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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual North End Family Pride Week

in Memory of Robert "Bobby D" DeCristoforo



(Photo by Michelle Morgan)

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual North End Family Pride Week sponsored by NStar, North End Against Drugs and The Nazarro Center began festivities on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> with the annual N.E.W.N.C.-Emilie Pugliano/Bobby D Neighborhood Family Cruise. Many events were held throughout the week including: National Night Out, R.O.C. Teen Saturday Family Movie Night, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual N.E.A.A. Oldtimers Softball All-Star Game, North End

Jamboree, Senior Citizens BBQ & Big Band Concert, North End Women's Softball All-Star Game, Puppet Show, Bake Sale & Eggplant Sandwiches, Boston R.O.C.K.S Sports Night, Annual Little League Family Game, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual LaFesta Baseball Tournament and concluded on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> with North End Family Pride Day.

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Jeff Katz Versus Beth Childs

I usually listen for a while every morning to the Jeff Katz radio show on Talk 1200 Boston. Recently, he had Beth Childs on as a guest. She is running in the Republican primary for Barney Frank's old U.S. House seat. Her main opponent is Sean Bielat who ran and nearly defeated Frank two years ago. I have known Childs for near 25 years and I thought Katz's treatment of her on the show was quite disrespectful. I know he likes Bielat but he shouldn't have been treating Childs like a hostile witness under cross examination. She handled herself well though and came across as a good GOP candidate. The GOP winner will take on Joe Joe Joe Kennedy in the November election.

### Speaking of Katz and Severin Too

It appears reportedly that TALK 1200 Boston has let conservative talkers Jeff Katz and Jay Severin go. Andy Dean will replace Katz in the morning and Sean Hannity moves to the 3:00 pm slot. Rush Limbaugh will be taking his show back to WRKO to fill their noon time slot. Also, at WRKO Michele McPhee will co-host the morning show with Todd Feinberg. Severin will remember his first anniversary at TALK 1200 as his last. I wonder if Beth Childs will be sending Jeff a get well card for getting booted off the air after the way he recently treated her on the air during an interview.

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## 92<sup>nd</sup> Madonna Della Cava Feast

— A Huge Success —

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Madonna Della Cava Feast was held this past weekend on Hanover and Battery Streets in Boston's North End. On Friday evening the feast commenced with a blessing of the exposition of the image of the Madonna and a short procession. Saturday evening the feast was in full swing with the The Classics, and Boston's own

legendary Tavares were on hand singing their classic hits from the disco era. The Sunday procession was held through the streets of the North End, accompanied by Madonna della Cava Society members, devotees, St. Alfio's Band and the Northeast Italian Band. Reminisce was the evenings entertainment.

A large crowd enjoying the festivities at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Madonna della Cava Feast.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

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PUGILATUS

The first was considered to be the most simple and natural weapon, therefore, it may be taken for granted that boxing was one of the earliest athletic games among the Greeks. Even Apollo, Hercules, Tydeus and Polydeuces were described as being distinguished boxers. The art of boxing was believed to have been invented by Theseus, the killer of the Minotaur, and most Homeric heroes were described as being well acquainted with it. Boxing was first introduced as an Olympic sport for men, but later it was introduced for boys.

The boxing matches during ancient times resembled our modern boxing. It was considered to be a point of skill not to attack one's antagonist, but to remain on the defensive and thus to wear down the opponent until he was obliged to acknowledge defeat. It was also considered meritorious for a boxer to conquer another without receiving any wounds himself. The two main points in the sport were (1) to inflict blows; and (2) not to expose one's self to danger. Arms were extended much in the same fashion as they are today, and the blows were directed against the upper part of the body. The ears were especially exposed to great danger, and with regular pugilists were generally mutilated and broken. Ear covers were used in practice sessions, but never in the actual bouts. The two great differences between ancient and modern boxing appears to have been in the partly opened fists, and in the sounds emitted by the contestants to add force to their blows.

It was not uncommon to cause the death of an opponent in a fair fight, but willful killing of an opponent was severely punished. If both contestants were tired, they were permitted a short pause in order to regain their strength. Ancient pictures often show boxers resting on their knees. The contests normally continued until one of the participants were beaten into unconsciousness or raised his hand as a sign of defeat.

Ancient boxing was governed by rules as it is today and one rule specifically forbade the taking hold of an opponent, or to use the feet to trip him. Roman boxing appears to have been quite similar to that of the Greeks. These gregarious Latins also introduced a special kind of boxing, not in pairs, but in a general melee, which was called a "grex verberare."

Next Issue: FRUMENTUM

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



There's Something for Everyone

Today, Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register to vote in the September 6<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts State Primary, which is on a *Thursday* this year, not the customary Tuesday. If you are not registered and you miss today's deadline, you still have until **October 17<sup>th</sup> to register to vote in the November 6<sup>th</sup> State and Federal Election.**

As is explained in detail on the website of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, when you register to vote, you may choose to enroll in a political party or political designation or may choose to remain unenrolled, which is commonly referred to as independent.

"Unenrolled" voters are the majority, at just over half of all voters (52% in 2010). Over a third (36% in 2010) of voters are enrolled in the Democratic Party. Republicans make up over ten percent (11% in 2010).

As American humorist **Robert Benchley** (1889-1945) explained our political system, "... one must bear constantly in mind the fact that there are two separate and distinct parties, the Republicans and the Democrats. The trick comes in telling which is which. As a general rule, the Republicans are more blonde than Democrats."

Under the election laws of the Commonwealth there are, currently, three recognized political parties. The **Democratic Party** and the **Republican Party** are familiar as the two largest in the Commonwealth, as they are nationally. The third, the **Green-Rainbow Party** may be less well known. It is affiliated with the national Green Party and has had some success in the Bay State, having a few of its members that have been elected to town or county offices.

In addition, Massachusetts election laws recognize something called "political designations" which are organized political groups that don't currently have standing as "parties." You can register as a voter of a designation. Currently there are 23 political designations: America First Party, American Independent Party, American Term Limits, Conservative Party, Constitution Party, Green Party USA, Interdependent 3<sup>rd</sup> Party, Libertarian, Massachusetts Independent Party, Natural Law Party, New Alliance Party, New World Council, Pirate, Pizza Party, Prohibition Party, Rainbow Coalition, Reform Party, Socialist, Timesizing Not Downsizing, Veterans Party America, We The People, Working Families, World Citizens Party. — Whew, quite a list, covering just about the entire political spectrum. Some are to the right or left of the three parties in the Commonwealth. Others are dedicated to one, or a few, of the special issues that matter tremendously to an organized minority of voters.

With the all the options — three parties plus 23 designations surely you can find some political philosophy to embrace. So register, learn about the candidates and vote!

Romney Picks Ryan as His VP Choice

by Sal Giarattani

The choice of U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, (R-WI) who is House Budget Chairman up on Capitol Hill sounds like a gamble for presumed Republican nominee Mitt Romney to many political talking heads. The rather surprising choice was made in the Commonwealth of Virginia which is an all-important state in the upcoming election for the Republican Party. Howie Carr made a good point following the pick of Ryan as Mitt's running mate. Carr saw U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, (R-FL) as a much better strategic choice. As Carr pointed out, "Guys like Paul Ryan were already going to vote Republican. They've been voting Republican since 1980."

I have heard that many conservative bloggers are calling this upcoming election "an election about ideas." Usually, campaigns say this when they have a boring going nowhere candidate. Candidates rarely win on ideas. Presidential image and good looks always count for more, sadly in recent memory. In the case of the incumbent, forget ideas and

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Lisa formerly worked at Fidelity Investments and Greater Metropolitan Real Estate in the North End.



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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### ROMNEY NEEDS SPARRING LESSONS FROM ROCKY BALBOA

*by Sal Giaratani*

Republican Mitt Romney is getting creamed by the Obama campaign over this Bain Capital thing. President Obama is in control and Romney keeps trying to fend him off but to date, Obama has Romney on the ropes and if Romney doesn't start effectively counter-punching quickly he will turn into Bob Dole or John McCain. A recent editorial in *Investor's Business Daily* (July 17) called on Romney to take some jujitsu lessons to get Obama unbalanced but I think it is time to watch all those Rocky movies and punch away before you are TKO'd before Labor Day even arrives.

A candidate can't let the other candidate define him nor tie him up in irrelevant issues. Negative ads are now strengthening Obama in the all important Swing States. Blood is being drawn with all these attacks on Romney's character. The Romney folks are now in damage control mode which is not a good place to be standing as July gets ready to turn into August. Romney keeps having to explain his Bain Capital record which takes him off message. He keeps calling Obama "unfair," "negative" and "dishonest" but those shameless attacks are beginning to stick to Romney's campaign wall. How long can Romney keep telling Obama to stop lying about him? He is sounding like 1996 GOP loser Bob Dole. Romney is getting too close to a negative tipping point. He can't shame Obama into stopping because Obama seems to without shame.

As that *Investor's Business Daily* opined, "Obama's following his mentor Saul Alinsky's 'Rules for Radicals' – pick the target, freeze it, personalize it and polarize it" ... push a negative hard and deep" ... "keep the pressure on."

It is clear the only record Obama can run on is Mitt Romney's since his own record is so dismal and failed. The only way to get out of the corner and back into the middle of the ring is coming out hard. Push hard. Otherwise the gutter attack by the Obama crew will continue relentlessly bleeding up the GOP campaign. Romney needs to go on the offense and counterpunch. Is the real question, Romney tax records? It is time for

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## LETTERS POLICY

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- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
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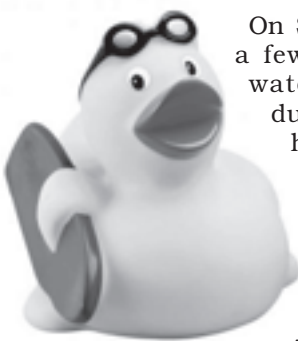
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Richard Settipane Insurance Agency's grand opening took place Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 209 Broadway Revere. The Settipane Insurance Services has been in the Insurance Industry since 1967. Richard has served in all aspects in the insurance industry along with serving as an Insurance Examiner for the Massachusetts Insurance Commissioner's Office. The agency offers Auto Homeowners and Commercial policies representing Arbella Mutual and other insurance companies. The party was hosted by Insurance Executive Bob Mirabito.

**Richard with Office Manager Siukey Garcia.**



## Roundup Those Ducks!



On Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> a few lucky winners will watch as their adopted ducks are chosen from hundreds of rubber ducks floating in Fellsmere Pond. Three non-profit organizations are hosting the Lucky Duck Roundup to raise funds to support

youth with disabilities. Staff members from Triangle, EPIC and Youth in the Arts will dump hundreds of numbered rubber ducks into Fellsmere Pond before paddling out in a boat to 'rescue' the lucky ducklings. The owners of the rescued ducks will win prizes, including a large flat screen TV donated by Mario Costa of Statewide Communications. There's even the chance to win a 2012 Ford Focus, compliments of Stoneham Ford and Eastern Bank.

