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BUONA PASQUA HAPPY EASTER

*Pamela Donnaruma**Publisher and Editor**and the Staff
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Buona Pasqua: A Time for Family & Tradition

by Prof./Cav. Phillip J. DiNovo

Pasqua is the holiest and greatest of all Christian feasts. If Christ had not risen, then our faith would be in vain. Christ did rise from the dead and through him all shall be made alive. "If the Spirit of him who was raised from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit which dwells in you." (Romans 8:11).

Yes that is the reason for celebrating Pasqua and the foundation of all our Italian Easter traditions. The Easter liturgy is very joyful, spectacular and beautiful. The churches throughout Italy are beautifully decorated for Easter.

Easter breakfast is often an Easer omelet (frogga), made with herbs or vegetables. Also in some parts of Italy, the Ricotta Omelet is traditional.

The Easter dinner is the most festive of the whole year. A traditional Pasqua menu might include: Agnelino (baby lamb) or sucking kid with manicotti, sautéed spinach, roasted artichokes, pickled vegetables, mixed salad, panzerotti alla teramona, etc.

There are many different traditional Pasqua desserts,



such as Pizza Rustica Di Pasqua (Easter Pie), Colomba Pasquale (Easter Dove), Cicerchiata Cuddura Di Pasca, Cream Pasticcera Colomba, Cassatelli (Cream Tartlets), Puppo Co Ova (from Sicily), Rice Pie, Fiadoni, Spumoni, Cannoli, Easter Bread Dolls, Macedonia di Frutta, Chestnuts, etc. Easter Day is spent being with family and just talking.

There is wine, such as Asti Spumanti, Prosecco di Conegiliano, and Lambrusco, served during and after the meal. To help the digestion, coffee Espresso with Anisette may be served.

Children in Italy receive very decorative chocolate eggs and rabbits, etc. The beautiful Pasqua Chocolate Eggs have a small gift, toy or trinket inside which the children quickly seek to find! It is traditional to send greeting cards depicting Spring scenes, doves, etc., to family and friends, wishing

them a Buona Pasqua. Some people visit the cemetery on Easter Sunday to remember loved ones who have died with prayers and flowers. It is a good time to remember the dead and the Resurrection. While children are thrilled with their chocolate eggs and bunnies, senior citizens

appreciate the "mature message". They consider the message of the Resurrection because they are more concerned about life after death. Shouldn't we all!

In essence Pasqua is a time of family and traditions. Not a superficial celebration spent merely in greeting and feasting, but it is a time of reassurance. Easter symbolizes hope and all of us need such spirit in these times. It is a time to strengthen family ties. By keeping Italian Pasqua traditions alive, we are able to bring stability and serenity to our lives. Pasqua serves to remind us of what is really important in life.

The mood of our Holy Week traditions fills the soul and heart of Italians with unspeakable joy. These very ancient customs of our ancestors are surely treasures.

Within the soul of the Ital-

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

The Trayvon Martin Case

Since law enforcement down in Florida is still investigating this tragic killing, I have not yet formed an opinion as to what happened and why. The facts are still being gathered. What upsets me are public folks with agendas politicizing what happened. What also upsets me is why the liberal news media along with these other folks are fanning the flames. Why does the media still have so much trouble identifying George Zimmerman as a Latino, which he is? Why did *NBC News* bring on a political operative to discuss this shooting as if it was part of Campaign '12? Why did Trayvon's mother copyright his name as if it were a brand name? Why did his parents go to Washington to attend a congressional hearing on hate crimes and racial prejudice? Why did President Obama go public with his opinions alluding to possible racial profiling?

We may never have all the answers to satisfy everyone on what happened but everyone is innocent until proven guilty. Who among us knows enough yet to form an opinion of what actually happened between Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman? Eventually, I will form my opinion but it will be based on the facts in the case and not angry emotions which can only cloud the truth. We don't need to rush to judgment.

RomneyCare Page One News

The Massachusetts healthcare overhaul reforms signed into law in 2006 by former Gov. Mitt Romney was the subject of two front page pieces recently. On Sunday, March 25 the *Boston Sunday Globe* did a long news story on some of the shortcomings of RomneyCare, especially up by the New Hampshire border. It seems there is no insurance mandate up in the Granite State and folks from up there drive down to Massachusetts to receive free emergency care at our hospitals. Then, the *NY Times* on the same day did a piece on how much Ted Kennedy and Mitt Romney are alike when it comes to the 2010 federal health care overhaul. RomneyCare in many ways was the foundation for the 2010 Obama-Care reform bill becoming law.

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ROMNEY SWEEPS WISCONSIN, MARYLAND and D.C. PRIMARIES

by Sal Giarratani

This past Tuesday on his radio show, Jay Severin predicted a good day of voting for former Governor Mitt Romney in the Wisconsin, Maryland and in the District of Columbia presidential primaries. Severin said Romney would carry Wisconsin by 7 percent and Maryland by 12 percent. When all the votes were counted, Romney took 70 percent of the vote with Rick Santorum not even qualified for the ballot. In Wisconsin, Romney took 43 percent of the vote to Santorum's 38 percent, a 5 point spread. In Maryland, Severin said it was Romney by a 12 point spread, it turned out 49 percent to 29 percent.

Romney is now at 600 delegates and more than half way to the 1,144 delegates

necessary to win the GOP nomination at the Tampa convention. Rick Santorum is now at 272 delegates with Newt Gingrich in third with 135 delegates. Romney and the Republican National Committee will now be holding joint fundraisers. Said Romney, "The right thing for us, I think, is to get a nominee as soon as we can and be able to focus on Barack Obama."

However, Santorum shows no signs of getting out of this nomination race saying, "We have reached the point where it's halftime. Half the delegates in this process have been selected...who's ready to charge out of the locker room in Pennsylvania for a strong second half."

The next big primary night will be April 24 when voters

go to the polls in Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Delaware and Connecticut.


In recent weeks, Romney has rolled out big endorsements from former President George H. W. Bush, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, US Sen. Marco Rubio, (R) Florida, US Rep. Paul Ryan, (R) Wisconsin as he tries to cast himself as the best Republican to battle Obama.

At this point in the GOP race things continue to look better for Mitt Romney while both Santorum and Gingrich keep fighting for a much smaller piece of the conservative pie. For Santorum, Pennsylvania is a must win. If he doesn't carry his home state by at least a 20 percent margin, he could be finished as a credible presidential candidate.

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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THE CLOSE SHAVE IN OLD ROME

The Greeks during Homeric times regarded the beard as a sign of virility. They considered clean shaving to be disgraceful and a sign of effeminacy. Even in early Jewish times, it was quite common for one person to touch the beard of the other during conversation. This reminds me of that part of an earlier column which stated that dancers of antiquity took hold of each other by the chlamys.

In Rome, it became quite common and fashionable to shave, the beard partially, and then carefully groom it. The long untrimmed beard was considered the mark of a foul, filthy, and untidy person. Many were even referred to as "he goats." Shaving was almost a religious rite, and a state duty to the Romans. Nothing stood in the way of the ordeal that was the daily visit with the barber. As soon as a young man reached maturity, his facial hairs received their first cut with scissors, and he was then introduced to the razor. A male's first shave was considered to be the beginning of manhood and was cause for celebration. The dates on which emperors and other notables first were shorn have been recorded in history. Augustus was twenty-four at the time of his first shave and Caligula was twenty. Even Nero put his shorn hair into a golden box and dedicated it to a god.

During the rule of Constantine and continuing to the end of the sixth century, all rulers with the exception of Julian, are shown clean shaven. It was the Roman custom to let the beard grow in time of mourning, as did Augustus, after the death of Julius Caesar. Later when the beard was shaved off, a season of festivity was declared. Many wealthy persons had slaves who were trained specifically in the tonsorial art, but the more common people had to go to a "tonstrina" or barber shop. Shaving was done with a "novacula" or razor. It was sharpened on a special stone imported from Spain, and was lubricated by spit. Beard softeners were unheard of and soap was not used. Everyone was given the "dry shave." Imagine for a moment the plight of the poor man who is getting a dry shave while sitting on a stool in the middle of a busy sidewalk and the barber is being continually pushed and shoved by the passing crowds.

Bloodletting was kept to a minimum when the most famous barbers worked at a snail's pace. It was said in jest that while barbers trimmed around the ears a second beard grew. One Roman remedy for razor nicks was spider's webs soaked in oil and vinegar.

Then there were those cowards who couldn't take the barber and resorted to the use of depilatories like resin and pitch, or pastes made from donkey fat, she goat's gall, bat's blood or powdered viper. For those who could take neither the razor nor the depilatory there was always the tweezer. Finally there was the tonsorial masochist who had part of his beard shaved, part depilatorized and part tweezed. This ought to provide food for thought while shaving.

The customer was also sprayed with perfume, makeup cream was applied to his face and pimples and blemishes or razor cuts were covered with little spots of flesh-tinted cloth. These Roman pasties were called "splenia lunata" or in good old English, "patches." When the ordeal was completed, the victim was returned to society looking like a clown, smelling like a pansy and given a wide berth for the rest of the day.

Before the middle of the second century, most of the Roman men were revolting against their enslavement to the barber. The emperor, Hadrian became the liberator by letting his beard grow in order to hide an ugly scar. No further encouragement was needed. All men followed his example and the daily shave disappeared from their routine, causing no regret.

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



2012 Republican National Convention Caucuses

In accordance with the rules of the Republican State Committee, Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Bob Maginn is pleased to announce that the following locations have been chosen to hold the 2012 caucuses for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Tampa, Florida from August 27th to August 30th 2012.

