because the arranger for much of Miller's music and a few of the compositions were penned by Jerry Gray, an East Bostonian whose real last name was Graziano. Once, when I was a kid, I came home from school early and found Babbononno and Nanna sitting in the den listening to a big band playing *Jersey Bounce*, a pop tune back during WWII. When I peeked in the den, Babbononno's foot was tapping the floor in time with the rhythm. When my grandfather saw me he became flustered and told me that the only reason he was listening was that Uncle Nick was playing clarinet with the band. I found out later that the band was that of Andre Kostelanetz and it was the U.S. Navy Band stationed in Newport, RI during WWII. Uncle Nick was a Petty Officer First Class and in the reed section of the band.

When the mid 1950s came along, I was in my teens and going from junior high school to high school. There was a new type of music that had grown out of rhythm and blues and it was called rock and roll. I loved it and would listen to the DJs that played it, especially Symphony Sid (remember him???) and Bill Marlowe who I would become friendly with years later. I bought a record machine that played 45 rpm records and went crazy every Friday when I got paid from the Seville Theater. I would stop by

Central Music on Bennington Street and pick up songs like *Rock Around the Clock* by Bill Haley and the Comets, *Tutti Frutti* by Little Richard, *Sha-Boom* by the Chords and everything that Chuck Berry sang.

Not only did Babbononno hate the music, but I had my go rounds with Dad also. I reminded my father about how his father felt about the Dixieland and swing music that he played, but my father would say that it was a different story and it was real music not the junk the rock and rollers were playing. I think that this was the only time in my life that I was defiant. I loved the new music and learned to dance to it rather well. My friends and I would go to record hops almost every Friday night. I didn't work on Friday nights and we headed to whatever location featured a band or someone spinning records. After I turned 16 and got my driver's license, I would borrow Dad's car, get a date and find whatever station was playing the Platters and hope the music would turn on the girl sitting next to me. Whenever I see the TV re-runs of *American Graffiti*, I reminisce about those teen years spent listening and dancing to rock and roll, the girls with the poodle skirts and *Arnie Woo Woo Ginsberg* playing the music we loved.

For me, the music of the day lasted just a few years. Once I became a musician, I concentrated on classical and jazz, but to make money, worked with bands that catered to weddings, parties, Christenings and Bar Mitzvahs. My rock and roll changed when the Beatles invaded America. I didn't care for their musicianship but did like what they wrote. But, by the time they arrived, I was playing mostly jazz or leading a band for the *Bob Blasser Show* locally or on TV in Providence.

My mother, during my formative years was still buying records. She loved the swing bands and the singers that recorded with them. So, during WWII, I listened to Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra (and for many years after), Ella Fitzgerald, the Andrew Sisters and Helen O'Connell and Bob Eberly when they were with the Dorseys. There were many others too numerous to mention and Babbononno hated every one of them or so he said. I guess music, like comedy, is generational and I guess we've had our day.

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Sculler Jazz Club welcomes Rudresh Mahanthappa in April. (Photo courtesy of emusic.com)

Jazz in the City Guggenheim fellow and 2012 Downbeat International Critics Poll Alto Saxophonist of the Year, Rudresh Mahanthappa is one of the most innovative composers and performers in jazz today, fusing the musical culture of his Indian ancestry and jazz with myriad other influences to create a groundbreaking artistic vision.

Mahanthappa leads/co-leads several groups including the electro-acoustic quartet Samdhi featuring guitarist David Gilmore and the Indo-Pak Coalition with Rez Abassi on guitar and tabla master Dan Weiss. Previous ensembles include the critically-acclaimed Kinsmen featuring Carnatic saxophone legend Kadri Gopalnath and Apex, which showcased the highly influential alto-sax master Bunky Green.

Hiroshima is an American jazz fusion/smooth jazz band formed in 1974 by Sansei Japanese American Dan Kuramoto, Peter Hata, June Kuramoto, Johnny Mori, Dave Iwataki and Danny Yamamoto.

The band integrates traditional Japanese instruments into their musical blend and has generally been both commercial and creative within its genre.

