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Commendatore Thomas M. Menino Receives Italian Republic's Highest Order of Knighthood

Mayor Menino Presented with the Prestigious
Ordine Al Merito Della Repubblica Italiana by Italian Consul General



Mayor Menino receives Merit Medal from Captain Edoardo Giacomini of the Italian ship San Giusto and Consul General Liborio Stellino.

(Photo by Isabel Leon)

Mayor Thomas M. Menino was presented with the Italian Republic's highest order of knighthood of the Italian Republic. Italian Consul General Liborio Stellino, who nominated Mayor Menino to the Order of the Merit of the Italian Republic, the most senior order of

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Madonna Del Soccorso Fisherman's Feast Celebrate 100 Year Anniversary



The annual Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca, Sicily feast celebrated 100 years in Boston's North End. To help celebrate this momentous occasion the St. Peter's Society of Gloucester and fishermen joined in the celebration on Thursday, August 12, 2010. The society brought the statue of St. Peter to the North End and joined in the procession with the Madonna del Soccorso and the blessing on the water at Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park. For additional photos see page 8.

(Photos by Ross Photography, Rosario Scabin)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

McMahon Wins GOP

US Senate Primary in Connecticut

Republican Linda McMahon, the former CEO of the WWF has wrestled the GOP primary victory in Connecticut for U.S. Senate and will face the state Attorney General Richard Blumenthal in November. Blumenthal could be defeated. He had been very popular statewide until voters found out he misspoke, to put it kindly, about being a combat veteran during the Vietnam War, which he reportedly never was. Before that news, the Democrats thought they were on easy street to replace the retiring US Senator Chris Dodd. McMahon has tapped into the voter anger which has gone coast to coast and could very well be the next U.S. Senator from Connecticut.

Memo to Boston Phoenix:

Don't Blame DeLeo, Blame Patrick

As I read the *Boston Phoenix* editorial (DeLeo's the One, August 4), I disagree that House Speaker Robert DeLeo is responsible for the end of casino gambling in this legislative session.

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Eastie Pride Day Celebration

On Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 4:00-8:00 PM the 22nd Annual Eastie Pride Day Celebration will take place at Piers Park on Marginal Street, East Boston overlooking Boston Harbor. Since 1989, Eastie Pride Day has brought together neighbors and friends to celebrate the East Boston community and all it has to offer. Last year's event hosted over 2,500 attendees and this year, Eastie Pride has even more to celebrate! The summer event will commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center has been serving the neighborhood's health care needs since it first opened its doors in 1970. Since its inception, the Health Center has grown to become one of the largest community health care centers in the country, serving more than 300,000 patients each year. The Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, catering to the needs of East



Boston and its surrounding communities. Recently, the Health Center received a \$12 million federal stimulus grant, allowing them to expand their services, opening a new \$20 million facility in Maverick Square. For 40 years, this community organization has been a vital resource committed to the betterment of our neighborhood's quality of life.

So don't miss out on the fun! Come join us on Saturday, August 21st to celebrate Eastie Pride Day and thank the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center for all that they do. Meet us at Piers Park to join the festivities including live music, complimentary sail boat rides and exciting children's activities, while enjoying the variety of food and drink in the company of your neighbors.

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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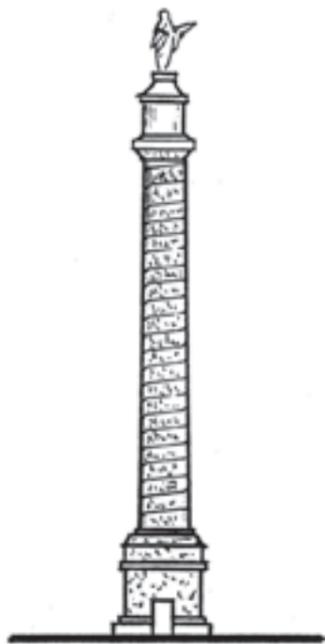


PILLARS OF VICTORY

Pillars of Victory or Memorial Columns were erected in commemoration of the triumphs of victorious generals, naval victories or emperors. One of the well-known structures of this type is the Column of Phocas. It stands about 56 feet high and is the last of the monuments to be erected in the Forum Romanum Magnum. This column was constructed of sections taken from ancient buildings and it was dedicated in A.D. 608 by the Byzantine Emperor Phocas. At one time his gilded statue stood on the summit.

The Column of Antoninus Pius was a monolith (a single piece of stone), constructed of red Egyptian granite. It was discovered broken in many pieces under a house near the Piazza di Spagna in 1704 and could not be restored so it was used to mend a sundial obelisk on Monte Citorio. The pedestal remained in its original position for many years but in 1792 it was moved to the Giardino della Pigna by Pope Pius VI.

Another of these structures is the Column of Marcus Aurelius. This column was erected about A.D. 175 in commemoration of his victories over the Germanic tribes. This column is considered to be a poor copy of the Column of Trajan. Statues of Marcus Aurelius and his wife Faustina originally stood on the summit. These disap-



peared many years ago and the statue of St. Paul was placed there in 1589.

The most famous and the best preserved of all ancient Pillars of Victory is the Column of Trajan, which stood between two libraries in his Forum. The column was dedicated to the Emperor in A.D. 114 as a result of his victory over the Dacians (an ancient province near the Danube). Eighteen hundred years later, this column is still in an excellent state of preservation. The structure consists of eighteen blocks of marble which were hollowed out so that the internal portion formed a winding staircase to the summit. An ornamental frieze covers

the entire exterior face of the column. This frieze is in low relief and in the form of a spiral band three and one half feet wide and six hundred feet long. A total of 2,500 carved figures give us a treasury of information on the religion, military science, habits and dress of the early Romans, which is far more valuable than thousands of pages of descriptive writing or endless book research.

There is the general and his staff, the Praetorian Guards with their shoulder belts, standard bearers and Centurions, the common soldier carrying enormous stakes, master masons, pioneers with axes and crowbars, lancers, cavalry and royal chargers, armored horsemen and Moorish cavalry. Constructed bridges and causeways are shown along with military machines attacking forts. The confusion of a defeated army is also shown and all scenes are very vividly depicted. The column is about 12 feet in diameter and 97 feet high. The original statue of Trajan at the summit was replaced by one of St. Peter in the 16th century. Trajan's ashes were at one time deposited in a golden urn in a pedestal compartment. The ashes were removed and the compartment blocked up at a later date.

NEXT ISSUE: *At Home in Old Rome, the Palaces of the Emperors.*

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



PRESENTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN TEAM

With only three weeks to go before the **September 14th Primary Election**, here's a brief listing of the Republicans running for district offices in districts that include all or part of Boston.

PAUL A. CARUCCIO of Winthrop is running for Executive Councillor ("Governor's Councillor") in the Sixth District which includes East Boston (Ward One), Charlestown (Ward Two), the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, and Downtown (parts of Ward Three and Ward Five), and parts of Allston/Brighton (parts of Ward 21 and Ward 22). The district also includes all or part of Arlington, Billerica, Burlington, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Lynnfield, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester, Woburn and Winthrop.

There are three Republicans running for Senator in the General Court in Boston districts.

BARBARA T. BUSH of Charlestown is running in the Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex District of Charlestown (Ward Two) and parts of Allston/Brighton (parts of Ward 21 and Ward 22). This district also includes all or part of Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Saugus and Somerville.

In the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, West End resident **FRANK JOHN ADDIVINOLA, JR.** is run-

ning in that district that covers East Boston (Ward One), the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, and Downtown (parts of Ward Three and Ward Five) as well as all or parts of Cambridge, Revere and Winthrop.

BRAD WILLIAMS of West Roxbury is running in the Suffolk and Norfolk District of Roslindale, Hyde Park (part of Ward 18), Jamaica Plain (Ward 19) and West Roxbury (Ward 20) as well as the towns of Dedham, Norwood and Westwood.

We have two Boston candidates for Representative in the General Court.

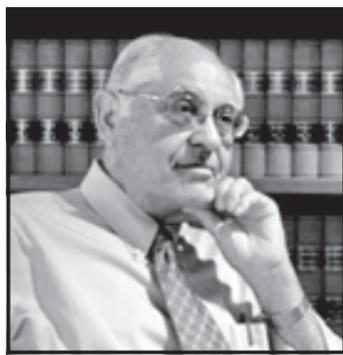
PATRICK JAMES BRENNAN of South Boston is running in the Fourth Suffolk District of South Boston (Ward Six and Ward Seven) and parts of Dorchester (parts of Ward Seven, Ward Eight and Ward 13).

In the Eighth Suffolk District **BRAD MARSTON** of Beacon Hill is running in that district which includes the West End (Ward Three Precinct Five) parts of Beacon Hill and Back Bay (parts of Ward Five). His district also includes Cambridgeport and some part of the eastern part of the City of Cambridge.

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.

Carbone Announces Bid for Massachusetts Attorney General

Attorney Guy A. Carbone, a resident of Belmont, whose law office is located on Beacon Street in Boston, has been engaged in a campaign for Attorney General since May 20, 2010. Because the Republican Party did not nominate a candidate for Attorney General at its nominating convention held on April 17, 2010, no candidate will appear on the Republican primary ballot on September 14, 2010, the date for the statewide primary elections. Soon after April 17, 2010, senior members of the Republican State Committee asked Attorney Carbone if he would seek the Republican nomination for Attorney General through a write-in/sticker campaign



which, under applicable law, is the only method by which the Republicans can have a candidate for Attorney General in the general election to be held on November 2, 2010. On June 1, 2010, Attorney Carbone, his campaign chairman and general chairman met with Jenni-

fer Nassour and Michael Rigas, the chairman and political director, respectively, of the Massachusetts Republican Party. On June 23, 2010, the Republican State Committee discussed the necessity for a write-in/sticker candidate for Attorney General, in particular, Attorney Carbone and his willingness to represent the Party. Attorney Carbone has traveled throughout the state meeting with citizens who will vote in the Republican primary requesting their assistance in ensuring that he receives at least 10,000 write-ins or sticker placements on the Republican primary ballot so his

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Mosque Miscues

by Bob Franken

For President Obama, there is no vacation from vacillation. By the time he got to the beach this weekend, the controversy over his Friday speech seemingly supporting the proposed mosque at the 9/11 site left him so rattled he could hardly wait to put on his flip flops.

Even the hastily arranged Gulf vacation itself was more of a placation, as in placating those who complained his family time off had not included the BP besieged Gulf shores, making his ringing words of support ring hollow.

Soon after he arrived he hastened to hollow out his words from the evening before, at the White House dinner marking the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"Muslims have the same right to practice their religion as anyone else in this country" he declared, "And that includes the right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in Lower Manhattan, in accordance with local laws and ordinances."

Right away, the opposition's usual suspects were foaming at the mouth. That was hardly a surprise, considering their close attention to polls like CNN's, which showed a 68 percent nationwide disapproval of the religious center.

House Republican Leader John Boehner: "This is not an issue of law, whether religious freedom or local zoning. This is a basic issue of respect for a tragic moment in our history."

And of course we heard from the *real* Republican leader Sarah Palin ... She or one of her peeps tweeted "We all know that they have the right to do it, but should they?"

We also must not overlook the man who jealously wants to be the GOP leader, Newt Gingrich. He pounced too, by accusing Obama of "pandering to radical Islam." Gingrich knows about pandering.

Once again the President showed how adept he was at shifting to reverse without even stopping: "I was not commenting," he insisted, "And I will not comment on the wisdom of making the decision to put the mosque there. I was commenting very specifically on the right people have that dates back to our finding."