The Lucky Duck Roundup is family oriented and will provide activities for children, along with music and refreshments. Entrance to the event is free of charge and open to all. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Fellsmere Pond, Malden (Fellsway East and Hospital Road).

You can adopt your duck in advance by visiting [LuckyDuckRoundup.com](http://LuckyDuckRoundup.com) or call 781-388-4322. You may also purchase ducks on the day of the roundup. A single duck is \$5.00 and a flock of five ducks is \$20.00. Need not be present to win.



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**JOHN DiPINTO**  
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**John with members of his committee.**

A very successful fundraiser for John DiPinto, candidate for State Representative, 31<sup>st</sup> Middlesex District (Stoneham and Winchester) at Felicia's Restaurant on Main Street in Stoneham on Monday, August 13, 2012.



**John DiPinto with good friends Freddy and Ron Tello.**



**Soprano Katrina Holden at Christopher Columbus Park.**  
*(Photo by Justin Bates, [www.jbates.com](http://www.jbates.com))*

**WATERFRONT PERFORMING ARTS SERIES**

*Boston Opera Collaborative Performs August 21*

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The 2012 series concludes on Tuesday August 28 with Annie Royer performing popular French cabaret songs, followed immediately by a showing of the French Classic film *Wages of Fear* (in French with English subtitles).

For info visit [www.cityofboston.gov/SUMMER](http://www.cityofboston.gov/SUMMER) or call (617) 635-3911.

**THINKING  
OUT LOUD**  
*by Sal Giarratani*

**Remembering a Good Friend's Passing**

A few weeks ago, I received an email from a former supervisor of mine back when I worked at Massachusetts Mental Health Center over in the Longwood Medical Area concerning someone I worked with back in those days. I knew from the title of the email in my inbox that it could only be bad news and it was. Over my 39 plus years as a state worker I have worked with hundreds of hundreds of folks but only a select few make the list of really good friends and co-workers. The person of whom the email was written was one of them.

Apparently, after battling cancer for a while, Mary Finlay, oops Mary MacDonald (I still always referred to her by her maiden name long after she married) passed away at age 54. Much too young for such a nice person but you know what they say about the good dying young.

Mary lived in South Weymouth it seemed forever but she started life over in Somerville where she lived when she started working as a young nurse at the mental health center over near the Brigham & Women's Hospital. When I first met her I was working as a mental health worker on a day hospital program unit. Since I was living in Charlestown and used to live in East Somerville we chatted much. She knew I was a writer and kept up on my printed writings that appeared in various newspapers.

I remember when she got married and I remembered when she became a mother. The nicest nurse you could ever meet. She had a way of talking to the clients and got them to usually comply with her suggestions without any struggles. At one point she became an evening supervisor when I was a police officer on the evening shift. Evenings at Massachusetts Mental were always interesting as we had an open door to the community. People would be

brought in for help or simply walk in for help. The front lobby was often like Grand Central Station. The job of the police and the night supervisor was to keep things running smoothly until the shift was over. What ever happened after your shift was on somebody else's shoulders.

She was married for some 25 years when she passed away. She left behind a loving family, her husband John and two daughters Erin and Colleen. From the sound of those names you knew that Mary was quite proud of her Irish-American roots and she always laughed when I told her I was half-Irish, which I am. She played many roles in her life, a sister to her siblings and an aunt to her nieces and nephews. Mostly to folks like me who there were many, she was just a really good friend. She ended up working for Massachusetts Mental Health Center and then at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain for 30 years and I am sure there was never one bad word spoken about her from all the people she cared for, worked with or supervised.

Her final resting place is over at Lakeville Cemetery in South Weymouth but her spirit lives on above us where she is probably standing next to St. Peter at those gates welcoming people into an eternity pain-free. Mary didn't have to stop off in Purgatory; she did her time of suffering among her loving family in that final battle against a horrible disease. She was surely an example for her family and friends of how to accept pain and use it in a positive way even while hating what was happening. To those she left behind her memory and legacy will continue. Crying will be replaced by laughter and smiles remembering days when she was among us. My deepest sympathy to her family, Mary will be missed and not forgotten.

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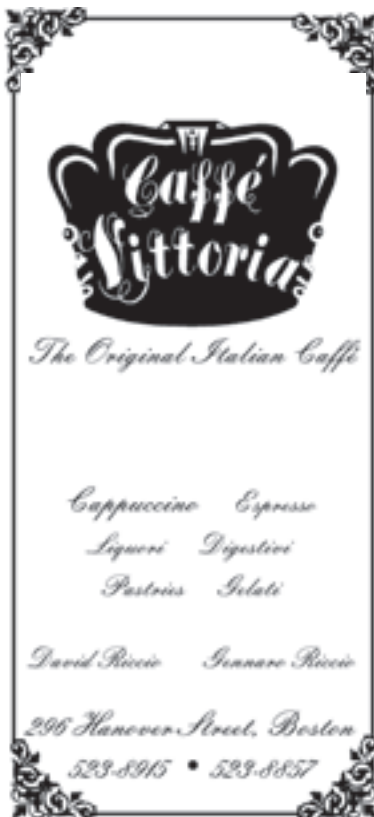
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Local singer Jimmy "Bono" Geany is slated to perform at the popular 102<sup>nd</sup> Fisherman's Feast on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 pm on the North Street Stage. He will be serenading the audience with many classic Italo/American favorites such as: "O' Sole Mio", Torna Sorrento, "Mamma" and the Neapolitan favorite "Core ngrato." "An evening of beautiful Italian music is promised" say Geany! "This music is so beautiful it's timeless!" "I love the reaction of the audience as these classic songs conjure up memories of growing up in Italian-American communities! Whether I'm singing, as I often do, in Boston, New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia, the reactions are always the same: "Beautiful memories of Generations past!" So don't miss this show! Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 P.M.



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## HISTORY OF Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca

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Nicolo Bruno was not without his critics however, many attributed his 'vision' to his high fevers. No one could explain though the miraculous healing of his bro-

ken neck. As the peoples acceptance of this story grew their devotion to the Madonna also grew, as a result more miracles were attributed to the Blessed Lady. One such miracle took place when a six-year-old boy misbehaved for his mother. The boy, like most six-year-olds, was full of energy and getting on his mother's nerves. In a rage, the mother shouted to her son "go to the devil you little pest." Suddenly the devil appeared and grabbed the boy. The mother realizing what she had done and truly sorry called on the Madonna del Soccorso to rescue her son from the hands of Satan.

Miraculously the Madonna del Soccorso dressed in a white and gold robe and carrying a wooden club appeared. In one sweep of

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Two Missed Friends

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

One of the long standing traditions associated with Sacred Heart Church in the North End is the rosary group. Members of the group have been meeting for decades every weekday evening at 6:15 and 4:15 on Saturday to recite the rosary together and help maintain the altar and the linens associated with Mass. There is great comfort in the continuity these traditions offer, they help provide a sense of rightness, a sense of place and hope in a world too often darkened by tragedy.

Often, in winter, we would stop by Sacred Heart Church in the evening before heading home. The voices of the ladies praying the rosary would greet us the moment we entered the church. It never failed to impress us, how in the dead of winter, on the coldest days, come 6:15 in the evening, the rosary group could be counted on to be at prayer.

Angela Rossi was a member of the group from the earliest days of her arrival in the United States from Italy in 1958. As a young woman, Angela was a member of a rosary group in Italy, it was natural, on her arrival in the United States and subsequently, the North End, that she should seek out a similar group. She found it at Sacred Heart church and there she remained a part of the group and the parish 'till her recent passing in July.

To know Angela was to know a woman filled with joy, always in good humor, her laughter filled the sacristy as the rosary group went about their daily routine of selecting linens for the altar, selecting items to be washed, returning newly cleaned and pressed linens and setting the altar for Mass always mindful of the appropriate color and season of the Church year.

Angela was a woman of prayer, who never failed to lift your spirits the moment you encountered her. Personally, we enjoyed a little word game, speaking to Angela, we would create Italian sounding words out of English words, concocting all sorts of expressions that

Angela would repeat assuring us that "those words are not Italian" accompanied by her infectious laughter, laughter that still echoes in the church.

Angela was very devoted to Saint Pio and Our Lady of Pompeii. There is a tiny figure of Saint Pio that she donated to the church. We never pass it without thinking of her, and now remembering her in prayer. Angela's irrepressible spirit filled the church with warmth and humor, her passing creates a void that gives witness to how special a person she was. We will especially think of her on those cold winter evenings when her warmth and cheerfulness was always a welcomed bright presence, Angela is missed.

Judean Langone, was a friend and a parishioner, who also passed away this July. Like Angela, she is unforgettable, a gentle person who would often greet you with a nod, or a quick expression, something totally unexpected that would cause you to consider her words and what she was obviously pondering.

It was while helping to prepare Sacred Heart Church for a Christmas concert many years ago that we came to know Judean. She would climb the stairs to the upper church calling out if we were there, then quickly inspect the job we were doing, always say something flattering and leave. We came to look forward to her visits, her wry humor and gentle ways. These were our first encounters with Judean, when later we came to speak with her at length, we discovered she had a wonderful way with words and was able to reveal in poetry both the depth of her faith and the kindness of her heart.

Several beautiful bouquets of flowers were placed in Sacred Heart Church in Judean's memory, attached to one of them was a note that best describes Judean and what those of us who knew her feel, "You will be missed, Angel of God."



Many Americans Have the Wrong Opinion of Muslims

by David Saliba

ABOUT BEN ADHEM

*Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold: —  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the Presence in the room he said  
"What writest thou?" —  
The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerly still, and said "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote, and vanished.  
The next night it came again  
with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names  
whom love of God had blessed,  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.*

Seaport District Becomes Grand Prix Racetrack to Benefit Boston Youth

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston PAL Grand Prix Brings Kart Racing to City Streets



learn more about each other and their communities. PAL's youth programs help young people develop self-esteem, leadership skills and a sense of belonging, as well as improve school performance, resolve conflicts and occupy their out-of-school-time productively. To learn more, please visit [www.bostonpal.org](http://www.bostonpal.org).

Boston Police Athletic League (PAL) brings European-style kart racing to the streets of Boston with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston PAL Grand Prix on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from noon to 4:00 pm. You can watch the race from Seaport Boulevard between Northern Avenue & Wharf Road.

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## EAST BOSTON MAIN STREETS 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Countdown to Kindergarten Parade



On Friday September 7, 2012, East Boston Main Streets will hold its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Countdown to Kindergarten Parade.