Since 1989, the legendary Scullers Jazz Club has presented the biggest names in straight ahead, Latin and Contemporary Jazz, as well as Blues, Soul, R&B, Cabaret and World Music. Scullers Jazz Club has hosted some of the very best musical artists in the business including: Harry Connick Jr., Chris Botti, Jamie Cullam, David Sanborn, Michael Buble, Arturo Sandoval, Tony Bennett, Wynton Marsalis and Dave Koz to name a few. Led by Jazz impresario Fred Taylor, Scullers Jazz Club has become a true Boston landmark. Offering spectacular views of the Boston skyline and the Charles River, Scullers serves as the perfect backdrop for world-class entertainment you won't see anywhere else in Boston.

There are always class

acts to come through Boston's jazz scene but you don't want to miss Rudresh Mahanthappa on Wednesday, April 24th at 8:00 pm or Hiroshima on Thursday, April 25th at 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Scullers Jazz Club at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel Boston is located at 400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston. For more details on show and dinner tickets call 617-562-4111 or visit www.ScullersJazz.com.

A Tasty Treat to Complement Your Time in the City It's time to get out and down to Boston's waterfront. Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House planted its roots in Dallas more than 20 years ago. They embody the rich tradition of fine American steak houses, amazing guests through their impeccable chef-driven cuisine, extensive award-winning wine list and unparalleled hospitality.

The cornerstone of the Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House menu is aged USDA prime beef. They serve only the best hand-cut steaks, chops and freshest seafood, including Australian cold water lobster tails. They use the freshest ingredients to create mouthwatering appetizers, flavorful side dishes and irresistible desserts. Their sommeliers are on hand to guide you through their extensive wine list and the bartenders will lift your spirits with hand-shaken martinis and crafted cocktails. They offer guests an unforgettable experience in a stunning, energetic atmosphere perfect for special occasions, business affairs or a grand night on the town.

Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House is owned and operated by Del Frisco's Restaurant Group Inc., which also owns contemporary, high-end, complementary restaurant concepts: Sullivan's Steakhouse and Del Frisco's Grille. Del Frisco's is located at 250 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA. For reservation or further information, please call (617) 951-1368 or visit www.dfrg.com.

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News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN
NEWSPAPERS AND
OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY (E=MC^2): WAS IT AN ITALIAN IDEA? The mathematical equation that ushered in the Atomic Age was a discovery by an Italian diletante mathematician and made public years before Albert Einstein used it in a developing theory of relativity. Olindo (Olinto) De Pretto, an industrialist from Vicenza published the equation (E=MC^2) in a scientific magazine, ATTE in 1903, as related by the Italian mathematical historian Umberto Bartocci. Einstein used De Pretto's insight in a major paper published in 1905, but De Pretto was never acclaimed, said Professor Bartocci of the University of Perugia. De Pretto had stumbled on the equation, not the theory of relativity while speculating about ether in the life of the universe, stated Professor Bartocci. It was republished in 1904 by the Veneto's Royal Science Institute, but the equation's significance was not understood.

"A Swiss-Italian named Michele Besso alerted Einstein to the equation and in 1905 Einstein published his own work, said Professor Bartocci. It took years for the break through to be grasped. When the 'penny' finally dropped, De Pretto's contribution was never acknowledged, while Einstein went on to become the century's most famous scientist. De Pretto was never recognized. He died in 1921.

De Pretto didn't discover relativity but there is no doubt that he was the first to use the equation that is hugely significant. I also believe, though it is impossible to prove, that Einstein used, and benefited, from De Pretto's research," stated Professor Bartocci who has written a book on the subject. Einstein's theory held that time and motion are relative to the observer; if the speed of light is constant and if all natural laws are the same. A footnote established the equivalence of mass and energy, according to which the energy (E) of a quantity of the matter (M) is equal to the product of the mass and the square of the velocity of light (C), now known as E=MC^2.

A mathematics professor at the St. Andrew's University (UK), Edmund Robertson, has stated: "An awful lot of mathematics was done by people who have never been credited. The Arabs, in the Middle Ages, for example. Einstein may have gotten the idea from someone else, but ideas come from all sorts of places." De Pretto, however, deserves a credit if his contribution can be proven. Even so, it should not detract from Einstein."

