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Remembering D-DAY



Faces of D-Day: Allied troops packed tightly into an aquatic landing craft wait for their turn to face the Germans at Normandy. (Photo Credit: Corbis)

On June 6, 1944, 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which "we will accept nothing less than full victory." More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day's end on June 6, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Normandy. The D-Day cost was high — more than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded — but more than 100,000 Soldiers began the march across Europe to defeat Hitler.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Put a Halo Over the President's Head

I had to laugh looking at the cover of *Newsweek* Magazine recently that had a photo of Obama with a rainbow-colored halo above his head. Down below was written: "The First Gay President." Apparently rushed into "evolving" over the gay marriage issue by his tongue-challenged impetuous vice president, President Obama embraced what can only be viewed as a logical contradiction. How can you call gay marriage today the moral equivalent of yesterday's battles for civil rights and then say at the same time that this moral issue should be decided at the state level? The civil rights movement was a national issue and had it been left to the states to decide, we would have had states that would still have segregation as law. A civil right covers all 50 states or none at all.

The president's evolution is obviously more about politics and not principle. He's looking for votes in all the right places which means he rides the median strip risking danger at every turn. In the end, he lost votes instead of gaining any across the board. It is a losing proposition and bad political strategy too.

Did Obama Have His Own "Elizabeth Warren Cherokee" Moment?

Recently, if you listened to conservative talk radio, you heard about a 1991 booklet put together

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Prince Hall Freemasons Hold Annual Memorial Service at Copp's Hill Burying Ground

by Matt Conti

One of the enduring Memorial Day events in Boston's North End is the annual Prince Hall Freemasons Memorial Service at Copp's Hill Burying Ground. It is interesting to compare the similarity of today's event to the 1908 service shown on the sign near the grave site.

Prince Hall (c.1735-1807) was the founder of "Black Freemasonry" in the United States, known today as Prince Hall Freemasonry and formed the African Grand Lodge where he was Grand Master. He was one of the first abolitionists.



Prince Hall is buried in Copp's Hill Burying Ground in the North End in a marked grave. A monument was erected in 1835 next to the grave. Thousands of

African Americans who lived in the colonial North End community at the base of Copp's Hill are buried here, mostly in unmarked graves.

Italy in Recession

by Sagida Syed



As Italy is falling deeper and deeper into recession, the nation's mood is hitting an all time low. The economic crisis is on everybody's mind and people have to deal with less spending money and an absurd inflation of everyday goods and services including rising fuel costs such as nearly two and a half dollars for a litre of petrol. The stylish shopping outlet villages that sprang up in the last decade are not short of visitors but customers are now unwilling to fork out thousands of \$\$\$\$ for some fancy dress (even on bargain priced last season's fashion!). Cinemas are crying out for viewers and the once exclusive hotels are slamming prices down to attract a less aristocratic clientele. The crisis is worrying businesses and civil servants alike. The changes to Article 18 of the Italian Constitution will make the labor market more flexible (despite the stronghold Unions still against it) but many will lose their jobs. One out of three Italians between the age of 15 and 35 is unemployed and, more worryingly, one out of five of the long term unemployed has stopped looking for employment. Mothers to be are facing a grim future for

themselves and their children and the state pension is becoming a mirage hard to dream about. OK. This is the downside of the real difficult times. Let's have a look at the positive aspects. Families are getting back together again. Friendship, once a lost value, is becoming fashionable. People hang out together (not only to complain a great deal but to enjoy some quality time). They are learning to save money and to spend it more wisely. They recycle more (cobblers are lifting their shutters again). They change careers (no alternative) and they are discovering new talents hidden perhaps for a little too long under the culture of "specialization." We all know that until recently, if you didn't have some specialization in a certain field you stood no

chance to find a job even as a night shift security guard. The historic Italian heritage is coming back. Italians are rediscovering the spirit of doing everything, improvising, learning new skills (remember Leonardo?) aiming for the unreachable. In this hard process of reinventing themselves, they still have no problem in getting the cash out when it comes to have a taste of the Mediterranean diet. Just have a look at the restaurants on a Sunday lunch hour: they're packed pretty much everywhere. In the same way they open the wallet when it comes to take their precious little ones to an amusement park. In other words, the crisis is biting real hard but Italians are learning to prioritize and surely, food and fun are part of a long lasting tradition, much loved and envied by the rest of the world and they will not give up anything for that. After all, they are the children of the Roman Empire, the descendants of the Renaissance, the heirs of great conquerors, poets and musicians. What's wrong if they are claiming their position back in the world starting with what is on their dinner table?

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Happy 50th Anniversary Anna & Anthony Gaeta



Anna and Anthony "Tony" Gaeta of the North End of Boston were married 50 years ago on June 3. Anna and Tony were 14 years old when they fell in love. They married 7 years later at Sacred Heart Church in the North End.

Fifty Years

by Karl and Joanna Fuchs

Fifty years is quite a while

For most good things to last;

But you're still together and still in love;

You must share a wonderful past.

We celebrate you this wonderful day,

And hope that your bond keeps on growing;

You're a pair we should study and do what you say,

'Cause your secret is well worth the knowing!

Congratulations from the Post-Gazette

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Balsamic Vinegar — Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale Sweetness Through the Ages

by James DiPrima



Barrel containing Balsamic Vinegar, Modena, Italy
 (Photo by James DiPrima)

Balsamic Vinegar is not your every day run of the mill vinegar. No it is not. Thirty years ago balsamic vinegar was hardly known outside of Italy. Balsamic vinegar was introduced to the United States around 1970. Only if the vinegar comes from Modena and Reggio, in the Emilia Romagna, can it be called true and finest Balsamic Vinegar. Balsamic Vinegar has a long Italian history that goes along with its essence. It has been associated with politics, legends and even superstitions. It was also believed, in medieval days, that Balsamic had healing properties. That would be easy to associate balsam with healing for the name is derived from the word "balm" from the Latin term "balsamum" that refers to an "aromatic resin and sometimes acts as a healer with soothing properties." During the 11th century people believed if you drank balsamic it would cure you of the plague. This elixir was held in so high an esteem that it was only available to the aristocrats or the ruling class. For families that produced Balsamic vinegar it was a family treasure that was handed down as an in-

heritance. The price of balsamic vinegar can range from the hundreds of dollars per bottle to a commercial grade that can cost a few dollars. What makes it so expensive? Let's take a look at the process for making Balsamic Vinegar. First of all the Trebbiano grape juice is boiled down from the grapes and is known as "sapa". This is done to concentrate and refine the mixture. It is then put into a large vat and stored in attics to begin the process of producing vinegar. After many years, usually about five, for each barrel, it is moved through a series of these barrels each one smaller in size than the previous one,



Luciano Pavarotti

made from different kinds of wood such as chestnut, locust and cherry. When the cycle is complete the little barrel is now ready to be known as Balsamic Vinegar. These barrels may be used up to seventy five years.

The taste and aroma of this vinegar is so sweet that it is used very sparingly to enhance the flavor of many Italian dishes and desserts. There are three types of Balsamic Vinegar: those made in Modena and Reggio are produced using the ancient method and have gone through the required quality control, the commercial vinegar from outside of Reggio and Modena and the imitations, that is, of a lesser quality. To preserve the quality of the vinegar it should be stored in a cool, dark place away from heat. Italian families considered Balsamic a treasure and treated it as such, that in fact it was given to family and friends only on special occasions. To many Italians this "liquid gold" came to represent an extension of friendship that was extended from one family to another and from one friend to another. Why even when a baby was born into a family, a new barrel was started and given to him or her on their wedding day. It is interesting to note that during the Second World War, as the approaching German army was confiscating Italian homes, many Italians fled their homes and leaving behind many of their possessions behind but what they did take with them was their bottles of Balsamic Vinegar.

And lest we forget the other treasure from Modena, Italy; the great operatic singer, **Luciano Pavarotti**.

33 University Students Receive Travel Grants to Italy through a National Italian American Foundation Program

Thirty-three college students from across the United States are participating in the Ambassador Peter F. Secchia Voyage of Discovery program, an all-expenses-paid educational and cultural initiative that sends Italian American students to Italy. Sponsored by the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), the tour is visiting Italy's Lazio and Emilia-Romagna regions from May 28 to June 8, 2012.

"NIAF's Voyage of Discovery program further strengthens Italian American students' understanding of their rich heritage and the many contributions Italy is making to the world. The Foundation's program gives participants an opportunity to explore and understand the land of their ancestors while learning about modern-day Italy and creating a greater awareness of Italy as a global leader," said NIAF President Joseph V. Del Raso, Esq.

Now in its eleventh year, the 12-day NIAF program includes tours of The University

of Bologna, The University of La Sapienza, the Torre Prendiparte in downtown Bologna, The Capitoline Museums, the Italian Parliament buildings and Palazzo Monte Citorio, the seat of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The students will also visit the catacombs of St. Callixtus and Villa d'Este in Tivoli, outside of Rome. The trip will conclude with a reception hosted by the Ministero degli Affari Esteri (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

The package, which includes round-trip airfare between the United States and Italy, accommodations, meals, guided tours and transfers, is valued at more than \$2,500 per student and financed by NIAF. For more information, visit www.niaf.org/voyageofdiscovery.

The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the heritage of Italian Americans. Visit www.niaf.org.



Connors Farm Strawberry Festival

Come join the fun at Connors Farm on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm for their Strawberry Festival for a good cause. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital.

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There will be plenty of fun activities for the kids, including: a live band, pony rides, train rides, etc. For more information call 978-777-1245 or www.connorsfarm.com/strawberryfestival.htm



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



Vidal Sassoon; Architect of Hair 1928-2012!

Ciao Bella,

So as life goes we have lost another icon of the Beauty World. Vidal Sassoon, who wanted to be a star soccer player, ended up a star Master Stylist. Coming from an orphaned background and abandoned by his father at age 3, he rose to the pinnacle of success throughout the world!

Raised in London, he apprenticed with a hairdresser at age 14 during WWII. His vision promoted an attitude where women would not be chained to sets and perms at the salon. He opened his first salon in 1954 in London. His modern styles introduced us to geometric shapes and perms inspiring wash and wear cuts. The classic "bob" cut became one of his signature styles and was redesigned by a hair cutting technique. Blunt and geometric shaping brought Vidal



to the forefront of his industry! Always designing hair with low maintenance in mind he revolutionized the cosmetology world, sweeping the sixties with his mod trend! Cutting with precision, he produced asymmetric coifs attracting Hollywood stars, models and singers becoming "king of the cut!"