Now what he had ignited were two fires, and suddenly the White House felt compelled to extinguish

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A Family Trip to Lake Como, Italy (PART II)

by James DiPrima

We visited the Villa Balbianello, a beautiful 18th century summer house well known for its gardens. The Villa was given to Carlotta, the daughter of Princess Marianne of Nassau, Albert's of Prussia wife who gave it to her daughter Carlotta as a gift on her wedding to Georg II of Saxen-Meiningen. On a little peninsula jutting into the Lake is the Villa Balbianello in the town of Lenno, south of Menaggio. It has been used in the movie "Star Wars" and the James Bond movie "Casino Royal." It was built in 1787 for the cardinal Angelo Maria Durini and is known for its elaborate terraced gardens. It was subsequently owned by several others people and finally in 1974 came into the possession of Italian explorer Guido Monzino, who lead the first Italian expedition to climb Mount Everest. He died in 1988 and left the villa to the Italian Trust of Italy.



Villa Balbianello
 (Photo by Phil DiPrima)

One town that was a must see was the town of Dongo located north of Menaggio on the western bank of the lake. Jean, Phil and I took a ferry ride to see the town. Here is where Benito Mussolini was shot along with other members of the Fascist Party as they tried to get to Switzerland. We tried to visit the Mussolini Museum there but found that it was closed for renovations. After lunch in Dongo we met a 90-year-old man while shopping who described to us the capture of Mussolini and his subsequent death.

On the 4th of July we were treated to a spectacular fireworks display, which the town of Varenna put on. I'm sure they were not celebrating the 4th but for us it was as though we were down by the Charles River with the best seats in the house. Even Olivia and Ella stayed up late to watch.

You can't describe Italy and Lake Como without talking about the food we ate along with the wine we drank. For a few nights we ate at home, my son-in-law Alex is a pretty good cook, other times we ate at several restaurants high up in the hills overlooking the Lake. The restaurants Gina had selected were highly rated and sent down a van to pick us up and drove us to the place where the view below of the towns and Lake Como were breathtaking. The dinners were delicious, needless to say, and the first thing you notice is the difference from southern Italy. The fish from the Lake was perch and the taste was great and presentation was eye catching. Dessert at one

place was a prune sorbet with Grappa. **Delizioso!**

We were so close to Lugano, Switzerland (about 27 Kilometers, or about 17 miles), that Gina put Monte Generosa on a must see visit list. Our van showed up at 9:00 AM and we were off to Switzerland. On our arrival we boarded the cog railway which slowly made its way up the top of Monte Generosa providing us a spectacular view of the mountains and the valleys below. From the top (1,704m above sea level or 5,581 ft) the scenic view was magnificent with the site of Lake Lugano below. Unexpected was the little chapel and playground at the top. A nice diversion for the kids.



Lake Lugano, Switzerland from top of Monte Generosa.

(Photo by James DiPrima)

Our last stop was in the city of Como. Como is located at the southern tip of the lake on the western side of the inverted Y. We spent two days here, did some shopping, eating, wine drinking, gelato eating and visited the beautiful Duomo of Como as well as a ride up to the top of the Funicular to the town of Brunate. From this little town high up on the hill the view of Como below is spectacular.



Como, Italy
 (Photo by James DiPrima)

It was hard leaving Italy. We enjoyed this very relaxing and adventurous vacation very much. We ate, drank, partied, and downed many varieties of gelato. Gina did a great job setting up the trip and it was a credit to her new enterprise of setting up trips to Italy for families wishing to go there. We all had a very good time and we would encourage all to visit Lake Como. Arrivederci, Lake Como!

Military Families Receive FREE Admission to MAGIC OF STORYTIME



Boston's North Shore Musical Children's Theatre is happy to announce that military families will again have free admission to Kaleidoscope Theatre's upcoming Magic of Storytime with Cinderella and Snow White, in Saugus at the North Shore Musical Children's Theatre, 466 Central Street on Sunday, September 19th at 2:00 PM.

Since 2008 they have performed a monthly Sunday series of Fairy Tale Musicals in Saugus. For 30 years they have performed at both the Cape Cod Melody Tent and South Shore Music Circus. Recently they have added Boston's Wilbur Theatre and Beverly's North Shore Music Circus to their list of performance venues.

The Saugus location continues to offer free admission to military families. Also, with every purchase of a Fairy Tale Musical ticket, you will receive a free ticket to their continuing Magic Series on Sunday, September 26th with Magic's only Two-Time Gold Medal Champion, George Saterial. To learn more about George, visit www.Saterial.com and for the Fairy Tale Musical Series visit www.kaleidoscopechildrenstheatre.com.

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Financially Speaking

with Ben Doherty

JUNK BONDS ARE BACK

U.S. companies issued risky junk bonds at a record pace this week taking advantage of investor appetite for yields amid declining interest rates and a weak stock market. The borrowing comes as the Federal Reserve keeps interest rates near zero and yield of U.S. government debt are at record lows. These levels make it easier for companies with low credit ratings to borrow from investors. Corporate borrowers with less than investment grade ratings sold \$15.4 billion in junk bonds this week. The month to date level is \$21.1 billion, which is high for August usually a quiet month, which has seen an average of \$6.5 billion over the past decade. For the year, the volume of U.S. junk bonds has exceeded 80% higher than a year ago and easily on pace to surpass the record \$163.8 billion total for 2009. Investors have been buying these non investment grade bonds growing frustrated with the low returns on safer treasuries and high grade corporate bonds. In recent decades, when we have an economic slowdown companies have enjoyed lower borrowing rates, which have helped credit markets recover and keep low rated companies stay afloat, says Chris Garman, head of Garman Research. When the Fed keeps rates low, investors invest more into the high yield market, "It becomes part of a vicious cycle that allows a lot of low rated firms to stay in business and refinance their debt." The refinancing is positive for the economy because they help companies stay in business with a lot of debt,

but they do little to create new economic growth and only delay the reckoning. First Data Corp. sold \$510 million of 10 year notes this week at 9.8%. Peabody Energy sold \$610 million of 10 year notes at 6.5% to pay off the same amount due in three years. Multiplan, Inc., a health care provider, sold \$675 million of notes to help fund a buyout of the company. Cott Corp., a maker of soft drinks, sold \$375 million at 8 1/2% to fund its takeover of another company, Cliffstar Corp. On Thursday, Johnson & Johnson, with a AAA rating sold 10 year bonds that yielded 3.5% or .43 basis points, more than comparable U.S. treasury notes, an unusual low rate. James Merli, head of bond trading at Wormura Securities says that at some point "investors will demand a higher premium to treasury rates," he says. "Can risk premiums continue to hold in when absolute yields are so low," he says. The insurance boom is partly the result of pent up demand from May and June. The high yield bond funds have been the recipient of these funds with net inflows of \$3.5 billion. With positive inflows since the middle of July and early August it absorbed all the new issues. Market participants predict yields that move opposite to prices, will rise further.

Shoppers showed caution and restraint in July underscoring the economy's weak forecast for the second half of this year. Retail sales rose at 4% in July, their first gain in three months. But when increases in autos and gasoline are excluded, sales were down 0.1%. Groceries, clothing and electronics all posted

declines. The retail numbers all added to evidence that the economy is losing steam as all posted declines. The University of Michigan Index of Consumer Sentiment barely improved in July rising 1.8 points to 69.6. JC Penney lowered its profit guidelines from \$1.64 to \$1.40/\$1.50/share due to slow demand. Sears Holding Corp's John Goodman, Executive Vice Presidents says, "We fight every day to draw people into stores." Kohl's Corp. trimmed its outlook and CEO Kevin Mansell says he sees a consumer that's reluctant to spend. Sears Roebuck has adjusted its pricing to offer "every day great volume." U.S. consumer prices rose .3% in July from June, the first gain in four months due to higher gas prices, the Labor Department said Friday." Excluding food and energy prices rose only 0.1%. Prices were up only 1.2% from last July and stood 0.9% above last year's level, excluding food and energy. According to JP Morgan Chase, consumer spending rose only 3%/year and through most of the 1990s. Consumers are focusing on paying down debt and rebuilding savings. Unemployment at 9.5% is expected to remain high with employees reluctant to hire with the uncertainty in the economy. Retailers are frustrated as the practice of using a few lower prices to lure consumers into their stores is not working anymore as battered, bargain hungry buyers keep retail sales weak.

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



by Sal Giarratani

Federal Hill is the North End with Free Parking



The Piazza at Providence's Federal Hill.



Federal Hill has its own Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church just off Atwell's Avenue.

I've never been to the Federal Hill section of Providence, Rhode Island. I had always heard about it, but never experienced it. Recently, I was down in the Attleboro area and decided to try the place for a lunch date and it was simply great. Their Hanover Street is Atwells Avenue. It's a bit wider but it comes with free on-street parking which would be an impossibility in the crowded North End.

It has an Italian Piazza with a beautiful water fountain and the plaza is lined with outside tables with large umbrellas. On a sunny day, which it was, you felt like you were somewhere in Italy. I spent a wonderful afternoon strolling along the avenue. All kinds of Italian shops. Numerous bakeries. You can even buy a live chicken slaughtered. There used to be one of them on Richmond Street.

My father told me, my grandmother would walk dinner home on a rope and kill it for dinner. I like my dinners packaged and found in a supermarket aisle.

Federal Hill is so easy to find, it is impossible to get lost getting there. Take Exit 21 on I-95 South, jump on Atwells Avenue, pass Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and PRESTO you are there. I ate at Contantino's and the food was North End great. Before leaving, I bought a cannoli at a pastry shop in the plaza that ranks up there with either Mike's or Modern Pastry on Hanover Street.

I found out while we celebrate the Madonna Del Soccorso Feast, they celebrate the Feast of St. Rocco.

One little old Italian lady told me Federal Hill was better than the North End. She was a nice little old lady but I had to set her straight. I told her, "Nothing is better than Boston's North End." She shrugged her shoulders, probably said something bad in Italian and walked away from me. I loved walking Federal Hill. I enjoyed talking with the locals. However, the North End will always be number 1 for me.

I believe in order to know how good the North End is, you have to compare it to other Little Italy's across the country. I've heard Brooklyn's Little Italy is very nice and maybe I'll visit it to see for myself. Sadly, I've heard New York City's Little Italy has been shrinking for years and is now down to one street as Italian-Americans continue their assimilation into the large American society.

As far as Italian-American newspapers go, the Post-Gazette is tops. It has been publishing since 1896 making it perhaps one of the oldest family-owned newspapers in America. The Italo-Americano newspaper out in California has been printed since 1908. Closer to home, down in Federal Hill, they have a great paper, the Federal Hill Gazette which has been around for over 16 years.

Whether I am walking around Hanover Street or Atwells Avenue, I am always proud of my ethnic heritage and proud of the struggles of my grandparents who came to Boston's North End from Sciacca in Sicily over a hundred years ago to start their American chapter for their family. I have pride in my heritage and the struggles of those who came before us and prepared the way.

While I joked with the little old lady about which place was better, I think Federal Hill is a great place to visit and experience being Italian without the Boston accent. Oh yeah, I also loved the free parking on Atwells Avenue.

Memorial Mass in Honor of Father Thomas More Nicastro O.F.M.

"A Memorial Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Father Thomas More Nicastro O.F.M. on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 12:00 Noon at St. Leonard's Church, Hanover Street, Boston, (North End).