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
617-768-5800

Docket No. MI13D1385DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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CARMEN D. DeLEON
vs
FACUNDO L. DeLEON

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Carmen D. DeLeon, 74 Rose Hill Way, Waltham, MA 02453** your answer, if any, on or before **May 22, 2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 10, 2013
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 4/19/13

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI13P0802EA
Estate of
ALBERICO VOLANTE
Date of Death October 31, 2012
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carolyn Tennant of Attleboro, MA** A Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Carolyn Tennant, 57 Hope Street, Attleboro, MA**, you have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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the U.S. Court of Appeals decision to throw out the election results where a voter majority banned gay marriage in that state.

Rather than pretend to know the future, I will await the Supreme Court's decision and accept it as we live in a democratic republic. Government, remember, is our business. It will be as bad as we allow it. It is up to all of us to make it work. We are the government and the choices we make are important. When things go wrong, we either accept it or attempt to rectify things by electing better voices in government.

As Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over until it's over."
Annette Funicello, R.I.P.

I was quite sad to hear that Annette Funicello had passed away at 70 years of age. When I was a kid, I loved to watch the *Mickey Mouse Club* show and always wanted to be a Mouseketeer. I first saw her on the show when it started back in 1955. I was 7 years old and she was 12. I had a crush on her by the time I was 12 myself. Later she ended up in all those beach movies with Frankie Avalon after the *Mickey Mouse Club* ended and the older she got, the hotter she looked. Once again another part of my younger years has passed from the scene. This baby boomer laments her passing. She was part of a great generation born during or right after World War II.

Ready to Burst the Bubble Again?

A few weeks ago, President Obama announced he wanted to see the lending standards lowered for low income people because it would reportedly help housing sales and the economy. Isn't that how the bubble burst back in 2008 and why we have been struggling with a recession over the past 5 years? The more things change, the more they stay the same, huh?

Bad Quote to Note

"The First Amendment, like other constitutional rights, is not an unfettered right."

— Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter

Obviously, the mayor of this historic town never saw the crackled Liberty Bell or the Independence Hall because if he understood what they represented, he would never say what he said about our unalienable rights, would he?

Loughner's Parents Saw Mental Decline

A recent news story in the *Wall Street Journal* told of what the parents of Jared Loughner went through as his behavior grew stranger and stranger before he shot 19 people outside a supermarket in Tucson, Arizona. They told police they took away his shotgun and banned him from using the family car at night. The 2011 shooting left 6 dead and 13 injured including a congresswoman. Loughner was reportedly diagnosed as a schizophrenic and was kicked out of college over troubling behavior. His parents were urged to keep weapons out of his hands.

His mother in police reports said "his behavior is not normal ... he kind of like, talked to himself."

According to the news story, his parents tried talking to him the morning of the shootings because they were worried about him. He ran out the door on them. Too often people with mental illness fall through the cracks and parents find themselves helpless to do anything. Usually as is the case, help only seems to come after a tragedy and what happened is too often commonplace.

In most of the recent terrible shootings like Aurora

or Newtown, mental health issues are often a major component of these horrible acts of violence, which seemingly never get addressed either until after the shooting stops, or until after the severity of each perpetrator's potential dangerousness to self or others is apparent. Mental health care in our nation must improve or this violence will continue. It is one thing to focus on the accessibility of firearms but we must also look at treatment options available to those in need or their families who struggle to hold everything together as long as they can.

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. L1102-D6, FY14 TERM AIRFIELD DESIGN, MASSPORT AVIATION FACILITIES. The Authority is seeking qualified multidiscipline consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services including planning, design, and construction related services for airfield related projects. These services are expected to be provided at Boston-Logan International Airport, L.G. Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. 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.

Services may involve the planning and/or design of new facilities or the upgrade/rehabilitation of existing facilities including, but not limited to, the following airport systems: runways, taxiways and apron pavements; drainage; airfield lighting, signing and marking; electrical power and communications; computer control/monitoring of airfield lighting and navigation aids. The Consultant may also be responsible for performing special studies investigating pavements, lighting, airspace penetrations, safety area improvements, taxiway/runway aircraft clearance areas, obstacles in approach surfaces, and de-icing as well as providing technical reports quantifying environmental impacts to support environmental permitting, if necessary. The Consultant shall have an extensive working knowledge of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and regulations.

The scope of work shall include, but not be limited to the following: feasibility studies, operational evaluations, recommendation reports (including subsurface/geotechnical reports), cost estimates and analyses, investigations, value engineering, energy audits and design, bid and construction phase services, including resident inspection services.

