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Happy Father's Day



from
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World Cup Fever Hits the North End

ITALY WORLD CUP SCHEDULE ON TV THIS WEEK.
 Italy vs. New Zealand - Sunday, June 20 at 10:00AM (ET) ESPN.
 Slovakia vs. Italy - Thursday, June 24 at 10:00AM (ET) ESPN.



Fans cheer as Italy scores a goal against Paraguay. The game ended in a tie. Photo taken at Caffe Dello Sport, Hanover Street, North End, Boston.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Peace Garden Grows in Dorchester's Clam Point

Back in 2007, I moved to Dorchester's Clam Point in my niece's home after living for many years across the Neponset Bridge in Quincy. I quickly took to the neighborhood and noticed the little traffic island by Beach and Park Streets next to AAA Appliance Parts. I started planting flowers around the tree and tidying up the little plot of grass. Others in the neighborhood saw it too. I wasn't the only one who cared about beautifying the community.

My uncle Neal Harrington lived up in Uphams Corner for a quarter century and was always concerned about the betterment of his own neighborhood too. I left the neighborhood in late 2008 but never forgot that plot of grass. I was back there a few weeks ago and it still has that beauty of life in it as well as a cause of reflection for a family who lost a life at that spot. Back on December 9, 2007, a horrific car crash happened there as the car made a bad turn into the tree. Killed was Belin Peto-Rodriguez only 25 years old. Since that accident, his mother Felicia Algaini has also adopted this traffic island creating a living memorial to a son lost.

Recently, I met her at the site when she was planting some new flowers. I showed her the flowers I also recently planted and

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Marisa Iocco watches in anticipation.



A crowd gathers to cheer on Italy.

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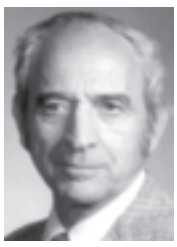
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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE ROMAN AMPHITHEATERS



The Roman Colosseum

The Roman Theater was adapted from the Greeks and was built in a half round or semicircular plan. The amphitheater was exclusively a Roman development, usually oval in plan it was built in just about every important Roman settlement in the empire. There were amphitheaters at Verona, Pompeii, Pozzuoli, Pola, Nimes, Arles and El Djem (near Carthage).

The Colosseum is one of the grandest ruins of Ancient Rome. It was built by the Flavian Emperors and is properly called the "Flavian Amphitheater." Construction was started by Vespasian in 70 A.D., opened and dedicated by Titus in 80 A.D. with an inauguration that lasted 100 days. During this time about 5,000 wild animals and many gladiators were killed. The structure was finally completed by Domitian in 82 A.D.

The building is about 600 feet long, 500 feet wide, and 160 feet high and covers six acres. The central combat area was called the Arena and got its name from Latin because of the sand that was spread to absorb the blood of the humans and animals. The air was kept fresh smelling by spraying of perfumes or spreading costly powders around the building.

There was seating capacity for 50,000 spectators and standing room for 30,000 more. There were 80 arcaded openings in the exterior walls at each of the first, second and third story levels. These arched openings were the entrances on the first level but containing beautiful statues on the two upper floors. A total of 160 statues were displayed in the upper facade.

Seating priority was strictly by social class and all seats and tickets were

numbered. The present day system of numbered tickets and seats in places of amusement seems to have begun here. The emperor's ringside platform or box contained the imperial throne, seats for the Vestal Virgins, Senators, Praetors and other government officials. The lowest range of regular seats was reserved for the noble and the wealthy, while the second range was reserved for the middle class. The third range was for poor people and the last, most upper range was for unescorted women.

A skillful arrangement of corridors, stairways, ramps and walls made it possible for each class of spectator to reach its own seat or to exit without coming in contact with its social inferiors. The 80 arcaded exits were also referred to as "vomitoria" which made it possible for the spectators to flow right out after the performances. A full Colosseum could be emptied in less than ten minutes. Most research material makes no mention of toilets in these places of huge public assembly ... I wonder if this was a contributing factor in the speed of exit.

NEXT ISSUE:
The Roman Colosseum
continued

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



This past week, June 14-18, I saw, in San Francisco, the second round of negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement. TPP is a proposed free trade agreement pushed by President Obama. If you don't like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and believe that trade pact costs American jobs, you will really hate TPP.

Along with the U.S. the nations engaged in the free trade talks are Australia, Brunei, Chile, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. The U.S. already has a free trade agreement in effect with Australia (site of the first round of negotiations which took place March 15-19 in Melbourne). We also have free trade agreements with Chile, Peru, and Singapore.

That leaves Brunei, New Zealand, and Vietnam. New Zealand is a Western-style democracy that shares our heritage of British common law and tradition of individual freedom. As for the remaining two nations that President Obama wants to favor with special trade privileges —

Freedom House, the independent international watchdog organization that supports the expansion of freedom around the world classifies both Brunei and Vietnam as unfree.

Brunei, which has been under martial law since 1962, is an Islamic state where most criminal activity is defined and punished according to draconian Islamic sharia law. According to the U.S. Department of State, in a report covering the year 2009 —

The [Brunei] Ministry of Education requires courses on Islam ... and prohibits the teaching of other religions. Private Christian schools were not allowed to

give Christian instruction to Christian or Muslim students but could offer voluntary, Islamic instruction to Muslim students. During the year the government warned Christian schools that they or their personnel could be fined or imprisoned for teaching non-Muslim religious subjects

That same State Department report also says of Vietnam —

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam ... is an authoritarian state ruled by the Communist Party of Vietnam ... During the year the government increased its suppression of dissent, arresting several political activists ... Several editors and reporters from prominent newspapers were fired for reporting on official corruption ... Police commonly mistreated suspects during arrest or detention ... Individuals were arbitrarily detained for political activities and denied the right to fair and expeditious trials. The government continued to limit citizens' privacy rights and tightened controls over the press and freedom of speech, assembly, movement, and association ... Violence and discrimination against women as well as trafficking in persons continued to be significant problems ...

There are nearly 200 nations in the world. The U.S. currently has free trade agreements in effect with 17 of them. Of all the places in the world the President could pick to start talks on a new free trade agreement, wouldn't you know he would pick a repressive communist regime and an intolerant Islamic monarchy.

David Trumbull is the chairman of the Boston Ward Three Republican Committee. Boston's Ward Three includes the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, downtown, waterfront, Chinatown, and part of the South End.

KARYN POLITO

RUNNING TO BE MASSACHUSETTS' NEXT STATE TREASURER

Campaign Focuses on "Protecting the People's Money"

Karyn Polito, a small business owner and state representative, is focusing her campaign for State Treasurer on the basic, common-sense financial principles she learned from her Sicilian great-grandfather.

"You pay your bills on time, you make shrewd investments, and you don't take on excessive debt," said Polito. "These simple principles are what I will use as state treasurer to protect the people's money and help build a stronger foundation for a better future for Massachusetts."

Polito, who lives in Shrews-



bury with her husband and two children, is a third-generation Italian-American and she is proud of her Italian heritage. Her great-grandfather, Francesco

Polito, immigrated to the United States from Sicily in 1909, arriving at Ellis Island on Columbus Day. He settled in the North End of Boston and started a successful family business that continues to operate today in Shrewsbury.

Inspired by those values of hard work and a commitment to the community, Polito has devoted much of her life to public service. She started her involvement at the local government level, serving as a member of the Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen. She then expanded her work to the state level, serving as a member of the State Lottery Commission.

Polito ran for state representative in 2000 and won, and has served the communities of Shrewsbury and Westborough in that capacity for the past decade.

Throughout her service on Beacon Hill, Polito has advocated strongly and passionately for fiscally conservative and responsible policies in order to make Massachusetts more affordable for residents and small businesses. She has fought against tax and toll increases and has champi-

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Final Reflections on Memorial Day 2010

by Sal Giarratani

This year I missed marching in Quincy's Memorial Day Parade. I was out of town but took time to reflect and remember all the sacrifices made over 235 years by America's fighters for freedom. In April, I was up in a small New Hampshire cemetery in the town of Hebron and noticed the many gravesites of veterans who fought for America in our War of Independence. Last June, I was in San Antonio, Texas where I visited the remains of the Alamo. I had an uncle who served in the US Navy during World War II. I was a Vietnam Era member of the United States Air Force. Today, I am a member of the D.A.V. Post 13 in Dorchester and the Abraham Lincoln G.A.R. Post 11 in Charlestown.

I was miles from Quincy on Memorial Day but I was there in spirit. Quincy has one of the best Memorial Day Parades in Massachusetts and the *Quincy Sun* always does a great job of covering it year after year. This year it was no different. The crowds are never as large as you wish but all who show up to honor, remember and salute the sacrifices made in the defense of liberty are acknowledged and thanked.

I did read a news story on the Memorial Day exercises over at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Mattapan where only 20 people showed up. Some excused the numbers by saying folks were dying off but there is no excuse for forgetting what Memorial Day is all about. It is about sacrifice and freedom. Where were the younger people? Have they forgotten their roles as American citizens?

However, there were also other places that showed the spirit of Memorial Day. People did turn out all across this country in the millions to honor our heroes. A friend of mine, a colonel in the Marines, attended exercises in Andover and met a survivor of D-Day. My friend called the aging World War II veteran a "national treasure" and a piece of American history. This man landed in the First Wave of the 29th Division, 125th Infantry and made it out alive. D-Day wasn't just June 6, 1944; it was 45 days of hell.

I hope that as long as we exist as a nation that we will remember the sacrifices made for our freedom which many take for granted. I still remember with pride, knowing a member of the Rough Riders, who went up San Juan Hill in 1898 with Teddy Roosevelt. He was my neighbor on East Canton Street in Boston's South End. I once watched him march in full uniform in the Veteran's Day parade in Boston back in 1962 when he was 82 years old. He marched with pride for his country.

Let us hope that Memorial Day continues forever as a salute to the lives, courage and sacrifice of those who fight and often die in the defense of our freedoms. If Memorial Day ever went out of style, the end would truly be near for the future of America.

Once again, thanks for another great parade and great coverage of it in the *Quincy Sun*.

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NORTHEAST NAVY SHOWBAND at Christopher Columbus Park – June 26



The Navy Band Northeast's Showband is coming to the North End for a ParkARTS Waterfront Concert sponsored by Comcast and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park in partnership with the Marriot Long Wharf on Saturday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m., the first show in Mayor Thomas M. Menino's 2010 ParkARTS live concert season.

The Waterfront Concert at Christopher Columbus Park is presented for music lovers of all ages by Mayor Menino and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department as part of the 14th annual citywide ParkARTS program sponsored by Bank of America. Christopher Columbus Park is located directly on the waterfront at 110 Atlantic Avenue in the North End.

One of the most sought-after big bands in the Northeast, the Newport, RI, based Northeast Navy Show band travels extensively in support of local community and educational events such as public concerts,

music clinics, and jazz festivals. The band is comprised of five trumpets, four trombones, five saxophones, a rhythm section, and vocalists. This group of talented musicians from across the country performs big band favorites by such notable artists as Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, the Brecker Brothers, Glenn Miller, and more.

Navy Band Northeast was officially established in 1974, and is one of 11 official bands of the United States Navy. Under the direction of Chief Musician Todd Smeltzer, the band is located on board Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, and serves the military and civilian communities throughout the Northeastern United States.

For more information on this and other ParkARTS events, call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, go to www.cityofboston.gov/parks or become a fan of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook.

National Sons of Italy Black Tie Ball

HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Left to Right: Lieutenant Colonel Paul Arienti, Colonel Dean Saluti and Four Star General Raymond Odierno, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the event.



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Financially Speaking

with Ben Doherty

ENCOURAGING NEWS LEADS DOW TO AN UP WEEK

The Dow posted its first weekly gain in a month. A well-known index of consumer sentiment showed the confidence level rose to its highest level since January 2008 and came in ahead of forecasts. The increase was an encouraging sign, but still doesn't signal the all clear for the economy, said Michael Sheldon of RDM Financial Group of Westport, Connecticut.

