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Italian Ambassador Praises Community Efforts in Boston

Claudio Bisogniero met with community leaders during his 2-day visit

by Nicola Orichuia

During a recent two-day visit in Boston, Italian Ambassador to the United States, Claudio Bisogniero, met with representatives of the Italian and Italian American communities at the Dante Alighieri Society in Cambridge on June 18. "It is a great pleasure to be here," said Bisogniero, after an introduction by Dante Alighieri Society President Spencer Di Scala and Comitès President Maurizio Pasquale.

Bisogniero was called four months ago to replace Giulio Terzi, who was called upon last fall to be Minister of Foreign Affairs for Mario Monti's government. Bisogniero knows the American political and cultural landscape well, having lived and worked in the United States for eight years and having recently served as Vice-Secretary of NATO.

During his visit in Boston, Bisogniero held meetings with community leaders, as well as with Boston Mayor



Italian Ambassador Claudio Bisogniero and Consul General of Italy in Boston Giuseppe Pastorelli
(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

Thomas M. Menino, State House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Governor Deval Patrick. During the meetings, there was great appreciation for the increased visibility of Italian culture and heritage in Massachusetts, according to Consul

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Eastie Casino?

TO BE OR NOT TO BE



No Eastie Casino showed up en masse in Day Square on the afternoon of Saturday, June 15. You can join other concerned neighbors on Monday, June 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the East Boston Social Center to learn more about the impacts the proposed casino at Suffolk Downs may have on our neighborhood. This is the place to learn where we are in the process, find out what we can do as a community to have our voices heard, and plug in to one of the many volunteer opportunities that are available. If you are concerned about the effects of bringing casino gambling to our community, please come and invite others. For further details and updates visit www.noeastiecasino.com.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Stop Caring About Us So Much Mayor Bloomberg

The Mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg is very concerned about the health and well-being of his constituents and has decided it is time to ban all super-sized soda drinks in the Big Apple. Remember when Lt. Theo Kojak used to say, "Who luvs ya baby!" Well, obviously Bloomberg does but what about that lollipop Kojak was always sucking on, wasn't that unhealthy for his teeth? What's next for New Yorkers? Will McDonald's have to replace their Big Macs with Little Macs? How many French fries will folks be allowed to eat a day? Maybe, ten or fifteen, that's it, no more? Will the government require fast food joints to hand stamp us so that if we try to go somewhere else for more, we can't?

Sadly about 47/48 percent of us will go along with the program since they are already in the government tank collecting checks the rest of us work to finance.

Backlash to Wisconsin Arrives

Listening to the Ed Show on MSNBC on Election night results in Wisconsin's recall battle with Sgt. Schultz ranting and raving like someone off his meds. He couldn't understand why 26 percent of union members voted to keep Governor

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Mayor Menino's Early Childhood Initiative Receives City Livability Award from U.S. Conference of Mayors National Award Goes to Neighborhood-based Early Childhood Initiative

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today accepted the Outstanding Achievement City Livability Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Waste Management, Inc. for Thrive in 5, part of the city's Boston Children Thrive initiative. Mayor Menino accepted the award at the USCM annual conference in Orlando, Florida alongside Thrive in 5 Executive Director Jane Tewksbury. Thrive in 5 is led by a public-private partnership between the City of Boston and United Way.

"Boston is a city of neighborhoods and Thrive in 5 is transforming our neighborhoods into opportunity-rich communities for our city's youngest children and their families," Mayor Menino said. "I'm honored to accept this award on behalf of Thrive in 5 and all of the Boston Children Thrive partners."

Launched in 2010, Boston Children Thrive is Thrive in 5's on-the-ground effort to engage parents as their children's first teachers and as neighborhood-wide change agents for school readiness. In Allston/Brighton, East Boston, South End/Lower Roxbury, Dudley, and Fields Corner, Thrive in 5 and its partners have created networks of parents, community organizations, and

neighborhood businesses that plan and carry out activities and provide opportunities that support young children's healthy growth, development and school readiness.

"Through Boston Children Thrive, we have created leadership pathways for parents that put parents at the forefront of school readiness efforts in their neighborhood," said Jane Tewksbury, Thrive in 5's Executive Director. "Research shows that investing in the early years of life offers enormous returns for the child and for society. The City Livability Award is in recognition of the critical role that parents play in the Boston Children Thrive communities."

"We're proud that the City of Boston and Thrive in 5 are being nationally recognized for creating enriching experiences for young children and their families that lay the groundwork for their future learning and success," said Michael K. Durkin, President of United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. "Our future economic prosperity depends on building a strong foundation for this next generation."

Strategies in each Boston Children Thrive neighborhood reflect the community's

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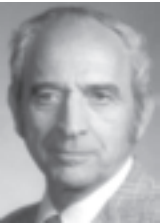
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by Prof. Edmund
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A weekly column highlighting some
of the more interesting aspects of our
ancestry...our lineage...our roots.

THE DINNER OF TRIMALCHIO (Continued)

Last week I presented the first part of a detailed account of a sumptuous Roman banquet provided by “Trimalchio,” a boastful, pretentious and ignorant recipient of newly acquired wealth. I described the hors d’oeuvres, cooked dormice, hot sausages and European songbirds called “beccaficos.”

This week we are told that after eating their fat songbirds rolled in spiced egg yolk, the guests washed their hands with a good grade of unwatered wine. The wine, which was served for drinking came from Falernos Ager, a district in the north of Campania, which produced the “Falernian” wine, one of the finest in ancient Roman times. This particular wine was 100 years old.

The next dish of the evening was a large round plate containing the 12 signs of the Zodiac. At each sign the cook had placed some food appropriate to the symbol. At Leo there was a large African fig, Cancer contained boiled crabs, Gemini contained a giant double mushroom, Taurus had a round of beef, at Aries there was a saddle of mutton, Pisces had red mullet, and over Aquarius there was a plump goose. Lobsters were placed over Capricorn, Sagittarius contained a bulls eye and Libra had a scale with muffins on one side and small cakes on the other.

At the appropriate time a sign from the host brought in waiters who lifted off the Zodiac dish, to reveal a lower section which contained plump fowl, sows’ bellies and cooked rabbits made to look like Pegasus, the celebrated winged horse of Zeus. In the next course, each of the four corners of the dish contained a figure of Marsyas, the flute player from mythology.

A sharp sauce poured

out through the flutes onto cooked fish until they appeared to swim around in the liquid.

Next came a wild boar with a palm leaf basket hanging from each tusk. The baskets contained dates from Turkey and from Egypt, that were passed out to the diners while bearded huntsmen entered to slash the side of the boar and release a flock of thrushes. Each bird was then caught in a net by the slaves and cooked for a guest. During a stretch period, fresh covers were spread on the couches and off they went again. This time the servants brought in a boiled calf on a huge dish and laid it on the table. A swordsman rushed into the dining room and attacked the calf with swinging saber. He then collected the slices on the point of his sword and served them to the astonished guests. A large roasted pig was next on the menu, and when the belly was opened, it revealed cooked sausages and puddings.

The soiled tables were then taken away and replaced by clean ones. Powdered talc and colored sawdust were sprinkled about the floor. Then came the sweetmeats, and an assortment of other desserts fashioned from flour, raisins, nuts and pork. All guests then took a hot bath, after which they were led into another dining room where wine flowed in rivers and the serious drinking began.

It is said that shortly thereafter some of the guests slid off the couches and onto the floor while others called for their litters and quietly went home. The host just sat there in a drunken stupor mumbling something which sounded like ... I ate the whoooooole thing.

Next week: The roots of your Salami

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



A FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Intolerance — official state-sponsored intolerance — is on the rise in America to an extent not seen since the heyday of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s or even the period of the “Know Nothings” in the mid-1800s. America’s Catholic bishops have characterized the Obamacare HHS mandate as unconstitutional. It is unconstitutional.

On Friday, June 8th, several hundred of us gathered on Boston Common to rally against the mandate’s unconstitutional interference with the free exercise of religion. We were Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and even a few non-believers who understood that the issue is not the Church’s teaching on sexuality, but our Constitutional freedom as Americans to practice religion, or no religion, unimpeded by unjustifiable government intrusion.

The Catholic bishops have called for the 14 days from June 21st to July 4th to be

dedicated as “fortnight for freedom.” and have issued the following Q & A to explain what is at issue.

“What do we mean by religious liberty?”

“Religious liberty is the first liberty granted to us by God and protected in the First Amendment to our Constitution. It includes more than our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It also encompasses our ability to contribute freely to the common good of all Americans.

“What is the First Amendment?”

“The First Amendment of the U.S. Bill of Rights states the following: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

“What does “shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion” mean?”

“This phrase, known as the “Establishment Clause, started out as a prohibition on Congress’ either establishing a national religion or interfering with the established religions of the states. It has since been interpreted to forbid state establishments of religion, to forbid governmental preference (at any level) of one religion over another, and to forbid direct government funding of religion.

“What does “prohibiting the free exercise thereof” mean?”

“This phrase, known as the “Free Exercise Clause,” generally protects citizens and institutions from government interference with the exercise of their religious beliefs. It sometimes mandates the accommodation of religious practices when such practices conflict with federal, state, or local laws.”

Obviously the bishops know the Constitution, which is more than we can say for our “constitutional scholar” President.

RMV Lottery Offers Customers a Chance at Coveted Low Number License Plates

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) today announced that the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) Division is now accepting applications for the 2012 Low Number License Plate Lottery.

Applicants in this year’s drawing will be vying for 124 of the most sought after Massachusetts license plates, including plate numbers 73, 295, 449, 493, 7755, and 1Z.

In addition to the application being available at mass.gov/RMV, customers may visit any branch to obtain an application. All entries must be mailed and postmarked by

August 13, 2012.

The date, time and location of the September drawing will be announced on the Registry’s website. It will occur prior to September 15, 2012.

Only one entry per applicant. Postcard entries will not be accepted. Winners who do not register their vehicle with their winning lottery plate by December 31, 2012 will automatically forfeit their plate. All forfeited plates will be offered to a list of 25 alternate winners who will be chosen at the drawing.



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THE WALLS CAME CRUMBLING DOWN

by Sal Giarratani



On Sunday, June 17, 2012, I was over at the Vendome Firefighter Memorial on Commonwealth Avenue with hundreds of others to remember 40 years to the day when nine Boston firefighters died at a five-alarm fire at the abandoned Vendome Hotel at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Dartmouth Street on the afternoon of June 17, 1972. Over 200 firefighters fought this blaze. Most of them had returned to their respective firehouses late in the afternoon leaving several fire companies behind, among them Ladders 13 and 15. The interior wall in the rear alley collapsed at 5:28 pm trapping 25 firefighters inside. Nine of those men died in the rubble.

I still remember that day quite well. I left home for work at the City Spa Cafeteria. When I arrived I heard the news of the fire on TV. Later at work, I remember the news bulletin about the building's collapse. The following day I went over to the Bunker Hill Day parade in a not-so-good mood as did many that year. Among the nine killed in the fire were those who came from Charlestown or served on Engine 32 out of Sullivan Square. It was not a happy Bunker Hill Day in 1972.

That Bunker Hill Day was also Father's Day and that fire had left 8 women widowed and 25 children fatherless. There was a lot of crying going around as almost everyone seemed to know someone connected to the tragedy that horrible June afternoon.

Killed were firefighters: Thomas W. Beckwith 35; Joseph E. Boucher, 27; Charles E. Dolan, 48; John E. Jameson, 52; Richard B. Magee, Sr.; Paul J. Murphy, 36; Joseph P. Saniuk, 48 and fire lieutenants Thomas J. Carroll, 52 and John E. Hanbury, Jr. 46.

I spoke with Father Dan Mahoney from St. Francis de Sales in Charlestown who had been an assistant fire department chaplain 40 years ago. Recently, he spoke with a news reporter about June 17, 1972. Like many of the firefighters on that day, they had left the fire scene before

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LETTERS POLICY

The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor.

- Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.
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Congratulations to St. John School 2012 GRADUATES



(Photo by St. John School)

Congratulations to the Class of 2012! The 8th grade class celebrated with a class luncheon with teachers and parents. It was a wonderful event in which the class presented gifts to the teachers and recognized Sister Eileen's retirement by reciting an Irish poem. Yearbooks were also presented to each student. Many thanks to Ali Marashi and Amanda Tricca for all their hard work on this. Also, thanks to Ms. Donna for the yearbook CD's!

Most importantly, awards and scholarships were presented to the following graduates:

The Knights of Columbus - Father Bailey Scholarship: Amanda Tricca and Nicholas Mustacchio.

The Stephen Barker and Rosaria Pace Scholarship (donated by Joseph Pace in memory of his nephew and mother): Astrid Valiente, Hannah Crilley, Tina Cardone, Anthony Ruzzo, Nicholas Greenberg, Lorenzo Pantaleo and Ali Marashi.

Father Michael Ciullo Memorial Scholarship

(donated by St. Anthony's Society): Alena Coppola.

The Cindy McNabb Memorial Scholarship (for excellence in math): Tina Cardone.

The Robert DeChristoforo Memorial Scholarship: Maeve Shea.

The Mary Dorathea Devereaux Character Award: Alena Coppola.

The Mary Nichols Award (donated by the North End Library to the top Language Art students): Ali Marashi, Tina Cardone and Maeve Shea.

High Honors: Tina Cardone and Ali Marashi.

Honors: Alena Coppola and Maeve Shea.