The Authority expects to select one consultant. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. Each consultant shall be issued a contract in an amount not to exceed **\$1,500,000**. The services shall be authorized on a work order basis.

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 (www.gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/116486) with the appropriate number of Part IIs. DBE Certification of the prime and subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall provide a copy of the DBE certification letter from the Supplier Diversity Office, formerly known as State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. The Consultant shall also provide an original and nine copies of 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/doing-business/Pages/CapitalProgramsResourceCenter.aspx for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

The submission shall be evaluated on basis of:

- (1) current level of experience and knowledge of the team for similar projects, particularly the Project Manager,
- (2) geographic location and availability of the Project Manager, resident inspectors and other key personnel to be assigned to the project,
- (3) experience and expertise of subconsultants,
- (4) demonstrated ability to perform work with minimal disruption to facility operations,
- (5) familiarity with Massachusetts public bid laws,
- (6) cost management and scheduling capabilities,
- (7) DBE and affirmative action efforts, please indicate the proposed % of DBE participation
- (8) current level of work with the Authority,
- (9) past performance for the Authority, if any,
- (10) experience with sustainable design concepts, and
- (11) project understanding and technical approach to this project.

The selection shall involve a two-step process including the shortlisting of a minimum of three firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection of the consultant(s) by the Authority.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport'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 requirement of \$10,000,000 of commercial general liability coverage. 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 and one PDF version on a disc each limited to:

- 1) an SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs,
- 2) resumes of key individuals only each limited to one (1) page under SF 330, Section E,
- 3) no more than ten (10) projects each limited to one (1) page under SF 330, Section F,
- 4) no more than 3 sheets (6 pages) of information contained under SF 330 Section H addressing the evaluation items (except for the litigation and legal proceedings history), and
- 5) no more than 2 sheets (4 pages) of other relevant material not including a 2 page (max.) cover letter, SDO certification letters, covers, dividers, and other required information.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required 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, May 16, 2013 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall 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.

The procurement process for these services will proceed according to the following anticipated schedule:

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Solicitation: Release Date	April 24, 2013
Deadline for submission of written questions	May 2, 2013 / 5:00 pm
Official answers published (Estimated)	May 10, 2013
Solicitation: Close Date / Submission Deadline	May 16, 2013 / 12:00 pm

Times are Eastern Standard Time (US).

Questions may be sent via email to CPBidQuestions@massport.com subject to the deadline for receipt stated in the timetable above. *In the subject lines of your email, please reference the MPA Project Name and Number.* Questions and their responses will be posted on Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport http://www.massport.com/doing-business/_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx as an attachment to the original Legal Notice and on Comm-PASS (www.comm-pass.com) in the listings for this project.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Yes Larry, I Do Remember Ted Williams!

Recently, one of my “Extra Innings” fans named Larry from East Boston took note that in a recent column of mine, I forgot to list Ted Williams among other notable players I remember seeing at Fenway in my youth. I agreed with Larry that he was among the all-time greatest ballplayers in the history of the game. However, Ted Williams was not among my favorite players like Willie Mays or Mickey Mantle. Once I mentioned Mantle, I felt like I was being accused of being a Yankees fan.

You got to remember that back in the late '50s until 1966, the Red Sox stunk to high heaven. In 1961 while Mantle and Maris were fighting to best Babe Ruth in single season homers, the Red Sox finished 33 games behind the Yankees. Every year back then was like the year before and the year after. I was only 12 years old during Ted's final season. I remember liking to drink Ted's Root Beer by the bottle and eating Cain's Potato Chips with Jimmy Piersall's face on each bag, but my baseball heroes included a young Frank Robinson in Cincinnati, Brooks Robinson at third in Baltimore, Luis

Aparicio stealing bases in Chicago, Sandy Koufax winning games in Los Angeles, Dick Radatz saving games in Boston and Mickey Mantle a switch-hitting home run slugger in Yankee Stadium.

However, I always respected Ted Williams' career and the fact that in his prime he left baseball for five years to fight for his country in both World War II and the Korean War as a Marine fighter pilot. He was a Hall of Famer. He won two AL MVP awards, six batting titles and two Triple Crowns. The year 1942 was among Ted's best seasons in baseball. He finished that year winning the Triple Crown. The previous year, 1941, he hit .406, the first player in 11 years to do so and the last player ever to top the .400 mark. He was among the greatest to play baseball and when he retired, he finished with 521 home runs, 1,839 RBIs and a career .344 batting average.