U.S. stock shares rose after an UBS analyst raised her rating on the company. Timna Tanners raised her rating to neutral from sell and raised her 12 month price target to \$46/share from \$40/share. Shares had fallen 22.3% in the past month as European debt problems caused worldwide tensions. Shares of Anadachos Petroleum fell as news of a positive stake in BP after investors felt the plunge was overdone in light of Anadachos ability to weather the spill. Walgreen's shares fell over a spat with CVS as both stocks fell. CVS said it would cut Walgreens out of its networks by July 9th and stop selling its prescriptions in three years.

Retail sales fell for the first time in eight months. The Commerce Department reported adding to signs that the U.S. economy is slowing. The 1.2% drop surprised analysts who had expected a .2% rise after a .6% rise

in April. Core sales which exclude autos, building materials and gasoline rose 1% after a 2% drop in April. The University of Michigan sentiment indicator rose 1.9% to 75.5% on an impaired outlook for jobs and credit. That's the best level since the recession began. Wall Street expected 74.5%. High employment at 9.7% could dim the outlook as the private sector added 41,000 jobs. May's material sales drop was due mainly to the end of the government's stimulus programs such as the homebuyer's tax credit. Sale of autos and parts fell 1.1% even with unit sales rising .4% while total sales rose .4%. Electronics and appliance sales rose 1.1%. The NASDAQ rose 1.1%. The S&P 500 rose .5%.

China's index's logged small gain as data shows a fast rising inflation. The Hang Seng Index rose 1.2% with high volume. Consumer inflation in China kept its 3.3% gain that topped its 3% tolerance point. Producer prices rose 7%. Their gauges logged their biggest gains in 20 months. The bank lending fell 17% to \$93 billion. The government is trying to cool off this property market bubble. The latest report shows that China cities prices have risen 12.4% gain year over year. But the U.S. market is still in a correction. Many of the ADR's are forming bases

with more distribution than you would want to see. The Hang Seng currency is weak as it moved on June 2nd up 1.6% in higher volume.

By the start of 2014 most health plans will lose ObamaCare expectations. Internal administration documents revealed that up to 51% of employers may have to relinquish their current healthcare coverage because of ObamaCare. Small firms will be even likelier to lose existing plans. The estimate is that 66% of small employer plans and 45% of employer plans will relinquish their grandfather plans by 2013 according to the documents. In a worst case scenario, 80% of employers would lose that status, exposing them to far more provisions under the new health law. Representative Bill Posey, Florida, described the plan as a "bait and switch." The rules will insure that up to 69% of employees and 80% of employers of small businesses will lose their current plan within three years. At least 85% of Americans will lose their healthcare and even their jobs as the new plan is implemented. 58% of Americans want ObamaCare repealed as they feel they will lose their healthcare and possibly their jobs once this plan is implemented.

It's time to call your financial advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.

Saint Anthony Feast Day Festivities

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



The annual Saint Leonard Parish spaghetti supper took place on Saturday, June 12th, in the parish hall opening the two day feast honoring Saint Anthony.

Parishioners, friends of the parish and even some passersby, attended the supper which began at 5 o'clock and extended, as tradition dictates, "Till the food runs

out", which occurred about 4 hours later. Everyone had a wonderful time and ate their fill of spaghetti and meatballs accompanied by salad, coffee and dessert prepared and served by parishioner volunteers.

On Sunday, a Mass was celebrated in honor of Saint Anthony where blessed

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by Sal Giarratani

Not My Father's America Anymore

My father was a first generation Sicilian American from the Sacred Heart Parish in Boston's North End. He lived from 1912 until 1979. During his lifetime, he lived through two World Wars, Prohibition, the Great Depression, the Landing on the Moon, the Korean War and Vietnam. He witnessed the election of America's first Catholic President Jack Kennedy and the resignation of a disgraced President Richard Nixon. He worked over 35 years helping patients at Boston City Hospital. He gave up cigarettes cold turkey after 50 years of smoking.

My father came from a generation of Americans who loved their country and worked hard to see it remain strong. During the Depression when jobs were scarce, he found employment with the WPA building bridges and laying sidewalks. He took nothing for granted. He wouldn't take charity. He worked long hours to take care of his family. He taught my brother and I values to live by. There was right and there was wrong.

His Catholic faith to sustained him through hard times. It was a source of strength that enabled him to understand his life. He was always a Democrat until he found that political party leaving him astray. He started voting Republican which was difficult for him. The last Democrat he voted for was Hubert Humphrey in 1968. After that, it was folks like Nixon and Ronald Reagan that he trusted more with his country.

Today, our country is adrift in doubt about who it is and what it stands for. Much of this has as its root cause, a lack of insightful leadership from the guys in the White House. We remain mired down in an endless war in both Iraq and Afghanistan where young Americans keep dying. For what? The economy remains in trouble.

We keep putting ourselves into bigger and bigger debt never thinking we could be the next Greece. Our leaders in Washington, DC have produced a country very unlike the one I was born into and the one my father lived in.

Sometimes I feel like it is all a bad game. We have an oil spill and total ineptness from our leaders.

Everyone is in charge, no one is in charge. They are to blame. Whoever the "they" are. God forbid our leaders own up to their own individual and collective shortcomings. Our President looks totally helpless over this ecological disaster and sound bites from him or his aides aren't fixing anything.

I once had confidence in our leaders. My father did too. There was no crisis that couldn't be fixed. In the last two decades or so, America appears to have ceded its responsibility as a world leader. We have become that paper tiger that Mao talked about back in the Cold War. We stand nearly alone in the world with few, if any, friends. We even find ways to insult our friends like Israel and Britain. In the whole mad world, we have enemies everywhere. No matter what we do, we get blamed for being wrong. We get no respect. We even apologize for everything thanks to our "Apologizer-in-Chief."

Today, nations like China and Russia are quickly becoming the new voice of modern civilization. We remain targets of terrorists. We have borders we can't secure. We blast states like Arizona for doing what the federal government should have already been doing.

Over 20 years ago when the Cold War ended and the Berlin Wall came crashing down, the world was at a special moment of peace or so we thought but often noth-

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ST. AGRIPPINA <i>Hanover & Battery Sts. Sunday Procession</i>	July 30, 31 - August 1 1 pm

AUGUST

MADONNA DELLA CAVA <i>Hanover & Battery Sts. Sunday Procession</i>	August 6, 7, 8 1 pm
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The Lady

by Judean Langone

*I Liked everything
About the Lady*

*Her supple strength
Her kiss of sanctity*

*Upon the child,
I liked the way
her arms wavered*

*With blessings,
with warmth,
with comfort
and consolation*

Over us all ...

*I Like the blueness
of her gown and I loved
the whiteness of her
brilliant radiance*

*I liked her nearness
beyond the touching
of humans*

*I loved her
perfect timing
In her speechless
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Bunker Hill Day Parade

by Sal Giarratani



This year's Chief Marshall for the Bunker Hill Day Parade Major Ralph Rizzo, USMC. Seen in photo with him are left to right: Marie Lynde, Ralph Rizzo, Sr., and the major's wife Mila Rizzo.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)



THREE OF A KIND

How many Sals are too many Sals? These guys, left to right: State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Post-Gazette writer Sal Giarratani and City Councilor Sal LaMattina say there can never be too many Sals as seen in photo at last Sunday's Bunker Hill Day Parade in Charlestown.



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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



Gone with the Wind

Ciao bella.

When you think of beauty in the movies, how many can agree that the character "Scarlett O'Hara" in *Gone With The Wind* carried such a trait? Atlanta, Georgia where the movie takes place has many a Southern Belle but Scarlett takes the cake! Her lily-white skin has been envied by many. Her seductiveness went into full swing when she wanted to catch her next husband. Whether she was in love or not she scored every time!

In fact *Gone With The Wind* has been a favorite movie in my family forever since its debut in 1939 when my Mom, Josephine saw it in one of those old movie palaces on a BIG screen. In those days the movies ran repeatedly all day. By the evening show Mom and her friends fell in love with Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara!

Ahhhhh ... I wonder what beauty secrets Scarlett could reveal! Her complexion and skin so dreamy, creamy! Movie note: "Mammy" would apply buttermilk to Scarlett's skin to bleach the freckles. Her fancy parasols helped to avoid the sun.

Oh and all those clothes the women in her day would wear, pantilettes, corsets, stockings and long dresses to the ankle served as protection not only from the sun!

Another movie note: Never try to fool a gentleman without your gloves when you've been picking cotton! I believe the Yankees stole the hand cream too.

Just recently I had the pleasure of visiting Atlanta, Georgia. Upon our arrival at the airport I ran into Miss Teen Georgia, Caroline Wade. Wow, talk about a striking southern belle. Those beauty contestants are gifted.

My sight-seeing interests led me to visit The Margaret Mitchell House and Museum. She wrote the best selling novel *Gone With*



The Wind there. Ann B. was our tour-guide and a marvelous one at that. Showing us around the house she could answer any question on Margaret's life. It was not only a job for Ann, but a true fondness for Margaret's life and how the success of the movie affected Margaret and Atlanta.

Margaret was a romantic realist and will be long remembered for writing *Gone With The Wind*, a most attractive woman herself with beauty secrets of her own

Buona giornata, and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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SALESIAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EAST BOSTON

Annual Community Breakfast

Hosted by Club Alumnus Representative Carlo Basile and the Don Bosco Award posthumously will be presented to Walter "Wally" Bowe.

Thursday, June 24, 2010
Registration 7:30 AM, Breakfast and Program 8:00-9:30 AM at Suffolk Downs, located at 111 Waldemar Avenue, East Boston, MA.

For many of our community's children and families, Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston is a Beacon of Hope, a place

where young people are free to explore, encouraged to learn, and kept safe from a world that too often places obstacles in their pathway to becoming good citizens and productive members of society.

You can help guarantee that this Beacon will continue to shine on them by supporting our largest fundraising event of the year, the Annual Community Breakfast hosted by Representative Carlo Basile, himself a proud alumnus of the Club. He, like so many others, credits the Club with playing a major role in his formative years while helping instill in him a strong sense of "giving back." It is in this spirit of giving that we ask for your support. As part of

our network of generous benefactors, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that hundreds of children and teens will stand a little taller, feel more confident about themselves, and experience successes that will impact them for a lifetime. All because Salesian Boys & Girls Club is there for them, as it has been for over 60 years.

Please join us as we proudly present the Don Bosco Award to the late Walter "Wally" Bowe, a true hero of the Boys & Girls Club and the entire East Boston community.

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Michele McPhee Book Signing



Michele McPhee with Best Selling Author William Martin.

Local radio personality and writer Michele McPhee recently held a book signing event for her latest "Date With Death" the Craigslist killer story. The event was held on Saturday, June 12th at Ecco Restaurant in East Boston. Among fans there were many special guests such as best selling author William Martin, Gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker, Ernie Boch, Jr., Candidate for State Treasurer Karyn Polito, Candidate for State Auditor Mary Connaughton,



Michele McPhee with Ernie Boch, Jr. (Photos by John Harrison)

Former State Treasurer Joe Malone, "The Guy from Boston" Joe Ligotti, WTKK 96.9FM co-host, Huggy, Phantom Gourmet's Dave Andelman, State Senator Anthony Petrucci and Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina. Michele also had copies on hand of her previous books "When Evil Rules" and "Heartless". The re-release of her first true crime book "Mob Over Miami" will be available on June 29th under a new name "A Mob Story."

Philadelphia Author Lorraine Ranalli Promotes "Gravy Wars"



Author Lorraine Ranalli signs a copy of her book "Gravy Wars."

Italia Unita hosted a book signing with South Philadelphia Author, Lorraine Ranalli where she signed copies of "Gravy Wars." The event was held at 80 Border Street, East Boston. Lorraine spoke about her upbringing in an Italian



Author Lorraine Ranalli holds a copy of her book "Gravy Wars" at the Italia Unita book signing. (Photos by Mario Alfano)

American household and how she got the idea to put "Gravy Wars" together. Is it sauce or is it gravy? Find out for yourself and pick up a copy of your book today. For more information on "Gravy Wars" log onto www.italiaunita.org

EL PAISA BUTCHERY Now Open



In photo on left, Juan Tavares, owner of El Paisa with Sam Rodriguez, butcher.