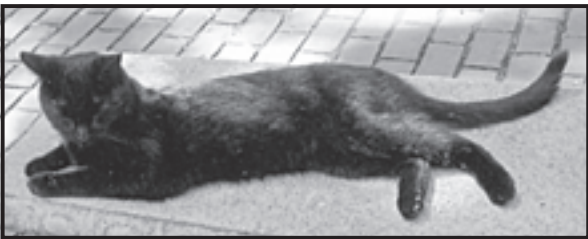
East Boston Main Streets and Countdown to Kindergarten along with Boston Main Streets, the East Boston Social Center, YMCA, Little Folks, Head Start, the Boston Police and the MBTA will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Countdown to Kindergarten parade. With the help of many groups and individuals and the generosity of local merchants every child in East Boston who is entering kindergarten will receive school supplies, a brand new backpack and enjoy a festive day designed to provide a positive experience as they begin their education.

Beginning in Central Square at 10:30 am parade marshals Ivonne Cano, Amir Delacruz, Gloria Contreras and Gladys Betencour will march with children and their parents along Meridian Street to receive school supplies. Upon returning, DJ John Dudley will play music and food will be supplied along with face painting and special programs from volunteers including the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department and the Boston Public Library. For more details contact Sonia Gomez-Banrey at 617-635-6816 or the East Boston Main Street office at 617-561-1044 or the Countdown to Kindergarten website at [www.countdowntokindergarten.org/](http://www.countdowntokindergarten.org/) or visit them on facebook.

### PRINCE

**(L'AFFACINANTE GATTO) — The Charming Cat**

by Martino Forgione



*A plain black cat by the name of Prince,  
is often found if you care to search,  
the historic grounds of the Old North Church.*

*Listen my children and you may see,  
Prince riding in the saddle with Paul Revere.*

*Or maybe sitting up front in an Ole' North Pew,  
listening to the good parson expressing his religious view.*

*Perhaps, behind the garden gate  
stretched out by the boxwood tree,  
comforted by the gentle spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi.*

*This old cat ain't no fool,  
he uses his charm as a clever tool;  
awaiting your pat on the head a tickle neath the chin,  
gracefully rewarding you with a purr and a grin.*



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

Strong rumors are Massport has purchased more land on Bremen Street to extend the Emerald Necklace. Bremen Street is very up and coming and many homes have been rehabbed establishing the street as prime property! ... Residents have the finest restaurants within minutes from their door steps. East Bostonians need not travel outside of their realm to find a good place to dine. Channel Four featured a few popular East Boston restaurants that people should try. Among the choicest dining that Channel Four reported were Rino's Place on Saratoga Street, (always packed, definitely need reservations); Ecco Restaurant on Porter Street, (fine dining with exquisite decor); Santarpio's on Chelsea Street, (casual dining, no frills, but a must for tourist and locals) and Kelley's Pub on Bennington Street (sports bar where you can meet up with a sports celeb at any time) ... If you want to dine outside East Boston and don't mind traveling to Topsfield, there is a fine family restaurant with a great menu and bar offering

affordable priced entrees. The name of the restaurant is Braccia's 66, owned and operated by a former East Boston couple. Janice "Vaccari" Braccia and Bob Braccia. The atmosphere is homey and friendly and you're likely to meet up with East Boston people that frequent the restaurant. Try it! ... It's your last chance to get tickets before they're sold out. You can reserve a space for the Red-Sox-Yankees rivalry in the Big Apple if you call now. Included are: a game ticket and RT Motorcoach on a luxury liner to Yankee Stadium on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. You leave at 9:45 am and return by 11:45 pm. For ticket information call Robert Ferrara at 781-964-3510 ... it doesn't get any better than this. Roseland Property has pulled a building permit with the state recently to begin construction on the long awaited waterfront project. Roseland plans to build 400 condos and 176 multi-family homes with nearly 70,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurant space. With easy access into Boston and spectacular views of the Boston skyline, located next to gorgeous Piers Park, 5 minutes to the MBTA and access

to ferry service, it's a win, win for those lucky enough to live there ... It makes good sense, and far less distraction! I'm referring to a bill State Representative Carlo Basile is sponsoring to make single-sex public schools an option for parents and children. I believe it encourages more attention from teens in a classroom with single sex participants ... Is Massachusetts Gaming Commission all wet on this one! Extending dates up till and beyond 2015 for a decision on casino building in these parts is absurd. To think decisions should be put on hold for the next three years only holds up progress. People are anxious to know when it's going to happen NOW! With a sagging economy jobs and employment are at stake! ... Was Romney's choice of Paul Ryan for V.P. a good one??? The jury is still out on that question. There have been some negative comments coming from Democrats, (who are describing the pair as two loafs of Wonderbread!). However independents are still doing their homework and reviewing Ryan's record (the smart thing to do)! ... *Till next week!*

## Celebrating the Arts at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual West End Children's Festival

Join us on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3:00 pm at the Thoreau Path in the West End of Boston for a summer afternoon of fun with your friends and family. Celebrate the rich diversity and culture of the neighborhood with arts & crafts, games and performances that highlight different styles of dance, music, theatre and art — all FREE of charge! — Attractions include: Boston Pedicab rides, pony rides, a fire truck, po-

lice car and duck boat, a balloon twister, face painting, diverse performances throughout the afternoon. Numerous art projects to spark your imagination and creativity. And much, much more!! Please visit [www.westendchildrensfestival.org](http://www.westendchildrensfestival.org) for more information about the festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [volunteer1@westendchildrensfestival.org](mailto:volunteer1@westendchildrensfestival.org).

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Robert Redford directed, produced and stars in ‘The Horse Whisperer,’ along with Kristin Scott Thomas, Sam Neill and Scarlet Johansson. Based on Nicholas Evans novel of the same name. This family-friendly film tells the story of a young girl and her beloved horse, left with serious physical and emotional scars after a devastating riding accident. When her mother calls on the “Horse Whisperer” to help, she meets a rugged rancher who not only has an extraordinary gift with animals, but also an ability to enrich the lives of people around him. A majestic film on Blu-ray for the first time!

**HOME ON THE RANGE**  
(2-Blu-ray Combo Pack)  
*Disney*

Disney’s hilarious animated comedy ‘Home On The Range,’ available for the first time on Blu-ray. When a greedy outlaw schemes to take possession of the “Patch of Heaven” dairy farm, three determined cows, a karate-kicking stallion and a colorful corral of critters join forces to save their home. The stakes are sky-high as this unlikely animal alliance risk their hides and match wits with a mysterious band of bad guys. Stunning animation and sensational original songs by celebrated composer Alan Menken.

**BATTLE FORCE (DVD)**  
*Lionsgate*

A high stakes, life or death operation featuring a powerful and touching performance by Scott Martin. In 1942, an elite fighting unit was formed, officially named the First Special Service Force, made up of mountain men, hunters and misfits. They were trained to scale cliffs, jump out of airplanes and kill Nazis. The following summer, days before the invasion of Sicily, the best of these men were hand-picked for a desperate mission. Amidst the bloodshed of World War II, these men went armed for combat, and the only way out was to aim, fire and stay alive. Loyal men answer their call to duty!

**HATFIELDS & McCOYS**  
(2-DVD)  
*Sony Pictures Home Ent.*

Bonded by their oath to the same flag, two Confederate soldiers, Anse “Devil” Hatfield (Kevin Costner) and Randall McCoy (Bill Paxton), return home seeking peace after tireless months of battle. Their expectations are quickly shattered when a murder based on misunderstandings and an illicit love affair triggers warfare between the former comrades and their clans. This historic feud teeters on the brink of an all-out civil war as friends and neighbors join opposing sides in a

rivalry that would ultimately shape American history. ‘Hatfields & McCoys,’ a HISTORY Channel premiere.

**MY WAY (DVD)**  
*Well Go USA Ent.*

Jun-shik and Tatsuo are both marathoners who grow up to be the greatest of national rivals. Their story is of two rival Olympic marathon runners who fight for Japan at the start of World War II. Captured by the Soviets and Germans, they eventually escape and meet on the beaches of Normandy in 1944. Bonded together by history, they struggle to survive one more battle before D-Day!

**REMAINS (Blu-ray + DVD)**  
*Shout! Factory*

‘Remains’ is set in a chilling postapocalyptic Reno, Nevada, and follows the survivors of a bizarre accident that reduced most of the world’s population to Zombies. The group takes refuge in a vacant casino and fights a losing battle against the undead, who grow steadily stronger, smarter and more aggressive by the minute. Billed as a ‘must have’ for horror movie fans and zombiephiles.

**ALI - THE MAN, THE MOVES, THE MOUTH**  
(DVD)  
*MVDvisual*

Muhammad Ali’s brilliant ring moves and colorful rhetoric are the focus of this entertaining documentary, a retrospective of Ali’s life. With highlights of every major fight of his career, you get to see the Champ’s gums flap and his fists fly, narrated by legendary boxing sportscaster Bert Sugar. Highlights from the “Rumble in the Jungle” with George Foreman, the “Thrilla in Manila” with Joe Frazier and the “Fight of the Century” with Frazier again. Dozens of Ali’s fight highlights, his clowning, his bravado and his ring magic.

**COMMUNITY: THE THIRD SEASON**  
(3-DVD)  
*Sony Pictures Home Ent.*

America’s most incorrigible study group of misfits returns for a hilariously ingenious new year at Greendale Community College. From homicidal Halloween pizza parties, holiday Glee Club smackdowns, foosball showdowns, epic pillow fight wars and an underage campus security force. Along with a shocking remarriage, a riotous funeral service, submarine sandwich throwdowns, a new Vice Dean (John Goodman) with a strange air-conditioning fixation and a crime show homage for the ages. Starring Joel McHale, Gillian Jacobs, Danny Pudi, Yvette Nicole Brown, Alison Brie, Donald Glover, Jim Rash, with Ken Jeong and Chevy Chase. Featuring 22-episodes of chaos on three discs!

*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*

**NOONAN ANNUAL SENIOR CONFERENCE COMING**

The City of Quincy will be holding their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Conference on Saturday, September 29 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Kennedy Center at 440 East Squantum Street. If you would like to be notified when registration forms are available, call the Quincy Council of the Aging at 617-376-1506. This year’s keynote speaker will be former Channel 5 mid-day anchor Jim Boyd.

**NEW NORTH END DOCUMENTARY PLANNED**

The North End Historical Society has been working with Kendall Productions on a 50-minute film about this North End community that has called the neighborhood home for more than a century. The working title is “Boston’s North End: America’s Italian Neighborhood” and is based on historical records and interviews with North Enders from around Greater Boston. The Society needs your help to finish the film. They have already raised \$25,000 toward the goal of \$95,000. If you would like to donate, please log on to [www.NorthEndBoston.org](http://www.NorthEndBoston.org) and click on the DONATE button. It is secure through PayPal and no PayPal account is required to donate. Check out [Facebook.com/NorthEndHistory](https://www.facebook.com/NorthEndHistory).