In 1966 at his induction into Cooperstown, he advocated for the inclusion of retired Negro League players into the Hall of Fame. A few years later, they were added as Williams had desired to see. I also had the pleasure of being at Fenway Park in September 1960 when at his last time at-bat,

Ted Williams whacked home run number 521.

As usual, there were probably less than eight thousand fans in the stands on that historic afternoon. Usually, back then you paid 60 cents for the bleachers and tried to work your way over to the third base line by sneaking by the ushers guarding kids from doing that. There were always more of us than of them.

Larry, Ted Williams was the best ever Red Sox player and one of the greatest players of all time. I didn't have to like him and his attitude with the fans to respect his baseball skills which were unbelievable to friend or foe. However, I still liked Mantle better.

Coming Up to the Plate is Paul McCartney

Live Nation has announced that Sir Paul McCartney will be performing at Fenway Park on July 9 as part of his “Out There” tour. Paul turns 71 in June. Tickets are now on

sale at www.livenation.com or www.redsox.com.

Before A-Rod there was Albert Belle

Back on April 2, 1997 for the first time ever, the salary of one ballplayer Albert Belle exceeded the payroll of an entire team, the Pittsburgh Pirates. Belle earned \$10 million that season while the Pirates team payroll was \$9 million plus.

Leo Monahan, R.I.P.

Legendary Boston sports columnist and hockey expert Daniel Leo Monahan has passed away at 86 years old. He wrote for the *Record American*, the *Herald American* for 38 years. He also wrote for *Sports Illustrated* and did a column for the *Sporting News*. He covered the Big Bad Bruins from 1948 to 1990. In 1986, he was inducted into the NHL Hockey Hall of Fame.

Boston Baseball Camp

Boston Baseball Camp at West Roxbury High School, a unique city non-profit camp program for Boston youngsters now in its 24th season, is accepting applications for the weekly summer program. For further information, please log on to www.bostonbaseballcamp.org or call 617-680-1781.

The “Fire” has Died

Virgil “Fire” Trucks, who threw two no-hitters for the

Detroit Tigers in an awful 1952 season and who remains the last visiting pitcher to toss a complete game no hitter at Yankee Stadium is dead at 95 years old. The 2-time All-Star died March 23rd in Alabama. He pitched in the majors from 1941-58 and helped the Tigers beat the Cubs in the 1945 World Series. Trucks was one of five pitchers to throw two no-hitters in a season. He did it the years the Tigers lost 104 games. Virgil went 5-19 with a 3.97 ERA.

Trucks pitched a dozen seasons and was also with the St. Louis Cardinals and Browns teams, the White Sox, KC Athletics and finally in 1958 with the dreaded Yankees themselves.

His best season was 1949 when he went 19-11 with a 2.81 ERA. He went 20-10 in 1953, splitting between the Browns and White Sox. He was 19-12 for the White Sox in 1954 with a 2.79 ERA.

An Afternoon with the Champ

There will be a book signing appearance by the undisputed Welterweight Champion Tony DeMarco on Saturday, April 20th from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at Caffe Vittoria on Hanover Street in Boston's North End.

LEGAL NOTICE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for **MPA Contract No. MPA CONTRACT NO. MP1301-C1, FY14 MARITIME TERM MISCELLANEOUS IRON REPAIRS BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 11:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013.

The work includes **PROVISION OF ALL EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, LABOR AND SUPERVISION NECESSARY TO MAKE STRUCTURAL STEEL AND ARCHITECTURAL IRON REPAIRS; FABRICATION OF MISCELLANEOUS METAL ITEMS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: RAILS, LADDERS, FRAMES AND SUPPORTS AT ALL MASSPORT MARITIME FACILITIES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS OVER A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013.**

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

The estimated contract cost is **NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000.00).**

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

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

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special

Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and /or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
617-768-5800**

Docket No. MI13D1258DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
SANDRA MUSIMENTA
VS**

MICHAEL K PATTERSON

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Kenneth C. Onyema, Esq., Cambridge Lawyers Group LLC, 340 Main Street, Suite 712, Worcester MA 01608**, your answer, if any, on or before **May 16, 2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,

First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 4, 2013

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 4/19/13

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDO STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c.255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles by **private sale on April 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