East Boston has added a new addition to its business community with El Paisa Butchery located at 1010 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA. Owner Juan Tavares is also owner of the popular El Paisa Restaurant across the street. The butcher shop serves fresh beef, pork, chicken and specialty items that you can only find in neighborhood butcher shops. In addition to the fine meats, El Paisa is stocked up on grocery items including a big section on Italian products. They carry the Mulino Bianco, Napoli, and many more lines of Italian products; also stocked up on homemade and dry pastas. If you got an urge for a frosty treat, El Paisa also carries fresh Cold Stone Creamery ice cream served individually or you can purchase a ready made ice cream cake. Opened Monday through Friday from 7AM-10PM.



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.

My column this week is **VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ**. ALL dog owners and non-dog owners there is a **NEW DOG INITIATIVE HOLDING NEIGHBORHOOD EDUCATIONAL FORUM WEDNESDAY JUNE 23RD AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE NAZZARO CENTER**. The NEW (North End/Waterfront) Dog Initiative welcomes our Neighborhood Residents to our First Humane Education Forum on Responsible Dog Ownership.

PLEASE join us on Wednesday June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Nazzaro Center. The discussion will center on **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES** with a special focus on **INTESTINAL PARASITIC IN OUR COMPANION DOGS**.

We've partnered with the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital at the MSPCA and will be joined by guest speaker, veterinarian Dr. Kiko Bracker. Dr. Bracker is a board-certified specialist who recently joined the Emergency and Critical Care Department at Angell. He has done an internship in small animal medicine and surgery, completed a residency in Emergency Medicine, and is a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

As the number of companion dogs continue to increase in our neighborhoods, we realize the importance of humane education for both dog-owner and non-dog owner residents. Become involved in your neighborhood and your pet's care through informative discussions by "experts" in the veterinary field. A Q&A session will follow Dr. Bracker's presentation.

We are planning future humane educational forums for the fall. Some will be appropriate for adults and others for children but, our audience will ALWAYS be made up of the "human population kind!"

Thank you,
Councilor Sal LaMattina
Representative Aaron Michlewitz
and members of THE NEW DOG INITIATIVE

That's all for now ... Don't forget this is very important for ALL MY POOCH FRIENDS SO PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.

P.S. I'd like to wish my friend Coach Dom a very Happy Birthday and many, many more!

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The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



Actress and UNICEF ambassador Tea Leoni, left, and Tiffany Ortiz at the "UNICEF Women's Luncheon Series" event. (Photo by Roger Farrington)



Smiling for the camera at the Hampshire House, left to right: Ellie Cornish, Athena Bradway and Jeanette Hsu-McSweeney. (Photo by Roger Farrington)



Kristin Casey, left, and Heidi Legg at the UNICEF luncheon. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

2010 marks the 8th year of the "UNICEF Women's Luncheon Series" in Boston. The luncheons attract women from the professional and philanthropic communities to an intimate event with a brief presentation by the featured speaker followed by a question-and-answer session. Traditionally, the speaker's remarks are about UNICEF, and the speaker's personal experience with issues that affect women and children in developing countries.

This spring, Tiffany Ortiz was among the notables at

the Hampshire House to hear actress and UNICEF ambassador, Téa Leoni, speak about UNICEF's work in Haiti following the January earthquake.

Ms. Leoni represents the third generation of her family working to help the children of the world.

Her grandmother, Helenka Pantaleoni, helped organize Women United for the United Nations and held the posts of vice president and liaison with UNICEF. In 1947, as part of a group that sought public backing for UNICEF, she co-founded

what is now the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and served as its president for 25 years.

Anthony Pantaleoni, Téa's father, currently serves as the chair of the board, and Téa also serves on the board. Best known for her starring roles in *Spanglish*, *The Family Man*, and *Deep Impact*, Ms. Leoni has been a UNICEF ambassador since 2003.

UNICEF has saved more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization in the world. Working in more than 150 countries, UNICEF provides children

with health care, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency relief, and more. The U.S. Fund for UNICEF supports UNICEF's work through fundraising, advocacy, and education in the United States.

For more information about the organization, visit www.unicefusa.org.

..... We are invited to celebrate the first day of Summer 2010 "Quahog-style!" by joining the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce at the "Second Annual Quahog Day" - Monday, June 21st at Hemisphere Restaurant in Sandwich. The event is free and open to the public, but you must RSVP in advance to kristen@capecodchamber.org.

Once again, the Cape's official Quahog (aptly named Doug) will come out of hiding for the official "Quahog Prognostication" on how many weeks of Cape Cod beach weather lie ahead.

Last year, the little soothsayer predicted 11 1/2 weeks of sunshine (although the jury remains out on his accuracy). FOX25 Meteorologist A.J. Burnett, a Barnstable native, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The ceremony will be followed by live music from Black Wampum, a local band which sings about (yes, we kid you not!) Quahogs, and

a Quahog Day bash at Hemisphere Restaurant with raffles to benefit the National Marine Life Center.

This year's Quahog Day ceremony will kick off a week of Quahog-related activities across the Cape, including a stuffed quahog eating contest at Falmouth's Quahog Republic Dive Bar; discounts at the Cape Cod Beach Chair company for anyone who brings in an actual quahog; two-for-one quahog dishes for anyone who says 'I love Doug the Quahog' at Clancy's of Dennisport on June 22; a special Doug's Mud ice cream flavor at Polar Cave Ice Cream in Mashpee and West Yarmouth (coffee ice cream with chocolate fudge swirls, crushed Oreo's, almonds and dark chocolate chips); and more.

For further information, please call 508-362-3225, ext. 531. For complete details, dates and times, visit www.quahogday.com.

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Retzo Blast IN EAST BOSTON



Local East Boston resident and businessman Joe Pepi recycles his materials from his business, Cold Zone HVAC company and turns it into art. Joe creatively designs pieces of art and you may view his work at 80 Border Street, Cultural Exchange Center (Atlantic Works Building). For more information log onto www.80borderstreet.org.

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Simple *TIMES*...

by Girard A. Plante

When I learned of the death of collegiate basketball's greatest coach, John Wooden, I felt like a grand old uncle passed away. The former UCLA basketball coach died June 4 of natural causes at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. He was 99.

Father's Day holds special meaning for me. I am blessed that my father participated in my life and that of my six siblings. He died 12 days before my 18th birthday in November 1977. He was 54. Too young to die as he buried many rich stories about his heroics in World War Two. Fortunately, my mom and many uncles and some of my dad's friends filled in a few stories he found painful to discuss.

So why do I include John Wooden in this column about Father's Day? He's a man I never met, nor am related to. Well, John Wooden's life story inspires and his far-reaching wisdom and down-to-earth graciousness touched many lives throughout his long life.

My first true introduction to Wooden came on a cold Saturday afternoon in January 1974. I was a 14-year-old eighth-grader whose love of sports bordered on obsession. My heroes — aside from certain folks I grew up around — were professional athletes I watched on TV and read about, college athletes, and my hometown's high school sports stars.

I collected sports cards since age six and subscribed to *Sports Illustrated* at 11. Each week I eagerly awaited

the arrival of *SI* to the mail box; I'd guess which athlete would grace its glossy cover. Many of those *SI* covers and photos I'd tape to my bedroom walls. The multi-colored pages of action are where I grew intensely interested about football, baseball, hockey, and basketball. It's also where I met John Wooden — coach, educator, author, human being.

The *SI* stories spanned his 40 years of coaching high school and college basketball, his childhood in Indiana, his unique athletic prowess in high school and college and his life after retirement. For me, Wooden stood apart from the numerous athletes and coaches I learned about. Yet his coaching brilliance wouldn't strike a chord for many years because my focus was on the victory.

In that start to 1974, national and world events consumed the daily news: Vietnam raged on, the energy crisis proved to be the worst since WWII, and Watergate slogged on until President Richard Nixon resigned seven months later. Despite the chaos and confusion within our nation and the world, all seemed right in the living room of my childhood home on that historic day that Wooden brought his powerful UCLA squad to the snowy Midwest campus of Notre Dame University.

UCLA's 88-game consecutive win streak that stretched to 1971 loomed large in TV's showcase game of that New Year. Remarkably, no college team has yet

to equal or top that streak but the team's four-year supremacy ended on the hardwood of Notre Dame's Joyce Center. The college basketball bug bit hard and 36-plus years later I'm still hooked.

Wooden created the "Pyramid of Success" motivational program decades ago, which is still used mostly by high school teachers, college professors and powerbrokers in corporations around the planet. Wooden's wisdom resonates with the former UCLA basketball players he coached, such as NBA Hall of Famers Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Walton, Gail Goodrich, and many others of all walks of life.

For those readers who never met their dads, lost them too soon, or fell out of touch with them because life gets complicated remember the teacher, elderly neighbor whose lawn you mowed or trash you put to the curb, religious leader, professor who guided you through the occasional stormy seas of college, a coach, the neighborhood grocer or familiar cop patrolling your neighborhood. Surely there's a man who touched your life even in a seemingly small way that set you on a path to a better life.

During a televised interview in one of his final public appearances in June 2008, John Wooden gave this meaningful message on his long life: "Not being afraid of death and having peace within yourself. All of life is peaks and valley. Don't let the peaks get too high and the valleys too low."

Who Doesn't Love a Good Army Navy Story, Huh?

by Sal Giarratani

Lately, I've been traveling down Route 1 to North Attleboro. Never knew how close Rhode Island was before. Just before I get to my turn off, I pass by this neat Army & Navy Store on Route 1. I finally stopped and checked it out and what a great idea that was. This has to be one of the coolest Army Navy stores around. As a kid, I loved them but one by one they started disappearing. There was Paul's Army & Navy Store at the corner of Washington and Roxbury streets across from Dudley Station in Roxbury. I bought my Boston English drill uniform there. It made me look like someone from World War II. Others would kid me that I looked like Sgt. Bilko. If you know that reference you must be old like me. There was another store across from Jordan Marsh in downtown too.

Getting back to North Attleboro, the place is called GI Joe's Army & Navy. Outside attractions include a M*A*S*H helicopter, an Army M.P. Jeep and a neat fully-loaded rocket launcher. One might think this was North Attleboro's Homeland Security Department



(except the rockets are aimed at downtown North Attleboro). Perhaps, a better G.P.S. is needed to aim them somewhere else.

Meanwhile, inside the store which goes back forever, they have an ongoing audio and video slide show on great World War II battles. All that is missing is the popcorn. Also, for all Tea Partiers looking for a tee shirt or flag? Tea Party stuff is there and reasonably charged.

Sometimes you never know what you'll see on Route 1.

Facts *ON* wax

by bob morello
reviewing the best... forgetting the rest

KILLERS: ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK Lionsgate

Comedy, action, plus Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher — what more could one ask for? The answer is an outstanding soundtrack, and you get that as well, with eight feel good hits and a great score by Rolfe Kent. Macy Gray starts it off with "Beauty in the World," her first single in three years. Carlos Santana's son Salvador serves up "Under The Sun," trailed by Reprise artist Nikki & Rich catch your ears with "Cat and Mouse," the Faces with Rod Stewart turn back the clock with "Ooh La La," and the LA based duo Bitter: Sweet with the tasty "A Moment." Lon-don's Rox shows off the track "I Don't Believe" from her new album, along with former Vanessa & The O's singer, Vanessa Contenay-Quinones's cut from her upcoming first solo album, offering up "Bon Bon Bon," plus the instrumental funk/soul/afrobeat sound from Menahan Street Band's "Montego Sunset." Add to that composer Rolfe Kent's original music that takes you on a musical journey that contains thrilling twists and turns, and you've got it all on one "killer" soundtrack!