A beautiful graduation Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church on June 7th. Thanks to Miss Betsy and the SJS Choir for a job well done! After Mass the graduating class, parents and friends celebrated with a party at the Coast Guard. A great time was had by all.

Congratulations to all the graduates and every success at their future high schools!

FROG POND OPENS JUNE 27

The 2012 summer season of the Boston Common Frog Pond opens on Wednesday, June 27. The day will include a fun and exciting celebration at 11:00 am followed by the opening of the wading pool immediately after the ceremony.

"The Frog Pond provides kids with a great place in the heart of the city to meet other youngsters and cool down in the heat of a New England summer," said Mayor Menino.

In addition to activities from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, information regarding upcoming summer programs offered by the City of Boston and the Boston Health Commission's "Boston Moves for Health" initiative will be available to families and residents and tasty treats will be provided by in-kind sponsors

H.P. Hood LLC, Nantucket Nectars, Snapple and the original Boston Frosty.

The celebration will feature a special visit from official mascot Frog Pond Freddie, entertainment, arts and crafts activities, Fuel Up to Play 60 program activities featuring Hood milk, face painting, ReadBoston book giveaways and other activities and giveaways from media sponsor Mix 104.1. Children of all ages are eligible to enter a summer raffle for a chance to win great prizes.

The Frog Pond spray pool is open for wading daily from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm until Labor Day.

For further information, please call the Frog Pond at (617) 635-2120.

John McDonnell Named to Suffolk University Board of Trustees

John McDonnell, of the North End, chief operating officer of Patrón Spirits International A.G., was elected to the Suffolk University Board of Trustees as the Sawyer Business School's alumni representative.

McDonnell is a frequent guest lecturer and panelist at the University sharing his expertise and insights on global branding with students and alumni.

"I'm incredibly honored to have been asked to serve on the Suffolk University Board of Trustees," said McDonnell.

"The University and the Sawyer School of Business have always played an important role in my life and my career, and it's truly a privilege to give back to the school that has done so much for me and for my family," he said.

McDonnell has served on the Sawyer Business School Alumni Board of Directors as an alumni class officer, and a member of the Reunion Committee. He received a



bachelor of science in business administration degree from Suffolk University in 1983.

In 2012, the Suffolk University Sawyer Business School's Center for Global Business Ethics and Law presented Patrón Spirits with the Corporate Sustainability Award for the company's dedication to the United Nations' standards of corporate development.

At Patrón, McDonnell oversees manufacturing, sales, and marketing, including social media. He has led the company's international and duty-free expansion into more than 130 countries and islands worldwide.

Previously he spent 18 years at Joseph E. Seagram & Sons in various domestic and international sales and marketing positions.

McDonnell is currently serving a two-year term as chairman of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, the national trade association representing America's leading distillers.

Boston Pops Orchestra Presented
Celebrated Tenor Mario Frangoulis
Sponsored by the Horatio Alger Association

The Boston Pops Orchestra gave a special performance on Thursday, June 21, at 7:30 pm at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue. The event was sponsored by The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, featured conductor Keith Lockhart and internationally-renowned tenor Mario Frangoulis, making his Boston Pops debut. Frangoulis is an ambassador for the association, educating audiences about the organization and its mission to help young people who have faced major adversity succeed and go on to college. He dedicated a special song to these Horatio Alger Scholars, written for the organization's 65th anniversary this year. Association board member R. James Nicholson hosted the program. Nicholson is the former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and also served as ambassador to the Holy See. Two recipients of the Horatio Alger Scholarship, Daniel Lind and Lauren Pignataro, presented their inspirational stories at the event. Many of the Massachusetts Horatio Alger Scholars were in attendance. Additional special guest performers included Greek-French pop singer George Perris, who serves as an emissary for the association in Canada; the internationally acclaimed New Zealand soprano Hayley Westenra; celebrated Greek singer Alkistis Protopsalti and world-renowned Canadian composer Stephan Moccio. Featuring tunes from Mr. Frangoulis's third album, *Beautiful Things*. This *Beautiful Things Live* performance was recorded for telecast at a later date on PBS stations across the nation. Frangoulis will continue to act as the association's International Ambassador as he teams with the Boston Pops and PBS on a fall concert tour.

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans celebrates those individuals in our society whose determination and hard work enabled them to overcome life's obstacles to achieve success. As a 501 (c) (3) educational non-profit, the Association provides scholarships and mentorship to high school seniors who have demonstrated courage in the face of adversity and an unwavering desire to pursue a higher education. The Horatio Alger Association has awarded more than \$90 million in college scholarships since the inception of its scholarship program in 1984. For more information, please visit www.horatioalger.org.



REMEMBER VIETNAM
and All Those Sacrifices We Must Never Forget

On Saturday, June 16, the City of Quincy held its annual Flag Day celebration and parade. This year the parade was held in honor of all those from Quincy who served in the Vietnam War, those who survived it and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Too often, except on certain holidays we tend to take for granted all the freedom others paid dearly for us, our children and the futures of all of us. I remember being 18 years old graduating English High School in Boston and enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. I was lucky to have avoided going over to Vietnam. Others were not that lucky. I have known many from my generation, who did go and served the cause of freedom with distinction. I knew a few who were killed over there. Their ultimate sacrifice ended their lives, their dreams and their hopes. All who survived that war are owed plenty by America and too often only seem to be remembered either on Memorial Day or on Veterans Day.

Mount Wollaston Cemetery isn't that far from Weymouth. A short distance from the Fore River Bridge and Southern Artery. As I walk and reflect on the grave site memories, I see the names of men who died in many of this country's wars. I especially look at those who served in Vietnam. How many young men died while still 20-something? How many came home with invisible wounds that never healed? The Sixties seem so long ago, but for many not long enough. We look around and see people we grew up with no longer with us. We find them in cemetery plots, victims of a war that killed over 58,000 of us in a war that sometimes made very little sense.

This year, America is remembering the 50th anniversary of that war's beginning but in reality it actually began back in 1956 when I was in the 3rd grade at St. Rita's School in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. We didn't even know we were in a war there nor could we tell you where Vietnam actually was located. I just found out thanks to the June 14 *Globe South* that the very first casualty of that war was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, Jr., of Weymouth, was killed on June 8, 1956, when I was just 8 years old. Also, sadly noted, his son Richard III also lost his life in Vietnam, nine years after his father. Sgt. Richard Fitzgibbon, Jr., grew up in Stoneham and was days away from his

36th birthday when he was killed by another airman in Saigon while he was passing out candy to some village children. He had served in World War II in the U.S. Navy before joining the U.S. Air Force and lived in North Weymouth when he was sent to Vietnam as an advisor.

This year, the United States begins to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, but as the death of Sgt. Fitzgibbon on June 8, 1956 shows, this year marks the 57th anniversary of that war since U.S. military advisors started landing in Vietnam as of November 1, 1955. At the height of that war in 1968, we had over 500,000 troops fighting in Vietnam and by the time the war ended for good in 1975 more than 58,000 Americans had died and the nation deeply divided over it all. Lance Corp. Richard Fitzgibbon III who graduated from Weymouth High School in 1962 was killed in combat on September 7, 1965 at age 21 in Quang Tin.

The Weymouth Vietnam Memorial lists both Fitzgibbons as one of only two father and son known to have been killed during the Vietnam War. President Obama recently said, "It is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women who answered the call," when needed. He's right, it is never, never too late to remember and say, "thank you."

We must never forget that generation who went off to war in the jungles and rice paddies of 'Nam. The Sixties themselves were a time of hopes and dreams for the future and of a quest for knowledge. However, with the Vietnam War growing during that period, many hopes and dreams were crushed by a jungle war 6,000 miles away and a nation became bitterly divided and the sacrifices made for liberty in Southeast Asia were never fully recognized.

Today, we can stand proud knowing that a whole generation of Americans and the sacrifices they made are not being forgotten and must be remembered for as long as America lives and breathes. Stop by the Weymouth Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Jackson Square. Those names there are not just words carved into stone; they represent real people who died for each and everyone of us.

(Sal Giarratani is a former North Weymouth resident and a member of both D.A.V. Post 13 in Dorchester and the Abraham Lincoln GAR Post 11 in Charlestown.)

NEAA Launches Healthy Summer Initiative for Youth

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) is partnering with the North End Waterfront Health, North End Against Drugs and the Nazzaro Community Center to launch a youth health and fitness program called "Witness the Fitness." The program, which is aimed at North End children and teens, will encourage Nazzaro Summer Camp participants to eat well, make smart choices, exercise regularly and feel comfortable with their body image. NEAA is funding the program and the health center will provide nutrition education that will emphasize portion control, healthy snacks and healthy drinks. The Coast Guard will provide exercise instruction, focusing on incorporating physical activity into everyday tasks. "This is the perfect program to introduce to neighborhood kids over the summer," says Ted Tomasone, community activist and NEAA member. "I personally have won a hard battle with weight and nutrition so I want to help kids learn to lead healthy lives and grow up to make the right choices."

"Witness the Fitness" will launch with a kick-off event at the Nazzaro Center on June 25 that will feature live music, games, healthy snacks and special guests. The event begins at 1:00 pm and all children and families are welcome. "North End Waterfront Health is proud to assist with this program because childhood obesity is a growing problem across the United States," says Jim Luisi, NEW Health CEO. "So by investing in programs like these that teach healthy decision-making skills to children and teens, we are helping to raise an active, intelligent and informed generation."

FREE ADMISSION TO THE
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

The Highland Street Foundation's **Free Fun Fridays** program will offer free admission to the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** located at 280 Fenway, Boston, MA

(entrance on Evan's Way) on **Friday, June 29, 2012** from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This year, a record-breaking 50 venues are participating in **Free Fun Fridays**, with five

cultural venues open free-of-charge for ten weeks this summer. *(Large groups are discouraged to schedule trips on this day due to capacity issues).*

Free timed tickets will be available at the museum entrance on Friday, June 29. To ensure that everyone's experience at the Museum is pleasant, tickets are timed for entry every 30 minutes beginning at 11:00 am, with the last entry at 4:00 pm. Tickets will be distributed until museum capacity for the entire day is reached, so the ticket(s) you receive may be for a time slot an hour or two later than you arrive. Admission includes access to the entire museum.

For more details, visit: www.Highlandstreet.org/FreeFunFridays and <http://www.gardnermuseum.org/visit>.

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Mass at St. Leonard Church 10:30 am
Procession Only – North Square 12 pm

JULY

MADONNA DEL GRAZIE July 8
Procession Only - North Square 2 pm

ST. ROCCO July 15
Procession Only - Hanover St. 1 pm

ST. JOSEPH July 27, 28, 29
Hanover & Battery Sts.
Sunday Procession 1 pm

AUGUST

ST. AGRIPPINA August 3, 4, 5
Hanover St. & Battery St.
Sunday Procession 1 pm
Info: Call 617-367-2756

MADONNA DELLA CAVA August 10, 11, 12
Hanover & Battery Sts.
Sunday Procession 1 pm

MADONNA del SOCCORSO August 16, 17, 18, 19
North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's)
Sunday Procession 1 pm

ST. ANTHONY August 24, 25, 26
Endicott & Thacher Sts.
Sunday Procession 12 pm

ST. LUCY August 27
Monday Procession - Endicott St. 5 pm

SEPTEMBER

ST. ROSALIE September 9
Procession Only - North Square 1 pm

MORE ITALIAN FESTIVALS

Gloucester, MA
ST. PETER'S FIESTA June 27 - July 1
Sunday Procession 12 noon

Malden, MA
SAINT ROCCO FESTIVAL August 10, 11, 12
Pearl Street
Sunday Procession 1 pm

Lawrence, MA
FEAST OF THE THREE SAINTS Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2
Saints Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino
Common & Union St., Lawrence
Sunday Procession 3 pm

Cambridge Festival
SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN September 8 - 9
Warren and Cambridge St., Cambridge
Info: Call 617-354-7992

2nd Annual
Saint Pio
MASS AND
PROCESSION



On Sunday, June 24 the 2nd Annual Saint Pio Procession will take place in Boston's North End. Mass in Italian will be held at St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street, North End, Boston at 10:30 am. Following the Mass there will be a procession through the streets of the North End with the statue of Saint Pio. All are welcome to attend this wonderful event.

Saint Pio (Pius) of Pietrelcina, O.F.M. Cap., (25 May 1887 – 23 September 1968) was a Capuchin Catholic priest from Italy who is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church. He was born **Francesco Forgione**, and given the name Pius (Italian: *Pio*) when he joined the Capuchins, thus he was popularly known as **Padre Pio**. He became famous for his bearing the stigmata. On 16 June 2002, he was canonized by Pope John Paul II.

The statue, a gift from Anna D'Amore Sirignano, was shipped from Italy to Boston and remains at St. Leonard Church.

Anna D'Amore Sirignano is the organizer of the event along with the help of Natalina Tizzano, Francesco Bruno, Norma Cappuccio, Maria Cucciniello and Carmen Guarino.

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The New Officers in
Court Ausonia 781

by Rosemary McAuliffe



Left to right: Sona Frissora, Financial Secretary; Margurita (Mickey) Farmusa, Regent; Michele Morgan, Treasurer; Peg Capobianco, Vice Regent and Doris Sennott, Secretary.

The new officers of Court Ausonia 781 were installed in a colorful ceremony at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, June 10th.

At 3:00 pm six Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas assembled for a large group installation. All looked regal in the robes they wore which were indicative of the office they hold.