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Run dates: 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 2013

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

Fight Family Members in Recent Days

Ring 4 Hall of Fame Banquet Honors Members

Spadafora, Alvarado, Golovkin, Rodriquez, McCreedy All Win

On April 7th and 9th, two separate events by the Fight Family were presented at Florian Hall in Dorchester. On Sunday, April 7th the **Ring 4 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** was presented and directed by Ring 4 President Mickey Finn of Dorchester, officers and members. This tribute to Ring 4 and its members and guests, commenced at 2:00 pm with a tribute to America. Awards presentations to **Eddie Fitzgerald** installed as *Lifetime Honorary Member of Ring 4*, **Doug Keefe** received the *Brother in Boxing Award*. Members inducted into the Ring 4 Hall of Fame were: **Ted Sares** presented by **Charlie Dwyer**, **Dave Foley** presented by **Mike Mullen**, **Dan Cuoco** presented by **Bobby Franklin** and **Peter Welch** presented by President **Mickey Finn**. A salute to Ring 4 President and Parliamentarian **Mickey Finn**, Officers Recording Secretary **John O'Brien**, Board of Directors Chairman **Bobby Bower**, **John Ford**, **Bobby Franklin**, **Charlie Dwyer**, Banquet Chairman **Mike Mullen**, Ad Hoc Committee Chairman **Paul Doyle** and Sgt. At Arms, **Don Green**. Others in attendance were Mickey Finn accompanied by **Mary Nelson**, along with many other honored distinguished members and guests.

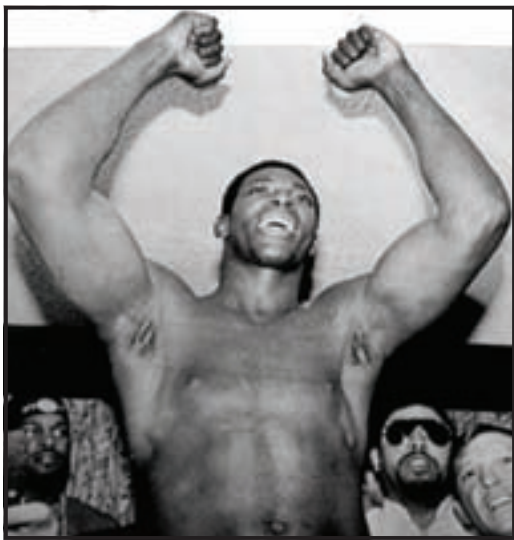
On Tuesday, April 9th another event took place directed by Pug Ring Leader **Tom Martini**. Many members attended this Pug's Luncheon as well as many notable amateur and professional champions. Many Fight Family members who are major contributors to the Fight Family world also attended. In addition to individuals already named in attendance to these great functions were: Ring 4 President **Mickey Finn**, **Jack Hurley**, **Steve O'Connell**, **Michael Flemming**, **Mark Culp**, **Jimbo Curran**, **Ed and Peg Bernard**, **Thomas Connors**, **John O'Brien**, **John Buddy Ford**, **Christine Lewis**, **Bobby Bower**, **Ed Fitzgerald**, **Don Green**, **Calvin T. Brown**, **Bob and Cheryl Benoit**, **Tommy Connors**, **Rich Cappiello**, **Charlie Dwyer**, **Joe Feeney**, **Mike Little Rock Cappiello**, **Jerry Forte**, **Tim Marcos**, **Dave Marcos**, **Jay DeLaney**, **Ralph Bretta**, **Shirley Adams**, **Ed Casey**, **Dianne Casey**, **Dave Marcos**, **Jerry Huston**, **Art Boyson**, **Ed Bernard**, **Toni and Doug Keefe**, **Bobby Franklin**, **Tommy Dargin**, **Ann T. Murphy**, **Paul Hoban**, **Richie LaMontagne**, **Rick Rudolph**, **Danny Long**, **Liam Patrick Long**, **Jimmy Connors**, **Peter Welch**, **Ed Fitzgerald**, **Rick Rudolph**, **Jim Gagan**, **William Walsh**, **Joe Marques**, **Nancy Macoruso**, **Pamela Doyle**, **Paul Doyle**, **Jimmy Cappiello**, **Vinny Marino**, **Robert Cappucci**, **Robert Dillon**, **Stephen**