**WHAT ABOUT STATEHOOD?**

When it comes to Puerto Ricans and statehood, City Councilor Felix G. Arroyo says, “You’d be hard-pressed to find a Puerto Rican without an opinion on it.” Over the years the question of Puerto Rico’s future and the idea of statehood keeps coming back onto the front burner. As someone with Puerto Rican relatives, I have an opinion too. Of my four cousins, there is support for statehood, independence and the status quo. There are good and bad things in all three positions on the future of this U.S. island. Puerto Ricans are once again getting ready to vote in a referendum, the first since 1998. Do they wish to keep the status quo or go for change? The question is this: “Statehood, independence or remain a commonwealth under a new arrangement, or keep things exactly as they are today?”

Most think that there is still not yet a majority for statehood though that idea continues to grow in popularity. This island has been a U.S. territory since 1898 when the Spanish American War ended. The current Gov. Luis Fortuno is for statehood

and got this referendum off the ground this year. Back in 1998, 46.5% of the vote favored statehood. Eventually, I think it will happen but not so this time around.

If more than 50% support statehood this year, the governor and other island officials will petition Washington, DC to approve legislation for Puerto Rico to become the 51<sup>st</sup> state. My opinion is that independence should not even be an option. It wouldn’t be viable as a nation of its own and could easily become another Cuba. It is either remaining a commonwealth or becoming a state but it will be up to Puerto Ricans to make their own choices for their future.

**CHELSEA GROUP RETURNS GRANT MONEY**

The *Boston Globe* made big news out of what surely was a non-news story. Must have been a slow news day. The Chelsea Collaborative, a Chelsea community group recently returned a \$44,000 grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in Washington, DC. Gladys Vega, the executive director of the Chelsea group said the group was concerned about restrictions against helping gay people and working with organizations that support gay rights. From 2002 to 2007, this group received grant monies for its housing work from the Catholic Campaign. Last year, the collaborative Chelsea Latino Immigrant Committee received a grant but Vega said this past March she became concerned after the Catholic Campaign came for a site visit. Eighty-two percent of the Chelsea Latino Immigrant Committee’s funding, reportedly, came from the Catholic Campaign grant. Vega made a choice to forego the grant money and if neither she nor the Chelsea Collaborative want Catholic Campaign money to fund the committee’s needed community

activism and social justice, it is a free country, go find the money somewhere else. Grant money is hard to find these days. Truly a non-story pushed to prominence.

**FUNDRAISER FOR RONNIE YONUSS FAMILY IN EAST BOSTON**

Recently, family and friends of Ronnie Yonuss held a sidewalk fundraising event on East Eagle Street in memory of Ronnie, who was murdered in Chelsea on March 3, 2007. Funds raised will be used by the family who have hired its own private investigator in this case. An upcoming fundraising dance is also in the works. For more information, you can go to the Ronnie Yonuss Facebook page.

**EVA FRANCHI’S 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MUSICAL SPECTACULAR**

The Sergio Franchi Memorial Concert has been a star-studded event since it began 19 years ago and grows bigger every year. Each year music lovers have a great time on the Franchi Estate located in Stonington, CT. Come for the entertainment and socializing with friends.

What began as a memorial for her husband has grown into a great New England musical event. Over the years more than 400 scholarships have been given out and the goal of one million dollars has been reached. Eva Franchi has opened her heart and doors to promising young singers reaching for their dreams. The annual concert also keeps alive the music of the great love songs that Franchi was known for. Pack your blankets, your picnic baskets and head over to Eva’s place.

This year’s concert takes place on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Grounds open on the Franchi Estate at Noon with the concert beginning at 3:00 pm sharp. For tickets and further information go to [www.SergioFranchi.com](http://www.SergioFranchi.com) or call 860-535-9429.



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**CELTIC THUNDER VOYAGE** — September 22. Surpassing sales of one

million units combined the musical phenomenon that is Celtic Thunder has just been hailed as *Billboard’s* Top World Music Artist, along with Top World Music Imprint and Top World Album of 2011 for their album, *Heritage*. Celtic Thunder began 2012 with a new CD and DVD concert special, *Voyage*. *Voyage* continues to pay homage to the musical culture of Ireland, while exploring the musical journey each soloist has undertaken since the beginning of Celtic Thunder four years ago. The group performances highlight the diversity of Irish music and song; from the powerful rendition of “Dulaman” to the love song “Maid of Culmore,” the collection also features a rousing performance of “Galway Girl” and beloved Irish party song “My Irish Molly-O.” Celtic Thunder’s successful resume includes performing for President Obama at The White House’s St. Patrick’s Day celebration in 2009, opening New York City’s famed St. Patrick’s Day Parade two consecutive years in a row (2008 & 2009), and most notably six hit Public Television specials and numerous sold out concerts all across America.

**IDINA MENZEL** — September 29. Tony Award-winning actress, singer

and songwriter. Idina Menzel, star of Broadway’s *Wicked* and the original stage production of *Rent*, will bring her new live show backed by a full orchestra. Garnering huge critical acclaim, Menzel reached superstardom on Broadway with her Tony Award-winning performance as Elphaba, the misunderstood green girl, in the blockbuster *Wicked* and in her Tony-nominated role as Maureen in the revolutionary *Rent*. “I am so thrilled to be going back on tour this summer. I am eager to reconnect with my audience, perform my favorite songs and explore some exciting new material,” said Menzel.

**GILLETTE STADIUM**  
1 Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA  
508-543-1776  
[www.GilletteStadium.com](http://www.GilletteStadium.com)

**Brothers of the Sun Tour featuring KENNY CHESNEY and TIM MCGRAW** — August 24 & 25, 2012. The New England Country Music Festival has become the cornerstone of the Gillette Stadium summer concert series. The NECMF is an annual summer tradition for tens of thousands of New Englanders. This year’s lineup marks a truly momentous occasion as long time friends Kenny Chesney and Tim McGraw join Grace Potter and the Nocturnals and Jake Owen. Chesney will end his 2012 Brothers of the Sun tour at Gillette Stadium where he will headline the New England Country Music Festival for the seventh time. Chesney has helped make the New England Country Music Festival the largest concert series in New England.

**REAGLE MUSIC THEATRE**  
617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA  
781-891-5600  
[www.ReaglePlayers.com](http://www.ReaglePlayers.com)

**SHA NA NA** — September 22. The Rock ‘N’ Roll Kings Twist and Shout their way to Reagle! Sha Na Na brings its rock ‘n’ roll celebration to town in a dynamic, crowd pleasing show that includes highlights of the group’s four decade journey from Woodstock, the movie *Grease*, *The Sha Na Na TV Show*, and worldwide concert touring. In an interactive show where the audience sings along, dances along and participates in a “Greaser Olympics,” a good time is had by all ages. Hey all you teen angels and party dolls: twist, stroll and hand jive to the classics as performed by the crowned princes of doo-wop and rock ‘n’ roll, Sha Na Na.

**REMEMBERING THE 40’S** — October 13 and 14. Reagle’s Classic, Popular Wartime Revue! Stroll down Memory Lane revisiting America’s greatest generation during the war years. Delight once again in the sights of the 1940’s — and oh, those *incredible, unforgettable* songs! The War Front, Home Front, Big Band beat, Swing, Radio and 40’s Hollywood and Broadway share center stage in our loving tribute. This is one from the heart! Of course, all WWII vets are admitted free — as our honored guests!

**THE RAT PACK** — November 11. Straight from Las Vegas! Your favorite Trio just the way you remember them! Fronted by three phenomenal performers, this show brings you down memory lane to relive those crazy days at the Sands Hotel. Singing all your favorite Rat Pack songs, each performer has studied the characters of Frank, Sammy and Dean to make sure that every detail of the original Rat Pack shows comes to life!

## THEATER

**NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE**  
62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA  
978-232-7200  
[www.NSMT.org](http://www.NSMT.org)

**9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL** — September 25 – October 7. Based on the wildly popular movie, with new music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, *9 to 5: The Musical* tells the story of three unlikely friends who conspire to take control of their company and learn there’s nothing they can’t do — even in a man’s world. Outrageously funny, thought-provoking and even a little romantic, it’s about teaming up and taking care of business ... about getting credit and getting even.

**CITI PERFORMING ARTS  
CENTER WANG**  
270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA  
(617) 482-9393  
[www.Citicenter.org](http://www.Citicenter.org)

**DR. SEUSS’ HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL** — November 23 through December 9, 2012. Big League Productions presents the critically acclaimed, record-breaking Broadway

musical production *Dr. Seuss’ How The Grinch Stole Christmas!* The classic, whimsical tale will enchant audiences of all ages. *Dr. Seuss’ How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* features the hit songs “You’re A Mean One Mr. Grinch” and “Welcome Christmas” (written by Albert Hague and Dr. Seuss) from the original animated series. Max the Dog narrates as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is “two sizes too small,” decides to steal Christmas away from the Holiday loving Whos.

**COLONIAL THEATRE**  
106 Boylston Street Boston, MA  
(617) 482-9393  
[www.Boston-Theater.com](http://www.Boston-Theater.com)

**MEMPHIS - THE MUSICAL** — December 11 through December 23. Turn up that dial ... From the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tennessee, comes a hot new Broadway musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Inspired by actual events, *Memphis* is about a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. Come along on their incredible journey to the ends of the airwaves — filled with laughter, soaring emotion and roof-raising rock ‘n’ roll. Winner of four 2010 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Memphis* features a Tony-winning book by Joe DiPietro (I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change) and a Tony-winning original score with music by Bon Jovi founding member David Bryan. Directing is Tony nominee Christopher Ashley (Xanadu), and choreography is by Sergio Trujillo (Jersey Boys). Get ready to experience Broadway’s most exciting new destination ... *Memphis*.

## FREE EVENTS

**BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL**  
70 Rowes Wharf, Boston  
617-439-7000  
[www.BHH.com](http://www.BHH.com)

**MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT** offers a chance to revisit Hollywood’s silver screen and modern classics. In honor of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Boston Harbor Hotel will feature movies from 1987 for the month of August. The cool evening breeze set the stage to enjoy these classic films by the sea. Movies begin at dusk. August 17 *Planes, Trains & Automobiles*; August 24 *Dirty Dancing* and August 31 *Roxanne*.

Boston Harbor Hotel also has a summer music series Mondays through Thursdays. For a complete listing visit [bhh.com](http://bhh.com).

**HATCH SHELL, Esplanade, Charles River, Boston**  
**27TH ANNUAL FREE FRIDAY FLICKS MOVIE SERIES** — August 10 *Zookeeper*; August 17 *Puss in Boots* and August 24 *The Lorax*.  
**CONCERTS**

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; September 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.

**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, U.S.S. 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.

## DANCE

**SHUBERT THEATER**  
270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA  
617-482-9393  
[www.ShubertTheater.org](http://www.ShubertTheater.org)

**BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO** — September 22, 2012. Mexico’s national dance company, Ballet Folklórico de México, is a visual feast of Mexican regional folk dances in whirling colors. Founded in 1952 by dancer-choreographer Amalia Hernández, the company of 48 dancers, musicians and singers incorporates a

wide range of rituals, from Mayan and Aztec to modern traditions, all with spectacular theatrical flair.