Father "Tom" passed away on July 13, 2010 at the age of 93.

Father was the Principal of the former Christopher Columbus High School in the North End from 1949 until 1964."

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all moneys; negotiable instruments, and securities used or intended to be used to facilitate any violation of any provision of section thirty-two, thirty-two A, thirty-two B, thirty-two C, thirty-two D, thirty-two E, thirty-two F, thirty-two G, thirty-two I, thirty-two J, or forty.

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dence and make conclusions of law and shall thereupon issue a final order, from which the parties shall have a right of appeal. In all such suits where a final order results in a forfeiture, said final order shall provide for disposition of said conveyance, real property, moneys or any other thing of value by the commonwealth or any subdivision thereof in any manner not prohibited by law, including official use by an authorized law enforcement or other public agency, or sale at public auction or by competitive bidding. The proceeds of any such sale shall be used to pay the reasonable expenses of the forfeiture proceedings, seizure, storage, maintenance of custody, advertising, and notice, and the balance thereof shall be distributed as further provided in this section.

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Recent visitors to the Post-Gazette were Angelo and Mary Giarratani of Fort Myers, Florida. Angelo grew up at 88 Prince Street before his family moved to the "country" in East Somerville. Angelo is the cousin of Sal Giarratani. Here in the photo is Angelo and Mary dining at Regina Pizza.

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**"A-ROD" LANZA
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Joey "A-Rod" Lanza took time out from the Fisherman's Feast to pose for the camera. Joey was easy to spot at the feast. Just look for his Yankee jersey with number 13 on the back.

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An Unexpected Encounter

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Those of us who call Massachusetts their home are spoiled by the many advantages the State offers. We have some of the best schools and hospitals in the nation, wonderful museums and libraries, and in sports a great bunch of teams to cheer on. In music we have the Boston Symphony and Pops and the many local ensembles that enrich our lives in countless ways, our list of advantages seems endless but perhaps our greatest and certainly our most cherished is Cape Cod; that hook-like protrusion of our landscape recognized by vacationers from around the world as a very special place to visit and if you're lucky,

call home.

Several weeks ago we decided to take a long weekend on the Cape and meet up with our cousins who were vacationing in Chatham. Saturday could not come fast enough, we loaded the old Saab, pointed her south and were on our way out of Boston, anxious to cross the Sagamore Bridge and at long last make our way along the back roads of the Cape. Before meeting up with our cousins, we promised close friends in Harwichport that we would drop by for lunch. Mike and Britta are avid gardeners, they were anxious to show us their latest acquisitions, for our part we were just anxious to see our

old friends; it had been nearly a year since we last got together. After showing us their latest plants, we sat down to a delicious lunch prepared by Britta. We quickly caught up on news, spoke about our respective families and our immediate plans and of course reminisced about the many past experiences we shared together. After a visit that was much too short we were on our way to Chatham, excited to see our cousins and spend some time with them.

We arrived at our hotel at 3:30 in the afternoon, met up with our cousins and within minutes were on the beach where we spent the remainder of the day. It was that evening after dinner that we had an encounter with the natural world like nothing we had ever experienced. We had returned to the beach to meet up with some friends, it was early evening and the stars were beginning to make their appearance. Gradually the sky became filled with stars, a sight seldom seen in the smoke filled sky of Boston.

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Simple TIMES . . . by Girard A. Plante

Everywhere you walk or stroll or ride in Boston treasures aplenty await. Historic sites such as Bunker Hill, the State House, Boston Common, the Old North Church and Paul Revere's home are but a few of the most conspicuous places to see.

Then there's the seemingly endless statues of people who made history by the positions they held – either appointed, elective, or simply because their actions or writings created cause to honor them. Turn left and look upon the frozen-in-time stare or distant gaze. Turn right and you see the serious stance depicting America's heroes and heroines. Straight ahead stands a towering George Washington sitting forever triumphantly on his rugged horse.

Still other prizes catch your eye as you pass quickly by a building or cemetery or street sign adorned with bronze plaque. Those incredible discoveries stand out as my favorite. It's the element of surprise that makes that unique *find* worth the lengthy stroll through Boston's streets. And that's exactly what happened to me last Saturday as I headed east on Commonwealth Avenue, a block from the Public Garden, to reach the wonderful new T stop at Arlington Street. I love the availability of the Green Line as it allows me to trek to Boston spontaneously on placid weekends from my home in Newton!

On the outdoor wall next to the oak door leading to the cozy home tucked inside a classic brownstone on Commonwealth Avenue, I spied a plaque the shape of a woman's profile, hair tucked in a bun at the back of her head that's common of 19th century hairstyle.

I try to not look like a tourist by craning my neck to read a plaque or sign. I'm never comfortable inching close to the front stoop of somebody's home – exception being a brief respite from summer's searing sun under a small tree. Yet the thrill of learning who made history in a home I've passed countless times drew me to a space next to the steps, close enough to read the faded plaque without invading the privacy of its inhabitants.

Amy Beach lived in that brownstone a hundred yards from the Public Garden (I'm not sharing the address). She earned fame as the first woman to compose a Symphony, and performed the famous "Gaelic" creation with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in October 1896, two years after beginning the laborious work of musical art. With that public performance, Beach received rave reviews and became "one of the boys" as the composer George Whitefield Chadwick called her. Only

men were symphonists then; women were soloists.

Beach's trailblazing musical talents started at age four when she began playing piano. By 16, she gave her piano debut in Boston, where her family relocated in 1875. Amy's favorite pianist was Chopin, whose works she performed frequently. Beach chose Irish music for her Gaelic Symphony because of the wealth of its musical history in America for nearly a century. Her talents included singing. And she wrote her first song from the poem "The Rainy Day," written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Because academic inclinations were limited for women in the 19th century, Beach thrived in science and learned to speak German and French fluently. Her mother is primarily responsible for educating Amy at home. Her public piano concertos were many during the mid-1880s. But Amy Marcy Cheney, her maiden name, stopped performing publicly upon marrying Dr. Henry Beach, 24 years older than the acclaimed artist, in December 1885. After marriage, Amy only performed publicly for charitable causes.

A professor at Harvard, Dr. Beach also had a career as a surgeon. For all of Amy's successes as composer, which originated from her favorite poems, she took a special interest in struggling musicians. Amy generously held events in her Commonwealth Avenue home every Wednesday. The elite of Boston society attended the gatherings that included the young musicians she sought to improve on their artistic aspirations.

Upon Dr. Beach's death in 1910, Amy went to Europe. She grew popular in performing and continued composing. Her Gaelic Symphony earned wide praise there. When World War I struck in 1914, Amy decided to move to New York City, where she resided the rest of her life. She also kept a cottage on Cape Cod. Amy performed as she toured America the rest of her life. On December 27, 1944, as the close of World War II swept across Europe, Amy Beach passed away in her Manhattan home.

And just as the surprises of discovering the historical gems in Boston lead us to still more surprises upon piquing our interest or pushing us to research, I'll leave you to either wonder the rest of the full history of Amy Beach, America's greatest woman composer, or to continue to learn more about her.

Surely the best place to research her rich story would be the Boston Public Library. Now there's an architectural gem that holds history dating to the beginnings of our nation – and much more!

BRA Adopts New Greenway District Guidelines

The BRA Board concluded the Greenway District Planning Study process by adopting the new use and development guidelines that were created through a public planning process. The planning process was conducted by BRA staff in conjunction with Utile, a consultant team that the BRA hired. The process included seven public meetings that were well attended. The final program and use guidelines encourage residential, hotel and mixed-use development, active ground-floor and streetscape designs, ground-floor retail programming with the goal of animating park edges and contributing new populations to the Greenway and the

Downtown. Additionally, dozens of massing alternatives for more than 20 key parcels of land or redevelopment sites along the Greenway edges were explored and studied. A careful examination of nearby or historic heights were used for context and to establish appropriate relationships between the existing built environment and potential new construction.

To ensure that no one building or collection of buildings dominates the Greenway in terms of its scale, orientation, or architecture, the team examined potential massing studies from the perspective of the park user. Heights were also carefully analyzed for their potential to

cast large or lengthy new shadows on the park parcels. Final height recommendations range from buildings between 175-200 feet along the waterfront to buildings ranging as tall as 400-600 feet on the city side of the Greenway.

The objective of the study was to create a set of guidelines specifically for the parcels adjoining the Greenway, with the following goals:

- preserve the newly created open spaces (environmentally, aesthetically, and economically) by identifying densities, height, and other building massing criteria compatible with the recreational activities and horticultural life that are being encouraged to grow there;

- Activate the broader public realm in and surrounding the parks by identifying and strategically locating desired uses, particularly at the ground plane, that will contribute positively to the Greenway;

- Ensure the long-term value of the public's investment in creating the Greenway by shaping development to maximize the quality of the parks and extend their impact beyond its edges to the Downtown neighborhoods;

- Balance the development pressures within the Greenway District and with other growth areas and development opportunities in the City as a whole.

The guidelines will be implemented in conjunction with the BRA's development review process, until such time that a set of zoning controls can be enacted. The next step to codifying these guidelines will be to develop zoning controls, which will be presented to the BRA Board at a later date.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

On Saturday, August 21st, the 22nd annual Eastie Pride Day celebration will be held at Piers Park on Marginal Street overlooking Boston Harbor. Since 1989 Eastie Pride Day has brought together neighbors and friends to celebrate the East Boston community and all it has to offer. Last year's event hosted over 2,500 attendees and this year, Eastie Pride Day has even more to celebrate! The summer event will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the E.B. Neighborhood Health Center. So don't miss out on the fun! Come join Eastie Pride Day this Saturday and celebrate. Festivities include live music, dancing and exciting children's activities, while enjoying a variety of food and drink in the company of your neighbors! See you there! ... The E.B. Health Center has been serving the neighborhood's health care needs since it first opened its doors in 1970. Since its inception, the health center has grown to become one of the largest community health centers in the country, serving more than 300,000 patients each year. Recently the health center received a \$12 million federal stimulus grant, allowing them to expand their services, opening a new \$20 million facility in Maverick Square. For 40 years, this

community organization has been a vital resource committed to the betterment of our neighborhood's quality of life ... The casino bill is dead until January, in part because the Governor refused to sign. It appears there wasn't enough in it for him! According to sources, he's difficult to work with if he doesn't get his own way. Is it possible that Tim Cahill is a straw so Patrick will win again. Don't let that happen! Cahill doesn't have a snowball's chance in hell of winning, and a vote for him is a vote for Patrick ... Heard State Representative Carlo Basile is backing Charlie baker, GOOD CHOICE ... Richard Tisei, candidate for lieutenant governor, held a successful fundraiser cruise around the harbor recently attracting many supporters who want to break away from the democrats ... When you drive by Elite Donut in Day Square it looks like a little cafe in Paris with an umbrella table, chairs, and huge sidewalk pots. The scent of flowers fill the air. However, Elite has had to replace several hanging flower pots throughout the summer stolen by vandals with nothing better to do. Take pride in your city, report any activity you believe to be criminal to police ... She's vacationing in private with her daughter. The buxom first lady Michelle traveling with an entourage of security is flit-

ting from one place to the other having a great time on our tax dollars. Following their vacation in the Florida gulf where Mr. President was photographed in the ocean with daughter Sasha showing off the clean gulf waters. Good enough for the pencil with ears and his daughter to swim in. Oh, how the Obama family love their FREE vacations! ... Only in America! ... A smashing success! The Viking Pride Foundation of Winthrop held a spectacular fundraising event recently. The event was the rave of the town! Tables were set up on the football field, plus seats in the bleachers, and people were treated to the entertainment of Tavares, and a hot new act, The Defnny Terrio Dance Party opened the show. The field was filled to capacity with party goers, complete with a dance floor, and a variety of food stands. Liquor was also available for those over 21. The entire evening was a blast. Proceeds went to benefit the children of Winthrop ... On August 28th disco icons, the Village People will be appearing at the Ocean Club Marina Bay in Quincy, summer's hottest scene. Tickets are on sale now and are available at Ticketweb.com. For more info call 617-689-0600. Both of these fabulous events are produced by David Oriola Management ... *Till next time!*

Italian Classes Offered by Italia Unita

Italia Unita's Language Courses are being offered for the Fall. Italia Unita is accepting adult students for its Fall session of "Parliamo L'italiano." Italia Unita is offering a basic/intermediate level course of the Italian language. The course will be offered at the YMCA, 215 Bremen Street, East Boston, from 6:30-8PM for 10 weeks. The Italian course will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. The basic course is for students who have little or no experience with the Italian language. The goal of the course is to familiarize the

students with the phonetics and grammar to develop speaking, reading, and writing skills in basic Italian. Classes are offered for adults 18 years or older. Children Classes will be offered for ages 4-7 years old. Classes will be held on Sat-

urdays beginning September 11, 2010 from 10AM-11:30AM and will run for 8 weeks. The course will be offered at the YMCA, 215 Bremen Street, East Boston. For an application please log onto www.italiaunita.org or call 617-561-3201.