Born, **John Diaz**, **James R. Flanagan**, **Ken Flora**, **Brendan and Bobby Delaney**, **Colin Moore**, **Derek Shea**, **Matt Phinney**, **Aaron MacKinnon**, **Brian Swartz**, **Chris DaVeiga**, **Ryan White**, **Tremaine Perry**, **Beverly Johnson**, **Ted Sares**, **Matthew McCall**, **Richard Cuoco**, **Jamie Rodgers**, **Ralph Bretta**, **Jay and Corinne Delaney**, **Jack Morrell**, **Leo Gerstel**, **Michael Silver**, **Patrick J. Leonard, Jr.**, **Norma Leonard**, **Michael Baker**, **Robert Baker**, **Andrew Orfhws** and **Trish Foley Orfhws**, **Stephen Curran**, **Patrick J. Welch**, **James Foley**, **Mrs. David Foley**, **David Foley**, **Bobby Mullen** and **Marie Hanney**.

Thirty-seven year old **IBF Lightweight Champion Paul Spadafora** 48-0-1, 19 kayos defeats **Robert Frankel** 32-13-1, 6 kayos to claim the NABF Junior Welterweight title at the Mountaineer Casino in West Virginia. In Las Vegas **Mike Alvarado** 34-1, 23 kayos won a 12-round unanimous decision over unbeaten, now beaten former WBA Lightweight Champion **Brandon Rios** 31-1-1, 22 kayos for the **WBO Interim Junior Welterweight** title before 5,418 fans at the Mandalay Bay Event Center 115-113, 115-113, 114-113. Tough **WBA/IBO Middleweight Champion Gennady Golovkin** 26-0, 23 KO's remained undefeated via KO in 3 over **Nobuhro Ishida** 24-9-2, 9 KO's in Monte Carlo by way of a very effective right hand "Pow!" On this card **Super-Middleweight Edwin Rodriquez** 23-0, 15 kayo's defeated 19-1, 13 KO's **Oswaldo Maderna** by way of a 10-round unanimous decision. Edwin Rodriquez scored a knock down over Maderna at the end of the ninth round. Congratulations again to 14-6-2, 2 kayos, **Irish Joey McCreedy**, on your St. Patrick's Day decision victory over **Michael "Flash" Walchuk**. **Joey McCreedy wins vacant U.S. Northeast Light-Heavyweight title**. "Ding!"

Let's celebrate the recent birthdays and those to come: April 2nd **Art Boyson**, 5th **Kenny Butler, Jr.**, 8th **Bob Hayden** and **Joe Possidento**, 9th **Calvin T. Brown**, 10th **Bob Benoit**, 12th **Billy Skinner**, 13th **Tim Flammas**, 16th **Mickey Flynn**, 17th **Rick Glaser**, 21st **Fred Valenti**, 23rd **Jimmy Melvin**, 26th **Ron Borges**, 30th **Bernie McNally**, May 3rd **Tony Bislardes**, 4th **Don Green**, **Kevin Rooney**, **Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.**, 5th **Edwin Rodriquez**, 6th **Jerry Huston, Jr.**, 8th **Jimbo Amato**, 10th **Kevin McBride**, 15th **Neil Gisherman**, 16th **Veronica Hagler**, 17th **Ed Connolly**, 19th **Norman Stone**, 20th **Joe Devlin**, 21st **Gary "Tiger" Balletto**, 23rd **Marvelous Marvin Hagler**, 27th **Lenny Corrente**.

Carl "The Truth" Williams Passes



Heavyweight boxer Carl "The Truth" Williams, an exceptional boxing talent in the 1980s and '90s and native of Jamaica, Queens, passed away at Westchester Medical Center on Sunday, April 14, due to complications from throat cancer. He was 53. Williams' most notable fight was in 1989 against "Iron" Mike Tyson for the

undisputed heavyweight championship in Atlantic City. A picture perfect left hook from Tyson toppled Williams in Round 1, giving Tyson his 37th straight victory. Williams won two consecutive Daily News Golden Gloves championships from 1980-81. He turned professional in 1982, winning 16 straight fights before a controversial loss to Larry Holmes in a IBF Heavyweight Title. In 1987, "The Truth" won the USBA Heavyweight Title and followed with three title defenses, including a unanimous decision over Trevor Berbick. Williams retired in 1997 with a career record of 32-10 (KO 21). "I'm just going to remember the man I knew," former world champion Iran Barkley said. "Carl was cool. He was a good guy who was always funny and always laughing." "He was a good friend of mine as well as a lot of other fighters out there," four-time Golden Gloves champion Dennis Milton said. "He wasn't hype. He was a guy that always strived to get better."