The caucus day is Saturday, April 28, 2012. Registration will begin at 9:00 am with the caucus to begin at 10:00 am.

In accordance with the Republican Party rules and the results of the Massachusetts Republican Presidential Primary, all delegates and alternates are pledged to support Mitt Romney for President.

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Third Congressional District — Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell Street, Littleton, MA 01460

Fourth Congressional District — North Attleboro Middle School, 564 Landry Avenue, North Attleboro, MA 02760

Fifth Congressional District — Nevins Hall Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA 01702

Sixth Congressional District — Lynnfield High School, 275 Essex Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940

Seventh Congressional District — Randolph Community Middle School, 225 High Street, Randolph, MA 02368

Eighth Congressional District — Braintree Town Hall, One J.F.K. Memorial Drive, Braintree, MA 02184

Ninth Congressional District — Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739


The convention will host 2,286 delegates and 2,125 alternate delegates from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five territories. The convention will also include approximately 15,000 credentialed media and an international press corps second only in size to this summer's London Olympic Games.

2012 will mark the third time the Republican Party convenes its convention in Florida. The Sunshine State also played host to the 1968 and 1972 Republican National Conventions that nominated Richard M. Nixon. Both were held in Miami Beach.




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National Lancers Led by DiCarlo Family *Re-enact the Ride of Paul Revere*

by Leonid Kondratiuk



Patriot's Day 1948 in North Square, North End, Boston.

(Photo courtesy of Pat Barrasso)

The National Lancers, the ceremonial cavalry troop of the Massachusetts Organized Militia, dates back to 1836 when Gov. Edward Everett wanted a militia cavalry unit to escort him to Harvard graduations and other events. The troop adopted the uniforms and equipment of the Polish lancers of Napoleon's army. The National Lancers took the winter of 1836-1837 to purchase uniforms, obtain

weapons and train both horses and riders in preparation of their inaugural parade on Boston Common on June 12, 1837. The troopers were tired that morning having spent the night before breaking up the Broad Street Riot. In 1848 the Lancers adopted a distinctive red uniform with a Polish-style helmet called a czapka. This uniform, with minor modifications, is still worn today.

The Lancers provides Troops C and D, 1st Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry which fought in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. After the Civil War, the National Lancers resumed their peacetime drills, parades and escorts to presidents, governors and other dignitaries.

The Lancers fought as Company A, 102d Machine Gun Battalion in the famed 26th "Yankee" Division during World War I. The troopers earned many awards and the unit colors were decorated with six campaign streamers for action in France.

In 1920, the Lancers elected to leave the National

Guard and to remain in their militia status as a ceremonial unit. The Lancers became a social organization for many years and were on the verge of being disbanded when Dino DiCarlo joined in 1949. DiCarlo was an organizer and someone who could make things happen.

Within five years DiCarlo was the colonel and commander of the National Lancers. As one of the five brother-partners of DiCarlo Construction, Col. DiCarlo obtained horses, stables, uniforms and equipment. He recruited and trained new members and by 1961 the Lancers were good enough to ride in the Rose Bowl Parade and in President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade.

DiCarlo also served as the chief military aide de camp to several governors and was promoted to brigadier general and major general. He commanded the National Lancers until his death in 1995. Brother Mario took

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The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS
FROM EAGLE HILL**

The fourth Wednesday of the month, folks from Eagle Hill join together at the East Boston High School cafeteria for meetings of the Eagle Hill Civic Association. You can check out on-going issues on Facebook by following www.facebook.com/groups/153318308747/10150714514478748?notif_t=group_activity. Whoa, is that a mouthful! I think it would be much easier just to show up for the monthly meetings at the high school.

**TRY THE
NEWBRIDGE CAFE**

I recently ate supper over at the Newbridge Cafe in Chelsea. The place just celebrated its 37th anniversary. I went with the guys: Robio, Larry and Tony. The place is best known for its tips. I had, of course, the steak tips and baked potato. Robio had the chicken parm. Larry and Tony went with the lamb tips. Food was great. The atmosphere was great. The price was great. They also serve a mean mile high antipasto salad. Looks like a main course.

**REP. GENE O'FLAHERTY
GETTING BAD MEDIA RAP**

There's been some negative press on my friend Rep. Gene O'Flaherty. Gene is one great voice and vote for

his Chelsea and Charlestown constituents. He is always there when needed or when trouble strikes. Obviously letter writers to the *Boston Globe* have no idea how good O'Flaherty has been over the years when it comes to representing the best interests of his district.

**BUMPED INTO AARON
THE OTHER DAY**

Recently I caught up with Rep. Aaron Michlewitz on Hanover Street. He looked like a character out of "Miami Vice." Move over GQ's Scott Brown, Michlewitz was wearing a light blue sports jacket, a starched pinstriped dress shirt and a cool pale pink tie. He also had the walk too. Is there a contest for best dressed state representative? If there was, he'd win it.

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**THE PRADO NEEDS
SPRUCING UP**

When I was a little kid living on Salutation Street, The Prado was a great place to go and relax on a nice

summer day. My mother would take my brother and I to play and have lunch there. She would relax on a bench and watch us play. That was back in the '50s. Over the last few years or so The Prado does not look as nice. It has aged and not that well. It has become nothing but a passageway for tourists going to and from the Old North Church. It still should be a destination spot for North End families and not just a walkway for visitors to the community.

**DELLA CAVA BIG
POST-GAZETTE FANS**

The guys down at the Della Cava clubhouse love reading the *Post-Gazette* every week. They wait for me on Thursday afternoons for the papers before locking up the place. If I miss a Thursday they want to know what happened to the papers? Apparently, this newspaper is mandatory reading for them. A week or so ago, the place was closed but I saw Phil Costa walking nearby and personally gave him some papers for all the guys.

**NORTH SQUARE
NEEDS IMPROVING**

Boston's North Square is still America's oldest square and yet it remains in not the best shape. The cobble-

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THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

Did Eric Fehrstrom "Inadvertently" Slip Up?

When Karl Rove ran George W. Bush's 2004 re-election campaign, the playbook was followed to a tee. No one or nothing was ever written or stated to take the Bush re-election campaign off line. I'm starting to wonder if the so-called slip of the tongue by Romney's Communications Director Eric Fehrstrom was in fact, a calculated move to advise November voters not to worry too much what Romney is saying today as he fights the right-wing of the Republican party to attain the nomination. Right now, former Gov. Romney is sounding pretty conservative, much more so than in years. Is he for real or is he just trying to ensure he stops a real Republican conservative such as Rick Santorum?

When asked by a CNN reporter, "has Romney moved so far to the right to lose moderates, independents and Democrats in the November election," Fehr-

strom started talking about hitting a "re-set button" and starting the campaign all over again and then compared things to an Etch-A-Sketch toy where you shake everything up and start with a clean slate. Bad analogy for a Republican candidate best known for his alleged flip-flops over the years.

The campaign had to do some quick spin on that statement while his opponents went out to Toys R Us to purchase Etch-A-Sketches to toy with Romney's political reputation. As I stated above, I don't think anything is ever done in a campaign by accident. I wonder if Fehrstrom knew exactly what he was saying, he's a professional political consultant and experienced former newspaper reporter. Is Romney just trying to tell November voters to pay no attention to his current rhetoric, it may very well

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Pellino's Ristorante recently opened on Prince Street. Shown in photo are Yusef Haddad, Maria D'Amadeo, Christobal Depaz, Frank Pellino (owner) and Mike Carletti. Pellino's opened up at the old G'vanni's site.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

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— Mortimer Zuckerman,
Editor-in-Chief of
U.S. News & World Report
This event takes place on

Thursday, April 12th, 2012 beginning at 6:00 pm at Harvard University's Yenching Auditorium, 2 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA.

H. Woody Brock is President and founder of Strategic Economic Decisions (SED), Inc., a firm that provides economic and financial market analysis to financial institutions, corporations and investors.

Dr. Brock earned his BA, MBA AND MS (in mathematics) from Harvard University, and his MA and PhD from Princeton University.

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command and began an effort to improving the status of the Lancers by aligning them closer to the Massachusetts National Guard. He also started to rebuild the Lancer facilities in Framingham which was formally designated as Camp Dino DiCarlo in 2002. For his many years of dedicated service to the Lancers and the state, Mario was promoted to brigadier general in 2002.

The second and third generations of the DiCarlo family serve today. Capt. Helen DiCarlo-Reale is the assistant adjutant, her sons Maj.

Darin Reale and Col. Richard Reale, Jr. also serve in the unit. Mario's son Maj. James DiCarlo serves in the troop and is also the post engineer.

The National Lancers have been reenacting the rides of William Dawes and Paul Revere every Patriots Day since 1904. Darin Reale will ride as William Dawes this year.

The National Lancers will be celebrating their 176th anniversary this June due in large part to the DiCarlo family that has taken such a great interest in the organization.

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Easter Traditions

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Shortly Lent will end, and the Easter season will begin. The Lenten period of reflection on one's inner life in an effort to repent and reform, culminates during Holy Week and the events leading to Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday. Sadness gives way to Easter Sunday and the hope that it brings for redemption and eternal life. The Easter Season will continue for 50 days ending on Pentecost Sunday.

The joy and happiness associated with the Easter season manifests itself in many ways, most notably the religious services that turn from penitential to joyous. There are also many secu-

lar traditions associated with Easter, certain foods that we prepare only for the day, for Italians it would be pizzagaina, decorating our homes with lilies and tulips and of course, a personal favorite, coloring Easter eggs, and hiding them, each with a prize, for children to find on an old fashioned Easter egg hunt.