The Beauty Industry is a better place since Vidal Sassoon developed his salon, schools and product lines in a legendary fashion. His famous quote "If you don't look good, we don't look good" should be the mantra for all salons and spas!

He will be the most celebrated architect of hair this generation will ever see. May God bless him and his family. May the legend live on!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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This Morning's Coming

by Judean Langone

This morning's coming
Like a new awakening
Rising up like a golden promise
Holding hope, giving life
Breathing new inspiration into
this morning's magic
Sanctifying like a baptism
Waves of rebirth

Beckoning like a divine teacher
to come into the new meanings
of shaded pasts
to flow into the sweeping summons
to leave the pastures of old hills
and roll in the rich greenness
of the unexplored realms
that are at last there

so that finally, the journey
that we were meant to take
At last begins, with this dawn,
With birds jubilant singing
Rejoicing with us
this morning in May
Now that we have found
"The Way's" Way

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

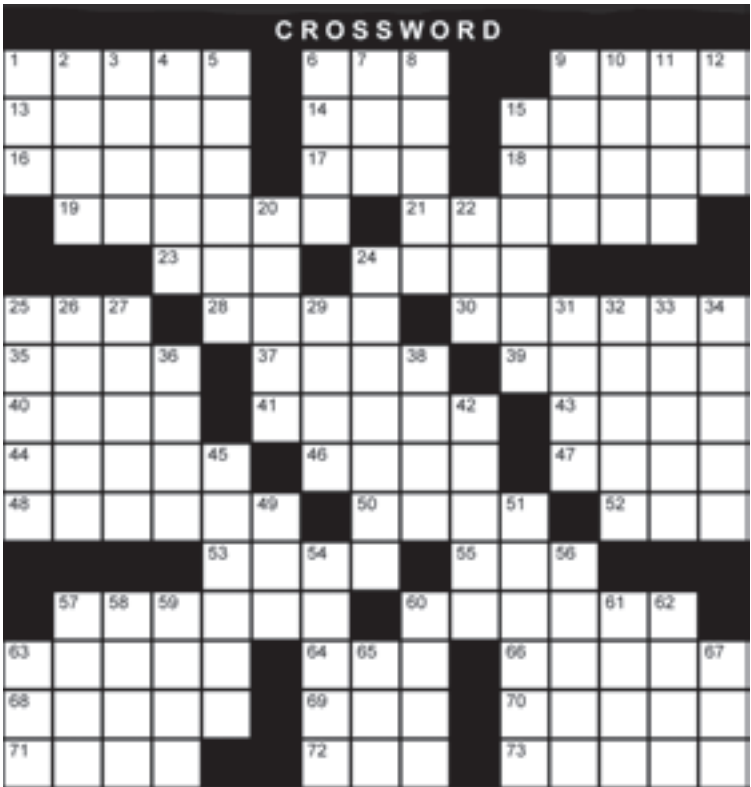
Finish the Lyrics

ACROSS

- Short attention _____, pl.
- Semi _____
- Like Usain Bolt, e.g. _____
- Shakespearean "ergo" _____
- To do this is human? _____
- Specialty _____
- "I see friends shaking hands... sayin' how do _____?"
- Activity at Heavenly in California _____
- Perfection _____
- "Boy, you're gonna carry that _____"
- "Well, we're all in the mood for a _____"
- He sang "Hit the road Jack" _____
- Dirty air _____
- Holbrook _____
- Left after deductions _____
- Water nymphs _____
- Flightless birds _____
- Famous flood survivor _____
- On spouse's side _____
- "A" in A.D. _____
- _____ alert
- "No he can't read my poker _____"
- Excessive sternness _____
- Famous scat singer _____
- Killer whale _____
- Tapeworm _____
- Cocoyam _____
- Spanish sea _____
- "Video killed the radio _____"
- Octopus' defense _____
- "Girl, we couldn't get much _____"
- "Stand up for your _____"
- One born to Japanese immigrants _____
- Street in Paris _____
- Leaves out _____
- Runs in neutral _____
- Egyptian cobra _____
- Make another map _____
- Potato and _____ soup
- "Owner Of A Lonely Heart" band _____
- Athlete's domain _____

DOWN

- "Say Say _____"
- Front part of vessel _____
- Chills and fever _____
- Rock bottom _____
- "Just do it," e.g. _____
- Catch your breath _____
- Irritate _____
- Tale-spinning brother _____
- Popular dog name _____
- Breezed through, as in test _____
- One-horse carriage _____
- _____ Aviv
- Large Indian antelope _____
- Laughing predator _____
- Long time _____
- Quarterback great Kenny _____



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- "Total eclipse of the _____"
- Embryo sacs _____
- Foot-forward squat _____
- Large book _____
- Information _____
- It often snoozes _____
- Capital of Bangladesh _____
- "Take my hand, we'll make it I _____"
- In the near future _____
- _____ in captivity
- Halves of diameters _____
- Hindu sages _____
- _____ it up"
- Fluffy sweater material _____
- Orderly arrangement _____
- _____ Rouge
- Cow skin, e.g. _____
- Small island _____
- Oddball _____
- Twelve of one set in exercise _____
- "Time after _____"
- Baseball great Musial _____
- Zilch _____
- Function _____
- R&R spot _____

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THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giaratani

Pat Buchanan was Right Back in 1992

When Pat Buchanan who had unsuccessfully challenged President George H. W. Bush in the 1992 GOP primaries, he was given a prime time speaker's spot at the convention podium. To those who disagreed with him, it led to Bush's defeat, to those who agreed with him, it spoke to the very future of this nation. Buchanan spoke of the impeding Cultural War clashing with American traditional values that could break up America as we had known it. In the 20 years since that speech, much of what he spoke about has happened. More and more we as a nation of peoples have seen our values redefined. We have seen new values replace so called outdated ones. We have seen folks right up to and inside the White House who question the relevancy of our Constitutional government and the Bill of Rights.

Like our enduring values, Buchanan still speaks truth to power and recently got himself fired for doing so by MSNBC. Buchanan will not remain silent or mince his words. The very foundation of America built upon values from Western Civilization is now endangered by

the so-called diversity and multiculturalism folks who seem to enjoy demonizing western values.

America today is at a crossroads like not seen before. The Republic is still strong but not as strong as 20 years ago and certainly not as strong as during the years that immediately followed World War II. We have had our share of wars since the birth of America. We continue to evolve as we grow but that growth had always been tied to the shared values of Americans which had its roots in Western Europe, especially Great Britain.

Over the lifespan of this country, we have sacrificed much in all our wars to protect America and to uphold our values and all of our freedoms most of us take for granted. Every year we celebrate the sacrifices made on our nation's behalf on Memorial Day. We remember who we are and the sacrifices that have gotten us to this point in time.

The Cultural War spoken of by Pat Buchanan is just as real a war as any other we have fought. And in every war, there are winners and losers. This is a war we cannot lose.

A Great Gift for Dad!

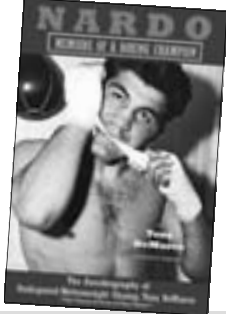
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Nazzaro Center/NEAD Spring Family Dinner, Children's Concert & Scholarship Night

Monday, May 21st was a fantastic night at the Nazzaro Community Center. The Nazzaro Center in conjunction with NEAD held their Spring Family Dinner, Children's Concert and Scholarship Night. Captain Tom Lee from Area A-1 spoke to the kids and parents about the importance of staying away from drugs and alcohol, listening to their parents and also about the dangers of not using sunscreen. Laurie D'Elia from the Nazzaro Center and a NEAD board member also spoke to the children about heeding the warning the Captain gave them and how NEAD and the Nazzaro Center try to help them stay away from those dangers and perils!

The Band performed for about 30 minutes under the direction of Jeremy Sarzana, Nazzaro Center Band Director and Christopher Romano age 15, assistant band director.

After the concert, NEAD as part of their Raymond and Michelina Costa Scholarship Program selected the winners of 11 scholarships totaling \$7,000.00.