## COMEDY

**PARRIS ROOM @ NED DEVINE’S Faneuil Hall Market Place, 75 State St., Boston, MA**  
617-263-6887  
[www.improvasyllum.com](http://www.improvasyllum.com)

**ALL THE SINGLE LADIES** — Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. A production from Boston’s award-winning Improv Asylum, is perfect for groups of ladies looking for a wild night of comedy, dancing and a whole lot of excitement! You will watch four friends set out for one last wild night out before one of them gets married. After a few drinks, old feuds and new secrets threaten their good time and only some songs and dancing can help them work through it. The performers interact and dance with the guests! Guests who are at the show to celebrate something will also be included in the show and may get more than they bargained for! This interactive dance party is a hilarious high-energy night from start to finish. *All the Single Ladies* will have you laughing, singing and dancing with your BFFs.

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CENTER WANG**  
270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA  
(617) 482-9393  
[www.Citicenter.org](http://www.Citicenter.org)

**RUSSELL BRAND LIVE** — September 15, 2012. Russell Brand shot to fame in the U.S. in 2008 when he was seen as rocker ‘Aldous Snow’ in the Judd Apatow-produced comedy *FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL*. Since then, the British star has become an international comedic success. Recently Brand can currently be seen in FX Network’s “Brand X.” Russell’s six episode, half-hour, unscripted late night series, which he is also producing. The show is taped in front of a live studio audience and features Brand’s take on current events, pop culture and politics. The show was just picked up for a second season. Brand has appeared in Warner Bros. *Rock Of Ages*, *Arthur*, Universal’s *Hop*, *Get Him To The Greek*, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, Disney’s *Bedtime Stories* and Miramax’s *The Tempest*.

## Special Events

**MARSHFIELD FAIR**  
140 Main Street  
Marshfield, Ma 02050  
[www.MarshfieldFair.org](http://www.MarshfieldFair.org)

August 17-26, 2012. The 145<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TD GARDEN**  
100 Legends Way, Boston, MA  
617-624-1050  
[www.TDGarden.com](http://www.TDGarden.com)

**WWE Night of Champions #WWENOC** — September 16, 2012. Coming to Boston for the first time ever ... you can be part of a historic night where every championship will be defended. It’s WWE Night of Champions! #WWENOC. A new champion was crowned at the last two ‘night of champions’ events. Will history repeat itself? See all of your favorite superstars of Raw and Smackdown including: John Cena, CM Punk, Randy Orton, Sheamus, The Big Show, Daniel Bryan, Alberto Del Rio, Kane, Christian, Kofi Kingston, Dolph Ziggler and more!!! *Card is subject to change.*

**KELLOGG’S TOUR OF GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONS 2012** — November 11, 2012. Tour of Gymnastics Champions featuring Team USA’s top performing gymnasts following the 2012 Olympic Games in London. 2008 Olympic all-around champion Nastia Liukin will lead an impressive cast that will include members of the men’s and women’s 2011 World Championships and 2012 Olympic teams, along with past Olympians and U.S. medalists in men’s, women’s, rhythmic and acrobatic gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling.

## ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION - 290 Northern Ave, Boston, MA**  
[www.LiveNation.com](http://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 U.S. *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 U.S.” For more information on Il Volo, visit [ILVoloMusic.com](http://ILVoloMusic.com).

**WILBUR THEATRE - 246 Tremont St., Boston, MA**  
[www.TheWilburTheatre.com](http://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.

**BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER - 136 Mass Ave., Boston**  
617-747-2261 [www.BerkleeBPC.com](http://www.BerkleeBPC.com)

**FRANCO CORSO: A TRIBUTE TO ANDREA BOCELLI & 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.

### 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.1110wccmam.com](http://www.1110wccmam.com). **“Italia Oggi”** Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM [www.1460WXBR.com](http://www.1460WXBR.com).

**“Dolce Vita Radio”** DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm Sundays 90.7 FM or online [www.djrocco.com](http://www.djrocco.com).

**“The Nick Franciosa Show”** Sun-days 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.usro.com](http://www.usro.com).

**“Radio Italia Unita”** - Thursdays 2:00 pm-3:00 pm on [www.zumix.org/radio](http://www.zumix.org/radio) or itunes, college radio click on Zumix. For more information, log onto [www.italiaunita.org](http://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](http://www.MusicNotNoise.com).



Ray Barron's  
11 O'CLOCK NEWS

As drought continues to ravage the nation, an increasing number of homeowners are having their lawns painted green. Lawn painting has long been a popular service in desert states, but it's now spreading. "It looks just like a spring lawn," said Terri LoPrimo of Staten Island, NY, "the way it looks after a rain."

It's a shame that a shower or rain can't freshen people like it does flowers and grass.

The astute Robyn Waters of Swampscott, says, "Rain is something that, when you carry an umbrella, it doesn't."

Bravo! When Lauren Kornacki took a CPR class last week in Glen Allen, Virginia, she had no idea she'd be using her life-saving skills the very next day on her own father. Alec Kornacki was working beneath his car when the jack slipped and the vehicle fell on him. Lauren, 22, was first on the scene and managed to lift the 3,300-pound car enough to pull her unconscious father out. Using the skills she'd learned to be a summer lifeguard, Lauren then kept her father alive until paramedics arrived. He is expected to make a full recovery. "I'm in awe of her," said Lauren's mom.

Moron! Hans Rausing, one of Britain's richest men, pleaded guilty to "preventing the lawful and decent burial" of his American wife, Eva, whose decomposing body was found last month, wrapped in clothes and garbage bags, in their London mansion. An autopsy showed that she had been dead for two months and had cocaine in her system, but the cause of death could not be determined. Rausing, heir to the multibillion-dollar Tetra Pak drink-carton fortune, said he did not "have a very coherent recollection" of his wife's death. Her body was discovered only after Rausing was arrested for driving while high. "I do not feel, with the benefit of hindsight, that following her death I acted rationally," he said. The Rausing met in rehab 25 years ago and continued to have drug addiction problems.

Wow! A Canadian man nearly blew off his own head while trying to kill a mouse with a rifle. Dale Whitmell, 40, tried to crush the scampering rodent with the butt of his rifle, but when he slammed the weapon on the ground, it discharged. The bullet grazed his forehead but did not badly wound him. After being released from a hospital, Whitmell was charged with careless use of a firearm. "He was very lucky," a hospital spokesman said.

So, what's cooking? An Australian man lost his savings when he hid \$15,000 in cash in the oven, on the mistaken belief his wife never used it. The man had just sold his beloved sports car to make a mortgage payment. But after he put the money in the oven for safekeeping, his wife turned it on to cook chicken nuggets for their children. She didn't realize what was wrong until the burned bills filled the kitchen with smoke. "It was everything I had," the man sighed. "I've got nothing to my name."

Hiding out! Florida will soon become the first state in the nation with more than one million concealed weapons permits. About 80% of those with permits to carry weapons are men and most are middle-aged. The state is issuing up to 15,000 new permits every month. Bang! Bang!

In 29 U.S. states, companies can legally fire a worker for being gay, according to the Human Rights Campaign, a gay, lesbian and transgender civil-rights group. So reported *The Wall Street Journal*.

A recent Gallup Poll revealed 54% of Americans say they'd vote for a "well qualified" atheist for president, the highest since Gallup began asking the question, in 1958, when just 18% said they'd vote for a nonbeliever.

Carlo Scostumato says, "Thank God, I am an atheist." But Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill responded, "How can you be an atheist if you say, Thank God?"

Are you awake? The sleep industry in the U.S. is projected to hit more than \$32 billion this year, up nearly nine percent a year since 2008. The figure includes everything from sleeping pills and deluxe mattresses to sleep coaches and consultants. Nearly a

third of working Americans — more than 40 million people — are sleep deprived.

The lovely Christina Quinlan of Windham, New Hampshire, says, "When a man walks in his sleep, he leaves his wife; when he talks in his sleep, his wife leaves him."

The fascinating and glamorous Barbara D'Amico who heads Russo Imports, says, "The most dangerous position in which to sleep is with your feet on your office desk."

Alex Trebek quitting Jeopardy? The answer is: This noted quiz show host is considering retirement after 30 years of giving contestants the answers and demanding their reply in the form of a question. The 71-year-old Jeopardy! host admits: "I've been thinking of retiring, but I'm torn because I enjoy the show so much." Family and friends have been begging the mustached quiz-master to kick back and take it easy after his contract runs out in 2014. But insiders are wondering if Trebek will be forced out before he makes up his mind.

If you plan to visit the Los Angeles grave of legendary Columbo star Peter Falk, you might get a little confused — his new epitaph is his final practical joke! "I'm not here, I'm home with Shera," reads the headstone. The beloved actor is referring to his devoted wife, to whom he was wed for nearly 34 years before dying last year at age 83. For the record, Peter Falk was born on September 16, 1927 and passed away on June 23, 2011.

Stand up! Getting off your culo can help you live longer: New studies show that people who sit three hours or more a day die nearly two years sooner. Scientists also found that Americans spend way too much time sitting, spending 55 percent of their waking hours on average on their rumps. By standing up and spending less time sitting, people can increase their life spans. For instance, limiting TV watching to less than two hours a day extends life by 1.4 years. So off your duff!

Be nutty! It has been reported pistachio nuts reduces cancer risk. Researchers found the nut contains an antioxidant form of vitamin E which they believe is responsible for the benefit. Pistachios are not only a good source of vitamin E, but rich in B vitamins — especially B6, which is great for the nervous system and helps promote proper breakdown of sugar and starches.

A woman who was twice told she was too big a blimp to ride in a plane has slapped Southwest Airlines with a law suit. Kenlie Tiggeman says she was told she was "too fat to fly." In brief, Kenlie weighed around 280 at the time. At her heaviest — around 400 pounds — she tried to avoid flying, but bought two seats when she had to.

Eating sweets makes you feel happy! Cake, ice cream and other sweet fatty treats really DO make you feel happy, new research reveals. Eating fats they say, seems to make us less vulnerable to sad emotions.

Tomorrow, August 18, our great musicologist and humanitarian Albert Natale will be trying to blow out the countless birthday candles on his birthday cake. Albert A. "Al" Natale, is the youngest of 12 Natale children raised at 11 Sheafe Street in Boston's famous North End. Natale thanks his mother for encouraging him to invest in real estate. Yes, her great son wound up with highly valued real estate holdings. Albert Natale is proud of financing a bronze casting of St. Leonard surrounded by the Stations of the Cross, which he presented to the North End's St. Leonard Church. Add to this his donations to many charities including the Home for Italian Children. Enough said. We all have high respect for Albert Natale! God bless him!

One more time! Happy birthday Al Natale! Other notables with their birthday on August 18: actor Robert Redford, the late Antonio Salieri, Italian composer, Shelley Winters, film actress, and actor Patrick Swayze. **AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME**



Recipes from the  
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Sausages, Peppers & Onions

- 10 Italian sweet pork sausages

2 medium onions

1 large garlic clove (chopped)

2 green peppers

3 tablespoons olive, canola, or vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons oregano (optional)

2 potatoes (optional)

Mushrooms (optional)

Salt

Place sausages in an 8" x 10" baking pan. If desired, sausages can be cut in half for baking.