The Easter Parade, which takes place in many cities in the United States, most notably in New York, is a wonderful tradition associated with Easter. The Parade in Manhattan was most popular from the 1880's through the 1950's; at the peak of its popularity it

was a widely attended event that witnessed New Yorkers dressed in their "Sunday Best." A special feature of the parade was the fabulous hats worn by the ladies as they strolled down 5th Avenue. The Parade is not as popular as it once was, yet for a period of time, it was the most prominent secular expression of Easter in the United States.

Easter is a Day of hope, the promise of eternal life, a time of joy that is clearly expressed in the liturgy of the day, for many, and for us, it is the most popular celebration of the year. With fond memories of the many Easters spent with family as we gathered at Nonna's. *Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Saint Leonard & Sacred Heart

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH
7:00 pm. St. Leonard Church, Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH
12:05 pm. St. Leonard, Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm. St. Leonard, Liturgy of the Passion

7:00 pm. Sacred Heart, Stations of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH
7:00 pm. Saint Leonard Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH
9:00 am. Sacred Heart Church, Mass
10:30 am. Saint Leonard Church, Italian Mass
12:00 Noon Saint Leonard Church, Mass



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

It's a Mad, Mad Men's World!

Ciao Bella,

I always admired the '60s. I was just a kid but I loved the "cat eye" drawn liner as it swept across ones lashes, just like Elizabeth Montgomery's "Samantha" in *Bewitched!* The face make up, so pale, but yet with a translucent, luminous glow was seen in all the popular glamour magazines. Pressed powders, frosted blush with dramatic, thick and sometimes spiked lashes were also trendy. Max Factor put out Eye Shadow Sticks of "Iridescent Beige Mist" & "Misty White."

Bronzers and Bronzing were also quite popular. Remember, in the sixties having a tan was a good thing and fashionable since warnings of sun damage were still in the future. Sun worshippers used a mix of baby oil and iodine for what we would now call Snookie-esque color!

The hairstyles, from the flip to the beehive, were just what I wanted when I grew up! Oh and that Taboo Perfume that I would sneak a spritz from Mom's bureau! Hairpins and combs were what I wanted to own! Hairspray topped the list of all beauty products with brands like Adorn and White Rain. And for straight, flat bangs, just a dab will do of Dippity-Do and some of that pink hair tape!

Yes the seventh decade of the 20th Century was a place I wanted to be as a grown-up! My Mom's Jackie Kennedy-like bouffant was back combed (teased) and sprayed and took on statuesque proportions in more ways than one! Truly a work of art! Dreamy, creamy pearls were Mom's fav jewelry! All shapes and sizes.

All of it looked so glamorous to me! She and my Dad would attend Dahlia Balls,



political parties with sparkly ball gowns and monkey suits! All their friends would come by for the obligatory cocktail and photo session! I was in awe of it all!

One evening last month, the 38th floor of One Federal Street was transformed into the offices of Sterling, Cooper, Draper, Pryce as the Harvard Club of Boston celebrated a 1960s Mad Men evening and I got to live out my dream!

Under my leopard pill box hat was a coiffed French Twist, sprayed to death! Pearl drop earrings that were Mom's, along with her gold, Washington, D.C., Capital pin, 1961! I wore my John F. Kennedy for President button; David wore his Nixon/Lodge button! I also used my vintage leopard purse with ivory gloves and lots of creamy pearls were 1960s worthy! To complete the atomic-era look we picked up a pack of unfiltered Lucky's and passed them out! But I really feel that David's present for my Christmas Birthday, the champagne mink stole, had something to do with our winning the Best Dressed title for the event! I'll take it and my dream too!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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IMPORTANT PARISH MEETING!!!

There will be a special meeting on **Thursday April 12 at 7:00 pm at St. Leonard Parish Hall** to discuss the parish clusters that have been proposed by the Archdiocese of Boston. All parishioners of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish and all the faithful who attend St. Leonard, Sacred Heart or St. Stephen Churches are urged to attend. The meeting will be chaired by Father Kevin O'Leary, Rector, Holy Cross Cathedral and Father Antonio Nardoian, Pastor, Saint Leonard Parish.

It is very important that you attend this meeting to both familiarize yourselves with the proposed parish clusters and express your views on the subject.

PLEASE COME AND ENCOURAGE OTHER PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND.

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NEAD EASTER PARTY

Saturday, April 7th



North End Against Drugs will hold their Annual Easter Party & Puppet Show on Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 am till Noon. The event will be held at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. Egg coloring and photos with the Easter Bunny will be from 10:00-11:00 am. The puppet show will be at 11:00 am. This event is sponsored by Michael Giannasoli in Memory of his Mother Florence. The puppet show is sponsored by City Councilor Sal LaMattina. "This is a great event for children of all ages", states NEAD President John Romano. "We are very grateful to Mikey and Councilor LaMattina for their support each year." Make sure you bring your camera to take a photo with Peter Rabbit. We will have egg coloring and candy for all the children. Every child will also receive an Easter Goody Bag as well. The event is free and open to all North End/Waterfront Residents, Nazzaro Center members and NEAD sponsors. We hope to see you all there.

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Freeway Says ...

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

Keep my pooch friends safe by avoiding the seven deadly sins of Easter. Easter is just around the bend, and while it typically means tons of fun for the kids. Easter egg hunts, colorful Easter baskets stuffed to the brim with chocolate bunnies, marshmallow chicks (right on, my human companions favorite) and jelly beans galore, it could mean real trouble for some of our other family members, our animals. So while the rest of the family is celebrating this joyous holiday, make sure your dogs and cats stay happy and healthy with a few tips on the potential pet perils of Easter.

EASTER LILIES are beautiful and symbolic of many of the virtues of the holiday; however, they and all other lily flowers are deadly poison to cats if any part of the plant is ingested. Families with house cats simply should not risk the lethal danger posed to their pets by having lilies anywhere near their cats. All portions of the plant are poisonous to cat's kidneys when eaten and, even with prompt veterinary care, treatment is not always successful. Lilies as beautiful as they are are life threatening to cats, and the two should be kept far apart.

CHOCOLATE while chocolate might taste good to the kids and parents it can be quite dangerous for dogs and cats. Chocolate contains caffeine and a compound called theobromine, which stimulates the nervous system and can be toxic to animals. If enough is ingested, your pet can suffer from vomiting, diarrhea, abnormal heart rhythms, tremors, seizures, and worst case scenario, death. While all forms of chocolate can be toxic to cats and dogs, white chocolate has the least amount of stimu-



lants. Dark and baking chocolate have the highest.

PLASTIC EASTER BASKET GRASS Easter grass may serve as a nice cushy nest for all the eggs and candy gathered during the Easter egg hunt, but if you dog or cat finds it too tantalizing to pass up, it could cause some real problems. The plastic component of Easter is non digestible, and can get tangled in your animal's intestines. This can lead to a blockage and potential perforation. If ingested, the grass can cause choking or become lodged inside the stomach or intestines creating an obstruction. Signs of obstruction are loss of appetite and vomiting. Animals showing these symptoms should be taken to the veterinarian for an abdominal x-ray. This problem is treated with surgical removal of the foreign material and is considered a true emergency.

OTHER CANDY Chocolate is not the only candy finding its way into the Easter baskets that often sit at eye level

to your dog or cat. There are jelly beans, puffy marshmallow chicks, candied eggs and more, all of which can cause gastrointestinal disturbance in animals. Most threatening though are products containing Xylitol, an artificial sweetener. Xylitol can be so toxic to pets that within 30 minutes of consuming a small amount of Xylitol-sweetened product, a dog can experience a dramatic drop in sugar, begin vomiting, become lethargic and have difficulty standing or walking. Some may have seizures, develop internal hemorrhaging and lesions, and suffer liver failure.

ROTTEN EASTER EGGS Easter egg hunts are tradition for most families, and event children always look forward to. So may your dogs, which is why it's important to keep track of where all the hard-boiled eggs are hidden when planning your backyard Easter egg hunt. Many animals have become sick after sniffing out and consuming a rotten Easter egg that was likely forgotten from a previous hunt. If possible, use plastic eggs instead of real eggs. However, if you do use plastic eggs, make sure your dog can't get inside them and eat the contents or worse yet, try to swallow the plastic egg and choke on it, or get it lodged in his intestine.

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EASTER EGG HUNTS



SATURDAY, APRIL 7

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FENWAY PARK, 88 Black Falcon Ave., Suite 188, Bos-

ton, MA, (617) 464-4364.

MORRISON PARK, Medford. 10:00 am. Medford Redemption Hill Church will be hosting a free Easter Egg hunt for the community. Bring your kids and enjoy an exciting egg hunt, lots of free candy, food and great prizes.

AP ROUNDS PLAYGROUND, Stoneham. Beginning at 3:00 pm. This is the Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt at AP Rounds Playground. Last year featured more than 1000 eggs, and a couple of hundred people.

BROOKLINE GROOMING AND PET SUPPLIES. 4:30 pm. Bring your family and friends (both canine and human!). Prizes will include coupons, discounts and free give aways from select companies.

CAMBRIDGE COMMON PARK. 10:00 am. You're invited to join us for the second annual Cambridge Community Easter Egg-Stravaganza! This year is going to be even bigger and better than last year.

ADAMS PARK, ROSLINDALE VILLAGE. 10:00 am. Join the Easter Bunny at 10:00 am to hunt for 5,000 treat-filled eggs hidden throughout Roslindale's Adams Park.

WOLLASTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 37 E. Elm Ave., Quincy 9:00 am. This is a free Egg Hunt.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, Seekonk, MA will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:00 am.