Grammar School - 7 Scholarships @ \$500 each

Lane Family Scholarship

Marielle DiPrizio

Anonymous Scholarship

Antonio Romano

North End Waterfront.com Scholarship

Nolan Ward

Boston Police Activities League Scholarship

Sydney Russo

Bobby DeCristoforo Scholarship

Jordyn Amoroso

Bobby DeCristoforo Scholarship

Tayla Cerqueira

Bobby DeCristoforo Scholarship

Jacob Gunderson

High School - 2 Scholarships @ \$750 each

Bobby DeCristoforo Scholarship

Nick Mustacchio

Bobby DeCristoforo Scholarship

Mikayla Romano

College - 2 Scholarships @ \$1,000 each

Anonymous Scholarship

Michelle DiPrizio



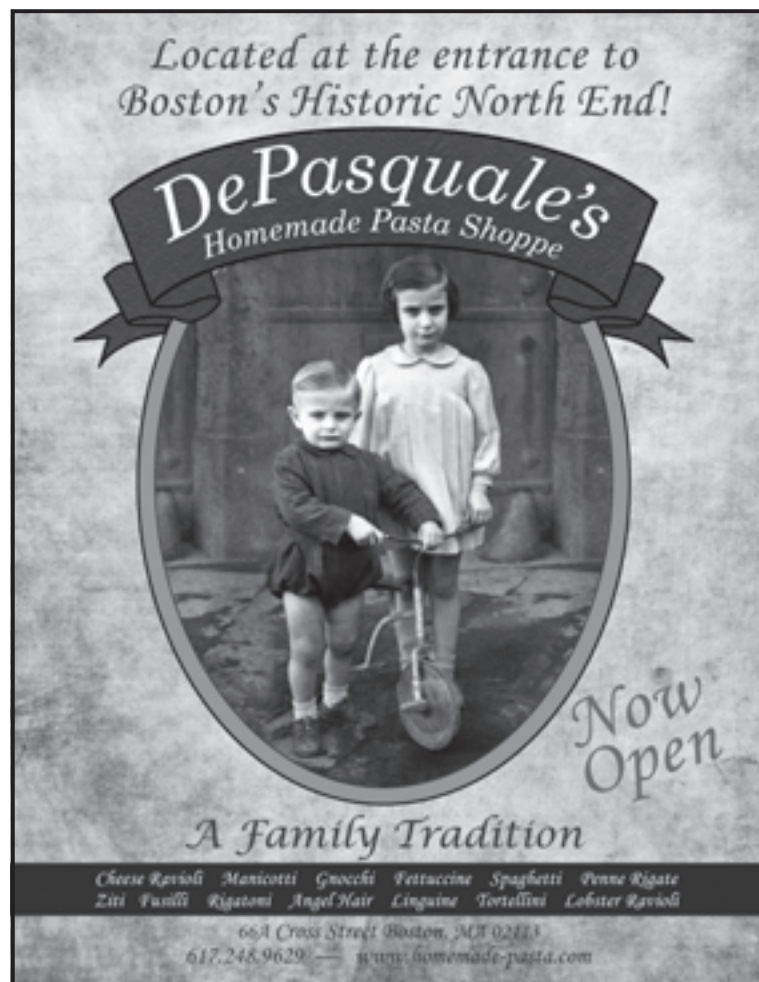
On Monday, May 21, North End Against Drugs and the Nazzaro Center hosted the Annual Children's Band Spring Concert and Family Dinner Night at the Nazzaro Center. In photo, L to R: Erin Callahan, Elena D'Elia and Michael D'Elia enjoying themselves listening to the band concert. Over \$7,000 in scholarships were awarded to 11 children at this event.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Bobby DeCristoforo Scholarship

Tia Bevilacqua

North End Against Drugs and the Nazzaro Center contributed \$2,000 each to allow the 11 scholarships to be given out. Other donors were Bill & Jennifer Lane, Matt Conti - North End Waterfront.Com, Boston Police Activities League and two anonymous donations. "We are already raising money for next year," said NEAD President John Romano, donations of any amount towards the scholarship program can be made at anytime, checks can be sent to NEAD, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113. Donations of \$500, \$750, \$1,000 or greater can have a scholarship named after them, a loved one, or a deceased family member or friend.



MAYOR MENINO JOINS BASS PRO GENE ELLISON FOR JUNE 2 FAMILY FISHING DAY

Mayor Thomas M. Menino and professional bass fisherman Gene "The Fishing Machine" Ellison will welcome anglers of all ages to Jamaica Pond for a Family Fishing Day sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Bass Pro Shops on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Free loaner tackle will be available at the boathouse from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon along with free bait courtesy of P&J Bait in Dorchester. Volunteers from The Fishing Academy will be on hand for assistance. No license is required for children under 15. Youths ages 15 to 17 must have a fishing license, available for free from the state. Adults must have a valid state fishing license. For license information, please visit: www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/recreation/licensing/licensing_home.htm

Considered one of the nation's most popular tournament anglers, Gene Ellison will have his professional bass boat on display with truck and trailer and will offer a demonstration of fishing techniques along with a raffle for items including Plano tackle boxes, Lunkah-Huntah lures and Eagle Claw hooks and bobbers.

A Somerville native, Ellison demonstrates and recommends products and techniques to anglers and families across the country. He has been very successful in organizing dozens of kid's events each year and increasing participation in outdoor sports and activities. Gene accomplishes this through television appearances, live demonstrations, tournament appearances, teaching seminars and involvement in kid's fishing contests.

Gene has recently added the title of author to his resume with his first children's book "Teach Me Fishing" designed for children and parents who have never fished before to easily get themselves started in America's favorite family sport.

For more information please call (617) 635-4505, visit www.cityofboston.gov/parks, like us on Facebook, or follow us on twitter @BostonParksDept.

East Boston Branch Library Upcoming Events ...

Here at the East Boston Branch Library located at 276 Meridian Street, East Boston are providing various activities for all those interested. Please note this isn't the final listing and will be updated as more events are added. On the 25th of June the library will host a book discussion at 6:30 pm on "Giovanni's Room" by James Baldwin and

"In Cold Blood" by Truman Capote. Please feel free to come to the library to check out a copy. Then on Monday, July 2nd at 6:30 pm we will be hosting local author, Tom MacDonald author of "The Charlestown Connection" and will give a reading from the same title. MacDonald is the director of Social ministries at St. Mary-St. Catherine of

Siena Parish in Charlestown and runs the Harvest on Vine Food pantry. He has received a BA from Stonehill College, an MBA from Boston College and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Southern Maine. "The Charlestown Connection" is his first novel. An Author signing will follow. Books will be available for purchase. Next in the month of August the library will be holding a film series on Marilyn Monroe. Friday, August 3rd the library will have a matinee screening of "Ashphalt Jungle" at 2:00 pm, "Clash by Night" showing at 2:00 pm, John DeVito will present a lecture on the star and share his favorite clips, "The Misfits" will be showing at 5:00 pm on Monday, August 20th and "Some Like it Hot" will be the final film and will conclude the series on the 27th of August at 5:00 pm. We are looking forward to hosting all these events this summer. If you are requesting any more information please feel free to contact the generalist librarian at 617 569-0271.

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*You would think after
all of those years,
you would be forgotten.
That might be true
to some people Dad.
But you are wrong!
I still remember things
about you,
because nothing will ever
make me ever forget you.*

*It's only been
five years brother.
But it has been five
long years without you.
It's tough not
having you around.
But one thing makes me smile!
The fact is you are now with
Janet "Miss America"
and Mom and Dad.*

*I miss and love all of you!
Ray J. Norton, Jr.*



Freeway Says ...

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

I am writing this article especially for my cousin Margaret, who just got a Golden/Poodle (as in Golden Doodle). Before bringing a new puppy or dog as a pet into your home, it's important to consider the following.

1. Owning a dog is a life-time commitment. (As I have been with my human companion for 12 years) Animals develop deep bonds with you and your family. Any change in ownership can be extremely traumatic, so you should be prepared for the responsibility involved in dog ownership. Dog owners need to be able to provide shelter, food, water, medical care and love and attention.
2. Owning a dog is also a considerable financial commitment. The average care for one dog, which includes food, supplies and basic medical care, averages \$800-\$1,000 a year. Emergency care can range from \$250 to \$5,000.
3. Before you take your new dog home, make sure you have all the basic supplies. This includes a collar, ID tag and rabies tag (you should be able to put two fingers between the collar and the dogs neck and the leash should be four to six feet long) food and water bowls

- (steel, glass or ceramic preferred) a comfortable dog bed and toys.
4. Find a good vet in your area and veterinary hospitals.
5. Dog-proof your home. Be sure to keep anything that may be toxic to your pet out of reach. Key things to look out for are poisonous plants, plastic bags and cleaners.
6. Puppies require house training as they will not automatically know that the yard, not the house, is the appropriate place to eliminate. It's the responsibility of the owner to house train the dog. This requires time, lots of patience and a consistent and dedicated regimen.
7. Socialize your dog early on by exposing your dog to various people and environments. He/she will become more stable, happy and confident. Be sure to continue socialization beyond the puppy years. Socialization reduces the likelihood that your dog could become fearful or aggressive toward other people and animals.
8. Groom your dog making sure to ease into a grooming routine. Begin with shorter sessions and gradually increase to the normal grooming session. Be sure that whoever is grooming

the dog pets it frequently and that your dog is rewarded at the end. Your dog's nails should not touch the ground and your dog should be brushed regularly. This will prevent tangles and reduce the risk of skin irritation. Your vet can help you plan an appropriate grooming schedule for your particular dog depending on breed and hair type.

9. Brush your dog's teeth in order to prevent dental diseases. Three or five times a week is recommended and your vet can give you a lesson as well as recommend an appropriate toothbrush and paste.
10. Above all, make sure that owning a dog, particularly the right dog, is a wise decision for you, your family and your living situation.

Good Luck Margaret with "Raine" she will be the enjoyment in your life. Be happy with your puppy and lots of TLC.

Before I forget, I'd like to THANK all the residents in the North End and the Waterfront who came out to vote for my human companion Marie Simboli for the Election of NEWNC on May 19th.

That's all for now ... Remember to Keep our North End Streets CLEAN!

Container Garden Program Saturday June 2nd

Free Seed, Sow & Grow Programs Hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network

Containers can be a creative way for the urban gardener to grow food, herbs and flowers. Whether you are struggling to make the most of your limited garden space, or simply want to decorate your front steps, this program will help you create beautiful and productive container gardens. BNAN stewardship manager Karen Chaffee will cover the techniques used to design, construct and maintain successful container gardens.

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PADRE PIO PROCESSION June 24
Procession Only – North Square

JULY

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

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

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

AUGUST

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

MADONNA DELLA CAVA August 10, 11, 12
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Sunday Procession 1 pm

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North, Fleet & Lewis Sts. (Fisherman's)
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Endicott & Thacher Sts.
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MORE ITALIAN FESTIVALS

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MUSIC

TD GARDEN
100 Legends Way, Boston, MA
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NEIL DIAMOND — June 23, 2012. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and 2011 Kennedy Center Honoree, will take his greatest hits on the road on a much-anticipated North American tour. Neil Diamond has had numerous hits including: "Forever in Blue Jeans," "Cherry, Cherry," "Sweet Caroline," "I'm a Believer," "Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Red, Red Wine," "America" and many more. Neil's musical career spans nearly five decades.

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

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

AN EVENING WITH YANNI UNDER THE STARS — Sunday, June 10, 2012. Of the artists who rose to popularity as part of the new age music boom of the 1980s and '90s, few (if any) enjoyed greater or more lasting success than Yanni. Composing and performing instrumental music with a pronounced sense of drama, dynamics, and romanticism, Yanni broke through to a significantly larger audience than his peers, thanks to adult alternative radio airplay and a commanding performance style that attracted fans through frequent appearances on public television as well as world-wide concert tours.