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DMH Commissioner Barbara Leadholm, right, with *Express Yourself* singer Wanetta Jackson and "Angels in America" Broadway director George C. Wolfe, who was representing the President's Commission on the Arts and the Humanities from Washington D.C.
(Photo by Roger Farrington)



Guest artist Nancy Ostrovsky, left, and Commissioner Heidi Reed of the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf.
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Guest artist Mashpee Wampanoag Annawon Weeden, *Express Yourself* co-director Paula Conrad and Diane Gosselin, left to right.
(Photo by Roger Farrington)

The 15th annual performance by the award-winning *Express Yourself* was recently held at the Citi Wang Theater stage featuring the artistic talents of more than 125 youths from 14 Department of Mental Health (DMH) programs in the Greater Boston Area.

Titled *Red Hot & Blue*, the show was the culmination of many year-long creative arts, dance and theatre workshops that comprise the unique multi-disciplinary performing-arts program. Last year, *Express Yourself* was honored to receive the "2009 Coming Up Taller Award," one of only 15 programs selected nationally by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

Among performance highlights were: West African drummer John Camara and the *Express Yourself* drummers, who had performed at the Kennedy Center for the "2009 Coming Up Taller Award" celebration; Mashpee Wampanoag Annawon Weeden's Native American Dancing & Drumming; Lorraine LeBlanc from the Lon-

don company of STOMP; Gloucester's Old Cold Tater Blue Grass Band; and international jazz musician Stan Strickland, to name but a few.

Under the direction of *Express Yourself* co-founders Stan Strickland and Paula Conrad, *Red Hot & Blue* brought together dance, song, and multi-media effects in a high-energy show filled with compelling and infectious rhythms.

Scenery and sets for *Red Hot & Blue* included colorful subways, water fountains, a New Orleans Jazz club, and Native American paintings - all created during several *Express Yourself* workshops, held in collaboration with professional visual artists and college arts programs.

Since 1989, more than 1,400 youth have worked collaboratively with artists and celebrities such as Blue Man Group; STOMP cast members; Keith Lockhart, conductor of the Boston Pops; and Broadway dancers.

For more information about *Express Yourself*, visit www.expressyourselfinc.org.

..... Ron Della Chiesa's *Tribute to Frank Sinatra Dance Party* takes place on Wednesday, August 25 from 7 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Resort Hotel, in Hull.

Accompanied by the 18-piece Beantown Swing Orchestra, crooner John Stevens, whose spot-on emulation of Sinatra's singing style and mannerism's made him an American Idol finalist, will sing the big hits of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Harry Connick Jr. and more.

We are all invited "to enjoy a fantastic and magical evening of music and dancing." For tickets and more information, visit www.musicnotnoise.com.

..... We are also invited to enjoy a night of dancing, music, hors d'oeuvres, and top-shelf cocktails on Thursday, August 26 at Community Boating's annual fundraiser, the *Raise the Sails Gala*, at the Liberty Hotel Ballroom while raising money in support of Community Boating's youth and adaptive sailing programs. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m.

Guests will be automatically entered in a chance to win a variety of door prizes. They can also enter a raffle to win great prizes including a pair of round trip tickets to AirTran Airways to the destination of your choice, a private chartered Duck Tour, or a night's stay at the luxurious Liberty Hotel.

Once the Charles Street Jail, this converted hotel is situated in the heart of Beacon Hill and is the sponsor and host of this event. All of the proceeds will directly support the Junior and Universal Access Programs.

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..... Looking ahead: After hosting more than 67,000 visitors to its inaugural Flower & Garden Show last March, consumer show producer Paragon Group of Needham is pleased to announce the theme of its upcoming 2011 floral extravaganza: *A Burst of Color: Celebrating the Container Garden*.

The Show returns to Boston's Seaport World Trade Center from Wednesday, March 16 through Sunday, March 20, focusing on the endless creative possibilities of container gardening and showcasing dozens of ways to add vibrancy, warmth, and drama to any size space - a sunny wel-

come on a city terrace, a gourmet harvest in a suburban side yard, or a fresh focal point for a mature landscape.

Set to the backdrop of more than 25 garden displays by cutting-edge landscape professionals and area nurseries, the show will feature 28 lectures including those by garden writers Ellen Ogden Ecker and Tovah Martin, 30 gardening demonstrations from leading experts and gardening groups such as the New England Rose Society and Ikebana International, and daily cooking segments from local gurus such as garden chef Carole Murko of Heirloom Meals and the culinary team at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. Visitors will enjoy daily children's gardening activities, two hundred vendors featuring hundreds of the newest products, as well as chances to take home some exciting giveaways.

Tradition will continue as the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the

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Red Hot & Blue committee members, left to right, Kate Stavis, Therese Melden and Robyn Milbury.
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Burlington Sons of Italy Lodge #2223 Italian Language Classes

The Burlington Sons of Italy, Lodge #2223 is offering Italian language classes to those interested in acquiring levels of proficiency with the language or learn about the country of Italy. In addition to the language, classes will explore the culture, terrain, people and culinary arts of Italy.

Two ten-week courses will be offered: Beginner 1 & 2; Intermediate 1 & 2 and Advanced. The first ten week session will begin in September, 2010 and the second ten week session will begin in January, 2011.

Beginner 1 & 2 classes and Intermediate 1 & 2 classes will meet on Wednesday evenings at St. Margaret's School on Winn Street in Burlington while the Advanced class will meet on Thursday evenings in Stoneham at the home of the instructor. Our registration policy mandates that this is a non-refundable fee.

Registrations will take place on Wednesday, September 15th from 6:00-7:45 P.M. at St. Margaret's School. For additional info, contact Phil D'Alleva, Director of the program, at 781-272-4305 or e-mail at dalleva@comcast.net.

If you are unable to register on Wednesday, September 15th, please complete the registration form located at www.burlingtonsonsofitaly.org by clicking on "Italian Classes" and then "Registration Form." Mail the completed form with your check made out to the Burlington Sons of Italy Lodge #2223. Send it to Phil D'Alleva, 15 Edgemere Ave., Burlington, MA 01803. No registrations will be accepted after Monday, September 20th, 2010.

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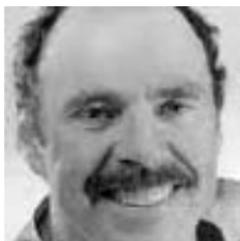
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THE BANNEN WAY (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Check out this hip, action-packed, sexy, full-length feature film about Neal Bannen (Mark Gantt), a charming con man with a penchant for beautiful women, caught between the mob and the cops. Bannen's goal is to complete one more job to pay off his debt to a notorious gangster. Robert Forster plays Bannen's mob boss uncle, with Michael Ironside as the police Chief, and Vanessa Marcil in the role of Bannen's partner-in-crime. (1 hr. 34 mins.)

SESAME STREET: 20 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING! (DVD)

Lionsgate

Hosted by Bill Cosby, "Sesame Street: 20 Years and Still Counting!" includes appearances by favorite Sesame Street residents like Big Bird, Grover, Bob and Maria. It also features timeless clips from past episodes, performances by Ray Charles and famed tenor Placido Domingo, and in-depth interviews with the series' creators. Sweep the clouds away and rediscover the carefree days of childhood with this delightful special! 20 great years! (48 mins.)

BATMAN: UNDER THE RED HOOD (DVD)

Warner Home Video

Batman faces his ultimate challenge as the mysterious Red Hood takes Gotham City by firestorm. One part vigilante and one part criminal kingpin, Red Hood begins cleaning up Gotham City with the efficiency of Batman, but without following the same ethical code. When the Joker falls in the balance between the two, hard truths are revealed and old wounds are reopened. The stellar voice cast features Bruce Greenwood, Jensen Ackles and Neil Patrick Harris. John DiMaggio and Jason Isaacs round out the main cast as The Joker and Ra's Ghul, respectively. (1 hr. 15 mins.)

THE WRONGED MAN (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Based on a true story, "The Wronged Man" stars Julia Ormond as Janet "Prissy" Gregory, the legal secretary who spent more than twenty years trying to free an innocent man from prison. While reassigning the cases of her late boss, Prissy has trouble getting a lawyer to represent inmate Calvin Willis (Mahershalalhashbaz Ali), an African-American man wrongly accused of raping a young girl. Prissy decides to handle the case herself, not anticipating the personal struggles she must face. (1 hr. 29 mins.)

IP MAN (Blu-ray-DVD) Well Go Usa – Mandarin Films

Ip Man, starring Donnie Yen, is the award-winning film adaptation about the life story of Ip Man, grandmaster of Wing Chun and mentor to legendary kung fu superstar Bruce Lee. Set in Fo Shan, China during the Sino-Japanese War, Ip Man vividly brings to life the brutality of the infamous Japanese occupation, where proud men are forced to fight till their death for a bag of rice. Ip Man, whose fighting skills are revered all over China, rises to the top. Refusing to teach his martial arts to the invading Japanese soldiers, he is forced to fight for the honor of his country in a kill-or-be-killed showdown with Japan's greatest fighter. (1 hr. 47 mins.)

FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION (5-DVD)

HBO Home Entertainment

A special 5-DVD collection includes "Flight of the Conchords: The Complete Collection," and "Flight of the Conchords: The Complete Second Season" along with the never-before-released "Flight of the Conchords: One Night Stand." "Conchords" sparked critical raves and earned ten Emmy nomination. The show follows the desperate lives of New Zealand natives Jemaine Clement and Bret McKenzie who struggle to jump-start their music career in New York City. Bret and Jemaine contend with unrequited love, inept criminals, prostitution, and epileptic dogs, breaking into song, they clumsily try to break into the New York scene. (11 hrs. 30 mins.)