LINDEN SQUARE COURTYARD Linden Square, Wellesley at 2:00 pm. Linden Square is proud to host a fun filled free event for the community. The courtyard will be the backdrop for all the festivities including a meet and greet with the Easter Bunny, face painting, an Easter egg hunt, treat bags, and snacks. All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring their own camera for photos.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Worcester, MA. 10:00-11:30 am. Fun for all ages and a great way to invite friends to Wesley! Join us for an Easter movie, crafts, donuts, and a great Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring one dozen filled plastic eggs for each child you

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wish to participate.

PARAGON CAROUSEL Nantasket Beach, Hull, MA 12:00 pm. Visit the Easter Bunny at the historic Paragon Carousel.

WINSLOW FARM ANIMAL SACTUARY, 37 Eddy Street, Norton, MA 508-285-6451 12:00-3:00 pm. Find the eggs and find the critters! Bunnies, kitties, goats, sheep, horses, donkeys, you never know who is around the corner! Come and join the fun!

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Purple/Pink: 3 large fresh beets (the roots, not the leaves) or pickled beet juice (borscht works!). Slice the beets and simmer them for 30 minutes over medium-low heat, again with just enough water to keep from burning!

Yellow: Turmeric makes the brightest yellow. For a pale yellow, try: Cumin, Paprika or Saffron. Add 3 tablespoons of turmeric (or other herb, just a few sprigs of saffron) to 1 cup of boiling water. Simmer for 10 minutes, then stir and let cool to room temperature.

Blue: Red cabbage (1/4 head or more) OR concentrated grape juice. Chop 1/4

head of red cabbage, add to 2 cups of boiling water. Simmer over medium-low heat for 20 minutes, let cool. Concentrated grape juice: just thaw it; use undiluted.

Blue #2: 1 pound of frozen blueberries. Crush the blueberries or puree them in a blender or food processor.

Orange: Yellow onion skins. Add the outer skins from 3 large yellow onions to 1 cup of boiling water; simmer for 20 minutes over medium-low heat, let cool.

Red: 2 cups of grated or finely chopped beets. Use the grater attachment on your food processor.

Dark Red: Red onion skins. Add the outer skins from 3 large red onions to 1 cup of boiling water; simmer for 20 minutes over medium-low heat, let cool.

Purple: Blueberries (1 pint). Add one pint of blueberries (fresh or frozen or canned with syrup) to just enough water to cover the berries (and make at least 1 cup of broth. Boil for 5 to 10 minutes over medium-low heat, let cool, strain out the skins.

Brown-gold: Dill seed. Add 2 Tablespoons of dill seed to 1 cup of boiling water; simmer for 20 min-

utes over medium-low heat, let cool.

Brown: Ground fresh coffee beans. Add 2 tablespoons of dill seed to 1 cup of boiling water; simmer for 20 minutes over medium-low heat, let cool.

Note: DON'T use any aluminum pots, pans or utensils!

You will also need 1 small (pint) bottle of plain white vinegar; any type (apple, or other) as long as it is clear and not colored.

Prepare the dyes! The dye baths are made from water (tap, rain, distilled or whichever you prefer), the plant extract (or herbs) and vinegar (it fixes the color to the egg).

a. You need just enough water to cover the eggs in the container you will use (small coffee cups are perfect!).

b. Add 1 teaspoon vinegar per cup of water.

c. Then add the plant extracts you made in step 1. For fruit or vegetable juices, simply substitute the juice for the water using as close to full strength as possible for the deepest colors.

Dye your eggs - Let each egg soak for 20 minutes to overnight, until you reach the intensity of the color you desire! Of course, if you want to let them soak for a long time, you should put it in the refrigerator to prevent spoilage!

Pat the eggs dry with a paper towel to avoid staining other parts of your house!

Tips: For glossy, shiny eggs, rub them with a paper towel or rag with canola, corn or olive oil.

You can use a wax crayon to make designs on the eggs BEFORE you soak them in the dye. Those areas will remain white.

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1. One who pretends to be something he is not

6. Cruise or Hanks, e.g.

9. A tropical South American monkey

13. Far beyond norm

14. Bleat

15. Floor covering

16. Slanted or listed

17. Bow shape

18. Tripod

19. *Pinching crustacean

21. *Underwater flower

23. Make lacework

24. Go cold turkey

25. International Monetary Fund

28. Holier than who?

30. A hand tool for drawing angles, pl.

35. "Yes, ____!"

37. "Layla" singer-songwriter

39. Roman king's abode

40. A fit of shivering

41. On fishing pole, pl.

43. "Coal Miner's Daughter"

44. Whatchamacallit

46. Relating to the ear

47. Caricatured

48. *Octopuses

50. On top of

52. Put to the test

53. Duds or threads

55. Wound fluid

57. Ancient wind instrument

61. *Daryl Hannah in "Splash"

65. Archeologist's find

66. Maiden name indicator

68. ____ Domingo

69. Kiwanis and Elks groups, e.g.

70. Even (poetic)

71. ____ Park, CO

72. Contributions to the poor

73. H1N1, e.g.

74. Crevice stuffers

DOWN

1. Door sign

2. Margarine

3. Back wound?

4. German surrealist Max

5. Knocks on the door, e.g.

6. Ski lift

7. *Rowboat propeller

8. Reverted to China in '99

9. Now Thailand

10. In addition

11. Type of eye?

12. ____ of Man

15. Move unsteadily

20. Olden days anesthetic

22. Writing point of pen

24. Eternal sleep

25. Idealized image

26. Ex-Laker Johnson

27. He sold his soul to Mephistopheles

29. Popular dunking cookie

31. A sails-shaped constellation

32. It borders Mediterranean and Red seas

33. *The Titanic was one of these

34. *Spongebob's air-breathing friend

36. Office communique

38. Paper holder

42. *A peri ____ lets a submariner see above water

45. Light studies

49. Charged particle

51. Florence Nightingale and the like

54. Thief, Yiddish

56. New show with Debra Messing

57. *Black and white killer?

58. Independent unit of life

59. Obama to Harvard Law School, e.g.

60. Barbequed anatomy

61. Carte du jour


62. Not in favor

63. Individual unit

64. Sleep in a convenient place

67. *It can be electric

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• Freeway Says (Continued from Page 7)

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A REAL LIVE EASTER BUNNY What's more tempting on Easter than to bring home the “real thing”, a real live Easter Bunny? If this is something you're thinking

about, think again. Rabbits are not toys, nor are the low-maintenance pets. They require the same level of care as a dog or cat and need plenty of room to play and hop. While they can be cuddly and affectionate, they can also become easily frightened when held or confronted by other animals. Unfortunately, most rabbits purchased as Easter gifts end up either abandoned or

the streets, which is a sure death sentence, or in shelters.

That's all for now ... REMEMBER to keep our North End Streets clean PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET.

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• **Hoops & Hockey** (Continued from Page 16)

bounds, his fifth triple-double of the season.

"We told Rondo going into the game that he needed to be a scorer," said Rivers "And I thought he set the tone at the beginning of the game by doing that (10 points in the first period). I thought that loosened it up for everybody else to get into the game. He was terrific."

For Pierce the victory was an indication that the team, which struggled early in the season, is back in true form and "can play with the best. It gives us a lot of confidence knowing that we can beat the best teams in the league. We are starting to really come together knowing that the playoffs are right around the corner. We are starting to hit our stride and now — coming down the stretch — we've won a lot of big games. What I'm happy about is our resiliency, our fight, despite the fact that we have a lot of injuries. Ray Allen wasn't out there. This team continues to fire away through all the adversity."

Although Miami has struggled on the road of late, it is one powerful team, playing over .720 ball — second in the Eastern Conference behind only Chicago. The Heat did manage to stay close

at the half, trailing by only five at 49-44 but the C's essentially won the game in the third quarter, outscoring Miami 31-12.

Another key to the game — the foul shooting of the Celtics. The C's made 20 of 22 shots from the line — with Brandon Bass going a perfect 10 for 10. That was a sky high 90.9 percent from the charity stripe.

Interestingly, everyone that suited up for Miami — all 13 players — saw action in the game so it truly was a team loss. All but one played over five minutes in the game. For the Celtics everyone got in except for Marquis Daniels. Ray Allen, of course, did not suit up because of that sore right ankle.

The C's now have/hold a 30-15 all-time record in games played against the Heat in the Hub. The win was the eighth consecutive over Miami on the parquet.

The C's will play in Miami on April 10 and will then host the Heat in a return match-up at the Garden on April 24. Two nights later, they close this abbreviated four-month season with a home game against Milwaukee.

The playoffs follow the first round opponent yet to be determined.

• **Buona Pasqua** (Continued from Page 1)

ian, Easter celebrations arouse not only stirring and pleasant memories, but also unites his or her thoughts, endeavors and intentions with family members who have gone to be with the Lord. Italians in the homeland as well as in the Diaspora who have settled in different countries, throughout the world, share in the beautiful and ancient Italian Easter traditions given to us by our

ancestors.

Our Easter celebrations should renew in us the sense of belonging to our Italian roots and strengthen our awareness of our national identity in the Italian community no matter where we live. We thank God that we live in America with all our freedoms and good life. Yet we should realize that we are of Italian descent and always treasure our own customs and traditions that are

thousands of years old.

We should practice our customs, cultivate them and pass them on to future generations. In this way we strengthen our ties with our ancestral origin. When we practice and keep our Italian Holy Week traditions it will be a rich and profound experience which will help us remember our origins and those who came before us.

Buona Pasqua!

• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

As much as Romney says the bill he signed into law is not the same as Obama-Care, in the eyes of most, to see one is to see the other. If Romney ends up battling President Obama for the keys to the White House, Obama's plan is off the campaign table. This gives the edge to Obama who can focus his campaign elsewhere.