NORAH JONES — Sunday, July 1, 2012. Norah Jones has set a May 1 release date for *Little Broken Hearts* (Blue Note/EMI), her stunning new album produced by Danger Mouse (aka Brian Burton). Jones has also revealed the album cover and track listing of the 12-song set, which features original songs co-written by Jones and Burton. Jones first emerged on the

world stage 10 years ago with the 2002 release of *Come Away With Me*, her self-described "moody little record" that introduced a singular new voice and grew into a global phenomenon, sweeping the 2003 Grammy Awards.

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270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
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www.Citicenter.org

EARTH WIND & FIRE — June 12, 2012 The legendary band embark on their first concert dates of the 2012 "Guiding Lights" summer concert tour. Earth, Wind & Fire's music continues to be among the most plays songs in the world. The group's new single, "Guiding Lights" is currently 30 on the Billboard Urban Adult Chart. Earth, Wind & Fire has performed live to sold-audiences on every continent and is led by founding members, Philip Bailey, Verdine White and Ralph Johnson.

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

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

THEATER

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

HELLO, DOLLY! — June 12-24, 2012. When matchmaker, Dolly Levi, is hired to arrange a marriage for the miserly half-a-millionaire, Horace Vandergelder, she finds him the perfect mate — herself! But first she must rejoin the race of life she stopped running when she was widowed and win the heart of her unsuspecting "husband-to-be". Filled with elaborate costumes, high-energy choreography and brimming with joyful tunes, *Hello, Dolly* is a delectable treat for all ages.

ANNIE - July 17-29, 2012. One of the world's best-loved musicals! *Annie*, tells the charming story of a spunky Depression-Era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In her fun filled adventures, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's schemes, befriends the

President and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his secretary Grace and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

ALL SHOOK UP — August 14-26, 2012. An uproarious new musical featuring the unforgettable hits of Elvis Presley! *All Shook Up* is the romantic and whacky, mixed-up tale of a guitar playin' roustabout who rides into a struggling town and turns it upside-down. With a hilarious story inspired by one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies and written by Joe DiPietro, writer of *Memphis*, this fun and exciting musical guarantees to have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes!

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE
539 Washington St., Boston, MA
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www.BostonOperaHouse.com

MAMMA MIA! - June 19 through June 24, 2012. Set in a beach resort in the Mediterranean, *Mamma Mia!* tells the story of Sophie, a bride-to-be with one wish: to have her absent father walk her down the aisle. After reading passages about three old lovers in her mom's diary, Sophie sends each a wedding invitation in hopes of learning which is her dad. The arrival of the men from her past is surprising to Donna, Sophie's fiercely independent mother, who prides herself on getting through life without a man, and highly amusing to Donna's two best gal pals. The more Sophie and her mother struggle to find truth and understanding, the more it threatens to tear them apart and wreck Sophie's dream wedding.

MOVIES

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

Boston Harbor Hotel Presents the Summer in the City Entertainment Series

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT offers a chance to revisit Hollywood's silver screen and modern classics. The 2012 series begins with a showing on June 15th and continues every Friday evening through August 31st. In honor of its 25th Anniversary, the Boston Harbor Hotel will feature movies from 1987 for the month of August. The cool evening breeze and view from the terrace of the Rowes Wharf Sea Grille set the stage to enjoy these classic films by the sea. Movies begin at dusk.

June 15 *The Way We Were*; June 22 *Johnny Dangerously*; June 29 *The Magnificent Seven*; July 6 *Yankee Doodle Dandy*; July 13 *An American in Paris*; July 20 *On the Waterfront*; July 27 *Jaws*; August 3 *Princess Bride*; August 10 *Moonstruck*; August 17 *Planes, Trains & Automobiles*; August 24 *Dirty Dancing*; August 31 *Roxanne*.

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

Special Events

TD GARDEN
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www.TDGarden.com

THE TRADITION — June 27, 2012. The Sports Museum is proud to announce this year's honorees for "The Tradition." Celebrating its 11th year, "The Tradition" is the annual summer event that honors distinguished New England athletes. Red Sox Legend Pedro Martinez leads the honoree lineup. Also included are Honorees: Alexi Lalas, Jeremy Jacobs, Robert Parish, Chris Ernst and Rodney Harrison for the Signature Summer Celebration of Boston Sports.

CITY HALL PLAZA
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— June 5-7, 2012. Perhaps what is most striking about the now famous ice cream festival is that all ice cream companies donate all the ice cream, labor, scoopers and products needed to make the event happen each year. Though they are competitors for 51 weeks of the year, during the first week of June they come together to create an event that is now known as the "unofficial start of summer" in New England. Most of the companies that participated in 2011 have been an integral part of the event for more than 10 years; Brigham's is the only company that has been involved since the event's inception.

MUSEUMS

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
Columbia Point, Boston, MA
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POVERTY IN AMERICA — June 4, 2012. On the 50th anniversary of the publication of Michael Harrington's *The Other America*, historian and Harrington biographer **Maurice Isserman** joins **Peter Edelman**, author of *So Rich, So Poor*, to discuss the politics and persistence of poverty in the U.S.

DAVID MCCULLOUGH ON AMERICANS IN PARIS — June 7, 2012. David McCullough discusses his latest book, *The Greater Journey*, about prominent 19th-century Americans formative years in Paris.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON Avenue of the Arts
465 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
617-267-9300
TTY: 617-267-9703
www.MFA.org

THE INVENTION OF FANTASY EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY VENICE — June 2 through September 30, 2012. Venice in the eighteenth century, the age of Casanova, was one of the pleasure centers of Europe, famed for its theater and opera and its carnival maskers. Even today, the city, when compared with ordinary cities, appears to be a fantasy, a dream, a hallucination. Giovanni Battista Tiepolo's voluptuous painted cloudscapes with figures opened illusionistic light-filled vistas in ceilings; his drawings and prints have a comparable aerial lightness and luminosity. He was

assisted by his son Domenico, who, when he retired from painting about 1785, concentrated on making finished drawings on biblical and mythological themes, as well as remarkably playful and whimsical scenes of Venetian daily life. The Museum's *The Milliner's Shop* (above) is one of the finest of these drawings. Other artists in the exhibition include Canaletto and the early Piranesi.

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

LOST EGYPT: ANCIENT SECRETS, MODERN SCIENCE — Now through September 3, 2012. A new, temporary exhibit that will provide visitors with an immersive quest for knowledge that reveals how archeologists use modern science and technology to uncover and understand the ancient civilization of Egypt. Through hands-on challenges, authentic artifacts, and guidance from real archeologists, visitors will unearth the mysteries of Egypt, its culture and its people. This interactive exhibit features a real human mummy and animal mummies, as well as scans, forensic facial reconstructions and for the first time ever, a life-size rapid prototype of a mummy in a stage of "unwrapping." Visitors can also explore a recreation of an Egyptian tomb and authentic art and artifacts from the daily life and funerary culture of ancient Egypt. "The interactive nature of this exhibit makes it a truly unique educational experience," said Paul Leyden, complex director at RBC Wealth Management. "We are pleased to sponsor this exhibit for the Boston community."

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

WYNDHAM HOTEL, ANDOVER
123 Old River Rd., Andover, MA
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www.ATSCcommunicationsma.com
AN EVENING OF ITALIAN ROMANCE featuring **MICHAEL AMANTE** and **MARISSA FAMILIETTI** — Saturday, June 9, 2012. Michael Amante is affectionately known as the "People's Tenor." He has been crowned the "Prince of High C's" for his ability to hit and sustain with ease, one of the highest notes of a tenor's voice. With Michael's long history of singing popular Rock and Gospel music, coupled with extensive classical Bel-Canto training, he is able to sing even higher with a strength and mastery rarely heard anywhere in the world. Being able to produce these notes consistently within the context of a moving line and in conjunction with a beautiful sound, requires not only talent, but skilled use of technique. The most prolific tenor of all time, Luciano Pavarotti, the "King of High C's," once described the feeling this way: "Excited and happy, but with a strong undercurrent of fear. The moment I actually hit the note, I almost lose consciousness. A physical, animal sensation seizes me. Then I regain control."

Amante experiences this thrilling sensation as well.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER
136 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA

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

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY
41 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA
617-876-5160

www.DanteMass.org
ASSOCIAZIONE LUCCHESI NEL MONDO, BOSTON CHAPTER DINNER DANCE — June 23, 2012. The Associazione Lucchesi Nel Mondo, Boston Chapter announces it will hold its First Annual Dinner Dance. The event will feature Italian foods, music and wine. Tickets and/or memberships can be purchased by contacting Franca Richard at 781-729-8721 or francabrichard@gmail.com.

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Lionsgate**

Season One: Felicity Porter's (Keri Russell) life changes at her high school graduation, when she asks her longtime crush Ben Covington (Scott Speedman), to sign her yearbook. Powered by a few scribbled words, Felicity ditches her college plans and follows Ben to the University of New York. Felicity experiences her freshman year of college in New York City, complete with difficult classes, a nightmare roommate and a gorgeous resident advisor Noel (Scott Foley). Season Two: Returning to New York for her sophomore year of college, Felicity adopts a new attitude and new haircut following her breakup from high school love, Ben. Amidst changing her major from premed to art, Felicity finds that she's opened herself up to a whole new world of relationships, heartache and campus politics.

**DROP DEAD DIVA -
THIRD SEASON
(3-DVD)**

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Acclaimed by critics and adored by viewers, the dazzling third season of 'Drop Dead Diva' is the most delightful and deliciously funny yet! When forced to play wedding planner for her former fiancé's nuptials, fighting courtroom cases from breast implant surgery gone wrong to a death row inmate finally trying to do right, or facing down her own love life issues with suitors, both past and present, Jane is living the adventure of two lifetimes and then some!

**DIRTY DANCING
COLLECTION
(Blu-ray)
Lionsgate**

Double your pleasure as you celebrate the 25th anniversary of 'Dirty Dancing' by enjoying the original, plus its sequel 'Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights' starring Diego Luna and Romola Garai. Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey star in the beloved coming-of-age 'Dirty Dancing,' set against the backdrop of a Catskill Mountains resort during the summer of 1963. Drawn to the staff quarters by the sound of stirring music, vacationing 17-year-old Baby (Grey) meets rebellious Johnny (Swayze), the hotel dance instructor, who is as experienced as Baby is naive. Baby becomes Johnny's pupil in dance — and in love — in this heartwarming, spirit-lifting movie that continues to captivate generations of movie fans around the world. Blu-ray disc version is loaded with special features and music!