The newly elected officers are the following:

Regent Margurita (Mickey) Farmusa, Vice Regent Peg Capobianca, Treasurer Michele Morgan, Financial Secretary Sona Frissora and Secretary Doris Sennott.

The officers were installed under the direction of Rev. Kevin O'Leary, Pastor of the Cathedral and State Regent of the Catholic Daughters, Connie Pagan.

Court Ausonia has a long history in the North End. It is one of the oldest Courts of the Catholic Daughter in Massachusetts. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is the largest Catholic women's organization in the world.

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Sister Eileen Harvey Retires

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



It was 28 years ago, when Sister Eileen first arrived at Saint John School. Sister had become aware of the position of principal that had just opened; she applied for it, and to her delight, was chosen to lead the old neighborhood school. It was an achievement Sister Eileen had earned after many years of hard work as a grade school teacher that prepared her to assume leadership of a school that needed the dynamic leadership that Sister Eileen proved capable of delivering during the years that followed.

Eileen was born in Brighton, her parents, Frank and Violet Harvey had separately emigrated from County Armagh, Ireland, where they knew each other as friends with no plans of marrying. It took a boat ride on the Charles River to ignite the spark that brought them together; they married and settled in a modest apartment in Brighton. Frank went to work for the Hood Rubber Co., where he remained employed 'till his retirement. Violet, with her great love for children, became a Nanny, work she did lovingly for most of her life. In time, the young immigrant couple raised their family, Eileen and her two

brothers Frank and Gerald. It was while attending Saint Columbkille's Elementary School in Brighton, that Eileen first felt the desire to enter religious life. After several years of discernment, she entered the Novitiate as a Postulant of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1954 at the age of 17. Upon completing her Novitiate in 1957, Sister Eileen spent two years teaching at Saint Agatha's school in Milton where she taught third grade. She then went to Our Lady's in Milton where for the next 12 years Sister taught first grade and then to Saint Catherine's in Somerville where she taught first grade for 13 years.

Sister Eileen attended Regis College and in 1993 received her Master's Degree in Administration from Emmanuel College. Her skills as an administrator would serve her well in her years at Saint John where she guided the school from a simple neighborhood school whose students were drawn nearly exclusively from the North End to today's school where two thirds of the students come from other neighborhoods in the city, creating within the school greater ethnic diversity.

Sister Eileen is fond of saying, "You are number one, if you are doing your best," coupled with her gentle but firm leadership and guided by the mission, "Peace Will be Our Way," Saint John's, which is now 116 years old, has become a safe urban haven with high academic standards placing an emphasis on values as part of its curriculum. Sister has embraced new technology

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LEGAL Interest

David J. Saliba
Attorney at Law

Is it a crime to possess one ounce or less of marijuana?
Is it a crime to possess one ounce or less of marijuana with intent to distribute one ounce of marijuana?

COMMONWEALTH vs. SHAWN M. KEEFNER
SJC-11019

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
461 Mass. 507; 961 N.E.2d 1083

November 7, 2011, Argued • February 13, 2012, Decided

The Court said:

Except as specifically provided in [the act], neither the Commonwealth nor any of its political subdivisions or their respective agencies, authorities or instrumentalities may impose any form of penalty, sanction or disqualification on an offender for possessing an ounce or less of marijuana ... Information concerning the offense of possession of one ounce or less of marijuana shall not be deemed 'criminal offender record informa-

tion' ... and shall not be recorded in the Criminal Offender Record Information system.

How about the fact you have the one ounce with intent to give it or sell it to someone else?

The Court said:

Here, the crimes of simple possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute are listed separately in the General Laws, have different elements, and are distinct. The act, insofar as it relates

to the simple possession statute, only applies to a small amount (one ounce or less) of marijuana. In contrast, the crime of possession with intent to distribute applies to any amount of marijuana if the intent is to distribute it (as opposed to personal use).

This case says if you possess one ounce of marijuana it's not a crime. But if you possess one ounce of marijuana with the intent to give or sell it to someone else it's a crime.

NORTH END MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

SUMMER MUSIC THEATRE PROGRAM JULY 9TH - 20 (AGES 5-15)

The goal of this summer program is to provide children and teens with training and exposure to all performing arts. Each Music Theatre Troupe member will receive training in music, dance, theatre, yoga, health & fitness, and leadership training.

We will have a special excursions Tuesday-Thursday

of each week, as well as guest dance instructors and performing artists including Zumix, Improv Asylum actors, Boston Ballet instructors, Jason Escape, and more!

Student to teacher ratio will approximately be 4 : 1 (will vary slightly based on registration) Outdoor, public performances will conclude each week on Fridays. The

production will be determined upon enrollment, but will either be a Music Theatre Showcase or a Condensed Musical Production.

Program is open to children and teens ages 5 - 15. Children and Teens are grouped by age. Grouping is determined by enrollment.

TO REGISTER contact ssnow@nempacboston.org

JACOB SCHAEFER

Wins Leadership Award



Jacob Schaefer won his team's Leadership Award this season and Uncle Sal is quite proud of his accomplishments both on and off the lacrosse field.
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

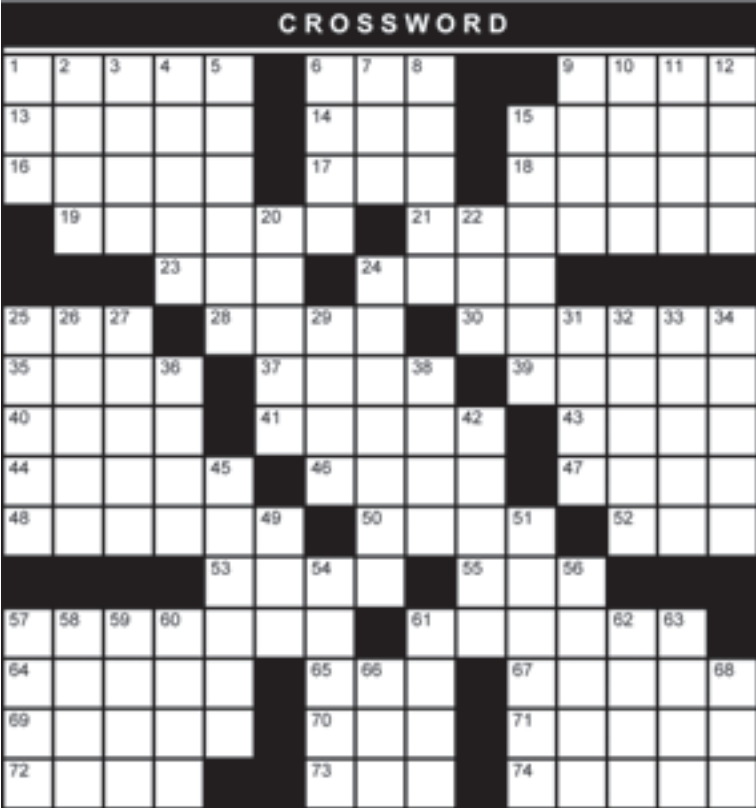
Hollywood Legends

ACROSS

- Large, imposing house
- "Lake" in France
- "Que _____," sang Doris Day
- Unwritten exams
- Spermatozoa counterparts
- *Hollywood legend quality?
- Laker great
- Judge on "Dancing with the Stars"
- L on clothes
- *"The Big Sleep" leading lady
- "He played "Spartacus"
- Before, old English
- Ancient Greeks' harp
- Cattle prod
- "For" in Spanish
- *"Louie, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship," in "Casablanca," e.g.
- Port of Yemen
- Comedy Central's 1990s animated series "Dr. _____, Professional Therapist"
- Country singer _____ Tucker
- Irritate
- _____ of parsley
- *What Perkins did in the shower in "Psycho"
- Accord or comport with
- Yugoslavian communist
- Location of Dante's nine circles
- *Eastwood's Josey Wales, e.g.
- 2009 Daniel Day-Lewis musical
- Charlotte of "Facts of Life" fame
- First, second or third in baseball
- Follow ems
- *Last name of two female legends
- *He called for Stella
- Refer to axis
- Second person of "be"
- "Unbearable Lightness of _____"
- Pulitzer winner _____ Cather
- Decorate cake
- Dam
- Flower holder
- Once around
- Undo

DOWN

- *Garland to Minnelli
- United _____ Emirates
- Hindu serpent deity
- New York is famous for it
- Protective embankment
- Be lazy or idle
- _____ Maria
- *Canadian funny man
- Ore smelting by-product
- Basketball great _____ "The Pearl" Monroe
- Capital of Latvia
- Greek god of war
- Like a native speaker
- Accidental holes
- Mine deposit
- Soldier's bathroom



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- *Famous for her low, husky voice
- *"Farewell" from Catherine Deneuve
- Blue and white pottery style
- Wholly engrossed
- 100m _____
- Prefix for "among"
- African antelope
- "He said, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."
- A Broadway legend, given name
- Tubular pasta
- One who's doomed
- Singular of tabulae
- It engulfed the world in the 1940s

- Render capable
- Escargot
- Express contempt
- Hems and _____
- Sign of escape
- Arrange in a stack
- Healing ointment
- Road Runner sound
- Cher or Celine Dion?
- Dollar bills
- AV manufacturer
- "_____ whiz!"

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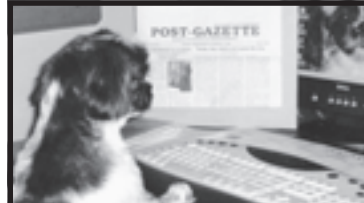


Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

The Lombardo family continues to invest in East Boston their favorite city! Liberty Plaza is scheduled to be remodeled soon! Complete with new facade, new lighting, new storefronts, etc. And with the new Central Square renovations planned by the city, the whole area will have a new look we can be proud of. Also, in response to requests from the community and this city, the huge Liberty Plaza pylon will be coming down to be replaced with a new smaller, up-to-date sign on the streets! ... The Chelsea Street Bridge looks attractive, but complaints about the bridges opening schedule is already underway. The bridge is supposed to open at 5:00 am every morning, but according to complaints, the bridge opens anywhere from 5:00 a.m. to 20 minutes later. Another comment is the bridge takes too long to close once it opens for a ship! ... Obama doesn't get it! In a recent speech Obama stressed businesses in the

private sector are doing fine. Is he for real? Obama, the pro big government president wants to control it all, and does nothing to encourage small private business! All his giveaway programs have destroyed our economy. And now, El Presidente is asking for more stimulus money! How much damage will he do before leaving office? With Hollywood ultra liberals throwing him parties raising millions for his campaign I'm afraid the Socialist will come in again! Some actors and actresses don't know what it's like to live in the real world. There's a list of stars with whom I believe are communist inspired. The most vocal are George Clooney, Sean Penn, Susan Sarandon, Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. ... East Boston residents will soon have the opportunity to vote for whether they want a Casino built in their community! We're ripped off every year by Welfare fraud, but the Commonwealth does very little about it. This year it cost taxpayers \$2.8 million

in Welfare cheats. When electing a candidate, we need to know what the candidate is prepared to do to fight this perpetual type of fraud. Massachusetts known for its corrupt politics attracts con artists, thieves and all sorts of criminals to try their hand in getting a quick fix! ... Granny Liz Warren continues to make the news by defending her Indian background. She's a real loser! ... Whatever happened to Hillary Clinton's thirst for the White House? When asked by students at Wellesley College if she would run for President in 2016, she shrugged her shoulders as if to say NO! ... Deadline to sign up for Boston's Garden Contest is July 13. The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees and shrubs around their property in the process to beautify their neighborhood. To enter the contest call the Parks Department at 617-961-3051 for an entry form. ... Wednesday was the first day of summer. Enjoy! ... Till next time!



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.

I received an interesting email that I would like to share with my pooch friends and their human companions and all my readers: "Take Your Dog to Work Day." Businesses across the country are increasing the "canine employment rate" on Friday, June 22. A recent study released by Virginia Commonwealth University touts the benefits of dogs in the workplace, citing reduced perceived stress and increased job satisfaction for employees with their dogs at work. Businesses across the United States and abroad will experience these benefits firsthand and promote the urgent need for pet adoptions on Friday, June 22 as they participate in the 14th annual celebration of "Take Your Dog to Work Day." (TYDTWDay) created by Pet Sitters International (PSI). There are thousands of organized pet adoptions events each year, but TYDTWDay is one of the longest running online campaigns and the only event that focuses solely on celebrating dogs and educating pet owners in the workplace. If you go online, you will find Adopt a Pet and enter the official 2012 TYDTWDay Photo contest. To learn more about the event creator PSI visit www.petsit.com.

This should be very interesting, so take a minute and check it out. I am certain you will enjoy this and also visit PSISore online, the largest specialty retailer of products for pet sitters and pet-sitting business owners.

That's all for now!

Remember to keep our streets clean pick up after your pet.

Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation Annual Membership Meeting



L to R: Buddy Mangini, Carmen Rullo, President Joseph Ferrino, Jr., Lino Rullo, Francine D'Andria, Sal Bramante, Richard Ferrino, Dottie D'Onofrio and Matthew O'Brien.

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Spinelli's Function Hall in East Boston ... The Installation of officers along with the general Board members took their oath of office with President Joseph Ferrino, Jr. pledging to make this coming year 'Membership on the Move.' We welcomed two new members. Ed Colleta, Educational Chair, introduced the young recipients who were on hand to share their experiences while visiting Valley Forge, PA in April for the annual Youth Leadership Conference. Each year the Bay State Chapter sends high school students who have excelled in their respective studies.