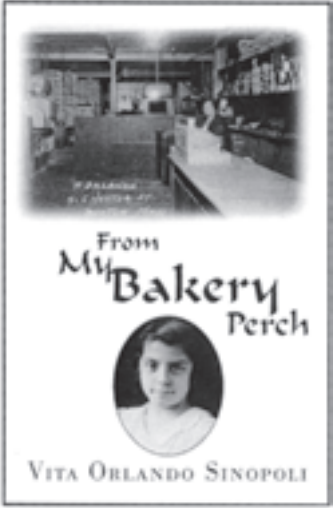
Remove outer skins from onions. Cut each onion in half, lengthwise and slice into 1/2 portions. Add to sausages in baking pan.

Remove stems and seeds from peppers. Wash thoroughly. Cut peppers lengthwise into one-inch portions. Add to baking pan. Sprinkle oregano (optional) and oil over ingredients in baking pan. Stir and salt to taste.

*Other Options:* Peel skins from potatoes and wash thoroughly. Cut up into two-inch portions and add to baking pan. Mushrooms can also be added. Cover and bake in preheated 350°F oven for thirty minutes. Check and stir ingredients. Cover and bake an additional fifteen minutes. Check, stir and return to oven. Removing cover for about ten minutes will help sausages and potato portions to brown to desired consistency. Serves four.

*NOTE: This is a recipe that I remember Mama preparing many times at home. But when we had a large number of guests on a summer Sunday in Wilmington, Massachusetts, she placed her large blue porcelain baking pan with all these ingredients over the outdoor open fireplace. The aroma spread through the neighborhood as it baked slowly over the wood-burning fire. I remember thinking that baking it this way enhanced the flavor of this meal. Through the years, I have baked this on a charcoal grill as well as on our gas-burning grill. However, it needs to be checked and stirred often to prevent burning.*

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I attend as many old car get-togethers as I can during the summer. I have a few old cars that I like to show off and bringing one of them to the planned or impromptu shows allows me to do just that. Over the years, people have asked me why there are certain cars that have become collector's items. My replies usually include the period of time when the owners were teenagers. In my own case, I was a teenager in the 1950s. From about 1954 through 1960, some of the most flamboyant cars ever produced by the auto manufacturers were on our roads.

I didn't start to look at cars until I was about fourteen. Let me backtrack and say that, before I went to work at the Seville Theater at age 13, I washed and waxed cars in my neighborhood. But beginning at about the age of 14, I fell in love with cars. I could smell October 21 coming all year. October 21 is my birthday and each year, I knew that the age of 16 was coming closer and closer and this meant I would be able to get my driver's license.

Today, one of the icons of that '50s era is a Chevrolet. The most popular being from 1955, 1956 and 1957. As an example, a '55 Chevy convertible was somewhere around \$2,500 to \$2,800 back then. Today, one in good condition will bring upwards of \$40,000. The reason is simple. Most of us who were teens back then, couldn't afford the cars or weren't old enough to drive. Those cars were part of our dreams, especially when we saw older teens or adults driving them. Today, we can afford them and many enthusiasts own a sample from that period of time.

It's the same with the next generation down. They are just a few years younger than I but the elusive cars of their teen years are the muscle cars of the 1960s and many of them are around in good shape with hefty price tags for enthusiasts.

Babbononno hated cars. They were his enemy. He preceded the advent of automobiles by many years. He was born in 1875 and by the time autos became a practical means of transportation, he was well into his adult years. Horses, he knew. Trains, he could understand and the trolley, it was a train without the loud noises, but

cars, he hated every one of them and they hated him. My grandfather would have trouble getting in and out of cars, always knocking his hat off and banging his head upon entering. A good part of my Italian vocabulary, which I can't use in this column, I learned from listening to Babbononno trying to enter Dad's or Uncle Nick's car. Once he was in, he would slam the door and hold onto the handle or armrest for dear life. If he was sitting in the back seat, he would grasp the strap that hung on the post that separated his rear seat window from the door window. He would grasp things so tightly that his hands would turn red. Upon exiting one of the cars, he would have the same or a similar problem and curse everyone's sister, brother, aunt or uncle. He never cursed anyone's parents; even he had his principles when it came to cursing people.

To the next generation, cars were transportation, especially to the men in my family, all of whom were musicians. Just as an example, when I came along, Dad owned a 1937 Plymouth. He had bought it used from the local mailman in 1938. It wasn't until 1949 when the car had had it, that Dad thought of a new car. Dragging me along and his bass violin, we headed to Reese Chevrolet in the Day Square area of East Boston.

A neighbor, Tony Patti, had bought a new '49 Chevy Deluxe fastback at the same place and Dad loved his car. However, we had to settle for a regular two door sedan, as the bass wouldn't fit in a fastback. Babbononno had less trouble getting in compared to the '37 Plymouth, but he wasn't impressed. This was just a new example of an enemy.

Dad kept the '49 until 1954. One day he came home from work driving a two tone robin's egg blue and white four door Chevy Bel Air. When Babbononno asked the price, he mumbled under his breath, "Mi genero e pazzo e stupid." (My son-in-law is crazy and stupid.)

Dad began to slowly lose his depression mentality from that point on. His next car was a '57 Pontiac. Uncle Nick had bought one at an agency in Brookline and brought Dad there to see what they had. The next thing I saw in front of

74 Eutaw Street was a blue and white '57 Pontiac four door hardtop. Next came a 1962 Chevy Impala, then a 1966 Cadillac, a 1974 Ford and his last car a 1979 Buick. He fluctuated between the more expensive cars back to what used to be called "The Low Priced Three."

As I said, cars to that generation were a means of transportation. To me and the next couple of generations down, they became part of our lives. We washed them, waxed them, scrubbed the white walls and made sure that they ran perfectly. Speaking for myself, I have always had a love affair with my cars. They were not just a means of transportation. They were part of us, but this was later.

When we were teens and admired the new cars the older people drove, we secretly wished we could too, but knew the reality of the situation. The light at the end of the tunnel was the fact that someday, we would be old enough or making enough money to afford what we wanted.

I knew Babbononno had changed his attitude a bit when he was in his 90s and in an assisted living home. I picked his up for Easter Sunday dinner and at the time had an Imperial convertible. He saw that it was a convertible and asked me to put the top down. I did. He then asked if the front seat went up and down. When I said that it did, he asked me to push it up all the way. This made him look taller. In his old age, he was 4' 11" tall.

With the top down and his seat up, I was asked to drive to the Star of the Sea Church. As I arrived, Easter Mass was just exiting and Babbononno made me slow to a crawl. Spotting several elderly people he knew, he tipped his hat and yelled out, "Buona Pasqua, Buona Pasqua." (Happy Easter, Happy Easter.)

As far as Nanna and my mother were concerned, a car was driven by a man and they were passengers. Once for kicks, Dad tried to teach Mom how to drive. It didn't work, but on that day, Dad became religious. Mom took the hint and never climbed behind the wheel of a car again. Things are a bit different with my generation. My wife drives a newer car than I do. Oh well, GOD BLESS AMERICA.

## • Madonna del Soccorso (Continued from Page 5)

the club the Blessed Lady hit the devil and knocked him to the ground. The boy now released ran not to his mother but ran instead to Madonna del Soccorso, under whose cape he hid. The Blessed Mother with the boy still under Her cape walked over to the Devil and stood on top of him.

She then turned to the boy's mother and said, 'Put your trust in Madonna del Soccorso for I am the protector of Sciacca. "Then releasing the boy to his mother She said "Fear not my children for I shall never abandon you."

Another miracle took place one day when the Blessed Virgin visited upon a thirteen-year-old girl suffering from paraplegia. The Blessed Lady said to the girl "I am the Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca, rise from your bed and tell the town I am here to help them always." The girl then told the Blessed Lady that she was paralyzed and could not get up. The Madonna then told her to touch her belt and she would be able to walk. The girl did as she was told and miraculously went out to tell her story.

The townspeople of Sciacca realizing how lucky they were to be in the good graces of the Mother of God decided to show their gratitude and devotion to her by commissioning a statue to be built in her honor. Using the description of the Madonna given to them by the monk, the mother of the six-year-old boy and by the thirteen-year-old girl, the town created a painting of the Madonna and gave it to the sculptors commissioned for the statue. In the year 1492, two sculptors by the names of Guliano Mancini and Bartolomeo Birrittaro went to Palermo to build the statue of solid marble.

In the year 1503, upon the completion of the statue the townspeople of Sciacca were faced with the major problem of transporting the very heavy statue from Palermo to Sciacca. Since Palermo was to the north and Sciacca to the south with no railroads between them, the town decided to use a boat to ship the statue to Sciacca. Unfortunately, there were no transport boats large enough to carry the statue in Palermo or Sciacca. The fishermen of Sciacca realizing that they could help, decided to send their fleet of fishing boats to Palermo and in some way return to Sciacca with the statue of their beloved Madonna. Over two hundred fishermen were needed to carry the statue to the dock where it was then placed on the largest fishing boat available. With such a heavy load as the solid marble statue on board, the fishing boat was barely able to stay afloat let alone move along the seas under its own power. Using their fishing nets and drop lines the fish-

ermen secured their boats to the vessel carrying the statue and in tug boat fashion carefully escorted the statue of the Madonna out of Palermo, across the seas and headed home to Sciacca.

Upon entry into the harbor of Sciacca, the fishermen were greeted with tumultuous applause and gratitude. In recognition of their sacrifice and in gratitude to the fishermen the town of Sciacca rewarded the fishermen with the sole honor of carrying the statue of the Madonna. Till this day, the only people allowed to carry the statue in Sciacca are the fishermen of the town.

In the year 1626, the Black Plague reached Sciacca. As it had done in the rest of Europe the plague inflicted great pain and suffering to the people of Sciacca. On February 2, 1626 the townspeople re-affirming their belief and faith in their protector gathered together in front of the church of St. Augustine and prayed with fervent devotion to Madonna del Soccorso to free them from the plague. As the huge doors to the church were opened to expose the statue of the Madonna a perfumed smelling breeze blew through the town and cleansed the air. Just then, the people who were afflicted by the plague were healthy once more. Again the Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca held true to her word and rescued the town. The town in gratitude placed on the belt of the Madonna the keys to the city. Every year on February 1, from 12 noon until 12 noon February 2 the townspeople fast. After a solemn High Mass, the statue of the Madonna is carried through the streets of Sciacca.

Another miracle occurred in 1817 when Sciacca experienced severe earth tremors throughout the city. The people feared that the old wooden church of St. Augustine might collapse and bury the statue of their beloved Madonna. The fishermen carried the statue into the Town Square away from any falling objects. Suddenly from 3:00 to 8:00 pm, drops of sweat fell from the forehead of the statue. At 8:00 when the Madonna stopped sweating the earth tremors ceased. Every year when the fishermen carry the statue through the streets of Sciacca the Madonna starts to sweat when she reaches the spot in the square.