**FATHER OF THE BRIDE
(3-Blu-ray)**

Buena Vista Home Ent.

Celebrate the platinum anniversary (20 years) of the comedy classic 'Father of the Bride,' plus the uproarious

follow-up 'Father of the Bride Part II.' Things get out of hand for befuddled father George Banks (Steve Martin) when his young daughter unexpectedly announces her plans to wed. Life gets even crazier in the side-splitting sequel when his daughter and his wife (Diane Keaton) both announce that they are pregnant and George desperately tries to capture the wild and crazy days of his youth. Heartwarming and hilarious, this is a pair of fantastic family entertainment.

**ONE FOR THE MONEY
(Blu-ray)
Lionsgate**

Stephanie Plum (Katherine Heigl) is a bright, attractive, confident woman whose entire life has just taken a sudden turn — in the totally wrong direction. Newly divorced and recently laid off, the only work she can scrape up is a dead-end job at her sleazy cousin's bail bond office. But when her first big assignment involves tracking down an on-the-lam ex-flame (Jason O'Mara), this tough-as-nails lady bounty hunter will be redefining the meaning of hot pursuit in this thrill-packed action comedy. Blu-ray specials feature a behind the scenes featurette, plus 'Bond Girls: Kicking A—,' and a gag reel.

**ACCIDENT
(Blu-ray)**

Shout! Factory

Self-styled "accident choreographer," Ho Kwok-fai, "The Brain," (Louis Koo) is a professional hit man who kills his victims by trapping them in well-crafted accidents that look like unfortunate mishaps, but are in fact, perfectly staged acts of crime. After one mission goes horribly wrong and costs one of his men their life, Brain is convinced that someone out there is plotting to terminate him and his team. Paranoia creeps in, causing Brain to walk the thin line between reality and delusion. To keep his sanity and his life, he must stay a step ahead of his foe before he makes his next move.

**CHUGGINGTON -
WILSON AND THE ICE
CREAM FAIR (DVD)
Anchor Bay Ent.**

In this collection, the brave young trainee makes a special delivery to the ice cream fair, helps Frostini create a new flavor for the mayor's banquet and tries to prevent a massive ice cream meltdown on the hottest day of the year. There's fun in the ice cream factory, a brave rescue at the Safari Park and an adventure in the ice caves. Alongside good friends as Koko and Brewster, and helpful chuggers like Old Puffer Pete and Mtambo, they learn lessons about responsibility, cooperation, paying attention, overcoming fear and so much more! Preschoolers will enjoy this 'on track' treat!

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

**HAPPY BELATED
BIRTHDAY TO NEFFO**

Greetings go out to Neffo Cappuccio of East Boston on his recent May 17th birthday.

**DONNA SUMMER WAS
ALWAYS ONE OF US**

When I heard that Donna Summer, the Queen of Disco had passed away leaving the world's stage at age 63, I remembered back years ago when she was still known as LaDonna Gaines from Parker Hill Street in Mission Hill. She was a Roxbury girl and it always bothered me when folks said she grew up in Dorchester. I knew better as a former Roxbury boy myself.

My sister-in-law Tanya Whaley before she was my sister-in-law grew up in Mission Hill. She was friendly with Summer's sister Linda, who I met a number of times at Mission Hill parties back in the day.

The last time I saw Donna Summer singing was last summer at Bank of America Pavilion. It was one of her all-time best performances. Non-stop Donna Summer! She displayed that non-stop energy of hers. It brought me back to those long ago days when she was setting sail on her successful life in the music business. She always considered Boston her home. I enjoyed her concert last summer and she seemed to enjoy it all just like us. Her voice has been silenced but her memory will live on.

**ST. KEVIN'S PROJECT
FAILS TO GET STATE AID**

The redevelopment of the former St. Kevin's parish church property in Uphams Corner hit another roadblock when it failed for the second time to receive state funding. Also, a number of folks from the community are concerned about the size and proposed makeup of the church-owned property. The Boston Archdiocese's Planning Office of Urban Affairs is spearheading the project through the St. Kevin's Limited Partnership and are assessing their options at this time and most likely will re-apply for state funding in the fall. The 2.4 acre project includes rehabbing the old parochial school and construction of two new buildings.

The project will consist of 80 residential units, a hoped for new public library and will have an affordable housing focus.

Many nearby residents have serious questions about how this project fits into the surrounding neighborhood and are also concerned about traffic and parking. State Representative Carlos Henriquez, (D-Dorchester) says he hopes to see more dialogue between the developers and the community.

St. Kevin's Parish was founded in 1945 and closed in 2008.

**FLYNN CALLS FOR
CITYWIDE CASINO VOTE**

Former Mayor Ray Flynn says the city should hold a

citywide vote on whether to have a casino inside the City of Boston. Suffolk Downs over in my neighborhood in Eastie is hoping to snag a casino license. One of the requirements to getting a license includes a resident sign off. In the case of Boston, that would mean a vote of the ward where the casino would be located unless the mayor and city council decide on a citywide vote.

"I think, the whole city ought to vote on it actually," says Ray Flynn; "All of Boston ought to vote on it. And if all of Boston is voting on it, I am going to vote no." Mayor Menino has stated he favors an East Boston-only vote.

**GOLDEN AGE MOTHER'S
DAY LUNCHEON
GREAT AS USUAL**

The latest Golden Age Club's Mother's Day luncheon once again was a huge success over at Spinelli's in Day Square. Great food, music, dancing and free roses handed out by Eastie's politicians to all the mothers in the audience. What could be better, huh? Oh, by the way, a number of members from the Knights of Dunkin' Donuts attended such as Marie and Jerry Deneumoustier, as well as Joanne and Peter Cardinale.

**MT. CARMEL CATHOLICS
GATHER ON SUNDAYS
STILL**

The TV cameras and reporters have gone but the former vigilers at Mt. Carmel Church, shuttered in October 2004, who found themselves locked out on this recent Patriots' Day state holiday still gather to worship across from the church on the lawn of the former parish convent by the statue of Padre Pio. The group has found itself locked out of the church but are still fighting on right now in Rome with an appeal to the Vatican Supreme Court. As Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over until it's over."

**"TAKEN INN BY THE
GOVERNMENT"**

National syndicated columnist George Will had a great commentary in the *Boston Sunday Herald*, May 20 about the plight of Russ Caswell of Tewksbury, MA and the fight he is fighting against both the U.S. Department of Justice and his local police department, which are attempting to seize his *Motel Caswell*, which was built by his father back in 1955. This is a must read for anyone who believes in our constitutional government. As Will concluded in his opine, "James Madison warned (in Federalist 48) that government power 'is of an encroaching nature.' If unresisted, it produces iniquitous sharing of other people's property."

Go online to the *Boston Herald* and check out Will's opinion on what is happening up in Tewksbury.

It is a shocking story that shouldn't be happening in America!

**"NO EASTIE CASINO" NOW
HOLDING NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETINGS**

Now that the Foxboro casino plan appears to have been shot down by recent elections of two new members of the Board of Selectmen who ran on an anti-casino platform, all eyes moved northward to Suffolk Downs in East Boston. Recently, I attended a meeting from casino opponents from the "No Eastie Casino" action committee. More than 80 folks mostly from East Boston and a few others from Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere showed up to listen to the discussion and speak on the issue. I found the meeting quite informative and appreciated the presentation.

Personally, I have not yet formed an opinion on the idea of a casino coming to Suffolk Downs. I want to hear more of the pros and cons on this issue before stating my opinion. The anti-casino folks presented its agenda well and I await an informational meeting by those supporting an East Boston casino. People can't make an informed decision without hearing from both sides. It would behoove those who support the casino to come to the community and explain their point of view to us.

**ITALIAN EXPRESS TO
BE FEATURED ON
"DINERS, DRIVE-INS AND
DIVES" SOON**

Recently, host Guy Fieri taped an episode of "*Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*" at the Italian Express over in the Point as an upcoming episode of this well-watched food show on cable. Did you know that Rino's was the first East Boston restaurant to be featured on Fieri's cable show? Stay tuned as they say.

**THE "TAN MAN" GETS
GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD**

Gigi Reppucci is the month of May winner of the Good Neighbor Recognition Award which was presented to him by the NEWRA Clean Streets Committee. Gigi besides being the "Tan Man" from the Mirabella Pool every summer is also equally known as the guy who spruces up the Polcari Playground with the planting of beautiful flowers and keeping the area around the Nazzaro Community Center in great shape. Congrats, Gigi! On the same note a "Thank You" goes out to Clark from the Nazzaro Center for all his hard work too.

SPEAKING OF THE POOL

It is time to re-up for the Mirabella Pool once again. Sign-ups began May 16 at the Nazzaro Center. If you sign up before opening pool day, you can save money on adult and young adult rates. If you have any questions, call the Nazzaro Center at 617-635-5166. Tentative opening day is Saturday, June 23 at 11:00 am. So don't be late to register for another summer of North End fun.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Ah, June 1! Born on this day, Marilyn Monroe! Well, Monroe left us in 1962, at the age of 36, from a drug overdose. Marilyn Monroe is now resting at Westwood Village Memorial Park, Los Angeles, California. Other notables who passed away on this date, actor Leslie Howard and Helen Keller, author and campaigner for the blind and deaf, 1968.

Attending your own funeral, after Hamdi Hafez al-Nubi, a 28-year-old Egyptian was declared dead but regained consciousness at his funeral. He celebrated with other attendees.

Fishy story! Bill Wisth of Wisconsin picketed a restaurant that asked him to leave its all-you-can-eat fish fry when he had 12 filets. "It's false advertising," said the 350-pound Wisth. "We asked for more fish, and they refused to give us more fish."

Bow wow! A New York man has spent \$60,000 in a custody battle over a dog. Craig Dershowitz, 34, says he's cleaned out his life savings in the legal battle over "my son," a pugle called Knuckles that his ex-girlfriend took to California. Dershowitz says Knuckles can't be happy there because he "hates water" and "loved New York."