They join forces with students from all across the country to share in the educational and inspiring awareness of the Principles upon which America was founded and the responsibilities of citizens in a free society.

History is brought to life at the conference with workshops, lectures and special



Executive Board: L to R: Judge Joseph V. Ferrino, Ret., Past-President Ed Coletta, Francine D'Andria, Joseph Ferrino, Jr., Marisa DiPietro and Matthew O'Brien.

President Joseph Ferrino, Jr., and Judge Joseph Ferrino, Ret.

presentations portraying George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin and colonial soldiers. They take home wonderful memories and new found friendships.



L to R: Mike Ferrino, Mike Lessard, Nicole O'Brien, Gena Restiano, William Truong. Absent were: Nancy Huang, Josh Cabrera and Nicholas Zahrobsky.

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Newburyport Friday Night Out Fashion Event

Clothes for Hope

Presented by Newburyport Development and Chase & Lunt Insurance



Laureen Sundstrom (center) founder and CEO of Clothes for Hope.

A feature length fashion show styled by Boston designer Denise Hajjar featuring all the hot new summer styles from Newburyport's favorite stores. Professional models along with local women, children and men strutted down the runway to the roar of the crowd.

Interlocks Salon gave complimentary make-up tips — false eyelashes, makeovers and polish for your nails. While other guests sipped on wines and cocktails and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres from the fine restaurants in Newburyport. Michael's Harborside Restaurant dished out some delicate delights, along with Oregana Pizzeria & Ristorante's salads and pizza.

Every guest received a swag bag from Institution for Savings filled with great items from favorite local merchants and coupon offers valid all summer long.

Channel 5's Liz Brunner was the emcee for the event held under a tent on the Marina. The charity — Clothes for Hope, Inc., a non-profit organization designed to raise funds for the purpose of providing educational assistance and materials for children and families both domestically and internationally.

A 17-year-old student, Laureen Sundstrom, traveled to Ghana in June of 2011 to volunteer with orphaned and underprivileged children. Lauren worked with students specifically at public schools in the Keta School District and at the Seed International Orphanage, teaching a variety of subjects to kindergarten, second, fifth and sixth grades.

Many children in Ghana are unable to receive an education. Their classrooms lack desks, books and educators.

Lauren realized that schooling is still considered a privilege for young Ghanaians as it represents their "only hope for a brighter future."

Upon returning home, Lauren founded Clothes for Hope — a non-profit organization designed to benefit students. Going through her closet at home, Lauren realized she had many garments she could give up to help this program. Reaching out to relatives and friends she collected over 6,000 pieces of beautiful new and slightly worn brand name clothing, shoes and accessories.

This past year Clothes for Hope founder and CEO, Lauren Sundstrom, along with the help of numerous dedicated volunteers, established the annual Clothes for Hope "shop for a cause" public clothing sale. The annual sale featured thousands of brand new and gently used designer and brand name clothing for a fraction of their usual cost.



This event raised \$23,000 for Clothes for Hope and proceeds are now being used to help Ghanaian students at the New Seed International School and Orphanage and the children of the Keta School District. This money will fulfill their basic educational needs, offering them more of an opportunity to succeed and hope for a brighter future.

For more information log on to www.clothesforhope.org.



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RASCAL FLATTS

Proves 'Changed' is Good!



(Comcast Center - Saturday 6/16)

Country music superstars Rascal Flatts kicked off their 'Changed Tour 2012' this past week, with stops in Hartford, Connecticut and most recently at WKLB's 19th Country Music Festival on Saturday night. Their show at the Comcast Center in Mansfield drew a huge crowd that was truly ready to rock and enjoy a true country hoedown. With a supporting cast that included Little Big Town, the Eli Young Band, and Eden's Edge, the stage was set.

Currently enjoying the success of their latest #1 hit, "Banjo," culled from their eighth album titled 'Changed,' the group stepped up on stage to prove that 'Changed' is good. Proof is in the fact that this group has taken some risks, recently switching record labels (signing with Big Machine Records), and joining a new management company, both major changes after ten years of being on board with their previous associations.

Encompassing a span of close to four hours, country music fans were able to revel in a heavy dose of pleasure that was capped off nicely by Gary LeVox, Joe Don Rooney and Jay DeMarcus. The trio provided all the ingredients for a lengthy "Summer Night" with their seemingly endless list of hit songs. The tone for the evening was set with the opening strains of "Banjo," picking up the pace with "Bob That Head," and drove the crowd wild via "Fast Cars and Freedom." Audience participation was worked into the show, as the group gave the appearance that they were taking requests from the audience and then performing a medley of song favorites.

The night air was filled with charted 'winners' as, "Here Comes Goodbye," the catchy "Mayberry," the sizzling "I Melt," plus "Every Day," "Stand," the questioning "Why Wait," the romantic "Bless The Broken Road," and the fast-paced "Life Is a Highway." Switching emotions, Flatts lowered the decibels with "Feels Like Today," and they were off again with "I Won't Let Go," the supportive crowd helped out with the chorus of one of their favorites, "Summer Nights," and included the audience in the hook-laden "Me and My Gang." Throwing in some of their new songs from their album 'Changed,' with their second single "Come Wake Me Up" ready to climb the charts, it was a potpourri of country gems.

In a night filled with surprises, one of them was the early departure of a good portion of the crowd, with still a good 20 minutes or so left in the show. Whether it was to beat the traffic, or the fact that the volume of the speakers appeared to be set so high, that the sound sometimes became muffled, regardless, it is rare to see a crowd departing any concert early.

Despite the latter, the audience appeared to enjoy Rascal Flatts performance, and the chance to sing along to their hits, plus the high-fives the group frequently shared with their fans in the stage pit area.

Little Big Town warmed up the stage for Rascal Flatts, and provided the excitement needed, with 40+ minutes worth of their tight-harmonies that always satisfy. The group hit home runs with the audience on the strength of the raucous "Little White Church," their current hit "Pontoon," and mixing in past chart-toppers as, "Bring It on Home." "A Little More You," and a countrified version of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way," just the right sound to get the crowd ready to join in for the explosive closer, their #1 hit, "Boondocks."

Rounding out the show's lineup were the Eli Young Band (Republic Nashville) who brought on the applause, delivering their #1 hit "Crazy Girl," and their latest single "Even If It Breaks Your Heart." The night's opening act was Big Machine Records' Edens Edge comprised of lead vocalist Hannah Blaylock, Dean Berner and Cherrill Green. They earned a huge welcome as well, showering the audience with their charted songs, "Amen" and "Too Good To Be True."

For the 19th consecutive year, country radio's WKLB has scored big with their monster Country Music Festival, allowing every fan in the audience to become a 'live' part of the country music scene — at least for a night!

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

ISN'T GOOD NEWS A GOOD NEWS STORY TOO?

On June 7, I was over at Franklin Field in Dorchester by Talbot and Blue Hill Avenue. It was a big deal. Over 400 kids, parents, families and friends showed up for the 12th Annual Respect Awards being given out to players in the Metro Lacrosse program which keeps children motivated and out of trouble. Several years ago not far from this event, I passed by a murder scene late at night. Cruisers and flashing blue lights were everywhere. The media was eating it all up. This is news. However, when a program or programs that are positive and helps kids grow up healthy and safe, that's not news? Sadly the media was once again AWOL because this was news that was worth repeating on-air.

"PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW" WHEN THEY'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED

Bob Sanders, director of the Boston office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is defending his staff tactic of hunting for victims to represent even when no one had filed a complaint. He called this strategy "commission-initiated investigations." He believes, according to a *Boston Herald* story, that applicants and employees may not even recognized being discriminated by their employer or perspective employer.

Dave Andelman from the Restaurant and Business Alliance called the recent targeting of the Marylou's Coffee chain "outrageous." "Imagine if the framers of the Constitution knew," said Andelman, "that federal agents would show up from Washington to Massachusetts for the supposed crime of hiring pretty girls to pour your tea. The framers would take bayonets to each of their throats."

Sanders, by the way, has led the Boston EEOC office since 1993 which might mean it is time for some new blood with seemingly less aggressive behavior issues at this agency. Dave Tuerck from the Beacon Hill Institute simply said, "The EEOC should butt out." Short and to the point!

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED) IN POLICE CRUISERS?

The Boston City Council's Committee on Government Operations recently held a public hearing to deliberate an ordinance by City Councilor Charles Yancey mandating use of AEDs in police cruisers. Yancey says he wants to make sure when police arrive before fire and EMTs that they can be equipped with the tools to save lives. He stated that often police arrive at medical emergency calls first. I would tend to disagree with that statement. Usually Boston Fire is almost always first on the scene.

Council President Stephen J. Murphy co-sponsored this

city legislation and hoped the financial component for this equipment could come from a Homeland Security grant. Yancey tried to get this ordinance passed once before in 2009.

I wonder what the Boston Police Department thinks about such an ordinance? How often would police use AEDs and is there really a need to have one in every cruiser? Where does Police Commissioner Ed Davis stand on this issue? Where does the Boston Fire Department stand on this too?

WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE FLAG OF SOUTH VIETNAM AS THAT COUNTRY'S OFFICIAL FLAG IN AMERICA

Recently, in Dorchester, City Councilors Charles Yancey and Frank Baker celebrated Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Day with members of Boston's Vietnamese community. Vietnam in 1954 was divided between North and South after almost 100 years of French rule. In 1975 the South was overrun by the North creating Communist Vietnam. Vietnamese Americans have been lobbying city and state governments across the country to make the former flag of South Vietnam, the flag of Vietnamese Americans and many communities have done so.

Many Vietnamese fled Vietnam after Saigon fell and started coming here in 1975, Dorchester's Fields Corner area has a large and thriving Vietnamese community. In this country today there are nearly two million Vietnamese who call America their home. This community has done quite well in their adopted country and is proud to call themselves Americans today.

RAY FLYNN SAYS NO TO CASINOS

Recently, Ray Flynn joined up with East Boston opponents of a proposed Suffolk Downs casino and said he sees no good reason for East Boston to host a casino. Joining the protest at Maverick MBTA Station, Flynn says he believes there is a better use for the Suffolk Downs site where developers have proposed a \$41 billion casino. Ray's opposition now puts him at odds with current Mayor Tom Menino.

CAPUANO SUPPORTS BUNKER HILL DAY AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano told over 300 folks inside Charlestown new K of C Hall at the 27th Annual Bunker Hill Associates pre-parade breakfast on June 10 that he supports the idea of making Boston's Bunker Hill Day a national holiday for the role this battle played in our bid for freedom from British rule. While the American militia lost the day, it was the beginning of a winning fight for freedom. Capuano said he would not file legislation on Capitol Hill until he can ignite a homegrown groundswell of support. It will

now be up to Townies to start this ball rolling.

NEIL DIAMOND IN CONCERT ON JUNE 23

Legendary singer Neil Diamond will be playing at TD Garden on Saturday, June 23. Tickets are available at box office, you can also charge by phone at 800-745-3000. By the way, I was thinking about how much Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" has played in Red Sox Nation. I was shopping at Hannaford's in North Quincy. I stopped for my coffee and muffin before getting my cart. Next to me were four store managers talking about the store. Then, Neil Diamond starting playing inside the supermarket and the four guys quickly changed their conversation to Josh Beckett and the Red Sox. Who says subliminal messaging doesn't work? Do you think these managers for no good reason just switched their topic of discussion?

CASINO SUPPORTERS HELD COMMUNITY MEETING JUNE 12, 2012

The Friends of Suffolk Downs held its first East Boston Community meeting at East Boston High School in a packed auditorium. A few weeks back, I attended a meeting by The No East Boston Casino group at Sacred Heart Church. Suffolk Downs has been an employer, neighbor and destination in the East Boston/Revere area. They are hoping to build a world-class casino resort here. This was their first community meeting. I am still undecided and interested in finding out more details from both sides of this proposed casino site. I am still unsure of where I stand on this issue. I need more facts and so do most residents. We all should attend meetings from both sides before making up our minds. My major concern remains traffic flow and this one is a big concern for Eastie folks.

BOSTON LATINO TV ACCESS AWARDS 2012

The 2012 Boston Latino TV Access Awards will be held at the Royale Nightclub, located at 279 Tremont Street in Downtown Boston on Thursday, June 28. For more information on this event, go to bostonlatinotv.com. I went last year when the event was held at UMass Boston and had a great time.

EASTIE BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS

The East Boston Athletic Board's 62nd Annual Banquet of Champions will be held on Monday, June 25 at 6:00 pm. For further information, please call Joe Plagenza at (617) 642-0145.

11th ANNUAL CONSALVO FAMILY COOKOUT

It's time for City Councilor Rob Consalvo's 11th Annual Consalvo Family Cookout. This year it will be held on Thursday, June 28 at the Sunset Bocce Club in Readville starting at 5:30 pm and lasting until 8:30 pm. For more information, go to www.robconsalvo.com

NOW PLAYING UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN



THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER is Australia's answer to the Chippendale Dancers. See **SPECIAL EVENTS** for further details.

MUSIC

TD GARDEN
100 Legends Way, Boston, MA
617-624-1050
www.TDGarden.com

AEROSMITH — July 17 & 19, 2012. America's greatest rock and roll band, will start your summer sizzling and have you dancing around the fires of rock n' roll again. After blowing away audiences in South America and Japan, the Bad Boys from Boston are back to rock America's soul, with The Global Warming Tour. The band celebrated their fortieth anniversary in 2010 and shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon. This quintessential live act truly defined rock and roll as we know it, bringing their heart-pounding sound and millions of fans to their feet over the past four decades. Aerosmith are a living piece of American music history, having sold over 150 million albums worldwide and been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. **Cheap Trick** will open the show.