THE TWILIGHT SAGA — ECLIPSE — ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK Summit/Chop Shop/ Atlantic

From the movie *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse*, the third installment in this highly successful film franchise, comes a soundtrack with lots of bite, including fifteen tracks, highlighted by Muse's brand new single "Neutron Star Collision (Love is Forever)." In addition are a host of new songs from various groups. Check out Metric's "Eclipse (All Yours)," followed by "Ours" (The Bravery); "Heavy In Your Arms" (Florence + The Machine; the haunting "My Love" (Sia); Fanfarlo stepping up with "Atlas," and The Black Keys deliver the dark "Chop and Change." Second half forecast has The Dead Weather with "Rolling In On A Burning Tire," plus "Let's Get Lost" (Beck and Bat For Lashes); "Jonathan Low" (Vampire Weekend); UNKLE relates "With You In My Head" featuring The Black Angels; and the Eastern Conference Champions are victorious with "A Million Miles An Hour." The *Eclipse* comes to a conclusion following "Life On Earth" (Band of Horses); the upbeat

"What Part of Forever" (Cee Lo Green); and Howard Shore adds the finishing touches with "Jacob's Theme." A soundtrack with an edge!

TOY STORY FAVORITES Walt Disney

Grammy and Academy Award-winning Randy Newman is front and center as Woody, Buzz and the gang step out of the toy chest, and reunite for the exciting *Toy Story 3*. As usual, you can expect the unexpected from Newman as he mixes classic Western themes and flamenco-flavored sounds for pleasure on this collection of *Toy Story Favorites* EP. Newman serves up a pair from *Toy Story*, "I Will Go Sailing No More" and cranking up the calliope for "Strange Things." The angelic voice of Sarah McLachlan takes a page from *Toy Story 2*, with the pretty "When She Loved Me," and Riders in the Sky do the same with the country tones of "Woody's Roundup." The Gipsy Kings perform "You've Got a Friend In Me," sung in Spanish, from the *Toy Story 3* soundtrack, a song that originally appeared in the first *Toy Story*, sung by Newman. The final slice by Newman defines another musical moment with "We Belong Together," the end credit song Great soundtracks to enjoy, all from Disney-Pixar animated films!

JEWEL SWEET AND WILD — DELUXE EDITION The Valory Music Co.

Jewel debuted on the country music scene last year with *Perfectly Clear*, an album that charted as #1 on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart. This young lady has done it all, singer/songwriter, poet, actress, and philanthropist. Jewel's CD includes a pair of discs, both containing the same songs, with one set of songs done acoustically. Opening with "No Good In Goodbye," exposing the creativity of the songs she's penned with "I Love You Forever," the loss of confidence "Fading," the tender "What You Are," the hurt of "Bad As It Gets," and the comfort of "Summer Home In Your Arms." Jewel gems on the second half start off with the album's first single "Stay Here Forever," the realization of separation with "No More Heartaches," testing the waters of love via "One True Thing," then offering up Jewel's ten commandments of love "Ten," and the feeling of joy expressed with "Satisfied." Jewel headed for country success again!

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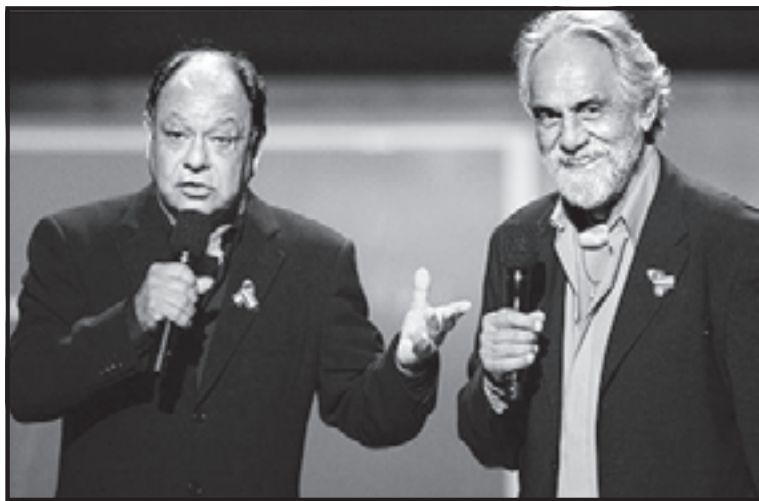
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winner, Donna Summer was the first artist to win the Grammy for Best Rock Vocal Performance, Female (1979, "Hot Stuff") as well as the first-ever recipient of the Grammy for Best Dance Recording (1997, "Carry On"). In 2004, she became one of the first inductees, as both an Artist Inductee and a Record Inductee (for 1977's "I Feel Love") into the Dance Music Hall of Fame in New York City. It is estimated that Donna Summer has sold more than 130 million records.

MEATLOAF - July 8, 2010 at 7:30PM. He's back! "Hang Cool Teddy Bear" is his latest album. It hit the stores in April 2010 and it's already becoming a hit album.

Other upcoming shows include the following. **STATE RADIO/JOHN BUTLER TRIO** - June 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. **FOREIGNER AND STYX WITH SPECIAL GUEST KANSAS** - June 20, 2010 at 7:00. **RINGO STARR & HIS ALL-STARR BAND** - June 29, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. **CHICAGO AND THE DOOBIE BROTHERS** - July 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. **SQUEEZE/CHEAP TRICK** - July 14, 2010 at 7:30p.m. **CHRIS ISAACK** - July 17, 2010. For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com. For all Live Nation events log onto www.livenation.com.

HOUSE OF BLUES BOSTON

15 Lansdowne St., Boston, MA
50 CENT WITH JAY ELECTRONICA - June 24, 2010 at 7:00PM. The iconic hip hop artist is performing his famous raps along with Jay Electronica.

CYNDI LAUPER - Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 7:00PM. The genesis of Bring Ya To The Brink, a title culled from the lyrics of the percussive stand-out jam "Lyfe," lies within Cyndi's unique, often sharp-edged observations of the world. For more information about upcoming performances log onto www.houseofblues.com/tickets or call 888-693-BLUE (2583).

BOSTON SYMPHONY HALL

301 Mass. Avenue, Boston, MA
JOÃO GILBERTO - Friday, June 25th at 8 PM. HT Productions and New Festival Productions, LLC will present An Evening with Brazil's Legendary, Grammy Award-winning, singer and guitarist João Gilberto. He is credited with having created the bossa nova beat and is known as the "Father of Bossa Nova." His seminal recordings, including many songs by Antonio Carlos Jobim and Vinícius de Moraes, established the new musical genre in the late 1950s. For more information visit www.bso.org or call 888-266-1200.

RAFFAEL'S HULL
Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel, Hull, MA

RON DELLA CHIESA STRICTLY SINATRA - Friday, June 25 at 8 PM. Dance to the 18-piece Beantown Swing Orchestra, featuring American Idol finalist John Stevens, as they pay tribute to Frank Sinatra and more. For more information please visit musicnotnoise@aol.com or call 617-633-5100.

DICK'S LAST RESORT

Quincy Market at Faneuil Hall Marketplace
ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP - Sunday, June 27 Ryan Fardy, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Monday, June 28 Brian Locher, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Tuesday, June 29 Ryan Fitzsimmons, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Wednesday, June 30 Nate Watkins, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. For more information about these performances or general information about Dick's Last Resort, you may call 617-267-8080.

Special Events

THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL

Rowes Wharf, Boston, MA
SUMMER IN THE CITY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES - Enjoy the fabulous harbor views while enjoying free live musical entertainment every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening throughout the summer. On Fridays, guests are invited to enjoy a classic movie projected on a large movie screen over the harbor. The hotel is pleased to offer these evenings free of charge to the general public.

Summer Soul takes place every Tuesday evening from June 22 through August 31, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Guests can sway to soulful sounds as the hotel hosts various R&B and soul bands. June 22 World Premier Band, June 29 Ray Greene and the Innervations, July 6 Soul Sound Revue, July 13 World Premier Band, July 20 Ray Greene & the Innervations, July 27 Soul Sound Revue, August 3 Felix Brown Band, August 10 World Premier Band, August 17 Ray Greene & the Innervations, August 24 Soul Sound Revue, August 31 World premier Band. From 6:00 to 10:00 each Wednesday evening, **Timeless Tunes** features classic musical entertainment of various decades - ranging from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. June 23 Joey Scott & the Connection, June 30 Mystique, July 7 Manhattan Touch, July 14 Rare Form, July 21 Decades by Dezyne, July 28 Joey Scott & the Connection, August 4 Mystique, August 11 Stardust, August 18 Rare Form, August 25 Decades by Dezyne, September 1 Joey Scott & the Connection, A floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. **Blues Barge** features performances every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 beginning June 17. June 17 Toni Lynn Washington, June 24 James Montgomery Band, July 1 Jeff Pitchell July 8 Bruce Marshall Group, July 15 Toni Lynn Washington, July 22 James Montgomery Band, July 29 Jeff Pitchell, August 5 Racky Thomas Band, August 12 Bruce Marshall Group, August 19 James Montgomery Band, August 26 Toni Lynn Washington, September 2 Jeff Pitchell. **Movies by Moonlight** offers guests a chance to revisit Hollywood's silver screen and modern classics. The 2010 series begins with a showing on June 18th and continues every Friday evening through September 3. Movies begin at dusk. June 25 *Driving Miss Daisy* (1989), July 2 *Wizard of Oz* (1939), July 9 *Moonstruck* (1987), July 16 *Maltese Falcon* (1941), July 23 *An Affair to Remember* (1937), July 30 *Field of Dreams* (1989), August 6 *Some Like it Hot* (1959), August 13 *Tootsie* (1982), August 20 *All the President's Men* (1976), August 27 *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938), September 3 *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981). Movies and performances are subject to change, weather permitting. For more info visit www.bhh.com.

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LUCKY STRICKES LANES

145 IPSWICH ST., BOSTON, MA
4TH ANNUAL BECKETT BOWL - July 29, 2010 at 6:00PM. Boston Red Sox All-Star pitcher Josh Beckett will throw strikes of a different kind on July 29, when he hangs up his cleats and ties on a pair of bowling shoes at the 4th annual **Beckett Bowl** presented by Foxwoods Resort Casino, a star-studded bowling tournament. All proceeds benefit the Josh Beckett Foundation and Children's Hospital Boston. Festivities will conclude with a concert by country music sensation

Jason Aldean at the Absolut Beckett Bowl Concert presented by MGM Grand at Foxwoods at the House of Blues Boston. About The Josh Beckett Foundation The Josh Beckett Foundation is a charitable organization established in 2007 by Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett to support community-based programs that strive to improve the health and well-being of children, especially children that are seriously ill, disabled, poor, or otherwise disadvantaged. The Foundation provides Beckett with an opportunity to have a direct and permanent impact on the lives of children throughout New England and in his hometown of Spring, Texas. Since its inception in 2007, Beckett Bowl has raised more than \$750,000 for the Josh Beckett Foundation and Children's Hospital. For more information www.luckystrikeboston.com.

THE WILBUR

246 TREMONT ST., BOSTON, MA
THE CAPITOL STEPS - Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 7:00pm. Over twenty-five years ago, the Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them. In the years that followed, many of the Steps ignored the conventional wisdom ("Don't quit your day job!"), and although not all of the current members of the Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of eighteen Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience.

CRAIG FERGUSON - Friday, July 2, 2010 at 7:00PM & 9:45PM. Craig Ferguson entered the world of late night comedy following a diverse and eclectic career that encompasses film, television and the stage. Since taking the helm of the *Late, Late Show* on January 3, 2005, the show has set all-time viewer records in the five years that it has been on the air. This March, Craig will be seen in the highly anticipated animated feature "How to Train Your Dragon" as the Viking, 'Gobber.'

CHEECH AND CHONG GET IT LEGAL TOUR - Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 at 7:30 PM. Successful beyond their wildest dreams, Richard "Cheech" Marin and Tommy Chong defined an era with their hilariously irreverent, satirical, counter-culture, no-holds-barred comedy routines. Together, they represent a lifestyle and are the originators of the "stoner film" as a genre. Their phenomenal success included nine hit comedy albums and eight hit films, breaking box office records, shattering comedy album sales, garnering multiple Grammy nominations and mesmerizing fans for more than a decade. To purchase tickets log on to thewilbur.com or call Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000.