Williams is survived by his daughter Carla and his son Daniel.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



So it will be a showdown between the two most historic franchises in the NBA. The only two teams in the league that are still playing in their original cities since they began more than half a century ago.

They are the Boston Celtics and the New York Knicks, a pair of dissimilar teams this year in that one (Boston) has struggled during the regular season while the other (New York) has battled its way to near the top of the Eastern Conference.

But while the routes taken may have been very different, both have the same goal as they enter the NBA's Second Season — make it out of the first round and continue on deeper into the playoffs, hopefully to the Conference Finals where nearly everyone feels that the Miami Heat will be the team to beat.

But who really knows. The Celtics finished seventh in the league standings with a slightly over .500 record while the Knicks finished second at around .650, but over 10 games behind first place Miami.

And, on paper at least, the Knicks are definitely favored to move on past the Celtics to the second round — at least for those who choose to dwell on the results of the regular season.

For instance, when the Knicks clinched second place with a 90-80 win over the Indiana Pacers, it was the first time that New York had finished that high since the 1993-1994 season —when the Knicks also finished second.

Then there is the matter of New York's victory total, a least 53 with one regular season game remaining as this was being written. That's the most wins by the Knicks since the New Yorkers strung together 57 victories during the 1996-1997 campaign. It's enabled coach Mike Woodson to compile the best record in New York franchise history for a coach over his first 100 games. Woodson was an enviable 68-32 (a .680 winning percentage) over that span. Woodson was also the fastest New York head coach to accumulate 50 wins, taking only 72 games to compile a 50-22 mark.

In addition, there were significant stretches during the year when the Knicks were red hot. They went 12-6 in the month of March, the most wins in that month since 1993-1994 when they went undefeated at 14-0.

The 12 victories in March were part of a 13-game winning streak that lasted from March 18th to April 11th, when the Knicks were beaten by the Chicago Bulls 118-111 out in the Windy City. The 13-game streak was the third longest in franchise history, an amazing stat for a fran-

chise that dates back to the 1940s.

That's another way of saying that the Knicks have been hot this year. And yes, the Celtics have been victims of that. The Knicks won the season series against Boston, 3-1, the first time since 2003-2004 that New York won a regular season series against the Celtics. In the last two of those wins the New Yorkers won by an average of 17 points.

New York is definitely a threat from the outside. With one regular season game remaining, the Knicks had recorded 868 three pointers, putting them first in the league in three pointers made. The 868 three-pointers made set an NBA single season record. In addition, the 10.9 triples made per game also led the league. That's amazing, when you think about it. That means that the Knicks averaged nearly 33 points per game just on three-point shooting.

Any discussion of Knicks personnel must start with Carmelo Anthony, the leading scorer in the NBA this year at 28.7 points per game. At one span during the season he had a streak of 31 games in which he scored at least 20 tallies per contest, the longest such streak in franchise history. By mid-April he had scored over 20 points in 60 games this season and had been the team's leading scorer for the 54th time.

The Knicks also have a strong bench, ranking second in the NBA in point production off the bench at 41.1 tallies per game. Over a 10 game stretch in April, J.R. Smith led the way with an 18.1 point average over that span.

The bench even outscored the entire Sacramento team in a February 2nd victory at Madison Square Garden by pouring in 82 points in a 120-81 victory, the first time in team history that the team's bench had outscored its opponents total points for the game.

Going into the final game of the regular season, the Knicks cited injuries to a number of players including Anthony, Tyson Chandler, Marcus Camby, Rasheed Wallace, Kenyon Martin and A'mare Stoudemire.

If Anthony is truly injured, a sore left shoulder was cited, rather than just being rested, it will change the entire series. The goal of every team is to have the maximum number of players in top condition to start the playoffs. This often means resting players for the final few games of the season. So we'll see.

In any case, it should be a highly charged, emotional series, especially between Kevin Garnett and Anthony. Look for some entertaining basketball next week at the Garden. If you want to see some exciting basketball don't miss it.