Rush is Right on Voter ID Bills

Rush Limbaugh is correct when he criticizes U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and the U.S. Justice Department over lawsuits against states that implement state voter ID laws. Apparently, Holder and the Democrats think racism is behind the ID laws and says the government must protect the right to vote for people who cannot prove their citizenship status. One would think the hardship being mentioned over getting a photo ID card was overwhelming. Why also are Democrats only concerned about inclusion at the voting booth? Do they really care about these folks they are protecting or are they just playing partisan politics? After all, what about the ability of these folks too

poor to get a voter ID card being able to open a bank account, drive a car, buy cigarettes and the myriad of other things people can't get or do without a photo ID?

If they, cared about inclusion for all, they would be concerned about all the above. By the way, as I previously stated, one cannot enter the U.S. Justice Department building in Washington, D.C. without showing a photo ID. Why does Holder require a photo ID to enter a government building but not a voting booth?

Affirmative Action Still Alive and Well

Recently, the *Boston Herald* ran a March 23 news story on the Boston Fire Department's new second in command just hired. The guy is a Latino but now we find out the guy doesn't speak Spanish. He says speaking Spanish never came up in the hiring process which I find hard to believe or a very stupid thing for not having been asked. Did the folks who interviewed him for this top job just assume he was bi-lingual? However, what was worse was finding out that the Boston Fire Department through a state waiver can now move Latinos to the top

of the hiring list even though some may only speak English. What about our military veterans? Shouldn't they be at the top of hiring lists? Liberals just hate the 14th Amendment, don't they?

Patrick's Own Jobs Data?

In recent months, Gov. Deval Patrick has been touting federal employment stats as an effective political tool. He does this to show what a great job his administration is doing on job growth as he travels the country as an Obama reelection campaign surrogate. He uses his facts to compare himself to former Gov. Mitt Romney. However, the numbers he is using showing Massachusetts as fifth in the nation in jobs growth have been adjusted. The new federal numbers drop our state to number 41 in 2011 but the governor's people are still using the outdated 5th place spot on the jobs growth list.

Gregory Bialecki, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development on March 19 was still behind the times saying, "The old number feels like the better description of what's really happening in the Massachusetts economy."

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

So what's new? Boston police are cracking down on aggressive dancing at heavy-metal concerts. "Mosh pits" date back to the 1970s, but police say they will no longer tolerate metal fans jumping and slamming into each other. "Dancing is a First Amendment right," said police spokeswoman Nicole Grant, "but the behavior itself is a violation."

Speaking of dancing, the dance called the twist created an interesting phenomenon. For the first time in history clothes were worn out from the inside.

Hands off! The TSA said it would begin testing less-stringent screening procedures for passengers who are 75 and older, allowing them to keep their shoes on and avoid body pat-downs. "We know people in that population and age group pose a lower risk to security," said a TSA spokeswoman.

Penny news! Every one-penny rise in the cost of a gallon of gas takes \$1 billion of consumer spending away from other goods in the course of a year, according to an analysis by Credit Suisse bank. A 50-cent increase this year would thus divert \$50 billion away from consumer spending.

In a majority of U.S. metropolitan areas, single childless women in their 20s generally have more education and higher median incomes than their male peers. In Dallas and Atlanta, the average young woman earns \$1.18 and \$1.14, respectively, for every dollar earned by a male.

Dangerous habits! Smoking remains a stubbornly entrenched habit among American teenagers. A new report on youth smoking from the U.S. Surgeon General's office — the first since 1994 — shows that one in five American teens smokes; 80 percent of them will still be addicted as adults. Teen smoking was in dramatic decline a decade ago, but in recent years the decrease has slowed. Anti-smoking activists blame the \$10 billion that tobacco companies spend every year on marketing and advertising. About 600,000 middle school students and 3 million high school students light up regularly. Teen smoking is a "pe-

diatric epidemic," Surgeon General Regina Benjamin tells *USA Today*. "The numbers are really shocking." Smoking related diseases are the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., killing some 1,200 people per day. Yet for every death, two or more people under the age of 26 take up the habit. In addition to drastically increasing young people's odds of developing cancer and heart disease, smoking can permanently damage their still developing lungs. "The addictive power of nicotine makes tobacco use much more than a passing phase for most teens," Benjamin says. "It's a problem we have to solve." How true!

More stuff about our health! Spicing up your meals may be an easy way to increase metabolism and improve heart health. Researchers at Penn State University prepared two identical high-fat meals for a group of volunteers, then added two tablespoons of a mix of spices — including rosemary, oregano, cinnamon, turmeric, cloves, garlic powder, and paprika — to one of them, transforming a plain chicken dish into chicken curry. Usually, eating rich foods increase blood levels of insulin and triglyceride fats, which heighten the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and other illnesses. But when researchers tested the blood of the volunteers after both meals, they found that the spicy version reduced triglyceride levels by 31 percent and insulin levels by 21 percent compared with the bland fare. Previous research indicates that spices may contain anti-oxidants—much like chocolate and red wine do — that can help ward off chronic disease. Researchers now hope to figure out what amounts of which spices are the most beneficial, and whether the use of spices reduces the risk of disease over the long term.

Some useless information about food: Dinner guests during medieval times in England were expected to bring their own knives to the table. In eighteenth-century France, visitors to the royal palace in Versailles were allowed to stand in a roped-off section of the main dining room and watch the king and queen eat. Chewing gum



while peeling onions will keep you from crying. And people drink the urine of pregnant women to build up their immune systems.

Proprio Stronzo, says, "Some folks commit a crime and go to jail; others commit a crime, write a book, and get rich."

Despite his frequent criticism of the Bush administration policies, Mitt Romney has named 16 members of that administration to his team of 24 "special advisers" on national security and foreign policy. "Bush loyalists" all want to be back in power again," said former Bush speech writer Matt Lattimer, and "Romney's the best bet."

Time for some interesting show biz stuff as compiled by the stately musicologist Albert Natale, a proud native of Boston's North End. According to Ava Gardner, "Fred Astaire did not have a huge feud with Ginger Rogers. The feud was between Roger's and Fred's wife, a tiny, rich woman who was very much in charge. She wouldn't let Fred and Ginger dance together off screen. She was jealous of Ginger; maybe she imagined Ginger wanted to have an affair with Fred, which I'm sure she didn't—unlike me, Ginger liked handsome men. As for Fred, I honestly don't think he was anything other than basically asexual." Marcello Mastroianni shot his mouth off about Dom DeLuise! "Wasn't Dom DeLuise fat enough? Most fat people don't know when to quit. They go from chubby to fat ... and at fifty it is disgusting, and then they go to extra fat and then monstrous. I would shoot myself before letting myself get so fat!" And singer Julio Iglesias is in the Guinness Book of Records on the strength of having sales of more than 100 million record albums in five languages.

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PIZZA GHENA "Peeza Gay na" Easter Ricotta Cheese Pie with Meats

CRUST:

1 cup lukewarm water
2 to 3 packages dry yeast
6 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar

1/8 teaspoon black ground pepper
6 to 7 cups flour — preferably King Arthur or Gold Medal
1 beaten egg for egg wash
1 9" x 12" x 3" baking pan

Pour water into a bowl. Sprinkle yeast over water. Stir until yeast dissolves. Add oil, sugar, salt, pepper and stir. Add flour gradually until all water is absorbed. Add additional flour if dough is too soft. Work dough into a soft ball. Knead dough for a minute and then separate into two portions. Spray vegetable oil lightly into a bowl before placing the two portions in it. Cover and let dough rise to twice its size.

Spray oil lightly over entire inside of baking pan. Moisten hands with oil for ease of spreading risen dough in baking pan. Then take one portion of crust dough out of bowl. Begin spreading and fattening it out by hand or with a rolling pin. Place it gently in the baking pan. Continue spreading by hand until the dough covers the entire inside of pan (including the four sides) **all in one piece**. Crust should be about 1/8 inch in thickness. Set aside.

FILLING:

8 beaten eggs
1 pound ricotta cheese
1 pound fresh formaggio cheese
1/2 cup freshly grated Romano cheese
1/2 pound sliced ham of choice*

1/2 pound sliced Prosciutto*
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black ground pepper
* Other dried cured meats can be added such as sopressata, pepperoni, and various salami slices if desired.

FILLING MIXTURE:

In a large bowl place ricotta cheese, fresh cut-up formaggio cheese, grated Romano cheese, salt, and pepper. Mix gently with a fork. Cut up ham and Prosciutto* slices into smaller portions and add to bowl. Add eight beaten eggs. Using a fork or spoon, mix thoroughly. Gently pour filling over bottom crust in the baking pan. Fill only about three-quarters of the baking pan, leaving about one inch or more from top edge of pan.

Spread top crust to about 1/8 of an inch in thickness and large enough to cover mixture as one piece in baking pan. Then place over mixture. With your fingers, gently crimp edges of the two crusts together and roll inward to seal mixture in baking pan. If desired, crimp edge portions with fork. This is necessary to prevent mixture from seeping through any openings while baking.

With pastry brush, spread egg wash over entire top crust. Prick three or four small openings of top crust to help moisture escape while baking.

Place baking pan in middle shelf of preheated 400°F oven for one-half hour. Then lower to 350°F and continue baking for about three-quarters of an hour. Then lower oven to 300°F and continue baking until the crust is golden brown. Check mixture after two hours of baking, insert a thin small knife into center. If knife blade comes out dry, mixture is cooked.