Dummies, after the police department in Fort Lee, New Jersey, responded to a growing number of pedestrian injuries and deaths by issuing tickets with \$85 fines for texting while jaywalking. In one month, 117 tickets have been issued.

Head banging, after Mikael Akerfeldt, lead singer of Swedish death metal band Opeth, had to cancel a show in Minnesota when he cracked open his head on the tour bus while trying to retrieve fresh underwear from his suitcase. Akerfeldt told fans: "Wish the story was more rock and roll, believe me."

Boston police are warning residents of Chinatown to beware a thieving gang of female hypnotists. In one incident, say police, the group approached an elderly woman, made small talk in Cantonese and then hypnotized her. She was handed a bag and told to loot her own home of valuables — in this case all her jewelry and \$160,000 in cash — and turn them over to the hypnotists in a park. "If anyone asks me for directions, I'm not going to respond," said Georgiana Tam of Boston's Asian-American Civic Association.

Meow! Meow! A cat got stuck inside a washing machine and somehow survived a full wash cycle. Karin Bennett, of Johannesburg, South Africa, couldn't find her cat, Tabitha, despite searching all over, but then spotted the cat's wet, furry face looking out through the glass of the washing machine's front door. Tabitha apparently crept into the machine before Bennett started it and survived more than an hour of soaking, tumbling, and drying. "The vet told me that she had lost seven of her nine lives," Bennett said.

For you heavy drinkers! Unfortunately there is no quick way to sober up — not cold showers, fresh air, or black coffee. Alcohol will stay in your body until it is broken down by your liver and eventually leaves your body through breath, sweat and urine.

Carlo Scostumato claims a boozier insisted that his liquor bill was deductible as a medical expense. "My friends and I drink to each other's health."

The astute Mona-Lisa Cappuccio, says, "It is useless for alcoholics to worry about the future for there will soon be no future for them to worry about."

The great Joe Albano of Revere, says, "If you drink like a fish, swim - don't drive."

Holy stuff! The number of Mormons in the U.S. grew by 45 percent to 6.1 million between 2000 and 2010, according to a new study by the Association of Religious Data Archives. The census found that the number of Catholics, the largest single faith, declined 5 percent to 58.9 million during the decade.

A man may attend church services regularly, but this does not necessarily mean he attends religiously.

Mother Superior Frances Fitzgerald, says,

"The main object of religion is not to get a man into heaven, but to get heaven into him."

Some people repent of their sins by thanking the Lord they aren't half as bad as some of their neighbors.

We learned recently America's personal financial comfort is at its lowest level since Gallup began measuring it a decade ago. 39% of Americans say they do not have enough money to live comfortably, up from 34% last year and 24% in 2002.

Verbatim! If feeling better and living longer aren't enough, here's another reason to fight the battle of the bulge: according to HealthDay, obese Americans have smaller paychecks than those who aren't overweight. George Washington University researchers found that average annual incomes are \$8,666 less for obese women and \$4,772 less for obese men, compared to normal weight workers. Researchers also found that "the average annual costs of being obese were \$4,879 for a woman and \$2,646 for a man. Those figures include indirect costs such as lost productivity and direct expenses such as medical care."

Are you awake? Nearly one in three American workers is sleep-deprived and the resulting epidemic of drowsiness is causing serious injuries and health problems. A new report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that more than 40 million workers in the U.S. get less than the minimum six hours of sleep per night that doctors recommend. Lack of sleep has been linked to an increased risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. It can also impair attention and short term memory, posing particularly dangerous problems for medical workers and those driving and operating heavy machinery. Researchers estimate that sleepiness causes 20 percent of traffic accidents and plays a role in thousands of fatal on-the-job mishaps each year.

The wide-awake Steven Sebestyen, says, "If plenty of sleep is an aid to good looks, it seems that a considerable number of people are suffering from insomnia."

Steven's attractive and astute wife, Theresa, says, "Oversleeping is a mighty poor way to make your dreams come true."

The never sleepy looking Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "The trouble with alarm clocks is that they always go off when you're asleep."

Wee bit of Italian-American history. In 1969, Rocco Petrone was a director of NASA's Apollo Space Program when a "giant step for mankind" is taken on the moon's surface. In 1971, Frank Rizzo, the tough-talking son of Calabrian immigrants and ex-police commissioner in the "City of Brotherly Love," was elected the first Italian-American mayor of Philadelphia.

Show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Composer George Gershwin had no interest in music until his family acquired a piano when he was 12 years old. His first hit was "Swanee," with lyrics by Irving Caesar, in 1919. Because of food allergies, Carol Channing takes organic food and boiled water with her whenever she's traveling. The Chordettes, a barber shop-harmony female vocal quartet, were formed in 1949 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, originally as a folk-oriented group. Their biggest hit was "Mr. Sandman" in 1954. The oldest person to be awarded an Oscar is George Burns. At age 80, George won a Best Supporting Actor for "The Sunshine Boys" (1975). At age 10, Tatum O'Neal became the youngest person to win an Oscar. She received it as Best Supporting Actress in "Paper Moon" (1973). The original title of Broadway's "Oklahoma" was "Away We Go." And shortly after Frank Sinatra joined his band, Tommy Dorsey was predicting that someday Frank would be as successful as Bing Crosby.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



STUFFED QUAHOGS ALLA SALEMITANA

6 quahogs	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of crushed tomato
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of plain breadcrumbs	1 tablespoon parsley
1 tablespoon Romano grated cheese	Red or black pepper (optional)
2 or three small garlic cloves chopped	Olive oil
	Salt (optional)

To prepare quahogs for steaming, SCRUB shell under running water to remove all sand and set aside.

Add three cups water in a four quart saucepan. Place pan on stove over medium heat, cover and bring water to a boil. Remove saucepan from stove. Carefully place washed quahogs into water. Cover and return to stove over medium heat to boil. Quahog shells will separate slightly after a few minutes of boiling. As soon as the shells show signs of separating, remove pan from stove. Take quahogs out of water and save liquid.*

In a bowl, combine bread crumbs with grated cheese, chopped garlic, parsley, and black or red pepper. Set aside.

When quahogs cool enough to be handled take them out, one at the time. If it is difficult to separate the shell, take a sharp, short bladed knife, and carefully insert the blade into center of thicker back end of quahog to separate the top and bottom shells. Place meat of quahog in a bowl. Set shells aside separately.

On a cutting board cut quahog meat into pieces. Place a full tablespoon of chopped quahog meat into each half-shell. Add a full tablespoon of crushed tomato and *a tablespoon or two of liquid saved from first boil of quahogs. Top each shell with a tablespoon of bread crumb mix. Add a few drops of olive oil over each stuffed shell. Bake these on a baking tray in a preheated 400 F oven for fifteen to twenty minutes. Check frequently. These bake quickly.

Each time I prepare stuffed quahogs, I find my mind wandering to places where I spent splendid moments digging with my little shovel as a child or by hand on low-tide flats in later years. We walked quite a distance to find quahogs. What amazed me most was that even if we only found two, four or six, we were happy with our find. It was always exciting whether we were in Lynn Beach, Plymouth area, Wollaston Beach or a beach in Gloucester.

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The work includes **INSTALLATION OF CHAIN LINK FENCE IN CONCRETE AND POST DRIVEN, PEDESTRIAN GATE INSTALLATION, AND CLEANUP OF THIRTY FOOT WIDE AREA ALONG PROPOSED FENCE LINE.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012.**

The estimated contract cost is **\$200,000.00.**

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DAVID S. MACKAY
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Before I begin this week's column, I want to wish Uncle Gino a happy birthday. Lou Conitni, affectionately referred to as "Uncle Gino," will be 95 next week.

He is the last of the children of Nanna and Babbononno that represented the first generation of the family born in America. Fortunately, he is in good health and is enjoying retirement with his wife, Ninna. Their children, Richard and Donna, are close by and with their kids, represent the extended family concept that is so much a part of our Italo American culture. To my dear uncle, "Felice compleano e cienti ani."

Last week, I was talking about the family in the early '40s. Dad and Uncle Nick had been on the road with the big bands of the swing era in the '30s, but headed home when a war seemed eminent. Uncle Nick played with Boston's society bands just about every night of the week. Dad joined the Jimmy McHale Orchestra and played six nights a week in a nightclub called the Fife and Drum Room located on the lower level of the Hotel Vendome on Commonwealth Avenue.

Uncle Nick and Aunt Ada lived in the same apartment in Allston that they had occupied since marrying in the early 1930s. Mom and Dad lived around the corner



from them until I came along and then moved back to Nanna and Babbononno's place in East Boston.

Babbononno had made an apartment on the third floor of the house and Uncle Paul, his oldest son, his wife, Aunt Eleanor and their children, cousins Paula and Ellie. The house was big enough for my folks to have a bedroom of their own and I had a child's room that doubled as a music studio during the daytime hours.

Just as the war started, Babbononno was working as a furniture maker by day and a musician by night, Uncle Paul as a printer during the day and he too, a musician at night. Dad decided to go to work days, something he hadn't done since he was right out of high school. My father had graduated East Boston High School in 1929. He was in their machine shop program and went to work for an iron works by day after graduation.

As a matter of fact, the company he worked for put up the superstructure for the Seville Theater and Dad worked on it. Little did anyone know that a generation later, his son (yours truly) would spend ten years as an usher at the same place.

When Dad decided to accept a day job due to the war, he said yes to teaching machine shop and shop math at his old alma mater, East Boston High School. A vocational program graduate with seven years experience in a specific trade was allowed to teach that trade in public schools without a college degree; just the vocational experience was enough. Dad thought it would be a temporary position until the war was over, but conversations with a close friend would change his mind. Gordon Seabury was a business exec during the day and a musician by night. He and Dad had become close friends over the years and Gordon's advice changed Dad's look into the future. Gordon told my father that things were going to be different after the war and he should consider playing music as a secondary profession, as things would probably change once the servicemen came home. Dad took his advice and stayed with the Boston Public Schools for the next 30 years. Things did slowly change in music after the war. The big bands gave way to smaller groups and the music changed by the early '50s. And, with the emergence of rock and roll in the mid '50s, the whole world of entertainment headed in a different direction. Many of Dad's musician friends who didn't have day jobs were left by the way side and some even wondered where their next meal was going to come from.