The statue of the Madonna del Soccorso was housed in the church of Saint Augustine until 1861, when the Statue was transferred to a church built in her honor "Le Chiesa di Madre del Soccorso di Sciacca."

On August 15, 1907, the Vatican decreed Madonna del Soccorso the Patroness of Sciacca. As a result the fishermen hold a huge feast on the Assumption (August 15) every year.

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# The Bilingual Corner

by **Orazio Buttafuoco**



**LO SAPEVATE CHE ...?**

Un genio italiano al lavoro negli Stati Uniti, Pier Paolo Pandolfi, oncologo e dal 2007 direttore del centro per la ricerca sul cancro alla Harvard University Medical School di Boston, ha messo a segno, con la sua equipe, una scoperta cruciale per la lotta al cancro: ha identificato una schiera di 30-40,000 geni, da lui ribattezzati 'avatar', perche' rappreentano un universo parallelo a quello dei geni piu' noti che codificano le proteine e sono coinvolti nell'insorgenza dei tumori. Oggi, un nuovo passo avanti: Pandolfi ha scoperto il codice scritto nel DNA, che permette di capire come i geni 'avatar' funzionano. La scoperta pubblicata sulla rivista CELL permettera' fra breve, ha spiegato l'oncologo in un'intervista all'ANSA, di mettere a punto farmaci 'mirati, alcuni dei quali gia' in fase di sperimentazione. Quelli della ricerca oncologica' compiuti da Pandolfi sono passi avanti significativi. E' un impegno per il quale (Pandolfi) ha recentemente ricevuto, in Italia, il Premio 2011 della Fondazione Alessio Pezcoller per la ricerca internazionale sul cancro presieduta da Gios Bernardi: un assegno di 75mila euro che gli fu consegnato durante una solenne cerimonia presso il Castello del Buon Consiglio, di Trento, il 6 maggio (2011) . L'oncologo era in Italia per una serie di conferenze.

All'Istituto Regina Elena di Roma ha illustrato il significato della scoperta del codice dei geni 'avatar'. Ha affermato: "sappiamo che i geni che codificano le proteine rappresentano il 2% del genoma umano - circa 20,000 - ma che fino a poco tempo fa non avevamo idea di quale fosse la funzione dei rimanenti geni. Con la nostra scoperta del nuovo codice nel DNA ci permette di predire la funzione di 30-40,000 geni, di cui nulla sapevamo. Abbiamo ora la conferma che molti di essi sono 'geni del cancro' perche' legati alla sua insorgenza.

La scoperta puo' ora condurre alla preparazione di nuovi farmaci.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT ...?**

An Italian scholar who works in the United States and is the director of the Cancer Research Center at Boston's Harvard Medical School since 2007, has made along with his group, a crucial discovery in the fight to defeat cancer: he has identified a phalange of 30-40,000 genes he has named 'Avatar,' for they represent a 'universe' similar to the already — known genes which codify the proteins and are involved in the outbreak of tumors. Now a new step forward: Pandolfi has discovered the 'code' written in the DNA which allows us to understand how the genes 'avatar' behave.

The discovery was published in the magazine CELL, explained Pandolfi during an interview to ANSA (Italian news agency), "to be able to make targeted — drugs, some of which are being experimented." Those achieved by Pandolfi on cancer research are significant steps forward. It is a commitment for which he has received, in Italy, the 2011 Prize from the Alessio Pezcoller Foundation for international cancer research, which is presided by Gios Bernardi: a check for 75,000 euro (@ \$95,000), given to him at a solemn ceremony held at the Good Council Castle in the city of Trento, Italy, on May 6, 2011. Doctor Pandolfi was in Italy to deliver several lectures. At the Regina Elena Institute in Rome, he underscored the significance of the discovery of the code of the genes 'avatar.' We know that the genes that codify the proteins, he stated, represent only 2% of the human genome, about 20,000, but up until recently we had no idea how the other genes functioned. With the discovery of the new code in the DNA, we can now predict the function of the 30-40,000 genes we knew nothing about. Now we have the proof that many of them, are 'cancer genes,' because of the connection to its outbreak.

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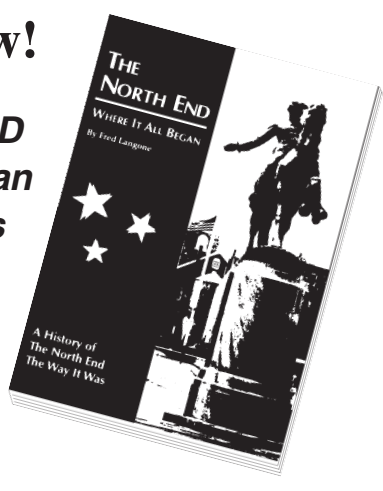
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• **Editorial** (Continued from Page 3)

Romney to fight fire with fire. He should say, "Never mind those tax records, where's your real birth certificate and what about those secret college records?" Hit hard and keep hitting. Right now Obama is taunting

Romney like Muhammad Ali, dancing around his own horrible record as president where we remain far worse off than four years ago. There is little hope left and only small change in our pockets after all has been said and done.

If Romney doesn't find his courage, he'll be like the cowardly lion afraid of his own tail. The last thing the American people need is four more years of the Obama tale.

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

**Warren Walks Back Her Comment About Saving Capitalism**

Recently, U.S. Senate hopeful Elizabeth Warren had to walk back her comments that folks on Wall Street are supporting her candidacy because they know she can save capitalism. Rather than just plain apologize for saying this %&, she said it was wrong on her part to spread over-the-top comments about her and saving capitalism. She stresses that she herself didn't make any over-the-top remarks but only helped spread them. In the world of Democratic politics this is the closest to an apology the public will ever get from someone like her.

**Foreclosures and the Economy**

Personally, I think preventing banks from just foreclosing on folks running behind with mortgage payments makes good economic sense. Much of the ongoing problem with foreclosures was caused by the lenders luring folks with the promise of homeownership. The Community Reinvestment Act started under Jimmy Carter and strengthened by Bill Clinton actually lured lenders into doing it too. In the end, we had an economic bubble burst. That being said, what sense is there in keeping families out of their houses? Lenders will not be able to sell them fast and they will end up staying vacant which means vandalism and its affect on property values in those neighborhoods where these houses are empty.

It makes great sense to work out arrangements between lenders and borrowers. Keep these folks in their homes and make new arrangements between both parties. Is it better to let houses sit empty making no money or keeping folks in their homes and making a little less money for lenders? Isn't something better than nothing?

**Projected \$1.2 Trillion Deficit This Year**

The White House now predicts that this year's federal budget deficit will end up at \$1.2 trillion, marking the fourth consecutive year of trillion dollar plus deficits during the Obama Administration. The bleak numbers will add fuel to an already heated campaign. The economy will be a big factor

in the election as our economic growth is not growing very well at all. The White House is predicting next year's budget will fall just short of a trillion dollars but remember it is still early and subject to change.

Under Obama's budget plan, the U.S. total debt would reach \$16.2 trillion by the end of the year and soar to \$25.4 trillion at the end of this decade. Is it any wonder that the Chinese grow stronger and stronger not doing the things we do? China is scooping up so much that we should vote them our 51<sup>st</sup> state and become an economic superpower once again.

**Bailouts Went to Wrong Crowd**

Credit card debt in this country has gotten out of debt as more and more Americans find themselves buried in hopeless debt. In the end, most credit card companies know lots of money will eventually be eaten up by them and not the borrowers which is why credit limits are dropping lower and lower. The government took care of those companies too big to fail but let the rest of us drown in a sea of red ink. We don't "rate" when it comes to needing help but they do? Student loan debt is the same thing. Most Americans get mired in this economy mess and the government watches us drown.

General Motors, Chrysler and the rest of the biggies are drowning and the government sends out the troops to rescue them. Government priorities seemed mixed up, if we seemingly want to right the ship of state with the people who are actually this government. Everybody in Washington supposedly works for us and not the other way around.

**Compromise is Not a Four-letter Word**

It appears up on Capitol Hill that our lawmakers have gone to their respective corners and either you are with them or against them. No DMZ here. Both parties are guilty. Tea Party Republicans see no need to compromise and the same holds through for liberal Democrats. The logjam is bi-partisan. Too bad our lame-stream liberal media only blames Republicans for sticking to their guns while calling Democrats principled for blocking their ears to compromise. U.S. Sen. Henry Clay is famous forever because of the Missouri Compromise and President James Madison has been called the "Father of the Constitution" because he fought hard to protect the people from the government. However, along the way in writing the Constitution, he and others viewed compromise as a necessity too.

Hopefully, when push comes to shove even in today's bitter political world, cooler heads will prevail and things will get done that have to get done.

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• Romney Picks Ryan (Continued from Page 2)

think use of teleprompter. Fifty-three percent of the American voters chose Barack Obama in 2008.

Most Republican leaders do believe that John McCain’s 47 percent four years ago will be Romney’s base. If everyone who voted Republican repeats his or her vote and Romney doesn’t try really hard to reach out to independents and so-called Reagan Democrats, President Obama gets a second term. Apparently, Romney thinks that this election will turn on the economy and sees Ryan as the policy guy when it comes to the government budget and dealing with issues to turn the economy around after almost four years of failed ideas and dead leadership.

My personal choice like Howie Carr’s looked like Rubio but apparently Romney seemingly feels that social issues don’t carry the same bite in a tight election as a recession and chronic joblessness when it comes to the American people’s anger. Romney could be making a bigger mistake than McCain’s choice of Sarah Palin in 2008. Ryan adds little if anything to the strength of this ticket among hard-line conservatives.

In order for Romney to do what McCain or Bob Dole in 1996 couldn’t do, he would have to add to the GOP base vote. Does Ryan bring in voters who would not have voted for Romney anyway? Does Ryan help in swing states like Michigan, Ohio, Penn-

sylvania, Florida or Wisconsin where Ryan hails from?

In 1980, Ronald Reagan, a former two-year term governor from California, took on a sitting president after having been double digits behind President Carter. In that case, Carter was perceived as a failed leader and Reagan came along with both ideas and passion for them. He spoke from his heart and connected with conservative Republicans, with middle-class families and blue collar workers. He managed to put together a winning coalition based on hope and not fear. A grand majority of voters in 1980 weren’t voting against Carter as much as they voting for Reagan to pick up the country and get it moving again.

His choice for vice president was George H. W. Bush who represented the more moderate or liberal wing of the GOP. Reagan knew conservatives alone could not ring up victory. The merging of the Bush and Reagan wings of the Republican Party and all those Reagan Democrats out there in the country put Reagan over the top.

Ryan is a smart guy, a policy guy but is Ryan a regular guy anymore than Romney is perceived to be? Romney/Ryan is not Reagan/Bush and in the end that is all that counts between winning and losing. America can’t afford to lose in 2012.