Cool this special Easter Pie for at least eight or nine hours for best results. Pie is served in square portions.

Makes sixteen to eighteen portions.

NOTE: Rose (Marcantonio) Sinopoli, my sister-in-law, has been encouraged yearly by her brother Dr. Joseph Marcantonio to prepare their mother's (Antonietta Pisano Marcantonio) original Pizza Ghena recipe. The family traveled from Avellino to America in the early 1920s, settling in Boston's North End before moving to Roslindale. For many years my husband and I have been privileged to taste some of Rose's delicious Pizza Ghena.

Because Rose makes such a large pie each year for all members of her family, she kindly reduced the original size of the recipe so I can share this smaller-size recipe with you.

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"Auguri —
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Easter is this weekend and like most families we have made plans for the holiday. As I have mentioned many times, we combine our family with that of my cousin, Ralph Pepe. Ralph is the grandson of Zi'Antonio, Nanna's oldest brother and the man who brought her to America. Ralph's mother and my mother were cousins and the closest of relatives on that side of the family. As a result, when she married Ralph Pepe Sr., and had a family, Mom and Dad socialized with them and we kids all grew up together. Ralph siblings are all gone and he and I are now the old timers as heads of the extended families.

You know how people drift away in families when they grow up? Well we were no different. I ran into Ralph at a family wake about 25 years ago. And, like most relatives you haven't seen in a long time, we talked about the fun we had when we were kids and how we should get together at some point in the future. I've experienced this scenario many times over the years, but a week after that wake, Ralph called and we made plans to have our wives and kids meet. Since that point in time, we have been celebrating the holidays together as an extended family, just like the point in time when his grandparents and mine were the heads of their respective families.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Ralph and his wife, Angela, met with Loretta and me at a restaurant a few days ago, and we planned out the Easter arrangements. They have four children, three of whom have families of their own and will be there along with the fourth who is still single. On my side, Michael will be coming home from New York for the weekend, but John, our oldest, is in San Francisco and cannot make it back for the holidays, due to his new job.

Considering the number of people who will be at Easter dinner, the ladies worked out the menu and how much food would be necessary to feed one and all.

As I mentioned, we spend the holidays together. The three that are important are Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Thanksgiving is an American holiday and the food that we plan out for that Thursday in November is American. But, Christmas and Easter, to us, are Italian holidays and the food will be Italian. The top of the kitchen table will be covered with all types of Italian delicacies, which combined, will

be our antipasti. The dinner will consist of ravioli, meatballs, sausages, chunks of different meats cooked in the gravy, vegetables sautéed in garlic and oil, salad and homemade wine. Just to let everyone know we are in America, there will be a large baked ham in the center of the table. Later, the ricotta pizzas that are traditional at Easter time will be placed on a table and along with coffee and sambuca, will constitute the desserts of the day. About 7:00 or 8:00 pm, everyone will start heading home, and like her grandmother and mother before her, Ralph's wife will hand out doggie bags with the dinner leftovers that will be warmed up for dinner the next day. This is the way it's done when you are Italian.

I remember a story that Nanna and my mother told me when I was a kid. It seems that Babbononno wanted lamb for Easter dinner one year and bought a live lamb and kept it in a shed he had built in the back of the garden at the house at 70 Eutaw Street, where the family grew up. Babbononno had come from Foggia, a city on Italy's east coast, and I guess that lamb for Easter might have been common. The custom may have been due to Greek influences in that part of Italy, but I'm not sure. Anyway, Babbononno bought the live lamb, brought it home and kept it out back, feeding it every day to fatten it up.

Uncle Gino, the youngest of his children, and the only sibling of my mother's left alive, adopted the lamb as his pet. Each day, he would play with the animal as if it was a dog

or cat, with Nanna constantly preventing him from bringing the animal into the house. As Easter approached, it was evident that Uncle Gino had formed an attachment with the little lamb. Mom, Uncle Paul and Uncle Nick tried to tell their youngest brother that he shouldn't become so attached to the lamb, but when you are that small and emotional, you sometimes don't listen to reality.

Well, Easter weekend finally arrived and Nanna began the food preparations that would, in their completed form, adorn the Contini table for the holiday. Back then, Italians didn't buy things canned, packaged or jarred. Everything was fresh and those basic ingredients would be combined by my grandmother to make the courses for the Easter dinner. Babbononno did his part, too. He would have one of his sons drive him to his brother-in-law Zi'Antonio's house, where he would select a couple of gallons of his best homemade red wine. And on that particular Easter weekend, he had another chore. If the lamb was destined to adorn the center of the Contini table, someone had to slaughter it, dress it and then cook it. The cooking part was left up to Nanna, but the rest, this was the responsibility of my grandfather.

Holy Saturday evening saw the Contini children heading for bed and when they were asleep, Babbononno headed to the back yard with the implements to butcher the main course of the next day.

After Easter Mass, the entire family headed back home and Nanna continued with the dinner preparations she had abandoned for a couple of hours to attend Mass and say hello to everyone at the Mt. Carmel Church. Well, the hour of truth finally arrived. When dinner was served, there was a roasted lamb sitting in the middle of the Contini table. When Uncle Gino saw the main course, as young as he was, he put two and two together and ran out of the house heading for the shed in the back yard and his pet lamb. Of course the lamb wasn't there and two and two added up to five. He cried, screamed, yelled and ran into his room and hid under his bed sobbing all afternoon. I'm assuming the family enjoyed the taste of the lamb dinner as Nanna was a great cook. Uncle Gino didn't eat any of the lamb when he became hungry enough to come out of hiding. From what my late mother used to say, Uncle Gino never ate lamb ever again in his life. I don't know how true this last statement is, but I'm wondering if I should ask my uncle if she was right.

Fast forwarding the time frame to when I was a kid, Dad and Uncles Paul and Nick couldn't wait for Easter to pass as music was at a minimum during the Lenten season.

All three of them played in society bands back then and things were slow until Easter was over and weddings would take place on Saturdays and Sundays through June.

Dances, parties, debutante balls, proms, graduations and such ... all of these would surface after Easter had passed and the men in my family would be happy as they were among the best free lance musicians in Boston and would then be working eight days a week. GOD BLESS AMERICA

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NEWS BRIEFS

(FROM ITALIAN
NEWSPAPERS AND
OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

POPE RATZINGER BREAKS UP AN OLD TABU. Recently we found some old newspaper clippings. One described Pope Ratzinger sitting at his desk, in the library's big hall, speaking to the microphones of RAI-TV (channel 1) to answer questions asked by the public. It was Good Friday (2011) when the Pope began, for the first time, what he called a "dialogue" with the people, among whom were non-Catholics, an unprecedented event. The questions had been selected by the manager of the TV program "To His Image" directed by Rosario Carello, recorded and then submitted to the Pope. A young Japanese girl asked: "What is the reason for children are suffering after the earthquake (in Japan)?" An Italian mother asked: "If her son's soul, living in a vegetative stage, is still with him?" A few Iranian youngsters asked about the persecution of the (Christian) communities and are tempted by a strong desire to emigrate. A Muslim woman, from the Ivory Coast, asked the Pope to comment over the difficult living arrangement between Christians and Muslims. Lastly, an unidentified Italian fellow asked three questions about Jesus' three days he spent between death and resurrection. The Pope gave exhaustive answers, as the erudite he is, showing his open availability with a paternal tone of the shepherd he is of the universal Church.

All his answers were recorded by the Vatican TV Center during the broadcast, along with the studio commentary of Davide Rondoni, writer and critic of the paper *Avvenire*, directed by Father Ugo Sartorio who is also the editor of the *Messaggero Di Sant'antonio* (St. Anthony's Messenger), also commented by Chiara Amirante, the founder of the New Horizons Organization involved in youth issues.

NOBEL LAUREATE RITA LEVI MONTALCINI, A CENTENARIAN, CELEBRATES HER 102! Dr. Rita Montalcini recently celebrated her 102nd birthday, in the intimacy of her home, and tranquility! She had a toast with her closest friends and collaborators. She appeared joyful, serene, and happy to have so many people with her. Of course, best wishes came from all over the world, as well as from the Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, from the Senate and from the Chamber leaders respectively Renato Schifani and Gianfranco Fini.

She has dedicated her entire and long life to medical research, always involved in scientific research, scoring successes that made her the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Medicine. She has been hailed as the Pride of Italy and the champion for future generations. She received a few visitors who wanted to express their respect and love to the ultra-centenarian doctor, who never seems to take a break from her work.

I suppose she doesn't like to miss a thing!



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• Talk of Many Things (Continued from Page 4)

stones need replacing, the chain link fence needs repaired and that storm-damaged tree needs a tree surgeon. The area could look better. Benches could be added. When tourists leave Boston, they should be saying how great Boston keeps their historic sites and not how tacky someplace looks.

REMEMBER STELLA'S

When I was a kid, the North End had about seven or eight restaurants. Today that number has grown into the hundreds. The North End seems to have as many eating places as Quincy has nail and hair places. When I was a kid I always liked Stella's at the corner of Garden Court and Fleet Streets. Today, it remains a small parking lot with lots of good old memories. Stella's had the best lasagna in the world and I ate there often growing up. Other places to remember were the European on Hanover Street near Cross Street and the Cantina Italiana further down Hanover Street. (near North Bennett Street)

STILL FALLOUT FROM LIFE FOCUS CENTER

There's still much fallout over alleged wrong-doings at the Life Focus Center in Charlestown. State Auditor Suzanne Bump wants this

non-profit to pay back some monies that were questionably spent. The Board of Directors also wrote a long letter to the community in the *Charlestown Patriot Bridge* to clarify any concerns from the community and the newspaper itself wrote a blistering editorial on this whole sorry affair.