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION
290 Northern Ave, Boston, MA
www.LiveNation.com

NORAH JONES — Sunday, July 1, 2012. Norah Jones released *Little Broken Hearts* (Blue Note/EMI), her stunning new album produced by Danger Mouse (aka Brian Burton). Jones has also revealed the album cover and track listing of the 12-song set, which features original songs co-written by Jones and Burton. Jones first emerged on the world stage 10 years ago with the 2002 release of *Come Away With Me*, her self-described "moody little record" that introduced a singular new voice and grew into a global phenomenon, sweeping the 2003 Grammy Awards.

CITI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER WANG
270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
(617) 482-9393
www.Citicenter.org

DUKES OF SEPTEMBER RHYTHM REVENUE — August 9, 2012. Three R&B legends, singer/pianist **Donald Fagen**, vocalist/keyboardist **Michael McDonald** and singer/guitarist **Boz Scaggs** make up the **Dukes of September Rhythm Revue**. This ensemble has taken this tour across the country performing classic rock, R&B and Motown hits from the '60s and '70s. The musicians take turns on lead vocals and even perform some of their own hits. In an interview with *Rolling Stone Magazine*, Fagen says that the idea behind the group "... was to play music that we all liked when we were kids — music that made us want to become musicians in the first place." **Donald Fagen** is the co-leader/founder and keyboardist for **Steely Dan**. Some of his hits include "Do It Again," "Reeling in the Years," "Rikki Don't Lose That Number," "Dirty Work," "Bodhisattva," "My Old School," "Night By Night,"

"Pretzel Logic," "Black Friday," "Bad Sneakers," and "Third World Man." **Michael McDonald** is a five-time Grammy winning artist and songwriter who is known for his work with various charitable causes, as well as his days with **The Doobie Brothers**. Some hits include "What a Fool Believes," "Takin' It to the Streets," and his Grammy-award winning rendition of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." **Boz Scaggs** is a Grammy Award winning guitarist who you may recognize from his contributions to the **Steve Miller Band**. His hits include "Look What You've Done to Me," "Lowdown," "Isn't It Time," "Hard Times," "Jojo," and more! Don't miss these three musicians as they take you on a music revue of some of classic hits of the '60s and '70s this summer!

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB AT THE DOUBLETREE Suites by Hilton Hotel Boston
400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA
617-562-4111
www.ScullersJazz.com

MANHATTAN TRANSFER — June 26-27, 2012. Enjoy the sounds of Manhattan Transfer with hits such as *Operator*, *Chanson D'Amour*, *The Boy from New York City*, *Route 66* and many more as they celebrate their 40th year anniversary tour. Shows at 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

THEATER

NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE
62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA
978-232-7200
www.NSMT.org

HELLO, DOLLY! — Now through June 24, 2012. When matchmaker, Dolly Levi, is hired to arrange a marriage for the miserly half-a-millionaire, Horace Vandergelder, she finds him the perfect mate — herself! But first she must rejoin the race of life she stopped running when she was widowed and win the heart of her unsuspecting "husband-to-be". Filled with elaborate costumes, high-energy choreography and brimming with joyful tunes, *Hello, Dolly* is a delectable treat for all ages.

ANNIE - July 17-29, 2012. One of the world's best-loved musicals! *Annie*, tells the charming story of a spunky Depression-Era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In her fun filled adventures, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's schemes, befriends the President and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his secretary Grace and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

ALL SHOOK UP - August 14-26, 2012. An uproarious new musical featuring the unforgettable hits of Elvis Presley! *All Shook Up* is the romantic and whacky, mixed-up tale of a guitar playin' roustabout who rides into a

struggling town and turns it upside-down. With a hilarious story inspired by one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies and written by Joe DiPietro, writer of *Memphis*, this fun and exciting musical guarantees to have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes!

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE
539 Washington St., Boston, MA
617-259-3400
www.BostonOperaHouse.com

MAMMA MIA! - Now through June 24, 2012. Set in a beach resort in the Mediterranean, *Mamma Mia!* tells the story of Sophie, a bride-to-be with one wish: to have her absent father walk her down the aisle. After reading passages about three old lovers in her mom's diary, Sophie sends each a wedding invitation in hopes of learning which is her dad. The arrival of the men from her past is surprising to Donna, Sophie's fiercely independent mother, who prides herself on getting through life without a man, and highly amusing to Donna's two best gal pals. The more Sophie and her mother struggle to find truth and understanding, the more it threatens to tear them apart and wreck Sophie's dream wedding.

CAPE PLAYHOUSE
CAPE COD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
820 Route 6A, Dennis Village, MA
877-385-3911
www.CapePlayhouse.com

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' — July 9-July 21. This joint is jumpin'! The Cotton Club, the Savoy Ballroom, honky tonk dives and the man who made it all swing — legendary piano man, Fats Waller. From "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Your Feet Too Big" to "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" and "Taint Nobody's Bizness If I Do," get ready for a sexy, simmering, stompin', struttin', music and dance-filled evening that's going to leave you breathless. Winner of every award a musical can win, including three Tonys. After this, there will be no "Keepin' Out of Mischievous" for anyone!

FREE EVENTS

BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL
70 Rows Wharf, Boston
617-439-7000
www.BHH.com

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT offers a chance to revisit Hollywood's silver screen and modern classics. In honor of its 25th Anniversary, the Boston Harbor Hotel will feature movies from 1987 for the month of August. The cool evening breeze and view from the terrace of the Rows Wharf Sea Grille set the stage to enjoy these classic films by the sea. Movies begin at dusk. June 22 **Johnny Dangerously**; June 29 **The Magnificent Seven**; July 6 **Yankee Doodle Dandy**; July 13 **An American in Paris**; July 20 **On the Waterfront**; July 27 **Jaws**; August 3 **Princess Bride**; August 10 **Moonstruck**; August 17 **Planes, Trains & Automobiles**; August 24 **Dirty Dancing** and August 31 **Roxanne**.

Movies and performances are subject to change, weather permitting. For a complete listing of the City Entertainment Series, visit bhh.com.

HATCH SHELL, Esplanade, Charles River, Boston
27TH ANNUAL FREE FRIDAY FLICKS MOVIE SERIES July 13 **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island**; July 20 **The Muppets**; July 27 **Cars 2**; August 3 **Kung Fu Panda 2**; August 10 **Zookeeper**; August 17 **Puss in Boots** and August 24 **The Lorax**.

CONCERTS
July 18 — **Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Fiesta Sinfonica** from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm; July 21 — WODS Oldies Concert - **Burton Cummings of The Guess Who and Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad** at 7:00 pm; July 25 — **Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - At The River** from 6:00 pm-to 9:00 pm; July 29 — **Harvard University Summer Pops Concert** at 3:00 pm; August 1 — **Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Boston Civic Symphony** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 4 — WODS Oldies Concert - **Rick Springfield** at 7:00 pm; August 8 — **Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Boston Lyric Opera** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 15 — **Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Longwood Symphony Orchestra** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 22 — **Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Landmarks Virtuosos** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; August 29 — **Landmarks Orchestra Classical Concert - Commonwealth Shakespeare Company** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Sep-

tember 8 — **MIXfest Concert** from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

THE HIGHLAND STREET FREE FUN FRIDAYS PROGRAM invites you to visit a designated museum or attraction in the Boston area for FREE during the summer.

June 29 — Tanglewood, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Heritage Museums & Gardens, Museum of African American History. **July 6** — Boston Children's Museum, Stone Zoo, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Wenham Museum, Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute. **July 13** — Franklin Park Zoo, Children's Museum at Holyoke, Danforth Museum of Art, Decordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Reagle Music Theatre. **July 20** — Buttonwood Park Zoo, Mass Audubon Visual Arts Center, Hancock Shaker Village, Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, Higgins Armory Museum. **July 27** — Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Children's Museum in Easton, Springfield Museums, N.E. Historic Genealogical Society, New Repertory Theatre. **August 3** — Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Norman Rockwell Museum, Amelia Park Children's Museum, Fuller Craft Museum, Arnold Arboretum. **August 10** — Battleship Cove, Berkshire Museum, Cape Cod Children's Museum, Fruitlands Museum, The Sports Museum. **August 17** — Institute of Contemporary Art, Edward Gorey House, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Garden in The Woods, Concord Museum. **August 24** — Boston Harbor Island Alliance, USS Constitution Museum, American Textile History Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, Basketball Hall of Fame. **August 31** — JFK Library & Museum, Plimoth Plantation, The Discovery Museums, Mass Moca, and Ecotarium.

MUSEUMS

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

THE INVENTION OF FANTASY EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY VENICE — Through September 30, 2012. Venice in the eighteenth century, the age of Casanova, was one of the pleasure centers of Europe, famed for its theater and opera and its carnival maskers. Even today, the city, when compared with ordinary cities, appears to be a fantasy, a dream, a hallucination. Giovanni Battista Tiepolo's voluptuous painted cloudscapes with figures opened illusionistic light-filled vistas in ceilings; his drawings and prints have a comparable aerial lightness and luminosity. He was assisted by his son Domenico, who, when he retired from painting about 1785, concentrated on making finished drawings on biblical and mythological themes, as well as remarkably

playful and whimsical scenes of Venetian daily life. The Museum's *The Milliner's Shop* (above) is one of the finest of these drawings. Other artists in the exhibition include Canaletto and the early Piranesi.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
1 Science Park, Boston, MA
617-723-2500
www.MOS.org

LOST EGYPT: ANCIENT SECRETS, MODERN SCIENCE — Through September 3, 2012. A new, temporary exhibit that will provide visitors with an immersive quest for knowledge that reveals how archaeologists use modern science and technology to uncover and understand the ancient civilization of Egypt. Through hands-on challenges, authentic artifacts, and guidance from real archaeologists, visitors will unearth the mysteries of Egypt, its culture and its people. This interactive exhibit features a real human mummy and animal mummies, as well as scans, forensic facial reconstructions and for the first time ever, a life-size rapid prototype of a mummy in a stage of "unwrapping." Visitors can also explore a recreation of an Egyptian tomb and authentic art and artifacts from the daily life and funerary culture of ancient Egypt.

Special Events

MARSHFIELD FAIR
140 Main Street
Marshfield, Ma 02050
www.MarshfieldFair.org

August 17-26, 2012. The 145th annual Marshfield Fair is fast approaching! This yearly Agricultural Fair draws hundreds of competitors in 4-H, arts and crafts, agricultural and horticultural events. The Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society, sponsors of the Marshfield Fair, is dedicated to making this the premier event of Southeastern Massachusetts. We hope everyone who attends the fair will be entertained and educated and that all attendees leave with a greater appreciation of the importance of agriculture and horticulture in our present day society.

WILBUR THEATRE
246 Tremont St., Boston, MA
800-745-3000
www.TheWilburTheatre.com

THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER — July 14, 2012. This All-Male Revue is Australia's answer to the Chippendale Dancers, and is certainly, just as well received. This bevy of buff male bodies bounds across the stage in this 75-minute tease to all of the female audience members. It is a party. It is a romp. Every night is a fantasy bachelorette party, and it is certainly a "Girl's Night out." These men know how to work their audience and do a good job at whipping these women into a frenzy.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS
"The Sicilian Corner" 10:00 am to 12 Noon every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and "The Italian Show" with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Go to www.1110uuccnam.com.
"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM www.1460WXB.com.
"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.
"The Nick Franciosa Show" Sundays from 12 Noon to 3:00 pm on WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.
"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" 8:00 am-9:00 am Sundays on WSRO 650 AM and online at www.wsro.com.
"Radio Italia Unita" - Thursdays 2:00 pm-3:00 pm on www.zumix.org/radio or itunes, college radio click on Zumix. For more information, log onto www.italiaunita.org.
"Tony's Place" on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1 - Sundays 9:00 pm-10:00 pm on MusicAmerica. Host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place. Visit www.MusicNotNoise.com.

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION
290 Northern Ave, Boston, MA
www.LiveNation.com
IL VOLO — Saturday, September 8, 2012. "Already certified platinum in their homeland and several other countries, Il Volo has captured the hearts of Americans of all ages following their US *American Idol* debut and appearances on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, *Good Morning America* and *Ellen*. Their single "O Solo

Mio" has been seen by over one million fans on YouTube and their self-titled debut, which is a mix of re-imagined classics and original material produced by the multi Grammy Award-winning Humberto Gatica and the world renowned Italian singer/producer Tony Renis, is heading toward platinum status in the US." For more information on Il Volo, visit ILVoloMusic.com.

FRANCO CORSO: A TRIBUTE TO ANDREA BOCELLI AND FRIENDS — Saturday, September 15. With a voice that melts hearts and instills passion, Franco Corso is the newest Italian singing sensation in America. His distinctive and powerful baritone voice has been called elegant and provocative. With award-winning singer-songwriter Briana Cash.

WILBUR THEATRE
246 Tremont St., Boston, MA
www.TheWilburTheatre.com
SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO — September 14, 2012. What's Wrong With People? asks Sebastian Maniscalco in his hilarious new hit stand-up special airing on Showtime. In *What's Wrong With People*, he brings his witheringly sarcastic and exasperated take on modern behavior and decorum, trying to bridge the gap between the Italian-American Old World he grew up in and the world we live in today. The result is an original, highly relatable stand-up comedy tour-de-force that has Sebastian performing sold-out concerts worldwide.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Are you ready for this? A bus driver is suing a Connecticut hospital, claiming that the staff watched a baseball game instead of treating his persistent erection. Daren Scott went to the Yale-New Haven Hospital with a painful erection that had lasted four hours. For an hour, he claims, “the staff, including the physicians, continued to watch the baseball game and ignore plaintiff’s condition,” resulting in lasting damage.