AFTER.LIFE (DVD)

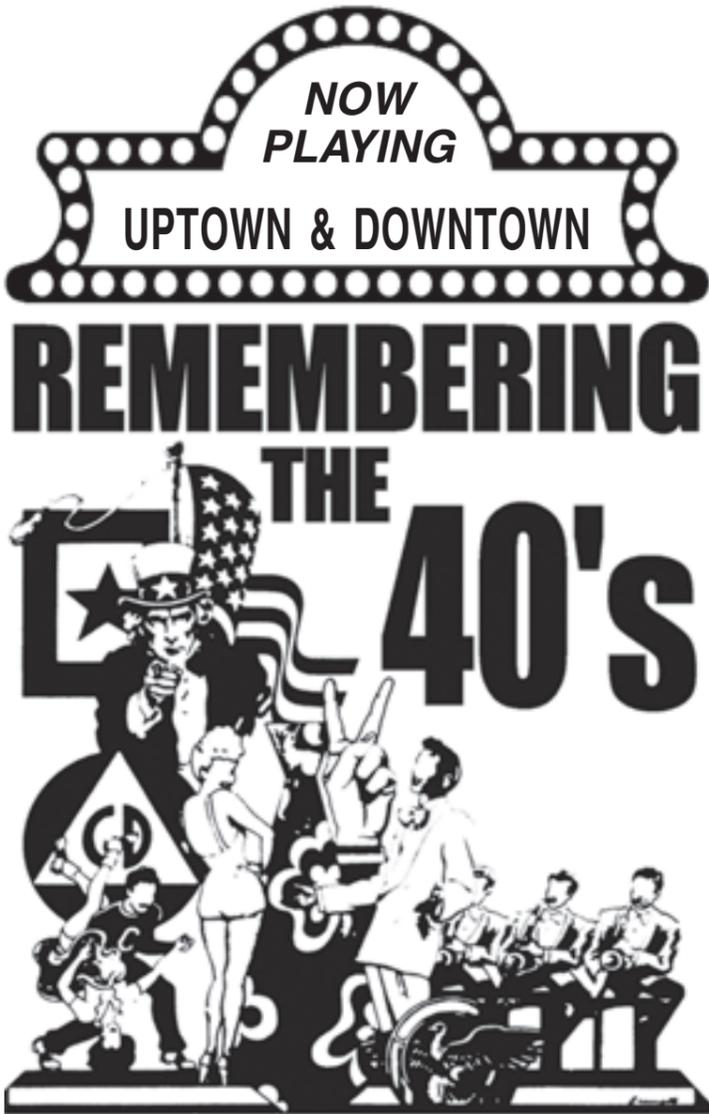
Anchor Bay Entertainment

After a horrific car accident, Anna (Christina Ricci) wakes up to find the local funeral director Eliot Deacon (Liam Neeson) preparing her body for her funeral. Confused, terrified and feeling still very much alive, Anna doesn't believe she's dead, despite the funeral director's reassurances that she is merely in transition to the afterlife. Eliot convinces her he has the ability to communicate with the dead and is the only one who can help her. Anna's grief-stricken boyfriend Paul (Justin Long) still can't shake the nagging suspicion that Eliot isn't what he appears to be. As the funeral nears, Paul gets closer to unlocking the disturbing truth, but could Anna have already begun to cross over to the other side! (1 hr. 43 mins.)

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THEATER

REAGLE PLAYERS
617 Lexington St. Waltham, MA
REMEMBERING THE 40'S - September 25 and 26, 2010. Stroll down Memory Lane revisiting America's greatest generation during the war years. Delight once again in the sights of the 1940's - and oh, those incredible, unforgettable songs! The War Front, Home Front, Big Band beat, Swing, Radio and 40's Hollywood and Broadway share center stage in our loving tribute. This is one from the heart! Of course, all WW2 vets are admitted free - as our honored guests! For tickets log onto www.reagleplayers.com or 781-891-5600.

AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER
64 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA
ALICE VS. WONDERLAND - September 2010. Lewis Carroll meets Lady Gaga in this fantastical update of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. This new adaptation seamlessly blends the lyrical whimsy of *Alice* with modern pop music, high-octane physical theater, and the dynamic vision of acclaimed Hungarian director János Szász (*Mother Courage, Marat/Sade, The Seagull*). The result is a fresh, funny, and emotional remix of Carroll's classic coming-of-age tale. Based on *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll, adapted by Brendan Shea, directed by János Szász. For more information please call 617-547-8300.

CABARET - September 2010. Take your seat at the Kit Kat Klub, the perfectly marvelous cabaret where singer Sally Bowles meets writer Cliff Bradshaw. As the two pursue a life of pleasure in Weimar Berlin, the world outside the Klub begins to splinter. Presiding over it all is singer, songwriter, and former Dresden Doll Amanda Palmer as the Kit Kat Klub's magnetic Emcee, with A.R.T. regulars Thomas Derrah and Jeremy Geidt. Book by Joe Masteroff, based on the play by John Van Druten and stories by Christopher Isherwood; music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, directed by Steven Bogart. For more information, please call 617-547-8300 or log onto www.americanrepertorytheater.org

NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE
62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA
JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT - Now through August 22, 2010 - Bill Hanney's all new North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) continues its 2010 season of musicals with the dazzling, family favorite **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT** starring American Idol finalist Anthony Fedorov and featuring a chorus of 20 children from the North Shore. Filled with youthful energy, JOSEPH combines a wide variety of musical styles - everything from country to calypso to rock 'n' roll - in a series of memorable musical numbers. Described as a high-voltage extravaganza, JOSEPH includes such classic songs as the contemplative "Any Dream Will Do," the Caribbean infused "Benjamin Calypso," the dazzling "Jacob and Sons/Joseph's Coat," the rockabilly sensation "Song of the King (Seven Fat Cows)" and the unforgettable "Go, Go, Go Joseph." American Idol finalist Anthony Fedorov, who also appeared Off-Broadway in *The Fantasticks* and in tours of *Simply Ballroom* and *Ballroom with a Twist*, stars in the title role with Jennifer Paz as the Narrator and Gary Lynch as Pharaoh. For tickets and information call 978-232-7200, visit www.nsmt.org or in person at 62 Dunham Rd. Beverly.

THE LYRIC STAGE COMPANY OF BOSTON
140 Clarendon St., Boston, MA
THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE - September 3 - October 2, 2010. Can you spell "centavo"? A quirky cast of characters hope to win the 25th Annual Spelling Bee in his "effortlessly endearing new musical." (*The New York Times*) School-age angst combines with current event improvisation as volunteer audience members join in for some fun competition. "From beginning to end it's a delight. D-E-L-I-G-H-T. Delight." For information log onto www.lyricstage.com or call 617-585-5678.

MUSIC

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION
290 Northern Ave., Boston, MA
DONNA SUMMER - August 27, 2010 at 7:30PM. A five-time Grammy 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 Summer has sold more than 130 million records. For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com.

STONEHAM THEATRE
395 Main Street, Stoneham
SINATRA AND FRIENDS - Saturday, August 21, 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 22, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. These are the best live performances you will see. Richard DeLuca of Stoneham portrays Frank as one of the best Sinatra tribute performers in the business singing many of the Sinatra standard classics such as "Under My Skin," "Come Fly With Me," "Summer Wind," "New York," "My Way" and many more. Don't miss this entertaining show. For tickets call the Stoneham Theatre Box Office at 781-279-2200, or visit stonehamtheatre.org

DICK'S LAST RESORT
Quincy Market at Faneuil Hall Boston, MA

ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP - Friday, August 20, Loco Locals, 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM, Saturday, August 21, T B A, Sunday, August 22, Tim Nickerson, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Monday, August 23, Paul Fudin, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Tuesday, August 24, Ryan Fitzsimmons, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Wednesday, August 25, Nate Watkins, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Thursday, August 26, Brian Locher, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Friday, August 27, Big Time, 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM, Saturday, August 28, Fire Hazard, 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM, Sunday, August 29, Ryan Fardy, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Monday, August 30, Brian Locher, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Tuesday, August 31, Ryan Fitzsimmons, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER
136 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA

PATRIZIO BUANNE - Saturday October 2, 2010 at 8:00 PM. His debut album "The Italian" and "Forever Begins Tonight" had captured the hearts of fans of timeless Italian songs worldwide to the extent that over a million albums were sold, and all this without Patrizio having an international radio hit or professional music management. With this significant success under his belt and huge demand in the US, Patrizio decided that in order to take his career to the next level, he would need to spend time in the US. This next phase included securing a new global recording contract with Warner Music and the recording of Patrizio's third album, under the helm of veteran music producers such as, Humberto Gatica, a man who fell in love with Patrizio's voice and understood his vision from the very first day, and Brian Rawlings who is responsible for countless hits in the last 20 years, recognized Patrizio's potentials and was enthusiastic to write for Patrizio's new release. This new fresh team has ever since collaborated on researching more tunes of the Italian songbook, that have become Patrizio's trade mark, but that also feature this time Patrizio's own contemporary and timeless interpretation of international and American standards, alongside some stunning new compositions for an eponymous titled CD. Simply named "PATRIZIO." But what quality separates Patrizio from other great artists? Is it the natural grace of his voice, the "rugged" good looks, or the confident, casual, respectful attention that he gives to his audience? Or is it just the basic trust he evokes in people? Italy has provided a simple word to describe all of the above "Simpatico." In October 2006 Patrizio was invited by the National Italian American Foundation to perform at the prestigious gala in Washington, D.C., for President George W. Bush. For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com or call 617-931-2000.

Special Events

THE WILBUR
246 Tremont St., Boston, MA
DES BISHOP - Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 7:00PM. Des Bishop is a London-born Irish comedian who was raised in New York. Originally, his comedy was observational, with most of his jokes based on Irish society. He later began touching on social issues in his stand-up routine and, after being diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2000, Bishop turned his experi-

ences into part of his material. He made his first television appearance in 2000 on the news-based topical show, *Don't Feed the Gondolas*. In 2008, Bishop starred in a television show, called *In the Name of the Fada*, which captures him trying to learn Irish to a standard sufficient to perform a standup act in the language. His live DVD, *Tongues*, was also released in 2008.

TOM GREEN - Friday, September 10, 2010 at 7:30PM. Tom Green is a Canadian comedian, actor and writer, who is best known for the wild antics on his 1999 variety television show, *The Tom Green Show*. In 2004, he released his autobiography, *Hollywood Causes Cancer*. Green's movie appearances include: *Road Trip*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Freddy Got Fingered* and *Stealing Harvard*. He was a celebrity contestant on *The Apprentice* in 2009. After, he put together his first ever world stand-up comedy tour.

MITCH FATEL - Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 7:00PM. Mitch Fatel is a comedian from New York who began doing stand-up at the age of 15. He performs regularly at the famed Comedy Cellar and has performed on the *Late Show with David Letterman*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and has worked as a correspondent on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. In 2006 Mitch took home honors as the "Best Stand-Up Comedian" at the Aspen Comedy Festival. In 2004, he released his first comedy CD, *Miniskirts and Muffins*. His half-hour *Comedy Central Presents* special was released in 2007. He recently released his newest special, *Mitch Fatel is Magical*, on DVD. For tickets log onto www.ticketmaster.com or call 617-931-2000.

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 evenings 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. 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. 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 p.m. 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 continues every Friday evening through September 3. Movies begin at dusk. 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.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
1 Science Park, Boston, MA

WHALES TOHORA - Presented at the Museum of Science now through September 14, 2010. *Whales Tohora* was developed and presented by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa

Tongarewa. For more information call 617-723-2500, (TTY) 617/589-0417, or visit mos.org.