ARTS

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

55 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA
EXHIBITION: WHAT MATTERS - Now through August 22, 2010 from 11:00AM-5:00PM. This exhibition features contemporary works be-

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO

"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00AM to 1:00PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10AM to 1PM www.1110wccmam.com

"Italia Oggi" (Italy Today) Sundays 1PM to 2PM with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM www.1460WXBR.com

"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11AM-1PM Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com

"The Nick Franciosa Show" Every Sunday at 12 Noon to 3PM on radio stations WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" 8AM - 9AM every Sunday on WSRQ 650AM in Framingham and online at www.wsrq.com.

"Don Giovanni Show" Saturday mornings from 6AM-8AM and Sunday evenings 5PM-7PM on 950 AM WROL. www.dongiovannishow.com.

REGATTABAR

AT THE CHARLES HOTEL
One Bennett St., Cambridge, MA
CARMEN CONSOLI - June 18, 2010 at 7:30PM. After an absence of three years comes Carmen's new studio album "Elettra" (Electra) which, as the title implies, is centered on

tween 1988 and 2009 by a roster of leading artists including: Claire Barclay, Willie Cole, Taylor Davis, Melvin Edwards, Heide Fasnacht, Tony Feher, Jim Lambie, Jodie Manasevit, Tim Rollins and K.O.S., Doris Salcedo, Yinka Shonibare and Andrew Witkin. For information log onto www.worcesterart.com or call 508-799-4406.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER

Wiesner Building, E15-109, 20 Ames Street, Cambridge, MA

ORTHOSTATIC TOLERANCE - It May Not Be Such a Bad Idea if I Never Went Home. Now through July 11, 2010. This exhibition is part of an ongoing project by Bahamian-born, New York-based Tavares Strachan, who has been exploring space and deep-sea training in this multiphase body of work since 2006. The solo exhibition will feature drawings, photographs, video works, sculpture, and installations as well as new works that were developed during Stachan's recent residency at MIT. For more information please visit www.listart.mit.edu.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

East India Square, Salem, MA

THE KENNEDY'S PORTRAIT OF A FAMILY - Now through July 18, 2010. An intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the legendary first family through the lens of acclaimed photographer Richard Avedon. View photos of the intimate as well as high profile moments of the John F. Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy's iconic family. For further information about this exhibit, please log onto www.pem.org.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

465 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA

HARRY CALLAHAN, AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER - Now through

July 3, 2010. This exhibition features intimate portraits, scenes of Urban Life and the Natural Landscape. There are a collection of approximately 40 photographs that survey the major visual themes of this artist's career.

CAFÉ AND CABARET:

TOULOUSE-LAUTREC'S PARIS -

Now through August 8, 2010. The French aristocrat Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (1864-1901), one of the most innovative artists of the late nineteenth century, is known for his bold and subtle images of performers in the centers of Parisian entertainment in the 1880s and 1890s: the café-concerts and cabaret nightclubs in the bohemian neighborhood of Montmartre. Despite his short life, Toulouse-Lautrec was enormously productive and succeeded in developing a style uniquely suited to the celebrity culture of this raffish district. This exhibition features posters, prints, and paintings of café, cabaret, and other urban amusements.

NICHOLAS NIXON: FAMILY ALBUM - Wednesday, July 28, 2010 -

Sunday, May 1, 2011. Among the most compelling of Nicholas Nixon's series of photographs are the portraits that he has made of his close-knit family. These photographs, taken over time, explore the nature of long-committed relationships. For more info call 617-369-3445 or visit www.mfa.org.

women - all angles and aspects of the female universe. Elettra/Electra is a powerfully symbolic figure from Greek mythology (the one who avenged her father by conniving with her brother Orestes to kill their mother and their mother's lover) with all the psychology that lies behind it. It's an album about Love, ... and its complexes, love for one's father, passionate love, incestuous love, love for sale etc etc. But it is also a way of denouncing the political strife that rules Italy getting more and more like a Greek tragedy every day, says Carmen! For further information and for tickets prices please call 617-395-7757 or log onto www.regattabarjazz.com.

SPINELLI'S FUNCTION FACILITY

Route One South, Lynnfield, MA

FESTA DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI 7TH ANNUAL DINNER GALA - Saturday, June 19, 2010

Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri - Sezione Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa - Nei Secoli Fedele presents and evening of great food and dancing. For ticket information please call Alessandro at 617-455-7590, Angelo 781-396-9427 and Sabatino 617-227-3989. Join in the fun. You may also log onto www.assocarabinieri-boston.com.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

For the record, of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, about 2.2 million are still alive. Some 263,000 are projected to pass away this year. Well, most recently Albert A. Russo of East Boston, a World War II veteran, passed away. Albert a US Army Air Force veteran was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. Al was the proprietor of the Gloria Chain and Rosetta Food Store on Cottage Street, East Boston and Albert Russo Imports. He was the beloved husband of the late Helen (Kinkead) Russo with whom he shared 65 years of marriage. He was the loving father of Albert "Tommy" Russo and Barbara D'Amico. The highly respected and brilliant East Bostonian was a graduate of Boston Latin High School. Hail and farewell, AL!

A deceased World War II vet's dog tags have been recovered in Italy and returned to his family, 66 years after they were lost. Oscar Glomb, who passed away in 1998, served with the 36th Infantry and was wounded in a June 1944 battle near Gavorrano, Italy. He lost his dog tags in all the commotion. Recently, Daniele Bianchini, a retired police inspector found them while searching the battle site with a metal detector and tracked down the Glomb family in Buda, Texas. "It means so much to me because he kept wanting to get those dog tags back," said Glomb's widow, Dorothy. "We are just so thankful."

Some useless World War II information. During World War II, Americans tried to train bats to drop bombs. Kotex was first manufactured as bandages during World War II. During conscription for World War II there were nine documented cases of men with three testicles. The universally popular Hershey chocolate bar was used overseas during World War II as currency.

Bravo! An elderly nun from Pittsburgh retrieved a stolen wallet from a petty thief by using the authoritative tone of voice she'd perfected over five decades of reprimanding naughty school children. In full view of several witnesses, the thief reached into the open window of a parked car to steal the wallet. At that point, the 5-foot-3 nun, Sister Lynn Rettinger, approached and informed the man firmly: "You need to give me what you have." The shamefaced thief handed Sister Rettinger the wallet, apologized for his behavior and hurried away.

Morons! A gang of German bank robbers trying to blow open an ATM machine used too much explosive and destroyed the entire bank. The blast reduced the bank building in the village of Malliss to rubble and damaged cars more than 100 yards away. Yet the targeted ATM machine was left completely intact. "Something evidently didn't work the way the robbers wanted it to, said a police spokesman.

British consulting company Mercer ranked 221 cities around the world based on their "quality of living" and placed no US city in the top 30. The top five were Vienna, Zurich, Geneva, Vancouver, and Auckland, New Zealand. Boston should have been in the top 30 list!

Listening to the public! The newly elected Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn set up a website asking residents for suggestions on how to improve the city. The most popular requests were for better mass transit, legalized marijuana, and nude beaches.

Ah, nude beaches!

Carlo Scostumato thinks another advantage of a nudist beach is that you don't have to sit around for hours in a wet bathing suit after swimming.

The astute Tom Analetto of Medford thinks another reason why a man goes to a nudist camp is that his wife can't tell him what to wear.

The brilliant Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston thinks the reason some women will never be nudists is that they can never decide what not to wear.

Watch your belly! Having a potbelly is a well-known risk factor for heart disease, but it may also damage the mind a new study suggests. Boston University researchers measured the abdominal fat, waist size, and

body-mass index of more than 700 adults with an average age of 60.

They found that the more overweight the individual, the more likely he or she was to have a smaller-than-average-size brain, which in turn increases the risk of developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The link was particularly strong among people with the highest amounts of fat around the waistline, which is considered more dangerous than fat on the hips. "A large stomach is associated with high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes — all major risk factors or dementia," Susanne Sore, head of research at the Alzheimers's Society. Doctors recommend that women limit their waistline to 35 inches and men to 40 inches.

The recent death of Art Linkletter brought back memories of when my dear wife Marilyn's TV children's show on WBZ-TV was curtailed because the station would be carrying the Art Linkletter's new TV show. Yes, my beloved wife Marilyn, known as Marilyn Mitchell, was featured in a children's show called The Princess and Panto. There she was dressed as a Princess telling children's stories and more. Panto, was a court jester.

Strictly for the dogs! A growing number of cities in California, Florida and other states are banning pet stores on the grounds that such establishments fuel the notorious puppy mill industry. Up to 4 million puppies are bred by puppy mills each year; often in squalid, inhumane conditions. Kyle Waters of Swampscott has a lively pet dog called Penny. According to Kyle, every boy should have two things: a dog, and a mother willing to let him have one.

The recent showing on TV of the movie *The Story of Alexander Graham Bell*, featuring Don Ameche as the inventor of the telephone, brought back memories of when we met Ameche in Manhattan where I was working as a theatrical agency. Ameche mentioned how some people were now referring to their telephones as "The Ameche." "I don't make any money from them referring to their phones as The Ameche!" Ha!

Wee bit of show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Walter Brennan was the only actor to have won three Academy Awards for Best Supporting Actor. They were for "Come and Get It" (1936), "Kentucky" (1938) and "The Westerner" (1940). While attending high school, Vic Damone worked as an usher at the New York Paramount Theater, the mecca of big bands and singing stars. Only one singer has ever had a hit with different versions of the same song. Neil Sedaka slowed down his 1962 hit in 1975 and scored another smash with "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do." The theme song of the 1958 movie "Thunder Road" was sung and co-composed by Robert Mitchum, who starred in the film Ozzie Nelson graduated from Rutgers University with a law degree. Prior to becoming a recording artist under the Columbia label, Kris Kristofferson was a janitor at their Nashville studio. Much as the Beatles did in 1964, Frank Sinatra dominated the hit parade for the whole of the second half of 1943. And Jack Lemmon won the Academy Award for Best Actor of 1973 for his role in "Save the Tiger, yet he was also recipient of the Harvard Lampoon's Worst Actor of the Year Award for the same performance." And be aware the 1956 Best Actor Oscar winner, Ernest Borgnine, is an active 93 years older, who enjoys supermarket shopping.

According to The National Italian American Foundation, Italian Americans are evenly split among the three political parties: 35% Republican, 32%, Democrat and 33% Independent. No matter their political orientation, Italian Americans tend to support liberal causes; 89% would vote for a woman president; 55% are pro-choice; and more than 60% think the government should spend more on health education and the poor.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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EYE ROAST OF BEEF

4 pounds eye roast of beef
1 large onion chopped
2 chopped celery sticks
3 tablespoons olive, canola, or vegetable oil
1 beef bouillon
Aluminum foil or roasting bag
Salt

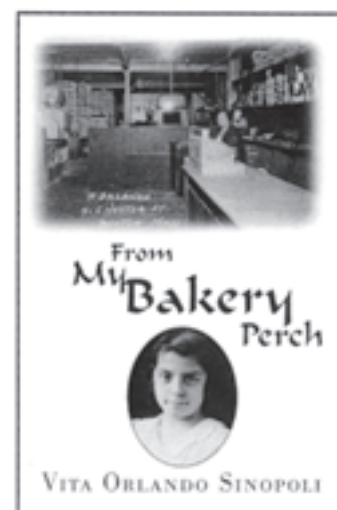
Heat oil in a skillet. Add chopped onion and celery. Simmer until onion is opaque. Remove onion and celery from skillet and place in a bowl. Add eye roast of beef to the skillet and sear all sides to retain juices in the meat. Cut a wide piece of aluminum foil in which to bake the roast. Place foil in roasting pan. Place seared roast in center of aluminum foil, or in a roasting bag. Gently add the oil from skillet. Place chopped onion and celery over the roast. Salt to taste. Cover roasting pan with aluminum foil to fully seal roast and contents (or place in a roasting bag). Bake in 350°F preheated oven for thirty minutes.