Dead issue! An Austrian crematorium burst into flames while burning the corpse of a 440-pound woman. The unusual mass of body fat caused the oven to get too hot, burning down the building.

Carlo Scostumato, says, “Some people are so fat they’d have a “wide load” sign on them if they were a truck.”

The Agriculture Department says the average American eats 1,148 pounds of food a year. Of course, a lot of it goes to waist.

The attractive Helen LePage of Winthrop, says, “Some people grow up and spread cheer, others just grow up and spread.”

The personable, Laura Mansfield of East Boston, says, “Everybody loves a fat man, but not when he has the other half of the seat on the bus.”

Dummy! Letisha Vester of Florida, who was arrested after allegedly phoning a bomb threat to her employer, Metra Electronics, so she could get a day off from work, “She’s definitely getting the break she wanted,” said the local police chief. “At the Volusia County Branch Jail.”

Evidence, after a new Gallup poll found that 46 percent of Americans believe in creationism — that God created humans in their present form within the last 10,000 years.

Huh? A British man changed his name to Tim Ppppppppprice to deter telemarketers. “When these salesmen see my name on their list of names to call, they’ll think, ‘Blow that — I can’t even pronounce his name,’” Ppppppppprice explained.

Gossip! Drew Barrymore is ready to settle down, said *People.com*. The Charlie’s Angels star, 37, wed fiancé of five months Will Kopleman, an art dealer, in an intimate ceremony at her home in Montecito, California. During her troubled childhood, Barrymore had multiple rehab stints by the age of 13 and went on to some wild behavior, including brief marriages to comedian Tom Green and bar owner Jeremy Thomas. The pregnant Barrymore, friends say, finally seems content. “She’s telling people she’s ready for a quieter, more family-oriented life,” said one insider.

Scornata! An Ohio woman has been arrested for allegedly breaking into a house in order to clean it. Homeowner Sherry Bush says she and her husband came home and found the dishes done, the trash taken out and a note in the kitchen requesting \$75 for cleaning services. The cleaner, one Susan Warren, had left her phone number with the bill and told Bush when she called that “I do this all the time.” Almost as shocking as having her home invaded, says Bush, was the size of Warren’s bill. “It was like whoa, \$75? \$15 maybe.”

Interesting to note, some cities with the highest birth rates are, La Puente, California; Miami, Florida; Gaithersburg, Maryland and Jacksonville, North Carolina. And the cities with the lowest birth rates are, Baltimore, Maryland; Worcester, MA; Manchester, New Hampshire and Hampton, Virginia.

No doubt, the Boston area with lowest birth rate is Beacon Hill!

Huh? When the media covers women’s issues, men do most of the talking. Among 35 national newspapers and magazines, men had 81 percent of the quotes in stories about abortion, while women had 12 percent, according to the research group 4th Estate. In stories about birth control, 75 percent of the quotes were from men, with women getting 19 percent.

Romney and Obama do have a few things in common: They’re both “analytical introverts,” they’re both Harvard graduates who pushed healthcare reform and they’ve both confessed to being big *Star Trek* fans.

Music lovers! An analysis of Top 40 hits

over the last 50 years has found that peppy, upbeat songs have dwindled, while most pop songs have become slower and sadder, with negative lyrics. The percentage of songs written in a minor key — which most listeners find gloomy — has doubled since the 1960s.

Royal welcome! 82% of Americans say they have a favorable opinion of Queen Elizabeth II as she celebrates 60 years on the throne. Her popularity in the U.S. plunged to 47% in 1997 following Princess Diana’s death.

Long commutes can kill you! Long, daily car commutes can put you in an early grave. Researchers tracked the daily travels of more than 4,000 people for roughly three months while logging their physical activity and analyzing their medical records. They found that those who commuted more than 15 miles to the office every day were significantly more likely to be obese and to exercise less than those who lived within 5 miles of their jobs; they were also more likely to carry their extra weight around their waistline, which can be especially damaging to the heart. Traveling at least 10 miles, each way was also found to be enough to raise blood-pressure levels. “Part of it is that people with longer commutes aren’t exercising as much,” Washington University public health professor Christine M. Hoehner tells *MSNBC.com*. “But there could be other factors,” drivers with further to go may be more likely to cut short their sleep, and gobble fast food behind the wheel. And “being exposed to the daily hassles of traffic can lead to higher chronic stress and higher blood pressure,” Hoehner says. The result: Car commuters have an elevated risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

Wow! A New Jersey woman says she was fired for being too voluptuous — by a company that makes erotic lingerie. Lauren Odes says she knew her employers at Native Intimates were Orthodox Jews, but was shocked nonetheless to be told she was “too hot.” The company, she says, “sells things with hearts on the female genitals and boy shorts for women they say ‘HOT’ in the buttocks area.”

Permanent addresses: Arthur Fiedler (1894-July 10, 1979) St. Joseph Cemetery, Boston, Massachusetts. Duke Ellington (1899-May 24, 1974) Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York. George Gershwin (1898-July 12, 1937) Temple Israel Cemetery, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. Guy Lombardo (1902-November 5, 1977) Pinelawn Memorial Park and Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York. And the notorious Al Capone (1899-January 25, 1947) is raising hell at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois.

Bloody news! British auction house accepted bids on a vial of Ronald Reagan’s blood, drawn while he was being treated for an assassination attempt. Said the anonymous seller: “I was a real fan of Reaganomics and felt that President Reagan himself would rather see me sell it.”

Show biz reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Actor Alan Ladd, only 5’ 4” tall, stood on a box in many love scenes in order to be taller than his leading ladies. Singer Reba McEntyre has won every award the country music industry has and in 1987 became the first to be named CMA’s Female Vocalist of the Year four years in a row. Oscar winning actress Hattie McDaniel made more than 80 films but is best remembered in show business circles as a truly fine singer with a big powerful and expressive voice; although she made few records. Glenn Miller on being named Juke Box Favorite of 1939: “I don’t want to be the King of Swing or anything else. I’d rather have a reputation as one of the best all-around bands.” One more time! Although she starred in the 1939 movie “Million Dollar Legs,” Betty Grable’s legs were actually insured for only \$250,000.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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ELBOWS WITH ZUCCHINI in Tomato Sauce

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| 2 medium-size zucchini,
washed and chopped (not
peeled) | 1/3 cup olive oil
1 chopped medium onion
1 tablespoon capers
(optional) |
| 2 large ripe tomatoes or a
four-ounce portion crushed
tomatoes | Basil and salt
1/2 pound elbow macaroni |

In a saucepan, sauté onion and capers in oil until onion is opaque. Add chopped ripened tomatoes or four ounces of crushed tomato. If a heavier sauce is preferred, use a four-ounce-can prepared tomato sauce instead. Cover and simmer about seven minutes. Add chopped zucchini and dried or fresh basil. Add water if more liquid is desired. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer *slowly* until zucchini is tender.

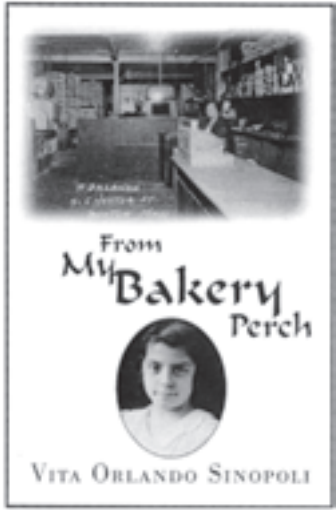
Cook pasta according to directions on the package. Pour zucchini with sauce over cooked elbows and serve.

Serves two.

NOTE: Spaghetti may be cooked and served with the zucchini in place of elbows.

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• **Sister Eileen** (Continued from Page 6)
establishing a computer lab and introducing interactive whiteboards to the classrooms and anticipating a pilot program with the language specialist Rosetta Stone. During her tenure as principal at Saint John’s, Sister has made extensive improvements to the interior and exterior of the school. With Saint John’s on firm ground in an upward trajectory, Sister feels comfortable in taking her retirement passing the reigns of leadership of her beloved school to its incoming principal, Karen McLaughlin, who for the past 17 years served as principal of Saint Paul School, Wellesley.
“The people of the North End have heart, it is a warm and inviting community, you have not seen the last of me” Sister Eileen assures us, knowing that she will always have a special place in the hearts of the people of the community that she calls home.



1st Generation
Italian-American
Vita Orlando Sinopoli
Shares with us
a delightful recollection
of her memories as a child
growing up in
Boston’s “Little Italy”
and a collection of
Italian family recipes
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I was talking about Dad's career after WWII. His life style changed from his younger days. From what I understand, you could make a living at just playing music before the war. Most of the people he grew to know and work with did not have day jobs prior to 1945. They played music. The music scene changed after that. The big bands that existed before the war, to a great degree, disbanded due to the war with the musicians being drafted and most never reorganized the way they had existed in the '30s. Dad had a close friend, an accordionist named Gordon Seabury who advised him regarding his future. He convinced Dad that, after the war, things were going to be different than they had been and Dad listened. When he opted for a day job, it might have been the best career move he could have made.

When the changes in the music business began to take place after the war, many of the musicians who were just out of uniform found it difficult to make a living. Most went in search of day jobs and settled for whatever they could find. The changes didn't take place all at once, but they did happen. The big band era was coming to an end. The 16 to 18 piece swing bands of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, the Dorsey brothers, Duke Ellington, Count Basie ... all survived as smaller units. Many of the second tier bands just disappeared. Small groups — trios, quartets and quintets with singers took their places. The supper clubs diminished in number. Most restaurants, especially Chinese restaurants, most of whom had live shows with bands, stopped their entertainment policies. Ballrooms stayed alive as did the small night clubs, but the days of working six nights a week on a steady basis were gone.

The young people who danced to the big bands were not young anymore. Those just leaving the service were settling down, marrying and bringing children into the world. As a result, going out at night and having a good time became the back burner of life. The new young people wanted their own music, not what was handed down to them from their parent's generation. Beginning in the early 1950s, they found it. At first,

it was called rhythm and blues, and later, rock and roll. New young bands were born, and piloted the new music. Many of the older performers couldn't understand the melodies nor feel the beat and settled for the occasional wedding or other booking that didn't require knowing the new music.

Another phenomenon came in right after the war that accelerated the loss of work as a musician. It was called television. TV hit New York in 1947 and Boston by 1948. By 1949, Dad bought the first of many TVs that we would own and going out for entertainment was not necessary any longer. When this happened all over the country most musicians became weekend warriors and you couldn't support a family on just weekend work. As time progressed, Dad fell into this same category. He did better than most as he was that good and always in demand, but the musicians who didn't have day jobs had it rough.

Babbononno began giving me music lessons when I was in short pants. He taught me a subject called solfeggio. It is the Italian method of the articulation of music that has become the standard around the world. I would sit next to Babbononno, my feet dangling in the air. In front of us would be a music stand with the music facing us and I would have to sing and read the music note for note while Babbononno conducted it with a ruler in his hand. If I read or sang something wrong, I would get hit with the ruler. By the time I was ten years old, I had hands that looked like they belonged to a fighter, but I learned. The best part of my lessons was when Nanna would yell, "Lunch is ready," in Italian.

After a couple of years of solfeggio with Babbononno, it was time to pick an instrument. Babbononno, Dad and my uncles wanted me to be the 3rd consecutive generation of musicians in the family and I had no alternative. I tried the accordion and hated it. I tried piano and hated it. I tried clarinet and hated it. I opted for the trumpet and began to take lessons. As a result, when I entered junior high school, I took up the bugle and played for the Drum and Bugle Corps at the Joseph H. Barnes Junior High School

in East Boston and loved it. When I started high school, I joined the English High School band, but working at the Seville Theater and playing baseball were more important. As a result, the trumpet began to collect dust.

By the time I was half way through high school, music was something I danced to, not played. One day, Dad offered to teach me how to play the bass. It was about the only instrument I had not tried. Right from the beginning, I loved it and took the instrument seriously. By the time I was out of high school, I turned professional, first joining some neighborhood kids playing locally and then spreading my wings once I was good enough to play with more professional groups.

I had thought of making a career of playing jazz, the music I grew to love. Fortunately, I went to college, got myself an education and relied on music as a sideline instead of a full time job. Once I was out of college, I began to teach school. The schedules I had teaching in Boston afforded me the opportunity of going home to take a nap and then playing at night in a refreshed state. I discovered the realities of the music business as I became more experienced. I loved jazz, but it didn't pay as well as a wedding reception. Seeing I could do both, I tried my hand at both and held my own. Whenever I would come across something that was difficult to play and I mastered it, I would silently say, "Thank you Dad and Babbononno."