WHALES - IMAX® FORMAT FILM
 To complement *Whales Tohora*, the Museum will present whales-related programming during the exhibit run, including *Whales*, an IMAX® format film in the Mugar Omni Theater. Audiences will meet blue, orca, and sperm whales and follow humpbacks as they travel thousands of miles from the krill blooms off the frigid coast of Alaska to give birth in the warm waters of Hawaii. Featuring spectacular underwater footage of mothers, calves, and escorts, *Whales* reveals many little-known aspects of these elusive creatures and celebrates the music, play and incredible strength of Earth's largest inhabitants. For more information, visit mos.org.

BOSTON CITY HALL PLAZA
Boston, MA

COUNTRY NIGHT - Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 7PM. American Idol Season Eight finalist Danny Gokey headlines Country 102.5 WKLB's Country Night at City Hall Plaza for the grand finale of this summer's Mayor Menino's Wednesday Night Concerts. Opening the show, presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with series sponsors WCVB-TV Channel 5 and the Boston Herald with support from the Boston Police Athletics League, is New Hampshire native Jandee Lee Porter. For more information call 617-635-4505.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Central Library Copley Square, Boston, MA

AWAY WE GO! VINTAGE TRAVEL POSTERS - Now through October 17, 2010. The golden age of travel is brought to colorful life in a new exhibition of vintage travel posters at the Boston Public Library. *Away We Go!* invites visitors to journey back to the early twentieth century via some of the most beautiful and important vintage travel posters from the BPL's collection.

MARGARET FULLER: IN HER OWN WORDS - Now through Tuesday, August 31, 2010. Margaret Fuller: In Her Own Words, an exhibition celebrating Fuller's extraordinary life, work, and legacy on the bicentennial of her birth. Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) was a woman of many "firsts": she was a groundbreaking educator, author, journalist, social reformer, and champion of women's rights. For more information 617-536-5400 or ask@bpl.org.

ARTS

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
465 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA

AVEDON FASHION 1944-2000 - Now through January 17, 2011. Richard Avedon was one of the greatest image-makers of the twentieth century. He revolutionized fashion photography with his imaginative, spirited portrayals of the "good life" showing beautiful women wearing extraordinary clothes in irresistible settings, as well as memorable portrayals that are both elegant and reserved. The upbeat spirit and innovative design of his compositions caught the eye of editors and art directors at *Harper's Bazaar* and *Vogue*—the primary magazines for which he worked—while his vision of the modern American woman, one of wit, individuality, and fast-lane glamour, captivated the public. His enormous success defined the role of the high-profile fashion photographer that we know today, and many of his images have become icons of photographic history. Avedon's career as a fashion photographer is displayed decade by decade in this exceptional traveling exhibition from the International Center of Photography in New York, the first comprehensive survey of Avedon's fashion photography since 1978. For more info log onto www.mfa.org.

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" Sundays 1PM to 2PM with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM www.1460WXB.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 WSRO 650 AM in Framingham and online at www.wsro.com.
"Don Giovanni Show" Saturday mornings from 6AM-8AM and Sunday evenings 5PM-7PM on 950 AM WROL. www.dongiovannishow.com.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

The brush off! A Pennsylvania woman has been cited for harassment for using her son's toothbrush to clean the bathroom. Justin Novack, 26, of Allentown, called police to complain that his mother, Deborah Woist, had put fecal matter on his toothbrush. When officers confronted Woist with her son's allegations, police said, she explained that the bathroom had not been cleaned in two months, "so she cleaned it for her son using his toothbrush, which she put back in the holder for his use."

Singing the blues! Susan Boyle, the amateur singer who sold \$15 million in records after winning a British talent show, is still living on about \$500 a week, says the *London News of the World*. Boyle, 49, a small-town spinster, is being kept on a tight allowance by her management team because of her erratic behavior. Boyle can't understand why she still has no money, says her brother, Gerry Boyle. "She looks very distraught at the moment," said Boyle. "Susan doesn't look as if she's a successful international chart star."

The Amish are coming! The Amish are coming! The Amish have branched out from Pennsylvania and Ohio, and now have communities in 28 states, as they keep expanding west in search of affordable, fertile farmland. The Amish population stands at 249,000, double what it was in 1992.

Shame! Shame! Some 6,500 graves at Arlington National Cemetery are marked with the wrong names, the Army inspector general has found. The report blames shoddy record-keeping and poor management.

Get up and read this! The more time you spend sitting on your duff every day, the shorter your life span is likely to be, a new study says. Researchers at Ochsner Health System at Ochsner Health System in Louisiana analyzed the health and activity of some 120,000 people over 14 years, from 1993 to 2006. After adjusting for factors such as body mass index and smoking, they found that sitting six hours a day is a major health risk. Sedentary women faced a 37 percent higher risk of dying during those 14 years compared with women who sat for less than three hours a day. The increased mortality risk for men was 17 percent. Exercising did lower the risk of early death, but far from eliminated it. The researchers suspect that when muscles are inactive for long periods of time, the body releases hormones affecting cholesterol and triglycerides, which can cause heart disease. It's one more reason to "get up and walk," oncologist and study author Jay Brooks tells *USA Today*. "If you're in a job that requires sitting, that's fine, but any time you can expend energy is good. That's the key."

Boozers' news! 67% of U.S. adults drink alcohol, a slight increase over last year and the highest proportion in 25 years. Beer remains the most popular alcoholic beverage, followed by wine and liquor.

The astute Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "Some men can take a drink or leave it alone — for a few hours."

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill says, "The girl who marries a drinking man to reform him, will soon have her hands full as well as her husband."

Remember, drink often drives a man to misfortune, and misfortune often drives a man to drink.

Our noted musicologist Albert Natale reminds us it was the late bandleader Mitch Miller who got America to sing along. When Mitch Miller, then Columbia Records' top song-picker, asked Rosemary Clooney to sing an oddball tune adapted from an old Armenian folk melody, "I damn near fell on the floor," Clooney recalled. She reluctantly agreed to record the song, with backing from an electric harpsichord, and "Come On-a My House" transformed her from a \$50-a-session backup singer into an international star. "Nothing happened to me until I met Mitch," she said. Well, many people thought "Come On-a My House" was an Italian folk song. Not so! It's Armenian!

It's true! Age brings wisdom! Life's lessons are the best! That's the conclusion of a new

study showing that older people are wiser than young ones — and that "age effects on wisdom hold at every level of social class, education and IQ." Researchers at the University of Michigan learned older folks proved to be the most sensible when it came to dealing with the social problems.

Old age is the period when you begin to smile at things you used to laugh at.

The charming and youthful Mona-Lisa Cappuccino of East Boston, thinks most women not only respect old age — they approach it with caution.

A senior citizen in Winthrop reports, "I'm getting old. I took my first airplane flight yesterday and the stewardess asked if I wanted coffee, tea, or Geritol."

The ageless Steven Sebestyen thinks the best way to grow old is not to be in a hurry about it. Steven's "child-bride" Theresa, says growing old is no cause for hysteria. The rosebush does not scream when the petals begin to fall.

Betcha you didn't know that the countries with the lowest birth rates are: Spain, Italy, Germany, Greece, and Japan. And the countries with the highest birth rates are: Niger, Uganda, Angola, Mali and Guinea. The countries with the highest death rates: Sierra Leone and Afghanistan. A few of the countries with the lowest death rates: Kuwait, Costa Rica and Venezuela.

The gossip rags are predicting now with their daughter Chelsea settled down, Bill and Hillary will probably put an end to their 34-year marriage. At stake, millions of dollars! Perhaps when they decide how to deal with their combined \$299 million fortune it will be all over. Hillary should harvest the most of the loot. She deserves it!

The Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame annual induction and awards ceremony will take place Thursday, September 16 at the Boston Marriot Quincy. Some of the inductees: Dale Dorman, Tom Ellis, Gary LaPierre, Janet Wu and Robin Young. And they will also honor the contributions of the late Roger Allen, Ken Coleman, Bob Emery, Harry Wheeler and Johnny Most. For the record, Johnny Most always gave me credit for making it possible for him to become the announcer of the Boston Celtics. In short, I was working at WCOP Radio in Boston as Promotion Director and when the station decided to broadcast the Celtic's games I was instructed to recruit an announcer. And so I put the word out we were looking for an announcer and only three showed up for the audition. We showed a film of a basketball game and only Johnny Most knew how to call the shots. He got the job! Should you wish to attend the awards ceremony, call 617-763-0109.

A bit of Italian American history. Charles Atlas, born Angelo Siciliano, invented the bodybuilding technique called "Dynamic Tension" in 1921 and was dubbed "America's Most Perfectly Developed Man" by *Physical Culture* magazine. By the 1950s, the former Coney Island janitor had over one million followers. He died in 1972 at age 79, while jogging too soon after a heart attack. And in 1990, Mary Lou Retton, born Mary Lou Rettoni, became the first female gymnast and the youngest athlete ever inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame. In the 1984 Olympics at age 16, she won the all-around gold medal in woman's gymnastics.

Mangia! Chef Boyardee, the man behind the nation's leading brand of ready-to-eat spaghetti dinners, pizza, sauce and pasta was Ettore Boiardi, an Italian immigrant, who began as a chef's apprentice at age 11, eventually opened a restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio and in the 1930s, began selling his pasta and sauce in cans. During World War II, Chef Boyardee was the largest supplier of rations for the U.S. and Allied Forces.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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ASPARAGUS OMELET

2 cups cut-up fresh, frozen or canned asparagus
4 beaten eggs or equal quantity of egg substitute
1 medium onion (optional)
1/4 cup olive, canola or vegetable oil
Salt

Cut up fresh asparagus, wash and par boil or steam in a saucepan. Set aside and dry with paper towel. To prevent dangerous oil splattering, be sure asparagus is dry before placing in skillet with oil.

Remove skin from onion. Cut onion in half, and cut each half into 1/4-inch long slices. Set aside

Heat oil in skillet before adding asparagus. Fry asparagus slowly for about five minutes, stirring frequently. Add onion to skillet (optional) and fry until onion is slightly browned. Stir frequently. Meantime beat eggs thoroughly in a bowl. Add salt to taste. Skillet should be well heated before gently pouring beaten eggs in a circular motion over the asparagus/onion mixture. Lower burner. Using spatula, lift mixture slightly. Tip skillet, allowing beaten eggs to slowly drain under the asparagus. Repeat this process on opposite side of skillet until only small portions of the eggs remain on top. Gently shake skillet over burner to keep mixture from sticking to bottom. Carefully slide the mixture onto a platter. Return the mixture face down into the skillet. Fry slowly until all of the eggs have cooked. Slide omelet carefully from skillet onto a platter for serving.

VARIATIONS: In place of asparagus, use cut-up green peppers, vinegar peppers, potato pieces, ham, or frankfurters. Cheese of choice and/or mushrooms can be added to the omelet. Another option is to scramble all the ingredients in the skillet after adding the beaten eggs. Stir until beaten eggs cook thoroughly.