DID YOU CELEBRATE "MOM & POP BUSINESS OWNERS DAY"???

We just passed by a little known holiday on Thursday, March 29. It was National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day. Rick Segal of Poinciana, Florida has been credited with creating this holiday to honor the small business his parents operated in Everett, MA. Back in 1939, the place called "Ruth's" was a hat shop and would later expand into a women's shop in Medford and by the time it closed it had over \$42 million in reserves.

Like Segal, I believe we under-appreciate small business owners and the role of this segment of the business community to the marketplace and national economy. We usually take these small time owners for granted until they close. We should remember small businesses are the real backbone of the economy

especially at the neighborhood level shop there and keep America strong.

A SALUTE TO THE UNOFFICIALLY NEW LORD MAYOR OF WEST ROXBURY RICHIE GORMLEY

On Friday evening, West Roxbury partied like it was "1999" as that old hit tune's lyrics stated. After a heated campaign, Richie Gormley got himself elected the unofficial "Mayor of West Roxbury" through an AOL internet election conducted by the *West Roxbury Patch*. Gormley told this reporter, it was an honor to win, "I am humbled to be elected."

The installation was held on Friday, March 30 at the Irish Social Club where the real Mayor Tom Menino swore him into office. A parade took Mayor Gormley from his funeral parlor down Centre Street with marching bands leading the way. It was a great night for Gormley, all of West Roxbury and the charitable organizations who benefited from these mayoral elections.

Mary Maloney, president of the Irish Social Club told me, "it was a great day for Richie (Gormley) and the entire West Roxbury community. Folks will be talking about this for years to come."

• Thinking Out Loud (Continued from Page 4)

change as the campaign progresses.

I think the Romney spin is full of risks. Back in 1994, after all, Romney campaigned for a US Senate seat by running to the left of Ted Kennedy. As a governor, he served in office when he showed up as a moderate. Now in 2012, he is running for president by running to the right of Ronald Reagan. Which is he? There's a joke going around: Three guys walk into a bar, a conservative, a moderate and a liberal and the bartender asked, "What will it be Mitt." Personally, from observing him over the years, I think he is a centrist who can move to either side of the spectrum if he has to. His father, Michigan Gov. George Romney, was a centrist too, which is why he lost the 1968 presidential nomination to Richard M. Nixon who

ran to the elder Romney's right in that old campaign.

Problem for Romney? Even if he gets the Republican nomination in Tampa this upcoming August, can he hold on to the GOP's conservative core? Can he also attract moderate independents to pick him over President Obama? To date, Romney has been winning delegates by outspending his more conservative opponents but come the general election, Team Obama will out-spend Romney quite well. What Romney should be doing now is giving voters a reason to support him. Any negative campaigning must be directed at Barack Obama from this point onward.

Also, I am not sure that any running mate mentioned to date would be a good fit for Romney as he faces down the Obama-Biden ticket. Latest name mentioned is Jeb Bush, the former Florida governor. This Bush is the most conservative of all, but America isn't ready for another Bush just yet. Neither is US Sen. Marco Rubio or US Rep.

Allen West both from Florida.

More and more, I am not that confident that the "Anybody but Obama" crowd will rule Election Day. As a Reagan Democrat, I have always been troubled by a Romney candidacy as I was troubled with Bob Dole in 1996 and John McCain last time out.

America remains a Center-Right nation but we keep getting Center-Left presidents. President Obama has been one of the worse presidents in recent U.S. history but he still stands a good chance of getting re-elected since Republicans can't seem to find someone who is both electable and conservative to run. Obama wins when he faces a weak challenger. With all the recent troubles Americans have been going through, Obama should be the next Jimmy Carter rather than the Comeback Kid Bill Clinton he is starting to resemble.

Any reset button that Eric Fehrstrom pushes could turn into a third rail for our former governor. Throw the Etch-A-Sketch away too.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



The Great Mel Parnell Has Left Us

Mel Parnell, a great left-handed pitcher who spent his entire 10 year career as a member of the Boston Red Sox during the '40s and '50s died recently after a battle with cancer. He was 89 years old. No lefty did better pitching at Fenway than Parnell. Lefties always hated the Green Monster at only 310 feet down the left field line. He had a career 123-75 win-loss record but was 70-30 at Fenway Park. He still holds the team record for a lefty in games started, innings pitched and victories. Back in 2005, Parnell said, "The Green Monster never bothered me. It was the lack of foul room that bothered me. A foul ball would go into the stands, letting the batter stay

alive. I always thought I could manage the Monster. I couldn't manage the lack of foul territory."

His best season was 1949 when he went 25-7, the most wins that year in the AL, he also had the lowest E.R.A. at 2.77, and he completed 27 games and threw 295.1 innings. Parnell didn't really like the system for current pitchers, pitch counts and all kinds of specialty relievers. In his career, he threw 113 complete games and had 20 shutouts including a no-hitter in 1956. In his great 1949 season, he started 35 games and completed 27 of them.

I remember the role he played during the 1967 Impossible Dream season when he did color along with Quincy sports legend Ken Coleman. He's a pitcher I wish I could say I saw pitch but I was just a bit too young to have seen him on the mound. As a left-hander myself, I always knew his career stats. By the way, one of the American League's best left-handed pitchers, Whitey Ford from the NY Yankees rarely pitched at Fenway Park because he stunk there.

Indians Alter Hernandez Contract or is That Carmona's Contract?

The Cleveland Indians still don't know what to do with Roberto Hernandez, a/k/a Fausto Carmona and his role on the team, if any. The club is awaiting the outcome to this messy situation. The

team changed the terms of his contract. Hernandez was recently cleared of false identity charges in the Dominican Republic. This season he is scheduled to make \$2.5 million. He had been scheduled for \$7 million this season but the two-named pitcher lost \$5 million in this legal mess of his. Next season he was going to get a \$9 million option but that is now dropped to \$6 million. How do you say, "You just lost \$7.5 million" in another language? OUCH!

Chipper Jones Pulling Plug on Career

Chipper Jones third baseman for the Atlanta Braves has decided to call it a career.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12D1013DR

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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: **Shannon M. Benay Esq., Shannon Benay Attorney At Law, P.O. Box 3782, South Attleboro, MA 02703** your answer, if any, on or before **April 30, 2012**. 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: March 19, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 4/6/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
PO Box 9667
Boston, MA 02114
Docket No. SU12P0522EA

In the Estate of
THOMAS C. ALBANESE
Late of Boston, MA 02128
Date of Death April 1, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **Joseph J. Albanese** of Duxbury, MA be appointed administrator of said estate to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** ON OR BEFORE **TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON APRIL 19, 2012**.

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code 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 the appointed Personal Representative.

WITNESS, HON. JOAN P ARMSTRONG,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 15, 2012

Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate
Run date: 4/6/12

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LEGAL NOTICE

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO TRADE CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for **MPA CONTRACT NO. L1034-C1, FY 2013-2014 AIRFIELD PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE TERM CONTRACT, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST 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, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012** 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) IN THE BID ROOM AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012.

The work includes: **CRACK FILLING; PAVEMENT PATCHING; ADJUSTMENT OF UTILITY STRUCTURES; COAL-TAR AND ASPHALT EMULSION SLURRY SEAL; SEALING OF PCC PAVEMENTS; JOINT, CRACK, AND SPALL REPAIR OF PCC PAVEMENT; MILLING; REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY AND RUNWAY IN-PAVEMENT LIGHTS; BITUMINOUS AND PORTLAND/HYDRAULIC CEMENT PAVING; GROOVING; PAVEMENT MARKINGS; PAVEMENT MARKINGS REMOVAL; AND ON-CALL REPAIR OF AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012**.

The estimated contract cost is **\$3,600,000**.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
DAVID S. MACKEY
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 04/06/12

He is almost 40 years old with a series of injuries slowing him down, announced he will retire after this season. Said Jones surrounded by his family, "I have fulfilled everything. There is nothing left for me to do." He praised the Atlanta Braves organization and called Bobby Cox, "The greatest manager any of us will ever know. I've been thinking about this and the reason I stayed around is you guys. I played on teams where clubhouse cohesion wasn't there. That never happened with you guys."

Jones won the MVP award in 1999 and the NL batting crown in 2008. He played on seven All-Star teams and surely will make it into Cooperstown in the not so distant future. He carries a career .304 batting average with 454 home runs and 1,561 RBI.

Beckett Starts Home Opener

While Jon Lester opens the season on the road, it is Josh Beckett who gets to pitch the home opener. On paper, Beckett had a better 2011 season but paper isn't always what it seems. Mid-way through the season, Beckett did his usual shutdown. He started off like gangbusters but finished apparently with chicken and beer in the clubhouse. I still consider lefty Jon Lester the team's ace and think Beckett needs to have a good season from start to finish or does not belong in the starting rotation in

Boston anymore. Lots of money but the return on the money always seems lacking from him. Speaking of Lackey, John needs to show something this year except bad games and a killer high E.R.A.

Francona Still Seems 8&^^%\$, Doesn't He?

Terry Francona still seems pretty angry with the way his last days in Fenway Park went. Most of us remember those last days that amounted to an agonizing month of bad baseball. Francona said he hasn't been invited to the 100th anniversary celebration of Fenway Park this April and probably wouldn't even go if invited. Prior to the 7-20 September Meltdown, Francona was talked about as the best Red Sox manger ever but after September that kind of talk stopped pretty quickly. His first four seasons were tops. Two World Series championships in his first four season as manager but his last four years were pretty much the reliving off the glory of the first four seasons. I still think Dick Williams (1967-69) was the best manager of the Sox in my lifetime.