When Dad thought it was time, I joined the musician's union. Uncle Nick was the vice president at that time and Dad was on the board of directors. This fact didn't hurt as far as name recognition was concerned. Doors opened more easily, but I had to prove myself on my instrument regardless of what my name was. I must have done something right, as I always worked. The extra money afforded me nice clothes, the cars I liked, lots of vacations and some good investments along the way. Thanks to music, it never cost my family any money for my education. I paid my way through college. After college, I decided to go after a master's degree and paid for it on my own. I went after a second master's a few years later and then a doctorate, again paying out of my own pocket. Thanks to the guidance from Babbononno and my father, I have been rather lucky in life. The one thing I think I inherited from them is what I call the Italian work ethic. And, considering what I've tried to accomplish over the years, I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. By the way, my two kids have adopted the same work ethic. GOD BLESS AMERICA

• **The Walls** (Continued from Page 3)

getting called back to the scene. Mahoney remembers, "When I got back, it was a pile of rubble. All I could see was smoke and firefighters on top of the rubble moving debris with their bare hands ... Telling a son that his father was gone on the morning of Father's Day – was heartbreaking ... (In all) I've had to inform loved ones of fallen firefighters 68 times. It never gets easier. In fact, it gets harder each time."

I will always and forever remember the image of Ladder 15 in the rear of the building crushed in the pancaked rubble left in the silence of that agonizing day. That weekend 40 years ago was a sunny one, but as the sun rose up on Sunday morning, Father's Day, that year there was an inner gloominess that paled over all.

It took 25 years to get this Back Bay Vendome Memorial built honoring those who sacrificed their lives on that long-ago Saturday afternoon. Firefighters had worked at the fire scene until 2:00 am in the pre-dawn hours of Father's Day rescuing 16 men and recovering the bodies of 9 heroes who gave their lives in service to the people of Boston.

Hundreds of folks, families, co-workers, friends and perfect strangers took the time on this June 17th to pay their respects and honor the memory of all those who sacrificed their lives for us that day. We will never forget and will long remember that band of brothers who now live together in eternity.

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. L1177-C2-2, CBIS RECAPITALIZATION/OPTIMIZATION, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MA**. The Authority is seeking Qualification Statements from HVAC 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 the **HVAC** trade contractors.

In 2002, in-line Checked Baggage Inspection Systems (CBIS) were installed and commissioned at various locations in Terminals B, C and E at Logan International Airport. Terminal A was subsequently constructed with an entirely new baggage handling system that also included an in-line CBIS. While these systems were state-of-the-art at the time, they were designed well before the adoption of the Planning Guidelines and Design Standards (PGDS) by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in 2009. Under the proposed project, the Authority is proposing to make improvements to the CBISs at Logan International Airport.

The scope of work on the Project involves construction activities in all of the Terminals at Logan International Airport. Extensive interaction and coordination with the TSA and the airlines will be required. Construction of the Project will commence in the summer of 2012. The work will be completed in a minimum of five phases. The work on the last of the phases will be completed on or before April of 2014.

The proposed work includes the demolition of existing duct work, diffusers and associated HVAC infrastructure in an existing office area. The work shall also include but not be limited to the construction of new HVAC ducts and diffusers, the installation of VAV boxes with associated controls and the installation of a split system to provide supplemental cooling in a telecom closet.

The estimated value of work to be performed by the HVAC trade contractor is \$70,000.

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, July 12, 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. Katie Choe, Assistant Director, Capital Programs, Project Controls, at 617-568-5961 or via email at kchoe@massport.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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NEWSPAPERS AND
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THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ITALIAN CASTE ...

We have discussed in recent past the scandalous benefits, free services, and free flights the members of the Italian Parliament enjoy. It has come to our attention recently that all the members of the national legislature, more than 945, continue to enjoy, unlike the taxpayers: a very low interest mortgage. Whenever a member of either branch of the Parliament applies for a mortgage, the bank's interest rate (usually the Bank of Italy) is only 3.45%, for the Senators, and 4.55% for the members of the Chamber's Deputies. It's interesting to note that during the Berlusconi's tenure the interest rate charged to the members of the Chamber was even lower: 4.27%. Furthermore, the process to get the mortgage, to a Parliamentarian, cost only 150 euro, as opposed to the rate the bank charges to an outsider a minimum of 600 euro and as much as 2,500 euro. Now if you wonder why Italy's economy is in shambles you need to look only at the shenanigans of the 'professional' politicians who learn fast the ropes of practical politics and become quite groomed in the 'art' of profiteering. For the good of the country things seem to be changing now. In the first 100 days of Monti's administration all 700 so-called experts and consultants of both branches of the Parliament have been fired, with a net saving of over 24 million euro, at least, perhaps even more. Gone are the days when all kinds of 'imbroglia' were tolerated, even encouraged by the former Premier Berlusconi.

THE EXPERIMENTAL ADVANCES IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF TRANSPLANTATIONS ...

It seems that experiments to create organs from stem cells have accelerated of late. The reason may be the lack of organ donors not only in the U.S. but also in other parts of the world. The list of patients waiting for donors has sharply increased particularly during the past two decades. An Italian doctor, Paolo Macchiarini, who works at the Karolinska Institute of Stockholm, Sweden, is an active researcher on human organs, some of which have already been transplanted, experimentally, on humans. The secret of organs grown in labs rests on stem cells, the new frontier of medical science. They multiply to repair an organ and regenerate damaged tissue, on the strength of chemical factors, well calibrated, so that the stem cells can create a certain tissue. One of the most difficult aspects of biological engineering remains the identification of the most appropriate stem cells and the choice of the appropriate method to have them to regrow. Of course, to see an organ grow in a lab takes weeks or months. Several tracheas have been already transplanted on patients, and quite successfully. If the stem cells come from the patients the rejection process will not occur.

The studies on the use of the stem cells are multiplying worldwide. We constantly read about new progress in the application of stem cells, especially in the manufacturing of several organs.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Scott Walker and why 38 percent of union households did likewise. Apparently, he thought all union members should have been like lemmings following union orders. Union members are like everyone else, struggling to survive and barely making it as it is. The backlash has arrived. Big Labor airlifted paratroopers onto the ground in what was supposed to be an easy victory but the other guys won the battle. Unions lost a lot of credibility here in the state where the U.S. Labor Movement had its birth. This is a blue state that voted red this time around. I saw a full page advertisement in the June 7 *NY Times* for something called the ERA. The ad which shows a screaming head of one of Big Labor's biggest leaders Richard Trumka who looked more like Sgt. Schultz than Sgt. Shultz on MSNBC. The ad sponsored by "employeeeremact.com." You can bet they'll be more of these ads circulating around the media in the wake of Wisconsin.

Listen I have been an AFSCME member for over 37 years and the way Labor went after Walker stunk to high heaven and it backfired badly. You can't have a "my way or the highway" attitude because it doesn't work anymore. How much money did public sector unions waste on this losing battle? How many man-hours were wasted? How much of our union dues went down the drain for nothing? Hopefully, Big Labor won't take this road again. When it is us versus them, you better know who us is.

Did You Hear About the Teacher in Sudbury?

Recently, a 30-year career teacher was reportedly fired in the town of Sudbury for physically breaking up a fight between two of her students. The town's school committee backed the firing. A few weeks later, another

student fight broke out in an art class. One kid picked up a pair of art scissors. What's the teacher to do? She reportedly called the office to send someone down to break up the fight. Good for her. Teachers in Sudbury got the message right away. Meanwhile, parents should be very worried about the safety of their children at school thanks to all these loony liberals calling the shots.

U.S. Ordered to Say If it Seeks to Execute RI Inmate

United States District Court Judge William E. Smith has ordered the U.S. Department of Justice to indicate whether it plans to seek the death penalty in the case of an inmate at the center of a tug of war between federal prosecutors and Governor Lincoln Chafee. The judge issued the order in the case of Jason Pleau who is accused of killing a gas station manager outside a Woonsocket bank in 2010. Pleau has said through his lawyers he is willing to plead guilty in state court and serve a life sentence. Chafee has been fighting for nearly a year to try him in state court since Rhode Island has no death penalty. Chafee had refused to turn him over until the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston ruled that Pleau can stand trial in federal court. Chafee and Pleau sought help from the U.S. Supreme Court but were turned down. Rhode Island turned him over to the feds in May. All this foolishness is what happens when voters choose to elect a loopy liberal independent to run Rhode Island.

Deal with Student Loan Issue Quickly

I just found out that there is over \$1 trillion in outstanding student debt in this country and yet Capitol Hill remains AWOL on this issue. The partisan gridlock still stands in the way of how to prevent student loan interest rates from doubling

next month for nearly eight million students. A compromise appears needed before the June 30 deadline. If Congress doesn't act, interest rates on new loans would double July 1 from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent.

It is time for the Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker John Boehner to find a way out of this crisis. I am sure President Obama would like to see this issue settled quickly since part of his 2008 voter base was young voters. Mitt Romney also needs young voters too and this issue, if left unsolved, hurts both parties in the November election.

Can You Really Have a 119 Percent Voter Turnout?

The night of the Wisconsin Recall vote, they announced on the news that turnout in Milwaukee was 119 percent. You could see the anchor taking a double stare. Isn't the most you can get only 100 percent. Isn't that top of the hub? When did Milwaukee get moved to Cook County Chicago? Do you think there was as little voter fraud going on here? It didn't matter though because the voters reaffirmed Gov. Walker's 2010 election to office despite all the union uproar that led to this recall vote.

Down in Middleboro

A 12-foot tall brick cross erected 53 years ago and bearing the word "Worship" has become the focus of debate as did that firefighter's memorial down in Woonsocket, RI over religious displays on public land. It was located on a Route 28 traffic island by the Middleboro Kiwanis Club in 1959, and is considered a historic landmark by many in the community. However, it caught the eye of a Boston lawyer passing through town who made a reported big stink about it to Mass DOT. Let's see how this story progresses, huh?

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• Ambassador (Continued from Page 1)

General of Italy in Boston, Giuseppe Pastorelli. "There was a chance to strengthen economic and scientific ties with Italy," said Pastorelli. On Bisogniero's agenda, in fact, were meetings with members of the academic world and various business leaders, especially in the clean energy and biotech sectors.

The Ambassador also put particular emphasis on the promotion of the Italian language in the United States. "It is a high priority endeavor for the embassy and for me as Ambassador," he said. "Our target is to achieve 2,500 exams of AP Italian by 2016. We are on track to achieving that. Today, we have more than 2,000 students taking the exam."

All of this would not be possible without the contribution of the community, Bisogniero said. "The Italian and Italian American community is a fundamental support for the efforts of the Italian embassy," he said. One of the biggest and most

visible efforts that the embassy will soon undertake is the Year of Italian Culture in the United States, which will fill most of 2013 with many Italian-related events. "We are organizing a series of initiatives, exhibitions, seminars, conferences and concerts, all around the United States throughout the year," said Bisogniero. "Italy has an outstanding cultural tradition. We should be proud of our heritage, and we will showcase our culture next year."

"It is important that the Italian and Italian American community remain united in strengthening the visibility and recognition for what Italy represents globally," Bisogniero said during his speech at the Dante. "Italy is a close ally to the United States. We operate side by side with the United States in the most challenging international security situations and we feel that we are deeply respected because of these efforts." On the local level, the Ambassador

praised the work done so far by the Italian Consulate in Boston. "A special greeting to the Consul General of Italy, Giuseppe Pastorelli, for the outstanding job he is doing," said Bisogniero.

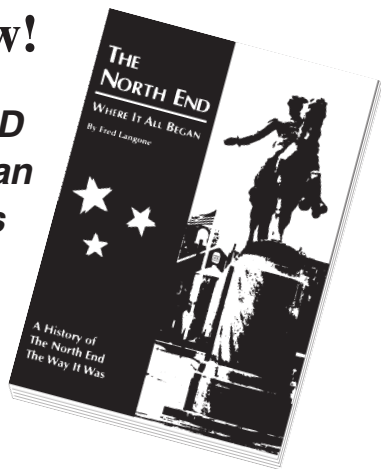
In closing, Ambassador Bisogniero once again thanked everyone for their efforts and contributions. "Your help, your support, is fundamental," he said. Bisogniero recalled the success of Italianissimo!, the fundraising event held by the Consulate General in Boston on June 1, thanking all those who participated and made the event possible. "These initiatives are important because they unite all the different components of the Italian presence in Boston and Massachusetts. You have a lot to be proud of already, and we are going to make sure that the efforts behind the initiatives of next year and of the years to come will have that pride in our great country, in our great history and our great culture. Viva l'Italia!"

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• Mayor Menino’s Early Childhood Initiative

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unique characteristics and diverse parent voices; however, four successful, common strategies have emerged:

- **Parent Ambassadors** — Boston Children Thrive neighborhoods have hired 23 parents from 15 countries to conduct peer-to-peer outreach at playgrounds, bus stops and other places where families go regularly.
- **Business Partnerships** — 53 local businesses have

partnered with Boston Children Thrive to distribute resources, reach out to families, and create on-site early learning activities.

- **Community-Wide Activities** — Boston Children Thrive neighborhoods have engaged families and local residents through workshops, field trips and neighborhood events.
- **Mini-Grants** — Boston Children Thrive neighborhoods have expanded learning opportunities for parents and children by supporting new services and expanding capacity of successful, existing programs such as play groups.

The lead organizations, or “hub agencies,” for the five Boston Children Thrive neighborhoods are: Family Nurturing Center – Allston/Brighton; East Boston Community Partnerships for Children Cluster – East Boston; United South End Settlements – South End/Lower Roxbury; Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative – Dudley; and Dorchester House Multi Service Center – Fields Corner. Boston Children Thrive is supported by grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Partners Healthcare. For more on Thrive in 5 and the community-based agencies receiving funding visit: www.thrivein5boston.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P2664EA

Estate of
NATALIE G. MURPHY
Date of Death April 29, 2012
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by Ann T Kearn of Winchester MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that Ann T Kearn of Winchester MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on July 11, 2012.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 13, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 6/22/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Docket No. SU12P1051EA

Estate of
ANGELINA E. SULPRIZIO
Date of Death March 28, 2012
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by Elena Melillo of Boston MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that Elena Melillo of Boston MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on July 12, 2012.