NOTE: Omelets or "Frittati," as my mother called them, were frequently prepared during my childhood. My favorite high school lunch was a pepper and egg (omelet) sandwich. Now that I realize what a strong aroma the pepper and egg omelet has as a sandwich I often wonder what my classmates thought when I opened my brown lunch bag

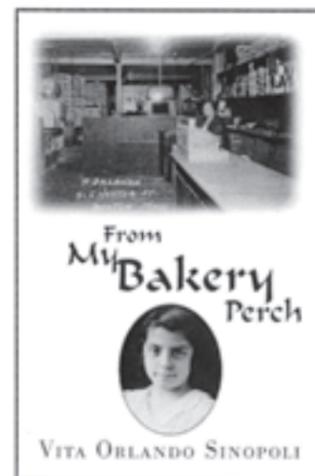
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• An Unexpected Encounter (Continued from Page 6)

We began searching for constellations, found the Big Dipper for certain but were unable to find another. We left our friends with our cousins and decided to walk along the beach, making our way to the water we stopped for a moment to once again observe the stars; they seemed to be tumbling into the ocean just beyond the sandbars silhouetted against the starlit sky. Suddenly there was a stirring in the water, not twenty feet from us and in an instant 15 seals surfaced, black and shiny glistening in the moonlight, they caught sight of us and went silent. We stood motionless not wanting to frighten them while

they kept silently observing us as they bobbed in the ocean swells. Creatures from different worlds, we seemed at once alien and familiar, an unexpected and strangely beautiful encounter in what had already been a magical night.

Seconds passed that seemed like minutes and suddenly there was a splash and all 15 were gone in an instant, surfacing from time to time as they made their way back to the sandbars where within an hour they could be heard calling to each other somewhere in the night, the sirens' song of Greek mythology. God's creation is wonderful indeed.



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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



The Emperor's New Clothes was a story by Hans Christian Anderson. I just happened to see a copy of it the other day and it reminded me of shopping for clothes with Babbononno when I was a just a kid. I have to tell you before I begin, Babbononno was a dresser. He would never think of going anywhere without wearing a recently pressed suit, a starched white shirt and tie and a "spit shine" on his shoes. Everything had to be just so and was often accented by a single breasted overcoat and a grey fedora with the brim turned slightly down-ward in front. My grandfather wore a signet ring, carried a gold Hamilton pocket watch and often wore a gold tie pin with an oval garnet in the center. His daily-shaved face often had the scent of the aftershave lotions of the day: lilac water, bay rum, lime, or the aroma of Old Spice.

On a given day when I was in grade school, we were released early due to a teacher's meeting. As I walked in the house, I discovered that Babbononno was getting dressed and asked him where he was going. He told me that he was heading to downtown Boston to look for a new suit. Seeing I was home early, I was enlisted to accompany my grandfather whether I wanted to or not. I liked shopping and didn't refuse. If I did, I probably wouldn't have lived, anyway.

When we were ready to leave, Babbononno took me by the hand and said in fractured English, "Jenny, we go ah Bostona, foh look foh a new sootza per me. I needa sum tinga oscurro, darka, watta foh go out on da weekenda widda Nanna, capisce?" I said O.K. to my grandfather and we headed down the Eutaw Street hill to await the next trolley on the corner of Meridian and Eutaw. We hopped aboard the next car heading south and got off at Maverick Station. Once downstairs, we boarded the train for Scollay Square Station. Once out on the street, Babbononno ushered me along as he didn't want me to see the pictures of half dressed women that were taped in the windows of the establishments that made Scollay Square famous with servicemen on leave in Boston. There were bars, night-clubs, several cheap hotels, two burlesque theaters, a tat-

too parlor and, of course, a Joe and Nemo's ready to sell you a steamed hot dog or two.

Before we headed down State Street to Washington, Babbononno brought me to Eric Fuch's. This was a store on the first block of Tremont Street that specialized in electric trains. Babbononno knew that, every time we were heading downtown, we had to stop there as I was fascinated by the display in their front window. And besides, Erlich's was next door. This establishment sold the best cigars and pipe tobacco in Boston, and seeing it was next the train store, Babbononno could go in and buy a few cigars he couldn't find in East Boston.

Once on Washington Street, we stopped at Richmond Brothers, Six Little Tailors, and a couple of other stores that sold men's suits. These weren't the places where my grandfather would closely examine the suits. These were places where he would get an idea on the prices for the materials and styles he likes. One of the stores had bolts of material in the window with openings for a pair of hands to fit into. Chained scissors would allow a prospective buyer to cut a piece of material to examine before entering the store. Of course, Babbononno had to examine a sample before we went on. As we headed toward Raymond's, my grandfather would stop at Delano's, a fancy men's store on that same left side of the street. Here he could check out the latest in Borselino hats, Italian imports that were the best this side of custom tailored hats. Next to Delano's was one of the first Johnston and Murphy shoe stores. Here Babbononno examined their black business shoes and swallowed hard as he checked out the prices. On that same side was another stop, Stoddard's. This emporium sold knives, razors and cutlery from the best makers in Europe. Babbonono, on this occasion, bought a piece of shaving soap to fill his mongrammed mug.

The next stop was Raymond's, a department store that sold things a little cheaper than Jordan Marsh or Filenes. The men's department was on the right as you entered from street level. Most of the salesmen were old timers who worked on a commission basis. As soon as we began looking at suits,

several salesmen were all over us like bees to honey. Babbononno to get rid of them called out, "I justa looka, wenna I fine summa tinga, I tella you."

I believe I learned my methods of examination from Babbononno. Once he chose a garment that pleased his eyes, he felt the material between the thumb and index fingers of his left hand. He next checked the quality of the stitching and then the alignment of the lining. When he was satisfied with his choice, he would then try on the jacket. Here is where the problems began. Babbononno had large shoulders but was only four feet, eleven inches tall, short even by ancient Italian calculations. My uncles used to say that he was the shortest man ever to be in the Italian marines, but that might have been just hear say.

Babbononno needed either a 40 or a 42 short in a suit. He could even fit into a boy's student size if the cut was full enough, but he wouldn't admit this fact even after a couple of glasses of wine. After trying on several suits, he would usher me out of Raymond's and head for Filene's Basement and then the basement store of Jordan Marsh. On this trip, we spent about a half hour in each store checking out their merchandise. When my grandfather picked out a couple of ties and dress shirts to accompany them, I knew that he had chosen one or more of the suits he saw at Raymond's and that the stops at Filenes and Jordan Marsh were just to make comparisons, not to buy. There would inevitably be a problem with the shirts. Babbononno had to fit his neck, but the shortest sleeve, a 32, would be too long and Nanna would be enlisted to shorten the sleeves to accommodate my grandfather's arms.

With shirts and ties in a shopping bag, we headed back to Raymond's where Babbononno examined his original choices with the shirts and ties he bought in the lower level of the Filenes store being held next to the suit jackets. When he was satisfied that the garments all complimented each other, he called out, "Hey Jenny, queste combinazione sono buono." (Hey John, these combinations are good.) Of course I had to agree.

Once Nanna approved of Babbononno's choices, the next step was to have the jackets altered and the pants hemmed by Billy the Tailor, a paesano of my grandfather's and a master tailor. When all was said and done, Babbononno would look the part and I think I acquired my awareness of quality from observing him. It was instructional, and most of all, fun. GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)



Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, left, with Stephen Cidlevich, DMH's Director of Constituent Affairs at Red Hot & Blue at the Citi Wang Theater. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts coordinate colorful competitions among the region's top amateur floral arrangers and horticulturists.

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(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.)

• Menino Receives Knighthood (Continued from Page 1)

for the award, presented him with the Medal and Italian Government citation at a ceremony at Boston City Hall. By accepting the medal, Mayor Menino is granted the lifelong title of *Commendatore* Thomas M. Menino, which is the fourth-highest ranking knight in the Order to the Merit of the Italian Republic.

"I want to thank the Consul General and the Italian Government, especially the President and the Prime Minister, for this prestigious honor," said Mayor Menino. "As Boston's first Italian-American mayor, I am very proud of my Italian heritage and this is an honor that I will cherish forever."

The *Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana*, instituted in 1951, is bestowed by decree of the President of the Italian Republic and on the recommendation of the President of the Council of Prime Ministers. The rigorous approval procedures include a nomination process, a review period by the

Council of Prime Ministers, and the Order must be approved and signed by the President of the Italian Republic. It is awarded in five degrees for "merit acquired by the nation" in the fields of literature, the arts, economy, public service, and social, philanthropic and humanitarian activities and for long and conspicuous service in civilian and military careers. Mayor Menino joins Speaker Nancy Pelosi, former FBI director Louis Frey, and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Peter Pace as one of very few Italian-Americans to be awarded this distinction.

The award ceremony coincided with a 4-day port visit of the Italian Naval Attaché to the USA, the San Giusto. Mayor Menino greeted Captains Edoardo Giacomini and Maurizio Ertreo at the ceremony and welcomed their crew members to Boston. The San Giusto is the first Italian military ship to visit Boston in 10 years.

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(FROM ITALIAN
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Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

HOW TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT ORGANIZED CRIME, IN ITALY. As most of you readers know, many small-medium enterprises have been paying the notorious "pizzo" to organized crime for decades. Why they keep paying such a "protection" tax? For fear of losing their businesses and their lives, if they refused or went to the Police to report the crime. Their fears were justified by past events where several individuals saw their businesses destroyed or cost their lives. Suddenly something happened. Businesses were organized in Sicily, and storekeepers, and above, decided to report the crime, otherwise the principals would be expelled from the organization. When the first business owners refused to comply with the criminals' demands and kept reporting the crime, the Police began massive arrests. And so began the reaction of the law-abiding citizens, people who had had enough of the threats and intimidations by the Cosa Nostra guys. There were times when the sight of heavily-armed policemen and Carabinieri, standing ready at street corners was a common occurrence. They were there to protect a small business (cafe-bar or restaurant or even a tobacco store).

Reprisals from the criminals, decimated by the mass arrests, did not materialize. I have personally observed in a couple of large cities the presence of heavily-armed police, strategically standing at several street corners trying to prevent violence by the once tolerated racket. Also, there have been massive demonstrations against Cosa Nostra by school children and various organizations, and many adults who have paraded, e.g., in the streets of Palermo against organized crime. It is no wonder that of late none of the violence common in the '70s and '80s seems to be now on the wane. Even in those difficult days, courageous judges and prosecutors risked their lives in the performance of their duties. We hope that in the future no business owner will ever be threatened or killed by the Mafia. As things stand now, it seems that justice has prevailed and "won."

THE LAW PROTECTS THE ITALIAN CEO'S: THEIR FAT PAY IS UNTOUCHABLE! The salaries of the Italian CEO's cannot be touched according to existing laws. Obviously, not unlike their counterpart in the US. A bill recently introduced in the Italian Senate, which aimed to establish a limit to the CEO's salaries, no matter how the business fared, was quickly pushed out of the way! Well, allow me to give you a sample of the profits of the Italian CEO's. The CEO of DATALOGIC CORP., Roberto Tunioli, makes 8,300,000 euro a year (@ \$10 mil.); Luca Maiocchi, of "Scat PG," makes 7,950,000 euro a year (@ \$9,500,000); Enrico Parazzini of Telecom, makes 7,170,000 euro a year (@ \$9,200,000); Marco Tronchetti Provera of the famous tire maker Pirelli, makes 4,390,000 euro (@ \$6 mil.). There are other CEO's who make not less than 3,320,000 euro a year (@ \$4.5 mil.). How scandalous! But we know that in the US things aren't that different!

DRINK BEER TO PREVENT OSTEOPOROSIS! According to a new study by the Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of California, it appears that a moderate use of most kinds of beer helps to fight osteoporosis that affects the bone structure of our body, causing a low bone density. The "silicio organico" is the important mineral in the hop and malt that definitely help replenish the bone mineral density and prevents it from deteriorating. Now, don't rush to a bar to order beer! Remember, you need to drink it "moderately," otherwise you end up ... ubriaco!