I was glad the Sox signed up Bobby Valentine since he's just the kind of no-nonsense manager the Red Sox need at this junction in the team's history. Bobby V. looks like a mix between Francona and Dick Williams. Here's to hoping the Sox go all the way this year.

LEGAL NOTICE

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO TRADE CONTRACTORS

REQUEST FOR TRADE CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from TRADE CONTRACTORS interested in performing work for **MPA PROJECT NO. L269-C1-SB, DESIGN PACKAGE #2 and #3 LOGAN CONSOLIDATED RENTAL CAR FACILITY, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**. The Authority is seeking Qualification Statements from Trade Contractors who have a demonstrated experience in the construction and implementation of similar work in terms of scale and complexity as required for this project at Logan Airport in East Boston. In accordance with Massachusetts construction manager at-risk requirements, MGL Chapter 149A, Section 44F, Qualification Statements are being requested at this time from **Painting** trade contractors.

This is a re-advertisement for the Painting trade. The Trade Contractors that have already provided submissions do not need to resubmit.

The Consolidated Rental Car Facility Southwest Service Area Redevelopment project (ConRAC) includes a four-level 1,200,000 square foot precast concrete parking garage, a 112,000 square feet Customer Service Center (CSC) building, Quick Turnaround Areas (QTAs) for rental car maintenance and storage, including fueling, washing and cleaning facilities. The project includes site building structures, architecture, interior finishes, vehicular and pedestrian circulation/wayfinding, signage/graphics, stairs, HVAC, plumbing, fire protection, electrical, lighting, power, security, and other systems and facilities. The total estimated cost of the Project is approximately \$187,000,000 and the construction duration is approximately thirty (30) months. **The estimated value of Painting work to be performed \$940,000**

The Authority is implementing this project in accordance with MGL Chapter 149A, Sections 1 thru 13. This selection of trade contractors conforms to MGL Chapter 149A, Section 8, subsections (b) to (k) inclusive. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be utilized to prequalify trade contractors capable and experienced in the construction of parking structures. The Authority shall utilize a two-step process including the prequalification of trade contractors based on an evaluation of the Statement of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed by an Invitation to Bidders that will only be issued to the prequalified trade contractors. A Prequalification Committee consisting of four representatives, one each from the Designer and the CM at Risk and two Massport staff. This Prequalification Committee will be conducting a qualifications-based evaluation of submittals received from interested trade contractors in order to identify prequalified trade contractors who will be invited to respond to a written Invitation to Bidders.

Qualification Statements shall be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria; (1) Management Experience; (2) Project References including a Public Project Record and (3) Capacity to Complete including a demonstration that the contractor has the financial stability and long-term viability to successfully implement the Project. Please contact Susan Brace at sbrace@massport.com or 617.568.5961 to obtain copies of the submittal forms.

Seven (7) copies of a bound document each limited to 20 sheets (40 pages), exclusive of covers and dividers and resumes, which shall be limited to one page, shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11") and shall be addressed to Mr. Houssam H. Sleiman, P.E., CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs, and received no later than 12 Noon, Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submittal that exceeds the page limit set here or that is not received in the Capital Programs Department by the above deadline shall be rejected as non-responsive.

Questions regarding this RFQ shall be directed to Ms. Catherine Wetherell, Deputy Director, Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs, at 617-568-3501 or via email at cwetherell@massport.com.

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Ring 4 Hall of Fame Banquet on April 22.
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In Atlantic City 6' 8" fighter Mariusz **Wach** 27-0, 15 KO's won by a Kayo in six over 6' 8" Tye Fields **49-5, 44** KO's. On this card, Joey **The KO Kid** Spina fought Olympian Jerson Ravelo 21-5, 12 Kayos and lost by an eight round split decision, by scores of 79-73, 77-75 Ravelo, and 77-75 Spina. At **Twin Rivers** in Rhode Island, Jimmy Burchfield and **Classic Entertainment & Sports** promoted a fine card. Vladine

Biosse 12-1-1 won a hard fought battle over George **Amenta** 59-54, 59-54 and 59-55. Jason **Pires** 23-4-1 won a split decision battle in six. 59-55, 56-58, 58-56 over Eddie **Soto** of Pawtucket, RI. Eddie Soto is a pretty tough opponent. This was the first bout for Jason Pires in almost three years. That's a long time out of the ring. Schoolboy Pires won his first fight back and should be congratulated and pleased. Is there a rematch in the future for **Pires** and **Soto**? In other bouts in this **Home Invasion** fight card, Alex **Ampara** 3-0, 2 KO's won over John **Downey** 0-1 of Spencer, MA. Welterweight Jonathan **Vasquez** of New Bedford 5-1, 4 KO's **"Won in One"** over Jeff Anderson 0-1, Benny **Contantino** now 7-1 suffered his first defeat to dangerous opponent Yolexey **Leiva** 5-2, 4 KO's, Carlos **Hernandez** 2-2, 1 KO stopped Robert Hunt 0-2 in the third. Kevin **Cobbs** 3-0 defeated Ahmad Mickens 1-2-1 and Thomas **Falowo** 6-0 won over Troy Artis 3-3-1 by decision. Also on this card Aleksandra **Magdziak Lopes** 6-1 continued with her great career with a unanimous

decision over experienced Ashleigh Curry 4-7-2.

We send our prayers to R.I.P. Bert **Sugar** and offer our condolences to his family. It's kind of hard to see a televised fight and not hear or see **Burt** Sugar speaking and interviewing stars of boxing.

Check out, **Sports Illustrated Fenway. 100 Years of a Beloved Ballpark.** A victory by KO in 5 on July 12, 1954 by Welterweight Tony **DeMarco** over tough George Araujo. There's a great photograph in this book of Tony DeMarco fighting George Araujo in a fight at Fenway Park. This is a great book. The Introduction is by Steve Rushin. Recently on television I watched, **"Inside Fenway Park: An Icon."** A Centennial of the Oldest and smallest MLB ballpark in the U.S. Tony DeMarco won at Fenway Park. What a Historic factor to his credentials. Some of the many stars and events that have shined at Fenway Park. **Red Sox** Stars, **Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Yaz, Hawk, Rico, the Rolling Stones, Carlton Fisk, Mo Vaughn, Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice, Tony and Billy Conigliaro, Roger Clemons, The Patriots, Jim Nance, Zsa-Zsa Gabor, Jackie Robinson,** A rally for **Irish independence**, Brothers **Wes Farrell**, and Rick **Farrell, Luis Tiant, Tim Wakefield, Dustin Pedroia, Adrian Gonzalez,** President **Franklin D. Roosevelt,** and **"Tony DeMarco!"**

FUTURE FIGHTS IN APRIL:
7th James **Toney** vs. Bobby **Gunn** in Mississippi.

13th Michael **Katsidis** vs. Albert Mansah on ESPN2 from Nevada.

14th Brandon **Rios** vs. Yuriokis **Gamboa** on HBO from Nevada.

21st Abner **Mares** vs. Eric **Morel** on Showtime.

28th Bernard Hopkins **battles** Chad Dawson from New Jersey on HBO in a WBC Light-heavyweight title fight.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



They came in with a certain attitude, one that seemed to say that they would beat what they considered to be a less-than-strong Celtics team without any difficulty. Two of them even engaged in a mock sparring bout on the sidelines shortly before the game began.

But when it did begin it was the Celtics who were the instructors and the Miami Heat the students. For all their advance publicity the Heat proved to be quite cool on the first day of April. For the Celtics didn't just beat the Heat, they demolished that team, owning a 29-point lead about halfway through the fourth quarter before mopping things up and walking off the court with a 19-point victory at 91-79.

It was the 30th victory of the season for the C's, who grabbed the Atlantic Division lead by beating Philadelphia two days earlier. That was still seven wins shy of Miami but so what. The Celtics are one of the hottest teams in the NBA right now.

"Teams do a good job of scouting us and trying to take away from our strengths," said Heat star LeBron James following the rout. "We've got to do a better job of countering that." Although James was the Heat's leading scorer with 23 points he was, in effect, neutralized as he was held to zero assists for the contest — that's right zero — while Paul Pierce dumped in his own 23 tallies for the Green.

And give James this. At least he owned up to the Heat being shown up by the

Celtics. "It was just a good old fashioned you know what. They beat us in all facets of the game, kept us under our averages and just completely dominated us. So you've got to give them credit when credit is due."

Indeed, the Green seems to be peaking at just about the right time, rising to the top as the division leaders. If they hold it they will have the home court advantage in at least the opening round of the playoffs that begin following the conclusion of the regular season April 26.

All five Boston starters were in double figures as the C's featured balanced scoring in what proved to be a one-sided affair — especially in the second half.

"They played exceptionally well — as good as they played against us in a long time," offered Dwayne Wade, another of the Miami stars. "Our mental focus wasn't there. It was just an old fashioned whipping."

Wade was held to 15 points by Avery Bradley who scored 13 of his own. "Avery was good," said C's head coach Doc Rivers. "Avery was strong enough to hold his ground but we also had to go deep and help a lot because Wade is so crafty. Our team really clogged up the paint."

Indeed, the entire Miami team was held to a season low in points with those 72 tallies and in field goal percentage, the Heat connecting on just 34.8 percent of shots from the field.

And then there was Rajon Rondo's triple-double of 16 points, 14 assists and 11 re-

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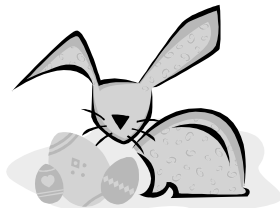
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