I don't remember living in Allston. My first recollections of life were at 70 Eutaw Street in East Boston. I played with cousin Paula who was a bit older than I. I remember when her sister, my cousin Ellie, was born and they lived upstairs. If I tap my memory bank, I can remember being in a high chair in Nanna's kitchen. It was New Year's Eve, December 31, 1941. I was three years old and the family was waiting for Dad and Uncle Nick to come home from their New Years Eve jobs. They both arrived in their cars with the top half of the head lights painted black and gasoline stickers on the passenger's side of the front windshield. Most cars had the capital letter A on the sticker. This meant that the owner was entitled to 5 gallons of gas per week. Dad, Uncle Nick and Uncle Paul had the letter B, which allowed a few more gallons due to them not knowing the distances to some of their jobs. Other than work, they didn't drive very much as the gas rationing was accompanied by the absence of

army air corps. Soon, they were gone. After basic training, Uncle Gino was assigned to the 5th Air Force and sent to fight in the Pacific. Uncle Nick lucked out. He auditioned for the Andre Kostelanetz Orchestra, which was stationed at the Newport Naval Base. He spent the duration of the war playing sax and clarinet in the band that serenaded the return of our war ships and played the social functions for the navy brass.

Dad had thought about joining the marines, but he waited. One day his principal asked him to step outside the EBHS machine shop and speak to a couple of gentlemen. Then turned out to be members of the OSS, the forerunner to today's CIA. They were looking for someone to interrogate Italian war prisoners, many of whom were brought to Boston and housed at forts on some of our harbor islands and at the long-closed immigration station on Marginal Street in East Boston. He agreed to join forces with them which exempted him from the active military.

These were just a few of the things I remembered from when I was a child, and I will pick up the story at this point next week. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

tires. Once the war started, they weren't available.

At dinner, the family talked about the war. The men of the family knew that they would have to do their part to help the American cause and discussed what each wanted to do. Babbononno would have another glass of wine and curse Mussolini and his Fascist government. He hated the Germans and considered them the barbarians that brought the Roman Empire to its knees. After Pearl Harbor, he added the Japanese to his hate list. Everyone at the dinner table listened to what the men of the family had to say about the war. The next thing I knew, Uncles Nick and Gino were in uniform.

Uncle Nick, to avoid the draft, joined the navy. This sounded strange to Babbononno because his middle son couldn't even swim. Uncle Gino had gone to work at the navy yard after graduating from high school and opted for the

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The work includes:

BASE BID: PAVEMENT RECLAMATION, PLACEMENT OF HOT MIX ASPHALT, TACK COAT, UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT, ADJUSTMENT OF UTILITY STRUCTURE FRAMES, GRATES AND COVERS, INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINAGE PIPING AND INLET STRUCTURES, PAVEMENT SAW CUTTING AND SEALING, REPAIR AND RESETTING OF EXISTING GRANITE CURBING, APPLICATION OF COAL TAR EMULSION SEAL COAT, AND INSTALLATION OF NEW LIGHT POLES AND FIXTURES ON EXISTING CONCRETE BASES.

ADD ALTERNATE NO. 1: REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CONCRETE LIGHT POLE BASES, REFURBISHING AND INSTALLATION OF EXISTING LIGHT POLES.

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by Barack Obama’s book publicist who wrote in a 1991 bio of the future president that he was born in Kenya. Lots of birthers jumped all over this story but for all the wrong reasons. I personally believe Obama was born in the United States of America but I also think he liked being mentioned in that publicist little book as a native of Kenya. As Michael Graham said on the day this story broke, “the president may have only been trying to sell copies of his first book back when he was the president of the *Harvard Law School Review*. I think he thought it would advance his career as a noted author.”

Of course, now Obama’s people are saying it was just an oversight by the publicist over 20 years ago. I’m not buying that theory at all. I think perhaps he was using his race card to advance his career wherever it went. Of course, he didn’t know back in 1991 he would someday be in the White House where being born in Kenya is a major snafu.

What About the Warren Question?

The Massachusetts Democratic Party is caught between a rock and a hard place with its complete backing of Elizabeth Warren, better known to most of us as the alleged fake Indian running for the U.S. Senate. As the state party convention is just around the corner, party bigwigs appear stuck with her for the whole ride and it could be a ride like that which took place two years ago by Martha Coakley. This Cherokee fable of hers appears to be not going away anytime soon and the Warren people have as of

yet made little attempt to do anything but blame Scott Brown, the Republicans, conservative talk radio and the *Boston Herald* for creating a fake issue, almost as fake as one of her recipes in “Pow Wow Chow” that called for mayo and crabmeat.

Good news out there for Democrats upset with all these perceived phoniness of Princess Busted Tale is that there is another Democrat still running against her and hoping to get on the primary ballot for U.S. Senate in the name of Marisa DiFranco who says, “We need a Democratic nominee who can define herself and not be defined by Scott Brown and the GOP machine.”

Democrat Party chairman John Walsh has really no choice but to stick with the fake Cherokee because it is too late for somebody new to jump into this fray. We can only hope that primary Democratic voters if given a choice will send Warren back to her teepee at Harvard University.

Did Biden Pre-empt Obama on Purpose?

When Vice President Joe Biden recently came out to the public as having “evolved” on the issue of gay marriage, did he purposefully do it to beat Obama to the punch and forcing Obama’s hand? Some conservatives think so. Me, I’m not that sure that Biden is that smart. Whatever reason Biden had, it did flush out Obama to take his public stance as well. Rumor has it that Biden and his folks were fearful that Obama may try to replace Biden with a new running mate and that Biden had to do something to make sure it didn’t happen.

Speaking of Liberal Bias? What About Catholic Colleges?

Georgetown University’s recent invitation to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, to deliver this year’s commencement speech is an inappropriate choice for this Jesuit University. Why do Catholic institutions of higher learning select many times prominent Catholics who in their public life insult, mock or belittle Catholic values? It has happened before and will happen again and you don’t have to be psychic medium John Edward to know that liberal bias seems everywhere.

The Book on Greed

“As for greed: Between hunger for money and hunger for power, the latter is incomparably more frightening. It is noteworthy that none of the 20th century’s monsters — Lenin, Hitler, Stalin, Mao — were preoccupied with material gain. They loved power much more than money. And that is why the left is much more frightening than the right. It craves power.”

– Dennis Prager, conservative columnist
Next Time

Don’t Abuse Snakes

When a customer at a Wal-Mart in Washington state reached down to move what he thought was a stick in a container of mulch, he sank his hand into the snake’s fangs. The guy ended up at the emergency room and Wal-Mart apologized for the snake bite. However, before leaving in the ambulance he “did a tap dance on it (the snake) until it was dead.” I hope PETA doesn’t print up wanted posters on the guy who killed the snake.

Is Hillary

Still Thinking President?

I heard talk that last year Bill Clinton was thinking his wife should challenge Obama in this year’s primaries but she decided against it. Seems there’s no real love lost better Obama and Bubba in private. Remember that old song about smiling faces sometimes they lie and don’t tell the truth? Another rumor is about Biden being dumped for Hillary this year. Final rumor floating around, if Obama gets beaten by Mitt Romney later this year, would Hillary get her last chance to run for president in 2016?

Uncle Omar is Back on the Road Behind the Wheel

President Obama’s illegal alien Uncle Omar is once again behind the wheel legally able to drive in this state and wherever else he wishes to go. Lawmakers are very upset by it all. Why did RMV officials hand him a license on May 15 when he showed up to get one despite having been illegally in this country for 20 years? Worcester County Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis said, “It defied common sense. I can’t comprehend how the president’s uncle can have his license reinstated while we’re all quite aware of his immigration status.” Rep. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) has asked the Registry to explain its actions in this case. Why isn’t legal residency in this country a requirement? The RMV says it has no choice by state law if he had a valid Social Security number. However, is that number really a valid one if he is in this country illegally? Where is the common sense in it all?”



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Two Former Sox Hurlers Still Hurling

On May 16, Jamie Moyer handcuffed the Diamond-backs by pitching into the seventh inning, walking two and striking out five. His record is now 2-3 with a 4.20 ERA which is not bad for a guy who is 49 years old. Meanwhile, the day prior to Moyer’s win, Derek Lowe who plays for the Cleveland Indians won his sixth game of the season. His record is right now an Impressive 6-1 with a 2.05 ERA. When his sinker is sinking, he is Cy Young and thus far this season, his sinker ball is sinking quite nicely for him.

Kevin Hickey Pitcher and Coach Passes Away

Kevin Hickey who pitched for six seasons with the Chicago White Sox and Baltimore Orioles before becoming a coach with Chicago has died at 56 years old. A native of Chicago, he had been a pregame instructor for the White Sox since 2004. As a left-handed pitcher, he played with Chicago from 1981-83 and in Baltimore from 1989-91, compiling a 9-14 record, with 17 saves with a 3.91 ERA. He never played baseball in high school but after playing in 16 inch softball and semipro baseball, he was signed by Chicago after a tryout at Comiskey Park.

And Now Batting Third for the Tornados is ...

Jose Canseco is now a 47 year old slugger a long time removed from his heyday in Oakland partnering up with Mark McGwire. He is now a member of the Worcester Tornados in the Can-Am League. Last night (May 21) his team beat the Quebec Capitales 5-3 in Worcester’s Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field. He hit 462 home runs in the major leagues mostly during the steroid era which brought him

both fame and notoriety. Canceso says he has “a real bad addiction to baseball” and this season there’s no more big money. He signed a two-year deal worth in the vicinity of \$1,000-\$2,000 per month. His addiction to baseball has even led him to playing softball in some men’s leagues. Canceso earned more than \$45 million in his big league career including those two years at Fenway with the Red Sox back in 1995 and 1996. In 1988 he was the AL MVP hitting 42 home runs and knocking in 124 RBIs for the Oakland Athletics. By the way, he was rejected this year by the Mexican League for refusing to submit to a drug test which is why he is known for as many wrong reasons as right ones. Personally, I always liked him and his personality. He seemed to enjoy playing baseball. It is still difficult to dislike him to this day. However, I probably won’t be driving to Worcester to see him play.