• Roundup Those Ducks (Continued from Page 3)

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# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Verlander  
Having Off Year in '12?



Last year, Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander won 25 games on his way to being last year’s shoo-in for the Cy Young Award winner. This season, however, he has had his troubles on the mound. As of August 13, he is still good with his 2.46 ERA, but his record is 12-7. Verlander’s recently lost against the Red Sox after he pitched five innings and gave up three earned runs in the rain-shortened game is proof positive that there will be no Cy Young for him again this season. It is rare that any pitcher wins back-to-back Cy Young Awards or even has a good season. In 1956, Don Newcombe from the Brooklyn Dodgers won the Cy Young going 27-7 with a 3.07 ERA. The following season, he was 11-12 with a 3.49 ERA. In 1971, Vida Blue for the A’s won it with a 24-8 and 1.82 ERA but the following year went 6-10 with a 2.80 ERA. In 1968, Denny McLain for the Tigers won his Cy Young going 31-6 with a 1.96 ERA, but the following year was 24-9 with a 2.80. The last AL pitcher to win the Cy Young Award two years running was Roger Clemens for the Sox. He was 24-4 with a 2.48 ERA in 1986 and 20-9 with a 2.97 ERA, winning in 1987. Only Randy Johnson did the unthinkable between 1999 and 2002, winning four NL Cy Young Awards.

**Randy Johnson Reached for the Heights in Baseball**  
Randy Johnson’s desire to win made the most of every single pitch in his amazing

22 year career in baseball. He was a 6’ 10” fireballer but in the beginning he was a bit wild issuing too many walks and therefore too many runs. After the 1992 season at age 28, his record was only 56-61, not Hall of Fame material or even close. He was a Mariner at the time and had just led the AL in walks for three years running. He turned to another great fireballer, Nolan Ryan for help. Ryan at the time was 40-something but still pitching well. Johnson who is now 48 years old stated that his height was part of his control problem saying, ‘If you’re a pitcher and you’re not consistent with your release point, you’re not going to be consistent in the strike zone.’ When Johnson went over to the Texas Rangers his pitching coach found other flaws. So Johnson worked on those identified problems with his pitching delivery. He cut down on the walks and threw the ball with far greater velocity. From that point on, he went 247-105. Pitching from 1988 to 2009, he finished 303-166 with a lifetime 3.29 ERA.

He is only one of 24 pitchers to win 300 games and earned four straight NL Cy Young Awards with Arizona and the Diamondbacks from 1999 to 2002. He finished his career with 4,875 strikeouts which is second to Nolan Ryan’s 5,714. He pitched a no-hitter for the Mariners in 1990 and a perfect game in Arizona in 2004. He will be eligible for the Hall of Fame in 2015 and surely is a shoo-in that year for Cooperstown.

He started his career with the Montreal Expos and made his big league debut in 1988. However, it wasn’t until 1993 that the greatness broke out. He went 19-8 with a 3.24 ERA and had the first of six straight 300 strikeout seasons.

Johnson had a motto in

his life. “If you are good today, it wouldn’t mean you would be good tomorrow.” As Johnson has said, “You have to put the time and effort into whatever you’re doing to be good at it. There are no shortcuts to being really good at what you do.” Johnson was really good at what he did!

**Can We Make Post-season?**

If I were a betting man, I would say most improbably not. This Boston Red Sox team needs between 92-90 wins to get there which can only happen if they turn things around and win on a regular basis both at home and on the road. Their recent road trip where they won two out of three from both the Yankees and Rangers was good indeed but can they sustain this kind of luck down the stretch few believe. One sports writer called this team the “win one, lose one and win one more Red Sox.” On August 2 with a 53-52 record fighting it out for last place with the seemingly hapless Toronto Blue Jays, getting into the playoffs seems like a dream most likely not to happen. I never say never with our present watered-down version of major league baseball but I would be totally surprised if they go to post-season.

**The Surprising Orioles**  
The Baltimore Orioles keep hanging in there in third place after many seasons of horrible baseball. During the tail-end of last season, I blamed the team’s plight on the awful looking bird profile on their hat. To my amazement, the Orioles announced at the end of the season that the old bird baseball head was returning in a slightly updated version. Since the bird head returned, the team has acted like a winner once again like back in the days of Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson and Jim Palmer. The black and orange are back in baseball.

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI11P5730EA  
Estate of  
HAZEL I. MacKENZIE  
a/k/a HAZEL IRENE MacKENZIE  
Date of Death August 19, 2011  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Donna R. Silva of Wakefield, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Donna R. Silva of Wakefield, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

**"Congratulations!" to Claressa Shields, who Wins "Lone!" Gold Medal for United States of America in 2012 Olympic Boxing**  
**Fight Family Prayers Go Out to Fighter Don Green, for a Speedy Recovery**



**U.S. Middleweight Olympian Claressa Shields** of Flint, Michigan wins lone gold medal for the United States in Boxing. Fighter Claressa Shields, wins 19-12 decision over **Nadezda Torlopova** of Russia.

**Claressa** came out punching, in winning a decision by a score of 19-12 over Torlopova for the gold. This is the first Olympics with **female** boxing. Congratulations in winning the only gold medal for the United States in boxing. You represented **"US"** well. **Claressa Shields** is also the youngest gold medalist in Olympic boxing since **1924**. She's only **17** and has only one loss on her amateur record. **"Congratulations!"** She won in a good fight.

Best wishes to **Don Green**. Our Fight Family prayers go out to fighter **Don Green** for a speedy medical recovery. God Bless you. All our prayers go out to you.



**Don Green**

## NEAA International Flare Continues



On Thursday, August 2, 2012, the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) entered a team of some of their finest 13-15 year old players to compete against a team of same-age Japanese players! This annual U.S.-Japan Youth Baseball Exchange, now in its fifth year, was presented by the Boston Red Sox Foundation and global electronics giant Funai Electric was played at Puopolo Park on Commercial Street. The Coaches for the NEAA Boys Team were Ralph Martignetti and Frank Iudiciani.

Because Fenway Park is celebrating its Centennial this year, the Red Sox Foundation decided that Boston should once again be the host of this exchange this year. The Japanese youngsters travelled from their home towns from Kyoto, sister city of Boston and Chiba, a suburb of Tokyo to com-

pete in Boston against the NEAA boys and other Boston neighborhood youth teams during their 11 day stay.

The game was close, but Japan defeated the home boys by a 3-2 score. NEAA Baseball Coordinator John Romano stated, "Playing against elite teams from International countries is a terrific opportunity for NEAA teams and coaches." In June NEAA played host to a team from Verona, Italy.

In its inauguration five years ago, the Japanese boys and their coaches traveled to Boston; the following year, Japan was the host of this Baseball Exchange; and in its third year, the Japanese boys were back in town. However, the devastating tsunami prevented the Exchange from taking place in Japan, so in its fourth year, the tournament once again took place in Boston.



(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Dan Schachte knows all about important games.

After all, he was on the ice for five Stanley Cup Finals, including Game 7 of the 2001 event. In fact, he was on the ice for 221 Stanley Cup play-off games and also was active at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Perhaps he isn't quite as familiar to you as players and coaches might be. But that's because he was one of the four additional skaters on the ice during NHL games. Dan Schachte, you see, was a linesman — and a good one. How else, would he last 30 seasons in a league as competitive as the NHL?

But now he has a new position. He's been appointed the first Coordinator of Officials in the history of the Hockey East conference. And starting this fall you'll see Dan's work on display at every game — as the officials he assigns make the calls in every contest right through the Hockey East Championships at the Garden next March.

"We are fortunate to have attracted someone with Dan's experience to this new position," said Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna in a press release. "I look forward to working with Dan as he puts his own stamp on our officiating program."

Schachte studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin during his student days, was a college hockey official for a few seasons before moving up to the NHL. Then, after leaving the pros, he worked (since 2011) as an officiating supervisor with USA Hockey, giving instructional assistance and holding camps for many young officials throughout the United States.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME** — It was a perfect night weather wise as we went over to St. Peter's Field in Cambridge for the Old-time Baseball Game. Although this was the 19<sup>th</sup> annual edition of the summer classic, it was our first time attending.

Let's just say we will return in future years. Yes, there was a tinge of sadness during the pre-game ceremonies as the deaths of Harvard head baseball coach Joe Walsh (who died July 31) and Red Sox legend Johnny Pesky (who died earlier that day) were reflected upon. Sandra Walsh threw out the first pitch in honor of her late husband.

One of the most moving moments came early on when former Boston College captain Peter Frates, now suffering from ALS, took the field in a symbolic start before being replaced after one pitch. He was mobbed by players from both teams in a heartwarming display of brotherhood that will be long remembered.

The game gets its name in part because the players wear authentic major league uniforms that teams wore in bygone times. The contest itself was scoreless most of the way until the Abbot Financial

Management squad scored big in the later innings to post a 6-0 shutout over the team sponsored by the Injured Workers Pharmacy. And true to its name the game lasted a regulation nine innings, not the shortened seven that has become so common throughout the area.

But it was a night where the score really didn't matter. Everyone had a good time. New friends were made — both in the dugouts and in the stands. And the evening's designated charity — the American Red Cross — was the recipient of numerous donations.

We should add that St. Peter's Field was in superb condition, one of the best fields we've seen for amateur baseball in quite some time. The grounds crew that keeps this venue in such fine shape is to be congratulated on a job well done.

The game lasted about two and a half hours. Everything was over by 10:30 p.m. Plan on attending next year.

**ANOTHER COACH NAMED** — Newly appointed UMass-Amherst hockey coach John Micheletto has named former University of Vermont colleague Joey Gasparini to an assistant coach position with the Minutemen.

Gasparini played for Vermont from 2002-2006, earning a degree in Economics and Political Science. Over the course of his four-year college career, he played in 128 games as a forward, scoring 12 goals and assisting on 22 additional tallies. He served as an assistant captain during his senior year. In addition, he was selected to various All-Academic teams on three occasions.

Following his graduation, Gasparini served as a scout for various minor league teams before returning to his alma mater as an assistant coach in September, 2009. Since Micheletto's own tenure with the Catamounts ran from 2003 to 2012, this means he worked with Gasparini when Gasparini was a Vermont player and later a fellow assistant coach, a unique dual perspective that most coaches never experience.

UMass opens the season with a pair of home games — facing UConn on October 12 and defending national champion Boston College on October 19. The team's first trip of the season to the Boston area will come on October 26 when UMass meets Boston University at Agganis Arena.

In a scheduling oddity, all of the games on the UMass schedule will be played in New England. In fact, the only non-New England teams that the Minutemen will face will be Colgate University and Bemidji State. They will host Colgate in a two-game series in early December and then play Bemidji in the first round of the Ledyard National Bank Classic on December 30 in Hanover, NH. The furthest distance UMass will travel will be on November 16 when it plays Maine in Orono.