Meanwhile, add a beef bouillon to one cup of water and bring to a boil. Stir and turn off burner. Check roast after thirty minutes. Add a small amount of beef bouillon liquid and baste the roast. Cover and continue baking, basting every 15 minutes. Bake to tenderness of beef desired. (Approximately baking time about 90 minutes)

NOTE: After baking this roast for my family, I place remaining bouillon liquid into a small saucepan over low heat. I stir a tablespoon of flour into 1/4 cup of water and add to bouillon. Then I add liquids and onion and celery from the roasting pan. By stirring and allowing all this to simmer slowly, contents will thicken into the gravy that I serve with the roast. *For thickening gravy, use approximately one tablespoon of flour to one cup of liquid.*

My family enjoys home-baked biscuits, mashed potatoes and salad with this meal.

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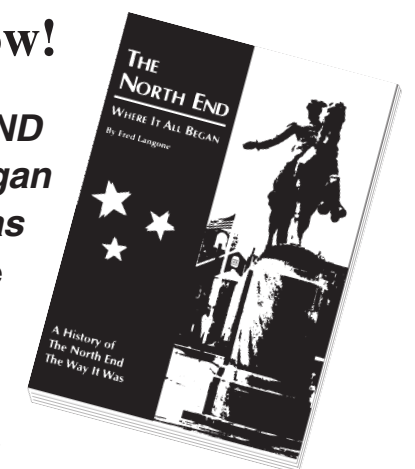
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I was just a kid and I heard Dad and Mom talking about Ralph Pepe. Ralph was married to my mother's favorite cousin, Louise, one of Zi'Antonio's daughters. As a result of Mom and Louise being so close, Dad and Ralph became close friends. Their youngest son Ralph, Jr., is my closest relative and we combine families on the holidays. I think you might remember some of the Easter and Christmas stories about the dinners at Ralph's house. Anyway, after hearing Dad and Mom talk about Ralph, I asked what was wrong. Dad said that Ralph never received Confirmation and had to receive the sacrament of the Catholic Church before he died. Ralph and my father were in their late forties or early fifties. I'm not sure but I assumed that they must be ancient (I was just a kid).

I didn't go to a parochial school, but on Monday mornings we had religious education at the school houses at our respective parishes. The nuns at East Boston's Sacred Heart Church made sure we kids knew that if we didn't receive all of the seven sacraments, we wouldn't go to Heaven. So, of course, we kids told our parents to make sure that we received each sacrament as scheduled. Anyway, Dad in conversation with Ralph discovered that he hadn't received the sacrament of Confirmation.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, this sacrament is the one in which the Holy Ghost is given to those already baptized in order to make them strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ. When they told this to us kids years ago or when it was told to cousin Ralph's father, it was made to sound like our lives and souls depended on receiving the sacrament. According to the custom, someone receiving Confirmation must choose a patron, someone to stand up for them just like when a Catholic is baptized, someone stands up for them as a God parent.

Ralph Sr. asked my father if he would be his sponsor. Dad told him that he was honored and would do anything necessary to help him out. Seeing that kids were supposed to go for religious classes to prepare for the sacrament, Ralph was given a waiver by the pastor of his

church due to his age, as long as he learned the same things the kids were told to study to prepare for the confirmation. He was given a book similar to a First Communion Catechism and he and Dad were told what to study. And so, they began their preparation for Ralph's Confirmation.

Finally, the big day arrived and both Dad and Ralph took time off from work. They reported to the Holy Redeemer Church and a bishop was on hand to perform the ceremony for all the kids receiving the sacrament along with two guys in their late 40s or early 50s. All of the Pepe family members were there, as well as Mom, Dad, yours truly, Nanna, Babbononno, Zi'Antonio, Ralph's father-in-law, Zia Mariuccia, his mother-in-law, and several members of the Ceruolo family.

Everything went according to plan and Ralph received Confirmation. He was happy, Dad was proud of his cousin-in-law and everyone in the family was looking forward to celebrating. I believe we headed to Zi'Antonio and Zia Mariuccia's house on Orleans Street in East Boston following the ceremony. A Sunday type of Italian dinner was mostly prepared. Evidently, Zia Mariuccia had gotten up early that morning and made the pasta for the day. Just before she and my great uncle left for the church, she had everything cooked except for the macaroni. This could not be cooked in advance. According to the old timers, this would have been an infamia (a symbol of disgrace). As everyone began to arrive, Zi'Antonio brought out bottles of his best homemade wine. Of course, everyone toasted Ralph with a taste of the dark red vintage. Babbononno probably toasted his nephew-in-law more than most, because by the time the food was served, he was feeling no pain. He was laughing, giggling and even singing while the food was being served. Nanna tried to quiet him down, but he just kept brushing her off, with several slang Italian versions of, "Leave me alone, woman, I'm having a good time."

To get food into him to counter the amount of wine he had consumed, Mom served him copious amounts of antipasti. First

she served him provolone, sopresatta, marinated mushrooms, olives and chunks of cut up bread from an old fashion round loaf, so popular with the folks from his generation. When Zia Mariuccia served the minestrone, Babbononno got the biggest bowl. Following the soup, out came giant sized dishes of ravioli. Babbononno refused to eat them saying that the ricotta and wine didn't mix and he would get sick. Fortunately, there were a couple of other forms of macaroni that were cooked and he accepted one of them. Next, Mom and Nanna filled his plate with chunks of pork, veal parmigiana, braciolo, stuffed mushrooms and a stuffed artichoke. By the time he had finished, he had sobered up.

We kids, Ralph Jr., his older brother, Anthony, and a few other of my second cousins finished eating before everyone else so that we could go outside and play half ball.

In case you don't know what half ball is, I will explain. First, if there any New Yorkers in the crowd, you know what stick ball is. Kids take a broom, cut the sweeping end off, reduce the length to a baseball bat size and then hit a pink rubber ball and run the designated bases determined once you were in the middle of a street. Well, half ball is played in a similar fashion with a broom stick. The ball was usually a pink rubber ball or a white pimple ball cut in half. The hitter stood on the sidewalk, the pitcher in the middle of the street and the fielders in the street and on the opposite sidewalk. A single was the half ball landing on the opposite sidewalk, a double hit the first floor of the house across the street, a triple hit the second floor and a home run the third floor. Truthfully, I don't know if kids still play this game in places like East Boston or the North End.

Once we got tired or were called back into the house, we knew that there was dessert to be considered. Canoli filled a serving dish in the middle of my great aunt's table as well as other Italian pastries and several different types of cookies. Before we were allowed to touch anything we had to line up at the bathroom door and wash up once it was our turn. When we looked decent, we were allowed to join the family again and help ourselves to the dessert.

Before we all left, everyone congratulated Ralph on his belated Confirmation and we kids secretly hoped that there was someone else in the family who missed receiving a sacrament so we could have a similar party in the near future.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)



UNICEF supporters Susan Cohen, left, and Stephanie Dodson. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

..... Earlier this week BSO Managing Director Mark Volpe announced that BSO Music Director James Levine will withdraw from his Tanglewood concert appearances due to further recuperation time needed after major back surgery in April.

Several of the world's most prestigious conductors will fill in for the six BSO concerts and three Tanglewood Music Center programs to have been led by James Levine, including Michael Tilson Thomas (July 9, 16, and 17), Christoph von Dohnányi (August 1 and 2), and Hans Graf (July 25).

In addition, Johannes Debus, music director of the Canadian Opera Company, will make his BSO debut on July 23.

"This has been a tough year for all of us associated with the BSO, but for no one more than James Levine," said Volpe. "Since there is typically a long recovery period needed after major back surgery, we understand that it is the best course of action for Jim to take the summer off, and we hope that his convalescence continues to go well. Jim's determination to successfully complete his course of rehabilitation has been remarkable — and reminds me of the singular focus he has brought to his greatest musical achievements over the years. We have deep admiration and respect for all Jim has accomplished with the BSO, and we look forward to next season when he is in better health and returns to what he loves doing more than anything else — leading performances of the highest, uncompromised standards."

"It is with great personal disappointment that I must withdraw from the upcoming Tanglewood season, and my work with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Tanglewood Music Center,"

said Maestro Levine. "... I am incredibly grateful for the tremendous support and understanding I've received from my colleagues and friends throughout the music world, all of which is helping me more than I can say in getting through this most challenging time. Though I will miss being with you all, I wish my BSO and Tanglewood colleagues a successful summer season."

Recently announced additions to the Tanglewood 2010 schedule include Broadway star Idina Menzel and trumpet legend Doc Severinsen performing with the Boston Pops on July 2; Alec Baldwin as narrator for the July 18 Boston Pops performance of *The Dream Lives On: A Portrait of the Kennedy Brothers*; Simon and Garfunkel on July 27; Herbie Hancock on August 9; and Crosby, Stills, and Nash on September 1.

Tanglewood is the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra located in the Berkshire Hills between Lenox and Stockbridge, MA. The Boston Symphony Orchestra performs its first concert of the Tanglewood season on July 9 and closes its portion of the season August 29, presenting 22 programs throughout the summer.

Prior to the BSO's opening night performance, Tanglewood opens on June 26 with a Prairie Home Companion and closes with the annual Tanglewood Labor Day Weekend Jazz Festival, September 4 and 5. For further information, visit www.tanglewood.org.

Enjoy!
(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, www.bostongardens.com. In addition to events covered and reported by the columnist, "The Socially Set" is compiled from various other sources such as news and press releases, PRNewswire services, etc.)

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THE FINAL SOLUTION TO ANNIHILATE THE MICE!

A recent discovery could be the best solution to get rid of all the mice, and rats that plague, for example, the New York subway system. It is a plant, called Nephentes Attenboroughii, discovered on mount Victoria, in the Philippines by a British team. The plant entraps the mice in its sticky mouth, where the unfortunate beasts die by suffocation, or exhaustion, trying to desperately escape. They then are literally dissolved by the digestive enzymes. The news about this plant has raised the interest of the commuters, who according to the "Daily News," are asking the "Metropolitan Transport Authority," to use the plant. Anything else used so far has been ineffective, at best. Maybe it is time to try the new alternative: it may well be the solution everyone has been hoping for and for a long time.

A NEW FAST WAY TO DIAGNOSE AN ILLNESS. The cell phones can be used, in the future, to diagnose illnesses and then send the results to the designated hospital via email. A new cell phone-microscope, capable of diagnosing tuberculosis, even in new developing countries which are far away from health centers, has materialized. It is called "Cell Scope," and it is a cell phone with a built-in microscope. It's the creation of David Breslauer, of the University of California, Berkeley. The cell phone is very similar to a regular one, but with a tiny camera built-in. There is a system with a fluorescent lighting, it will soon be low-cost, and it makes visible particular molecules to be used to diagnose illnesses, as tuberculosis. In reality, a blood sample is taken, placed on the "vitro" of the cell-phone, and adding the so-called "ticket-molecules," which, in the presence of an illness, attach themselves to the tuberculosis bacterium. Then the light of the cell-phone lights up the "ticket molecules," as it is generally done with a traditional microscope, with a fluorescent light, and diagnoses the illness. Other specific "ticket molecules" for other illnesses can also be used. Furthermore, the light produced by the cell-phone can be used to magnify, and observe, the malaria parasite, or pinpoint the malformation of the red globules. Once the cell-phone is tested on patients, it will be very useful in Africa's rural areas, or in other underdeveloped countries, again far away from hospitals and sanitary structures.

LAZY CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO FALL ASLEEP. Children who are physically less active during the day need more time to fall asleep, and also they sleep less than others. It is the result of a study conducted by the University of Auckland, New Zealand on 519 children, age 7, monitored with a device attached to the waist (of the children), which could show, from motion, if the individual was asleep, awake but inactive or active. Children fall asleep in a period of 13 to 42 minutes, after they get in bed, with an average of 26 minutes, and then they sleep generally for 10.1 hours. The less active take longer to fall asleep, an average of 3.1 minutes for every daily hour of inactivity. Those who fall asleep sooner will also sleep longer hours.

A word of caution to our readers: observe the behavior, or activities of their children. Don't let them spend long hours before the "idiot box" (a.k.a.TV), or at the computer. Make sure they are actively involved in school sports or in any other physical activity daily!