Four Homers, One Inning

On May 21, 1957 the Boston Red Sox hit four home runs in the sixth inning of an 11-0 win over the Cleveland Indians. Gene Mauch (who went on to be a great NL manager), Ted Williams (who could forget him?), Dick Gernert (I forgot him) and great third baseman Frank Malzone all connected off of the first 16 pitches thrown by Cal McLish (obviously not a good game for him).

Moyer Makes More History

The Rockies’ Jamie Moyer lost to the Miami Marlins on May 21 bringing his record thus far this season to 2-4 with a 4.99 ERA. However, when he walked out to the mound in Miami, he was playing his 50th baseball park. This seems to be an all-time record never to be broken by any pitcher in the history of this game.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI12P2315EA

Estate of
ELIZABETH A CLARK
a/k/a BETTY CLARK,
ELIZABETH CLARK
Date of Death May 10, 2012
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Kathleen Mahoney** of **Woburn MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that **Kathleen Mahoney** of **Woburn MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on June 19, 2012.**

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

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

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 22, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 6/1/12

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles by **private sale on June 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper’s lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

Words of Wisdom.

The Chew - Evette Rios Visits Boston's North End Fighters Have to Eat Good Too. Some Ideas? "Ding!"



Joe DeNucci: "I was a kid and my father **Sandy DeNucci** used to take me to the Newton YMCA where he worked." Sandy DeNucci and Louie Barisano both great trainers gave boxing lessons at the YMCA in Newton. Joe DeNucci turned professional at 17 years of age while still in high school and saw Tony DeMarco as his idol. Joe DeNucci trained later in his career at the New Garden Gym in Boston's North End, Trained by Sammy Fuller and managed by Rip Valenti. Many great fighters he remembers at the New Garden Gym. **Paul Pender, Pineapple Stevenson, Tom McNeeley**, amongst many others.

Tony DeMarco: "The fight game treated him well. You put everything into every fight you fight." "You've always got to think of winning." "Thinking of winning is a good start in everything you do." "That's how it is in boxing."

Bob Benoit: "I wish we could return to the original eight divisions with one champion for each division." More isn't always better.

George Maddox: "I don't think boxing is what it used to be. They're not into it as much as they used to be in the old days. When we fought, we weren't afraid to fight anyone." Some of the champions and fighters of today, still train hard. George wishes everyone the best.

Vinny Marino: "Boxing is one of the few sports that's worldwide. Less than a dozen people are controlling the whole sport. There should be a worldwide commission. There is no one there to protect the fighter."

Words of wisdom to remember and think about.

I read in *Fightnews Cuellar*: **Oliveira will KO "Popo"**

Highly respected Boxing trainer **Orlando Cuellar** predicts knockout victory for his fighter, undefeated prospect **Michael "The Brazilian Rocky" Oliveira** 17-0, 12 KO's in his June 2 versus Brazilian living legend four times world champion **Arcelino "Popo" Freitas** 38-2, 32 KO's in Uruguay. That sounds like an interesting match. Oliveira vs. Freitas. Or call it Freitas vs. Oliveira. Something about that bout makes me think, and kind of flashback to **No. ... Not again!!!** Hmm? I'll figure it out someday. **"Ding!" "Ding!" "Ding!"**

I'm watching **"The Chew"** - Evette Rios visits **Boston's North End**. Chef Carla Hall shares a Boston inspired dessert. This was a good show on Tuesday, May 22nd that took place in Boston's North End. I enjoyed this show. Expressed were area unique comments. "Pahk ya cah." "Pahey." "Bubbla" and area great meals were shared. **"Fried clams, clam bakes, three layer Boston**

cream pie, red flannel hash, lobster roll, shoestring fries and Pizza!" I'm getting hungry. Fighters have to eat well too.

Some ideas to kick around. Promote to the **public**. #1. There are many area fighters the public would like to see fighting each other. Budding amateurs and professionals. Last Names.

"Biosse, Bianchini, Lopes, Andrade, Amparo, Beatty, Bishop, Clampitt, Constantino, Cabrera, Crowley, Cobbs, Curto, Cockerham, Connors, Cabrera, DuLuc, Doherty, Duda, Dawson, DeGrandis, DeLuca, Downey, Ecklund, Figueroa, Estrada, Farina, Flamos, Fiorentino, Kennedy, Long, Gray, Gonsalves, Gardner, Garcia, Gingras, Barbosa, Kielczewski, Lessieur, LaFlamme, McAloney, Medina, Mullen, Murray, Montella, Murrin, Moy, Mofford, McCreedy, Navien, Ortiz, O'Brien, O'Connor, Pires, Powers, Rhubelashuiz, Rivera, Rosa, Spina, Soto, Spinelli, Silveira, Falowo, Reinhold, Rodriquez, Reiss, Traietti, Vendetti, Vazquez, Wabrik, Walsh, versus many other good opponents. #2. **X-treme Boxer** versus **Martial Artist**. #3. **Team Boxing**; Teams from **Boston, Dorchester, Brockton, Lynn, Lowell, Cape Cod, Chelsea, Hyannis, Hyde Park, South Boston, North End Boston, Chelmsford, Cambridge, Oakham, Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, Newton, Brookline, Braintree, Wollaston, Belmont, Rockland, Worcester, Milton, New Bedford, Fall River, Malden, Salem, Jamaica Plain, Marshfield, Billerica, Framingham, East Boston, Pittsfield, Dedham, Medford, Sherborn, Taunton, Leominster** and many other cities and towns I haven't named in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont. #4. Find out date of births of Fight Family Members. Have group birthday parties at fights. Discount tickets to individuals in attendance to honor fight Family Member at birthday party. Recognize individuals during breaks between fights and intermission.

State Police Boxing Team will present another action packed boxing show on June 14, 2012, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Route 20, Sturbridge, MA at 7:30 pm, **"Come on down!"** Tickets will be available at the door. Plenty of free parking available. Competing will be the **NYPD, Denver Police, Mass State Police** and **Dept. of Corrections**.

Devlin Duffers Golf Tournament honoring **Joe Devlin** Tuesday, **August 21, 2012** at Wentworth Hills Golf Course, Plainville, MA. Call **Jimmy Devlin** at 508-962-9740, or at www.devlinduffers.com. RSVP by June 29, 2012 as a player or as a sponsor.

Reminder: **Ring 4 Hall of Fame Banquet 2013**, will be held on April 7, 2013 at Florian Hall, Dorchester.



HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Here some interesting items about the Miami Heat as the Celtics continue to play them in the Eastern Conference Finals:

ERIK SPOELSTRA — The Miami head coach was born in the Philippines but raised in Portland, Oregon. After a standout career at Jesuit High School in that city he went on to play the starting point guard position at the University of Portland for all four years, graduating with a degree in communications in 1992.

Spoelstra can be considered a "company man" since he is in his fourth season as head coach of the Heat and in his 17th as a member of the organization. He was named the head coach on April 28, 2008. But for his first 13 years with the franchise he held a variety of duties. Hired initially as a video coordinator, he later added titles such as assistant coach, advance scout and director of scouting. For seven seasons his primary role was developing game plans for upcoming contests. In addition, he served as the head coach of the Heat's summer league team for three seasons. And he's still known for his long hours on the job, often pulling all-nighters to prepare game plans.

We are seeing a lot of him right now and while he may seem young, he is actually in his early 40s — with all that experience of being with the same franchise to guide him. So when anyone says he looks too young, know that appearances can be deceiving.

LeBRON JAMES — Would you believe that he actually played another sport in high school? He did. And he was actually good enough to be an All-State selection. The sport was football and he played it right through his junior year, only foregoing his senior season on the gridiron to concentrate on basketball. Could he have played college football or made an NFL team? Who knows? But he was chosen as a First Team All State (Ohio) player in sophomore year — as a wide receiver.

In addition, he did lead his high school hoops team to three state championships and was named the 2003 National High School Player of the Year, a capstone award after being selected as Ohio's Mr. Basketball for three years in a row. He actually made his pro debut in Boston that summer. Remember Shaw's Summer League? The Cleveland Cavaliers entered a team with James on the roster. His first pro practice for that team was at the Suffolk University gymnasium on Cambridge Street, directly across from the Old West Church. The summer league games were played at UMass-Boston.

And although it doesn't seem that long ago, he really is a veteran now. It's his ninth season in the league

and his second with Miami after leaving Cleveland. He's participating in the playoffs for the seventh time.

Oh, and you know that there has to be something about him that doesn't quite measure up, especially with sports fans in New England. He is (present tense) a fan of the New York Yankees. In football he likes the Dallas Cowboys. His middle name is Raymone and he wears a size 16 sneaker to go with his 6-8 height.

DWAYNE WADE went to Marquette, the same school that Celtics coach Doc Rivers attended. Wade was a broadcasting major, a choice that may lead to additional opportunities once his playing days have ended. Marquette, located in Milwaukee, may have been a logical choice for the 6-4 guard, given that his hometown is in Robins, Illinois — the state just to the south of Wisconsin. He presently hosts a free camp for 600 children in his hometown every summer.

While James is still looking for his first NBA title, Wade already has one since he was a member of the Heat's NBA title team back in 2006, a club that also featured former Celtic Antoine Walker on the squad. He also provided financial assistance for the renovation of his high school basketball facility. The newly refurbished D. Wade Court includes a new scoreboard, sound system projection screen, bleachers and basketball flooring.

In his spare time he enjoys collecting shoes. But we wonder where do you go to collect them when you wear size 15? Not to any stores we frequent. His middle name is Tyrone.

JUWAN HOWARD has earned our congratulations. It has been some time now but back on April 29, 1995 he became the first NBA player to leave school early and still graduate on time. He's an alumnus of the University of Michigan with a degree in general studies.

To get to the arena the 6-8 forward has his choice of two Ferrari automobiles. One is an F430 that is white with a black top while the other is a black 599. But his most prized possession is his boat — carrying the name *Fab 5*. A native of Chicago, he is a fan of the Bears and the Cubs.

He has indicated that after his playing career has concluded he would like to stay in the game via a front office position. So, although Howard's career is winding down (it is his 18th season in the NBA but only his second with the Heat), there's a good chance we'll be seeing him in NBA arenas one way or another for quite some time. This spring marks his seventh appearance in the playoffs over the course of that long career. By the way, his middle name is Antonio.

Enjoy the remainder of the playoffs.