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WITNESS, Hon. JOAN P ARMSTRONG,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 6, 2012

Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate
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38 Studios Not Schilling’s Game

Curt Schilling had a great baseball career as a Cy Young award winning pitcher. He ended up back in Boston where he started his baseball career before we shipped him off to the Orioles. He went on to be one of the best NL pitchers ever. He never had a no-hitter. He got close in 2007 with us, but had to settle for, I think, a one-hitter. However, now his long wait seems over. He finally threw a no-hitter as the CEO for his “38 Studios.” The company just filed bankruptcy and now Rhode Island is outside looking in to get back whatever it can from Schilling. The state is out a \$75 million state loan guarantee. Rhode Island is now on the hook for a reported total of near \$116 million. Ouch! Schilling wasn’t the only one who finally pitched a no hit game, Rhode Island did too as a relief pitcher. Schilling doesn’t appear to be heading into the Rhode Island Hall of Fame any time soon.

Top Pick Correa Signs with Astros

Carlos Correa, taken by Houston as their top pick has agreed to a contract with the Astros for a signing bonus of \$4.8 million. The deal for the 17-year-old shortstop is the first for a top pick since the new collective bargaining agreement that places new restraints on spending. His deal is the lowest guarantee for a top pick since Kansas City gave Luke Hochevar \$3.5 million in 2006.

Seven Come Eleven?

Back in 1967 on June 11, the Chicago Cubs hit seven homers in a game against the New York Mets who hit four homers themselves. This feat tied the major league record set back in 1950 when the NY Yankees hit six homeruns to the Detroit Tigers five. I am surprised that with all the homers getting whacked nowadays that the eleven home-run mark still stands.

I Still Don’t Think Aceves is Our Closer

Many Boston fans like Alfredo Aceves and think he’s been pretty good as a closer. He does get lots of saves. I don’t put that much credit in saves since most of them aren’t that meaningful. You can pitch badly and still pick up a save, Aceves; doesn’t he do that a lot? In the most recent 1-5 homestand, didn’t he blow two saves? Is his 0-4 with a 4.99 ERA anything to write home about?

Centenerian Throws Out First Pitch

Billy Hogan, Jr. had to wait a century to enjoy a thrill of a lifetime which was to throw out the first pitch at the Fenway Opening Game this year. Hogan a longtime member of Red Sox Nation celebrated his 100th birthday at Fenway Park with family and friends. You can actually see him wind up before throwing it over the plate amid the Fenway crowd cheering him on. Go to aarp.org/pitch.

Giants’ Cain Perfect

Matt Cain pitched the 22nd perfect game in baseball history and the first for the

San Francisco Giants on June 13, by striking out 14 batters and beating the Houston Astros, 10-0.

Oh, What a Baseball Day June 14

Back on June 14, 1968, Reggie Jackson knocked in ten runs with two homers, a double and two singles in Oakland’s 21-7 victory over the Red Sox. Then on the June 14, 1978, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds had two hits against the Chicago Cubs to start his 44-game hitting streak.

North Shore Navigators Opening Nite

The North Shore Navigators of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League was hosted by former Red Sox outfielder Billy Conigliaro on Opening Night, June 8 at Fraser Field in Lynn. He threw out the first pitch and also signed autographs. Billy played at Swampscott High School before starting his major league career with the Red Sox (1969-71), followed by the Brewers in 1972 and finally with the Oakland A’s in 1973. Over his career he hit .256 with forty homeruns and 128 RBIs. In 1969-70, he played the outfield with older brother Tony Conigliaro.

Cabrera Had

Giant Month of May

Milky Cabrera was a career .282 hitter with one 200-hit season (201 in 2011). Cabrera tied the Giants record for hits in a month by getting 51 in May. That matched Randy Winn’s total back in September 2005. Cabrera also passed right by legends Willie Mays (49), Willie McIver (40) and Barry Bonds (38).

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

Who Said There's No "Politics in Boxing?"

World Champion **Manny Pacquiao** Defeated by Judges

Pug Luncheon June 12, 2012

Congressman Acelino Freitas Kayo's Michael Oliveira



Manny Pacquiao on right with Timothy Bradley on left.

(Photo by Chris Cozzone)

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**Ted Sares and
Ed Bernard.**

Pugs' Luncheon
was held on June
2, 2012 at Florian
Hall, Dorchester.
Pug Ring Leader
Tommy Martini,
who again scores
payo. In atten-
dance were: **Ted**
ares, Ed Ber-
ard, Charles
Dwyer, Jimmy
Connors, Jimbo

Curran, Jay Delaney, Dan Cuoco, Austin Killeen, Ed Fitzgerald, Joe Marques, Leo Gerstel, Ed Quigley, Don Green, John "Buddy" Ford, Bob Benoit, Mary L. Nelson, Ring 4 President Mickey Finn, Shirley Addams, Bobby Franklin, Paul Gaines,

Dick Flaherty, Jimmy Farrell, Jr., Kenny Butler, Jr., Joey DeGrandis, Rick Rudolph and I. Here are **Referee Dick Flaherty**, who's recently retired after 45 years of refereeing since 1967. Some of the fighters he's refereed in his 45 years: **Demetrius Andrade, Kenny Butler, Bobby Covino, Steve Collins, John Coiley, Jaime Clampitt, Joey DeGrandis, John Dino Denis, Kippy Diggs, Jason Estrada, Jimmy Farrell, Tim Flamos, Matt Godfrey, Jerry Huston, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Zab Judah, Sugar Ray Leonard, Jeff Lacy, Danny Long, Wayne McCullah, Peter Manfredo, Jr., Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr., Sucre Ray Oliveira, Scott Pemberton, Tony Petronelli, John Ruiz, Dana Rosenblatt, Jose Rivera, Tony Sibson, Joey Spina, James Toney, David Tua, Jermaine Taylor and Irish Micky Ward.** **Dick Flaherty** is one of the most honorable referees around. He will still be involved in boxing as a judge. Thank you Pug Ring Leader Tom Martini for the June 2012 **Pug of the Month Award.**

Some Fight Family Attendees: **Leo Gerstel** fought World title contender **John "Dino" Denis** a couple of times. I saw two of their wars. **Charles Dwyer** fought Heavyweight Champion **Ken Norton** three times. **Jimmy Connors** fought World Champion great **Willie Pep** to a decision. Ring Leader **Tom Martini** was a U.S. Navy Champion. Ring 4 President **Mickey Finn** was a U.S. Marine Champion. **Jimmy Farrell** was trained in New York in camp with **Iron Mike Tyson** and trained by **Gus D'Amato**. Jimmy Farrell, I remember seeing his name many times in the world famous *Ring Magazine*. Rated as one of the best in the world as a World Featherweight contender. **Dan Cuoco** publishes **IBRO** The International Boxing Research Organization. A must read for boxing history researching enthusiast. *IBRO* has a great staff. Some of the names of contributors to *IBRO* I read: **Jim Amato, Johnny Bos, Ted Sares, Dan Cuoco** and **Austin Killeen** who fought some tough fighters in his career. **Bob Benoit** was a world ranked Light-Heavyweight in one of the greatest eras in Light-Heavyweight boxing history. No one I spoke with agreed with the verdict rendered by the officials of the **Manny Pacquiao vs. Timothy Bradley** fight.

Brazilian Congressman Acelino “Popo” Freitas 39-2, 33 KO’s defeated **Michael “The Brazilian Rocky” Oliveira**, who’s now 17-1, 12 KO’s after this loss. **Popo Freitas** first dropped Oliveira in the third round. In the seventh round, Freitas took control dropping Oliveira in the ninth. This prompted the referee to stop this fight.

Politics in Boxing: President Teddy Roosevelt boxed while at **Harvard**. **Senator John McCain**, Republican U.S. Presidential Nominee in 2008, boxed when he served in the U.S. Navy. **U.S. Representative and Senator for California** from 1965 until 1977 was **John V. Tunney**, the son of **Gene Tunney**. **Mayor Alexis Arguello** after retiring from boxing in November of 2008, was elected **Mayor** of Managua, Capital of Nicaragua. **State Auditor Joseph A. DeNucci** is the longest serving **State Auditor** in **Masachusetts** history. **Boston City Councilor Calvin T. Brown** boxed and was a champion.

Shane Mosley 46-8-1, 39 KO's, recently retired from boxing. He's won World Titles in three divisions. He's fought fighters **Saul Alvarez** 39-0-1, **Manny Pacquiao** 52-3-2, **Sergio Mora** 22-1-1, **Floyd Mayweather** 40-0-0, **Antonio Margarito** 37-5-0, **Ricardo Mayorga** 28-6-1, **Miguel Cotto** 30-0-0, **Fernando Vargas** 26-3-0, **Oscar De La Hoya** 36-2-0, **Vernon Forrest** 34-0-0, **Ralph Wright** 47-3-0 amongst many elite fighters.

Happy Belated Birthday to: June 12th
Austin Killeen, & Christy Martin, 13th
Edward Bishop. Happy Birthday on the 27th
 to **Mary Nelson**.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Although it isn't even July, the Bruins have provided their fans with a touch of fall as the franchise announced the dates for the start of training camp plus the entire pre-season schedule.

Rookie Camp will get under way on Friday, September 14 at Ristuccia Arena in Wilmington, the official practice facility of the Bruins. One week later (Friday, September 21) the full training camp — including all veterans and the rookies still on the big club's roster — will convene.

They won't get much practice time since the exhibition season begins just four day later on Tuesday, September 25 when the B's take on the Washington Capitals — the team that knocked the Bruins out of the 2012 Stanley Cup playoffs — in the nation's capital.

Want to really get the feel of an NHL regular season schedule? How about a good old back-to-back right at the start? That's what the B's will face as, without a day off, they head right to Buffalo to take on the Sabres the very next night on September 26.

Then there's a three day break — before another back-to-back on the road. This time it will be against Winnipeg. The first game against the Jets will be a neutral site game in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on Saturday, September 29. That will be followed the next day (Sunday, September 30) with another game against the Jets on their home ice in Winnipeg.

The first action at the Garden will look a lot like the last game played at the Causeway Street facility this past spring. That's because the B's will be taking on the Washington Capitals, the same team that beat them back in April, in the contest that is set for Wednesday, October 3.

Two nights later the B's will face off against the Buffalo Sabres at the Garden on Friday, October 5. Both Garden games will start at 7:00 pm.

The Black and Gold will then travel north to take on their archrivals — the Montreal Canadiens — in their last preseason contest the very next night (Saturday, October 6). Yes, that is the third back-to-back scenario of the preseason. What a schedule! We hope everyone isn't already worn out before the regular season starts the middle of the following week.

DEVELOPMENT CAMP — It used to be held sometime after the Fourth of July but the Bruins have announced that this year their annual development camp will be held from June 28 to July 2 in Wilmington.

This camp, open to rookies and prospects, features on-ice drills, power skating, full practices and some scrimmages, plus additional off-ice workouts. The vast majority of players at the camp will not make the Bruins opening night roster come fall. Some will go back to jun-

ior hockey, while others will play in the minors. A select few might make the B's training camp roster for a few days before being sent to their final destination.

By the way, Ristuccia is a great place to be on a hot summer day. The final two days of the sixth annual camp (July 1 and 2) will feature scrimmages that start at 11:00 am. So bring a jacket and spend a few cool moments with the Bruins. Enjoy.

A STANLEY CUP FINAL WITH A HOCKEY EAST FLAVOR — Wherever you go in the hockey world, individuals with Hockey East affiliations seem to make their mark.

The latest instance of that is the Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles Kings who featured three former Hockey East players, including former UMass-Amherst goalie Jonathan Quick.

Others who played in Hockey East included former Maine forward Dustin Penner and former Boston College defenseman Ron Scuderi.

Quick, who was selected as the winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy (Most Valuable Player in the Playoffs), is the third consecutive former college player to be honored with the award. Bruins goalie Tim Thomas, who played for Vermont, won the award in 2011 while Chicago Blackhawks player Jonathan Toews, who formerly saw action between the pipes at North Dakota, was chosen in 2010.

Quick had a stellar 1.41 goals against average, a .946 save percentage and three shutouts over the span of the 2012 playoffs that saw him post a 16-4-0 mark. Penner had 11 points in 20 playoff games via three goals and eight assists while Scuderi had one assist and a +9 rating.

Quick had a stellar prep school record at Avon Old Farms in Connecticut, going 53-8-0 over three seasons, including one year where he lost only one game (1.24 goals against average) and another where he lost only two (1.15 goals against average).

Those stand in contrast to his college days when he posted a 23-22-6 career record to go with a 2.40 goals against average. After three years in the minors, he joined the Kings and has been with them for the past five seasons. The 2011-2012 season was his best (35-21-13 record, 1.95 goals against average and a .929 save percentage).

In addition, the Kings also have Hockey East alumni on their staff. Jack Ferreira (the special assistant to the general manager) and scout Steve Greeley call Boston University their alma mater while former UMass-Lowell equipment manager Dana Bryson serves as assistant equipment manager in L.A.

Some 32 former Hockey East players have now won the Stanley Cup (some multiple times) over the course of the 28-year history of the league that was founded in 1984.