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The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI10P2577EA

In the Estate of
DOLORES M TABET
Late of SOMERVILLE, MA 02144
Date of Death May 3, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that JOSEPH L TABEL of Salem, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON July 13, 2010.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 15, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 6/18/10

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You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the First and Final account(s) of THOMAS GUSTAFSON as Administrator/trix of said estate has/have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before July 6, 2010, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty (30) days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 2, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 6/18/10

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

EAST BOSTON RALLIES FOR FIRE VICTIMS

A fund has been set up at the East Boston Savings Bank to benefit the families affected by the May 29 fire on Gove Street. A big thank you to City Councilor Sal LaMattina and City Hall's Neighborhood Liaison Ernani DeAraujo who assisted in creating this fire victims fund. Also, kudos to Joe Ruggiero who donated his services as a funeral director and helped to make funeral arrangements locally for the victims and their families. Ruggiero arranged for the bodies to be sent home to El Salvador to the victims families.

As Ruggiero said, "When there's a neighborhood tragedy like this, helping the victims and their families is the right thing to do." As City Councilor Sal LaMattina added, "This is what this neighborhood has always been about." I call this Eastie Pride!

STOPPED BY FOR CHAT

State Rep. Karyn Polito, R-Shrewsbury stopped by the offices of the Post-Gazette last week to chat it up with publisher Pam Donnaruma over her candidacy for State Treasurer. Polito also made it over to Charlestown this past Sunday to march in the annual Bunker Hill Day Parade. The Republican candidate will be squaring off against either Steve Grossman or City Councilor Stephen Murphy following the Democratic Primary results.

SPEAKING OF THE TWO STEVES

The race for the Democratic nomination for state treasurer is a battle of Steves, Murphy or Grossman. It is a quiet race to date. Both candidates are out there working the grassroots in search of support. Murphy's chances look much better this year than back in 2002 when Tim Cahill won the treasurer's race. Murphy has been everywhere looking for Murphy supporters. He's got the affect needed to win in 2010 over his affect-challenged opponent Steve Grossman. Columnist Howie Carr in the

• Saint Anthony Feast Day (Continued from Page 4)

bread and holy oil were made available. Many who attended the Mass later expressed their delight over the newly renovated Peace Garden and access ramp. The dramatic statue depicting Jesus and Saint Francis, recently placed at the entrance of the Garden, was greatly admired. At 2:00 PM the annual procession of the beloved Saint through the streets of the North End took place. Later, the children of the parish were blessed and treated to a cook-out at the Nazzaro Center playground where hot dogs, burgers and ice cream were served. Blinky the clown entertained the children.

Boston Herald was brutal to Grossman the other day saying, "If Steve Grossman gave a fireside chat, he'd put the fire to out." OUCH!

QUINCY'S FLAG DAY PARADE

The 59th annual Quincy Flag Day Parade was held last Saturday evening. This happens to be the oldest Flag Day Parade in America. Each year it seems to grow more and more. The crowds lined up several deep as usual along Hancock Street from Quincy Center to Pageant Field. The celebration culminated with a spectacular fireworks display over Black's Creek. A great time. A great Quincy tradition.

WHAT ABOUT THE ST. FLEUR HOUSE SEAT?

A number of political activists within Boston are pushing Speaker Deleo to find a way to "appoint" a temporary State Rep. to fill out the term of Marie St. Fleur who gave up her House seat to work for Mayor Menino. Four candidates are running this fall to replace her next January up on Beacon Hill but this isn't apparently good enough for some within the community that St. Fleur represented over the years as a state representative. St. Fleur reportedly decided to vacate her House seat on Saturday, June 12 making a special election impossible. That wasn't Deleo's fault. Why aren't the activists upset with St. Fleur for waiting so long to give up her House seat in the first place.

As Judith Meredith, a Dorchester community activist and former chair of the Ward 15 Democratic Committee told the Boston Globe, "I don't think it's necessary."

DON'T FORGET THE SALESIAN'S FLEA MARKET

The giant flea market on Saturday, June 26 is creeping closer and closer. Tables are limited so hurry and the table price all goes to benefiting the Salesian Boys & Girls Club over on Byron Street in Eastie. Don't forget to call Renee at 617.567.6626 for more information.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

she smiled. Mike Kahn from AAA Appliance Parts says the neighborhood folk are still taking care of this flower garden. Which makes me feel good knowing how much people do care about the little things in life like flowers and happiness.

I am sure this has become both a painful and peaceful place for Felicia Algaini to rest and reflect. It has in a sense become a peace garden for the entire neighborhood in a tiny little spot in the shadow of that Red Line bridge and tucked into a neighborhood living in secret from the larger world surrounding it.

AUTO SAILS BACK INTO HISTORY

A few months back, the auto world got the bad news that Saab had gone out of business. The obituaries were everywhere. However, like Mark Twain once said, "News of my death precedes me." Saab is back at dealerships and appears here to stay ... Meanwhile, at a recent California auction, a 1936 57SC Atlantic coupe, one of three produced by Bugatti, fetched over \$30 million, making it the world's most expensive car.

CAN I HAVE ONE OF THOSE JOBS TOO?

Recently, Dave Wedge's Sunday Herald's Pols & Politics had a piece on the daughter of a city councilor who just graduated from college. She landed a job on Mayor Menino's advance team consisting of several aides who prepare venues for mayoral show-ups. The job pays \$39,000. I thought the city had no money. Maybe, City Hall just got an advance, eh?

NORTH ENDERS JUST SAY NO

Over 100 residents from both the North End and Waterfront packed a function room at the Fairmont Battery Wharf Hotel recently to express their opinions on a federal ruling to allow trucks hauling hazardous material up and down Commercial Street. Kudos to Senator Anthony Petrucci, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and City Councilor Sal LaMattina for organizing this neighborhood meeting so quickly. The city thanks to the community outcry has asked for a delay implementation and was given a 45-day extension to present its opinion on the proper route for hazmat materials. Petrucci said while there is no good road to haul hazmat material, "the answer is not routing these vehicles on heavily occupied streets, like Commercial Street." Michlewitz said, "Some of these vehicles have already been spotted traveling at high speed on Commercial Street."

Taking Guns Off the Street — Not!

According to news reports, a long-stalled piece of legislation up on Beacon Hill to limit purchases of firearms to one per month, is on the move again. The measure was filed by Governor Deval "finish what we started" Patrick back in 2008. Public Safety Secretary Mary Beth Heffernan said capping sales would make Boston safer because "Taking guns off the street will save lives."

During the month of May, two fourteen year olds were killed and on Friday, June 4 a 10 year old Roxbury girl was shot in the leg.

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• **Thinking Out Loud** (Continued from Page 4)

ing is as it seems. The world has become far more complicated and more dangerous than ever. Topping all this off is America apparently adrift in indecision. We are sometimes afraid of our own shadow and have yet to figure out how to deal with our enemies abroad and at home now too. Government leaders wanted to treat terrorists like common criminals. Yet, we continue to watch Americans bleed in this sad economy of ours, which has become more centralized than ever. We continue to watch our young soldiers bleed half way around the world in wars with little reason or endings.

My father's America was simpler. We stood for something and defended it. We had right on our side and defended that too. The world looked to us for leadership and we always gave it. Americans felt safe and secure. People had jobs. We had our problems but always tried facing them. Life wasn't perfect but at least we always tried. We respected our Presidents even when we disagreed with them. We looked to them for strength in those dark hours we would face from time to time.

They always seemed to come through for America.

If my father were alive today he wouldn't believe what has happened to the America he was born into back in 1912. It isn't the same America and nor is it an America we should be settling to get. I still love my country but it is my government that makes me fear my future. My father never feared his future as an American, an assumption we thought would always be there. It isn't anymore!

As we prepare for the Fourth of July, we need to remember our roots as a nation. It is a cause of celebration. America needs to get back in the game. America needs to remember the sacrifices made over 234 years of history. The Battle of Bunker Hill wasn't fought for one day but a lifetime of freedom.

My father's generation knew that government is the people's business. It will be as good as we want it or as bad as we allow it. His generation survived both a Depression and World War II. What is the collective responsibilities of the generations that follow?

• **Karyn Polito** (Continued from Page 2)

oned legislation to streamline and reform government agencies to save taxpayer money. She has voted against state budgets that she feels are too expensive and out-of-control, and she has fought hard to give local communities as much local aid as possible.

"I believe money is best spent at the local level," said Polito, who currently serves as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. "Our cities and towns deliver essential services to the residents of Massachusetts. State government needs to uphold its commitment to help them financially."

Polito has also been a leading advocate for the passage of "Jessica's Law," a bill that would establish tough mandatory minimum sentences for child sex offenders. In 2008, Polito was successful in convincing her legislative colleagues to pass tougher sentencing legislation and to require district attorneys to file more comprehensive reports about child sex offenders in Massachusetts.

In addition to her legislative work, Polito has continuously given back to the community. In 2003, Polito filed legislation allowing for the issuance of special license plates with the Red Sox and Jimmy Fund insignias. Since that bill passed, those license plates have raised nearly \$2 million for the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

In her own local community, Polito hosts an annual charity golf tournament, which has presented over \$150,000 to Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services and the Westborough Food Pantry. Polito's commitment to the community was rec-

ognized last year when she was chosen as the 2009 "Outstanding Italian" by the Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee.

Since announcing her candidacy for treasurer in March, Polito has been traveling to cities and towns throughout Massachusetts to talk to residents and small business owners about how she'll protect their money as state treasurer.

On the top of her priority list is barring newly elected officials from receiving public pensions.

"It's clear to me that the only way we will ever achieve real reform of our out-of-control, budget-busting, broken pension system is to take the politics out," Polito said. "Elected officials should not be voting on and deciding their own benefits."

To show her commitment to that policy, Karyn has said she will not accept a pension herself.

Polito's other policy proposals — which are all aimed at promoting good government and cost savings for taxpayers — include ending bonuses for administrative staff at the state's pension fund and barring treasury staffers from returning to lobby her administration once they leave their job with the state. Currently, state workers only face a year-long "cooling off" period before they are allowed to lobby the state.

Polito has also said she will steer the state's pension investment portfolio toward passive management rather than active as a way to save on costly fees and ensure performance.

More information about Polito and her campaign can be found at www.karyn.politofortreasurer.com.



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Kiss It Goodbye

The above phrase is the title of a book by Shelby Whitfield who was the announcer for the old Washington Senators before they moved to Texas and became the Rangers. He was hired by the new team owner Bob Short who had hired Whitfield as a broadcaster and Ted Williams as manager. While Whitfield was there, he would often take teammates to Walter Reed Hospital to visit the sick. He got called into the owner's press secretary's office who couldn't understand those hospital visits with players. The press secretary called it a "waste of time" since these injured soldiers were too sick to buy tickets, so "why bother."

I guess the press secretary never understood the mission of Walter Reed Hospital or the man Walter Reed 1855-1902, an Army doctor the hospital was named for who once said, "The prayer that has been mine for 20 years, that I might be permitted in some way or at some time to do something to alleviate human suffering has been granted."

Houston Ace Wants Out

Roy Oswalt has a 94-mile-an-hour fast ball, he has a wicked slider and change-up that makes batters helpless at the plate. He is the Astros ace but he wants reportedly off the Houston mound. The Astros are bad and Oswalt is very good. He's at his top of his game and Houston is in a free fall as a team. Recently, he pitched 10 consecutive quality starts. His ERA is 2.35 but his record is 3-6. He has requested a trade. Will he get his wish is another matter.

Sparky Lyle

Gets Whole Page in New York Times

There was a great full page story on former Red Sox and NY Yankees Sparky Lyle recently in the *NY Times* on Sunday, May 30. Both Red Sox Nation and the Evil Empire have a hold onto the legend that was Sparky Lyle. He was part of the 1967 Impossible Dream team and won the Cy Young Award in 1977 wearing pinstripes. It was a really good story. I'm sure you can get it on-line somewhere.

More on "The Kid"

Ken Griffey Jr. has retired from baseball after 22 seasons. His best days were with the Seattle Mariners but he was loved by Cincinnati Reds fans too. Griffey has admitted that he has never once been drunk because he wants to be in control of his body. As Griffey said in 2003 about the steroid controversy, "To each his own. If people feel they need to do certain things, that's fine. I don't need to do those things. My thing is, when I'm 70 and 80 years old and I'm sitting on the porch with my grandkids and those guys are long gone, that's the important thing. You either have a short-term reward or a long-term reward."

As Tyler Kepner said in a recent *NY Times* story, "(Griffey) has left and gone away never reached the World Series and he never did pass Hank Aaron in career home runs, finishing with 630, fifth on the list. But he honored the game, and for his generation, that is a powerful legacy. He was real."

Hawk Honored by White Sox

The White Sox will honor analyst Ken "Hawk" Harrelson, 68, for his nearly 25

years in their TV booth by naming the broadcast level at U.S. Cellular Field the "Hawk Harrelson Broadcast Level."

Jerry Stephenson

Pitched in Impossible Dream

Jerry Stephenson who pitched for the Red Sox during the 1967 Impossible Dream season passed away recently at age 66. He was 8-19 with Boston, the old Seattle Pilots and the LA Dodgers in a 7 year career. His best season was 1967 when he went 3-1. He made one relief appearance during the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. Stephenson was a scout for the Dodgers for 25 years and spent the last 14 years scouting for the Red Sox. He was signed by Boston right out of Anaheim High School and made his major league debut in 1963 at age 19. He was part of Boston's youth movement in the mid-Sixties. Back on September 16, 1965, Stephenson sat in the bullpen watching Red Sox starter Dave Moorehead (Remember him?) pitched a no-hitter against the Indians. The Sox finished '65 with a 62-100 last place finish and 40 games behind the pennant winning Twins. The next year, the Sox were 70-92 and a half-game out of the cellar which the hapless Yankees owned that season. Then, in 1967, the Sox won the pennant with a 92-70 season. They almost won it all but lost to the Cardinals' Bob Gibson in Game 7.

Stephenson spent five seasons at Fenway. He was released in 1969 and signed with the Seattle Pilots which moved and became the Milwaukee Brewers. He was traded to the Dodgers for one season before retiring. Another memory of the Impossible Dream to hold on to and which showed that the 1967 season was a whole team achievement.

Al Capozzi Remembers a Poem

Al Capozzi recently e-mailed, "Sal, I was at a baseball convention years ago in Rhode Island and heard Ken Coleman recite this poem, the poem is great but to hear Ken Coleman recite it was really moving."

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(From the *Ultimate Encyclopedia of Boxing*, Harry Mullen)

World Champion Great **Tony DeMarco**, is in New York. Reunited with World Champion great **Carmen Basilio**. These two combatants combined in battle for the greatest fights in Boxing History. June 10, 1955, and November 30, 1955, in Boston. These two "Rock em Sock em Warriors," **Rocky**ed the World at the Boston Garden. "The Fame and Fury of Fleet Street," and "The Onion Farmer." Both tough and vicious fighters. Both reunited at the World Boxing Hall of Fame Canastota New York. We salute you two tough gentlemen. Forever united in the annuals of professional boxing history. **Tony DeMarco**, born Leonard Liotta, January 14th, started his Boxing career in boston on October 21, 1948. He fought a total of eight World Champions in one of the toughest eras in boxing history. Winning the World Welterweight Title on April 1, 1955 from World Champion **Johnny Saxton**. In defense of his title Tony DeMarco and Carmen Basilio fought two magnificent fights. Labeled as the **"Fight of the Century!"**

Yuri Foreman and **Miguel Cotto** fight the first fight at Yankee Stadium in New York. The first in 34 years. On September 28, 1976 Muhammad Ali defeated Ken Norton. This fight is promoted by **Bob Arum** and top rank. Undefeated World Super Welterweight Champion **Yuri Foreman** 28-0, 8 KO's of Belarus, Israel and now New York, battled with tough former two division World Champion **Miguel Cotto** 35-2, 28 KO's. They fought it out. Miguel Cotto is now trained by Kronk Wizard Trainer **Emmanuel Stewart** of Detroit. This fight was refereed by **Arthur Mercante Jr.** You could see the work of Emmanuel Stewart in the performance of veteran Miguel Cotto. Referee Arthur Mercante, Jr., **"A Chip, off the Old Block"** was in control. **"Suck it up kid!"** He demonstrated control and took it. A towel was thrown in to stop this fight. Yuri Foreman insisted on **fighting on**. **"Great Job!"** Arthur Mercante Jr. and warrior **Yuri Foreman**, an extraordinary fighter, fought on. Hopefully, his leg heals up well. He's very flashy. He moves like he's *Dancing with the Stars* and has quick hands. He's not a big puncher, which is needed to keep a seasoned tough fighter like Miguel Cotto off.



Miguel Cotto, "The Towel," and **Yuri Foreman**. (Fightnews.com)

Remember that? **"Styles make Fights!"** With a great trainer in his corner, he's hard to beat. Yuri Foreman is quick and mobile. His braced knee buckled in the seventh round. In agony, he continued on. Tough Miguel Cotto fought for victory as he should. It's difficult fighting with a malfunctioning body part. Especially against a tough fighter like Miguel Cotto. Yuri Foreman demonstrated to all that "You haven't seen the last off him." **Fortitude** and **aggressiveness** was displayed. Congratulations to **Miguel Cotto, Yuri Foreman, Arthur Mercante Jr., Emmanuel Stewart, Harold Lederman, Larry Merchant, Jim Lampley, Roy Jones, Jr., Max Kellerman** and all affiliated with this show. **All champions.** You represented Boxing well. A fine display of fortitude and determination, toughness, courage, bravery and know how, with victory going to a tough Miguel Cotto. An **A+ to all.**

Yuri Foreman now 28-1, 8 KO's, was born in Belarus (August 5, 1980). At the age of 11, he moved to Israel. I read from an interview by Jason Petock April 29, 2006. "...Yuri had to deal with far greater issues as a boy living in Belarus..." "... He grew up fast and learned quickly that it was his personal fortitude and determination that he could rely on to survive." "... and he realized that he could soon use this drive and channel his energies into boxing." Yuri Foreman later moved to the United States ... Foreman, who wears a Star of David on his boxing trunks, is an aspiring Rabbi. He fought in Boston February 4, 2006 defeating Jimmy LeBlanc at the Castle.

Awarded at the 85th Annual Boxing Writers Association of America dinner in New York City, Friday, June 5th was **Freddie Roach**, as Trainer of the Year; **Manny Pacquiao** of the Philippines, as **"Fighter of the Decade!"**

Our condolences go out to **Chris Sarno** on the passing of his mother **Barbara Sarno** into that Golden Ring in Heaven Refereed by God. Our prayers are with you. She went to the fights February 25, 2009 to see Tim Flamos fight in Connecticut. She's also gone to see Evander Holyfield fight. She's an ardent boxing fan. **R.I.P.**

"Happy Birthday!" **Mr. Charles "Skeets" Scioli**. Have a Happy 97th birthday. The celebration of the 97 Birthday of **"Mr. Boxing!"** will be at Suffolk Downs Turf Club on June 29, 2010. For further information, please contact **Al Valenti** at al_val_boxing@comcast.net. There's lunch, a race dedication, cake, and many friends. **Jerry Forte** and the many friends of Skeets Scioli will be here.



"Skeets" Scioli



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Upcoming Shows

June 24th: Worcester at Mechanics Hall, undefeated rising star **Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez** 15-0, 11 KO's, **Danny O'Connor** 12-0, 3 KO's, **Ryan Kielczewski** 7-0, 2 KO's, **Rashad Minor** 3-1, 3 KO's and **Isiah Thomas** 6-0, 4 KO's will be displaying their talent at Mechanics Hall.

26th: at Mohegan Sun, you get **"Pride and Power; Tony "TNT" Grano** 17-1-1, 13 KO's, **Mike Oliver, David Bauza** 5-0, 3 KO's, **Rick Dawson** and **Joe Smith, Jr.**, 4-0, 4 KO's, **Frankie Trader** 6-0, 2 KO's do their thing and provide you **Pride and Power**, in Connecticut at the Mohegan Sun.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



If there was any question in anyone's mind as to what the purpose of the regular season was in the NHL and the NBA the events of this Spring should have provided the answer once and for all.

As we all have witnessed the chief purpose of the regular season in both professional winter sports is simply to serve as a qualifier for the playoffs. As soon as the last whistle blows after the final contest of the 80-plus game regular seasons in both sports, the ones with the real meaning begin.

You see, it really doesn't matter where a team finishes as long as it makes it past the magical line of demarcation and winds up among the top eight in its respective conference.

Then, once it is in, anything can happen. Two years ago the Atlanta Hawks claimed the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference and then took the Eastern Conference Champion Boston Celtics — a team that had won 66 games, the most in the NBA — to seventh and deciding game before bowing out. The C's, of course, went on to win Banner 17 — but not before being forced to play 26 games out of a possible 28 against teams that had all recorded lower winning percentages than them during the regular season.

This year the Celtics played a different type of regular season — often choosing to rest players coming back from injury rather than pursue victory at any cost. The regular season lost some of its luster and had a downward spin — recall the loss to the lowly New Jersey Nets in the Garden in late February — but the mantra that was chanted was to have everyone ready and healthy for the playoffs.

Everyone was and look at the result. From a fourth place finish in the Conference all the way to game 7 of the NBA Finals — a shining example of how performance in the playoffs is all that matters.

Consider also a team that the Bruins fell victim to — the Philadelphia Flyers. Going nowhere as the middle of the season approached, they hired former Providence Bruins head coach Peter Laviolette back in December in an attempt to right the sinking ship.

It was a tall order given that the Flyers had just lost six of their last seven games and had fallen into 10th place in the Eastern Conference. But on the final day of the regular schedule the Flyers did just get into the postseason by the narrowest of margins, downing the New York Rangers in a shootout to claim the final playoff berth.

The constant underdog throughout the Stanley Cup Playoffs, the Flyers then advanced all the way to the Cup Finals, coming within two victories of the title.

NBA FINALS WEEK IN BOSTON — From start to fin-

ish, the week that featured Games 3, 4 and 5 in the Hub also brought with it a whirlwind of activity that you didn't see on television.

Several hundred media members from around the world were on hand. One night in the press elevator, there were numerous conversations underway in at least four different languages as the global members of the fourth estate descended from the ninth floor level to the media workroom spaces on the courtside level.

A plethora of deadlines followed the conclusion of each game with the Eastern writers often right up against the clock — especially following games 3 and 4 which concluded near midnight.

Having a relative luxury, the California scribes could write for several hours before their copy was due — given the time zone difference — and a number did just that. Although we left close to 1 a.m. following each game, we were told that some writers were still working as 3 a.m. approached. We met one writer from *Sports Illustrated* who feared he might be in for an all night effort of labor following Game 5 on Sunday — with the weekly magazine's deadline being at 8 a.m. on Monday morning.

And for Channel 5 sports-caster Mike Lynch there also was little rest. Following game 5 he did several reports then made an all too brief trip home before reporting to Logan Airport for his 6:45 a.m. Monday flight to L.A. His early bird departure meant he arrived on the West Coast before the Celtics did since the team did not depart Hanscom Field in Bedford until 10 a.m. on Monday.

By any measure, the most diligent workers were the members of the Celtics game night staff and the team interns. While the reporters could return home or to a hotel and sleep late, the game night staffers not only stayed late — usually until 2 a.m. — but then had to go home, get a little rest and report to their regular weekday jobs bright and early later that same morning.

And the NBA media relations people thought of everything — even the little extras. For example, there were small batteries available just in case the ones in a reporter's tape recorder died during a press conference. Did a pen run out of ink? Just go to the table where new ones were available.

An aspect that could be improved is the media availability during practice days. The head coaches and some players would be brought to the official press conference area while simultaneously other players would be making remarks to smaller groups of reporters out on the court. Thus, one had to pick and choose. You could not be in two places at the same time.

But all in all a great week. Let's do it again next year.