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The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

EASTIE PRIDE DAY AUGUST 21

The 22nd Eastie Pride Day celebrating East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's 40th anniversary will be held Saturday, August 21 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Pier's Park down on Marginal Street.

ECCO SEEKS ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

I love Ecco Lounge on Porter Street. It used to be Sablone's where the veal was tops. However, since David Modica and his wife Carla (Santarpio) took the old Sablone's and created Ecco, East Boston has a great restaurant and martini bar. It has attracted many who had been going through the Sumner Tunnel to other side of the harbor. It attracts a young crowd and has also caught on with the locals too. It has a lively character. People know your name there, at least they know mine.

Ecco is now seeking an entertainment license to bring in live musical acts. No loud noise — more along the lines of jazz music. They just held a neighborhood meeting with local politicians and area residents and received a mostly positive response to the plans for live entertainment. On August 24, Ecco will go before the Boston Licensing Board for a hearing. I fully support Dave and Carla's plans.

Finally, I want to say bartender Kate Caruso makes the best Irish Coffee in East Boston. Nothing better than a plate of pasta and a good Irish coffee, after all I am Gaelic-Garlic.

QUIET WEDNESDAY AT THE MIRABELLA POOL

Last week, I arrived at the pool to see Gigi's Area 51 empty. I had all the space in

the world to set up my blanket for my sun tanning. I had my sun block, my sun oil and my favorite pillow. Without Gigi it was awful quiet. There was no WJIB music playing in the background. Seems everyone took a vacation day from the pool. I heard some of the regulars went on a bus trip to Foxwoods. Gigi and Marilyn were seen boarding the bus out front of the Sulmona Club on Fleet Street. I missed them as well as Sevens Sammy and Cal.

However, I did bump into the Pink Lemonade Girls sun tanning next to my regular spot. Seems even Kelly and Julie noticed the absence of all the regulars. They said they love the pool and how everyone gets along so well. Everyone is gearing up for Sunday, September 5 when the annual end of summer barbeque will be held. I hear Leo will be back doing his Frank Sinatra routine again. You haven't heard "My Way" until you've heard Leo's version.

TWO TOWERS FOR THE FENWAY



A Boston developer who built luxury apartments and upscale retailers to the once gritty Boylston Street is about to revitalize the former Goodyear Tire site. Recently, Samuels & Associates filed plans for a \$300 million development which includes two 15-story towers. Says, Bill Richardson, President of the Fenway Civic Associa-

tion, "This is one more step in turning Boylston Street into a Main Street for the neighborhood, without all the cars."

BOSTON HERALD APOLOGIZES TO PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY

An estimated 100,000 folks attended the Puerto Rican Festival this year over three days, but shortly after the Puerto Rican Parade ended with a nearby shooting and the next day the *Boston Herald* headline read: "Puerto Rican Parade Marred by Shooting." The shooting had nothing to do with the parade and three days later the *Boston Herald* apologized for that headline and story. The shooting took place a mile from the parade route and after receiving many irate phone calls and e-mails, offered both a retraction and apology to the Puerto Rican community.

NORTH END TO FLORIDA GUYS

Everyone knows Firicano's Barber Shop on North Street, but before there was Rich Firicano Jr., there was Rich Firicano Sr. Today, he lives down around Naples, Florida. My cousin Angelo Giarratani, who grew up at 88 Prince Street is now both retired and living with his wife Mary in Fort Myers, Florida.

Last week while Angelo and Mary were in the North End visiting inside the Sacred Heart Church, he noticed another guy with a familiar face, it turned out to be Rich Sr. Both he and Angelo grew up in the forties together, they hadn't seen each other in 60 years but instantly recognized each other and chatted about their old North End days.

Their North End roots have bonded a lifetime of friendship. Over sixty years of friendship.

• Guy Carbone (Continued from Page 2)

name will appear on the ballot in the general election.

Attorney Carbone, who holds three degrees in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a degree of Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School, has been practicing law for 35 years following a successful career as an engineer. He served as General Counsel for the state's Department of Labor and Industries, during which time he was appointed a special assistant District

Attorney and a special assistant Attorney General. He has also served as an arbitrator and a mediator in civil lawsuits as well as a Master in the Superior Court. He has been a member of the engineering faculty at Tufts University and, as Chief Engineer of the Commonwealth's Government Center Commission, was responsible for the design and construction of the state buildings in Boston's Government Center. Under Governor King,

Attorney Carbone served as Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission. A graduate of and non-resident instructor at the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, Attorney Carbone retired as a colonel in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after dutifully serving for 30 years.

For more information about Attorney Carbone and his views on political issues and potential policy changes, please visit his website at www.carboneforag.com.

• Editorial (Continued from Page 3)

the new one with even more wishy-wash. Spokesman Bill Burton trotted out to clarify the clarification: "Just to be clear, the president is not backing off in any way ..."

Many of the president's already worried fellow Democrats were cringing because when Obama embellishes, the opposition relishes. They now have still more material for the GOP arsenal of sound bite bombs.

This was a gift to them, and not some inadvertent slip of the tongue. The Ramadan comments were prepared, refined and massaged by the President, his advisers and speechwriters and then read off the usual teleprompter. But as he traipsed about lauding the oil-free sands, the uproar threw some sand in his well-oiled image machine.

Not that this is anything

new about Barack Obama. He takes great pride in his reputation for trying to achieve a meeting of the minds. Sadly, in today's incendiary environment, consensus is a con, and once again, the President is painfully discovering that when he tries to please everybody, he pleases nobody.

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

The governor who has been highly unpopular with the electorate is now trying to ride back into a second term on the back of the House of Representatives. Speaker DeLeo provided much needed leadership and meted out a compromise with Senate President Theresa Murray and had thought likewise with Governor Patrick, but Patrick turned on the Legislature and tried forcing them into a corner, but the House did not bend for the corner office.

It is Governor Patrick and Governor Patrick alone who killed any chance of casinos coming into the Commonwealth. We are now, thanks to the governor, going to watch as Bay Staters take their money out of state to either Rhode Island or Connecticut. We will also watch as our unemployed workers stay unemployed too. DeLeo did his best, but Governor Patrick played hardball and won this time but voters will remember his antics in November at the polls.

**Hats are Back
Have You Noticed?**
Back when I was a kid, my

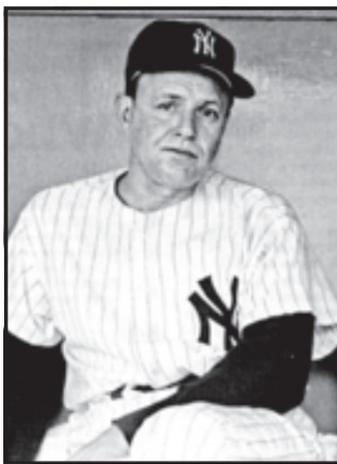
dad would never go out without his soft hat on. In movies, guys always wore their fedoras. My father even bought me one of those hats that folks like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., or James Bond wore. I hated it, wore it a couple of times and threw it into the back of my bedroom closet. I hated hats. My father loved them. Back before the mid-sixties and before Jack Kennedy, hats seemed mandatory. Once JFK was in the White House hatless, everyone seemed to go hatless. I was so glad.

Lately at the malls, I noticed all kinds of those old looking hats back on display and young guys were buying them. The *Wall Street Journal* even did a front page story on the return of the hat. I don't like them anymore today than I did way back when.

Personally, I thought hats made men go bald. I never wore them and I still have an amazing head of hair. It isn't black anymore. The color turned grey but so much remains. I feared that had I worn hats growing up, most of my hair would have gone AWOL from the top of my head. Hey, if these young hipsters want to look like James Bond, just remember what happened to the hair actor Sean Connery once sported. Gonzo!

EXTRA Innings
by Sal Giarratani

Ralph Houk the Major Dead at 90



Ralph Houk who managed the NY Yankees in the '60s (1961-63) to two World Series wins has died (July 21) at 90 years of age. Houk also played parts of eight seasons as a backup catcher for the New York Yankees. Said Jim Price, the Tigers radio analyst, "People forget that before he was a manager, he was a

war hero and he was a catcher for lots of years."

In 20 years as a manager, he won 1,619 games for the Yankees, Tigers and Red Sox where he retired from the game. In 1961, his rookie season as a manager, he took the NY Yankees behind Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris to a World Series victory. The team won 109 games and hit 240 homers.

He moved to the position of general manager for the Yankees in 1964-65. He will go down in NY Yankees history as the man who replaced the legend Casey Stengel. A part of the NY Yankees baseball history.

Cincinnati Reds Get Edmonds

The Cincinnati Reds looking to win the NL Central Division have acquired Jim Edmonds from the Milwaukee Brewers for their playoff run. Edmonds batted .286 with 8 homers and 20 RBIs in 73 games for the Brewers.

Strawberry's Sports Grill

Hey, if Big Papi can open a restaurant, I guess more players will follow his lead. The latest is eight time All-Star Darryl Strawberry. He started his career with the Mets in 1983 and finished up with the Yankees in 1999. Talking about his new restaurant, he says, "It's not ballpark food, trust me. You'll have to go to the ballpark for hot dogs and Cracker Jacks."

Baseball Live on Radio

The first radio broadcast of a baseball game was on Pittsburgh radio station KDJR on August 5, 1921 when announcer Harry Arlin provided listeners with the play-by-play of the Pirates-Phillies game, which the Pirates won 8-5.

First 17 Game Winner

Ubaldo Jimenez of the Rockies became the first to win his 17th game this season. Jimenez (17-2) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings against the Giants on August 4. This guy is having an amazing rookie season. His ERA is also an amazing 2.61 in an era when ERAs are usually one run higher. He's pitching like the pitchers of old.

A-Rod

Youngest to Reach 600

The Yankees Alex Rodriguez at 35 years, 8 days is the youngest ballplayer to reach 600 homeruns.

The next youngest was Babe Ruth who reached that mark at 36 years, 196 days. A-Rod's next goal is to pass Sammy Sosa who hit 609 homers. He could do it probably before this season ends. Next year, it would be Ken Griffey Jr. who hit 630. In 2012, if he stays healthy it is Willie Mays who whacked 660 home runs. After that, there's just three guys left, Babe Ruth at 714, Hank Aaron at 755 and Barry Bonds at 762.

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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 MARK A MELARAGNI of Dunstable, 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 SEPTEMBER 7, 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: August 9, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 8/20/10

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI09P4378EA

In the Estate of
JOHN CLANCY *As Amended
Late of SOMERVILLE, MA 02145
Date of Death September 7, 2009

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 CARL R. BARNHILL of Medford, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve With Personal 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2010.

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 11, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 8/20/10

**LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Massport) is soliciting integrator services for **MPA CONTRACT NO. A197-S3 ASSET INVENTORY AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT INTEGRATOR SERVICES**. Under a prior Request for Information, Massport selected two asset management software products to be included in a Qualified Products List (QPL). Those products are: IBM Maximo Asset Management 7.1 and Infor Enterprise Asset Management, Asset Sustainability Edition, version 8.4. Massport now is seeking a qualified integrator to supply either of the two QPL software products and any Massport authorized related system components, and to install and configure the asset management system utilizing an electronic asset inventory, an equipment classification system, and bar coding specifications already developed for Massport's pilot project site at Logan International Airport's Terminal A. The scope of services requested in this RFP shall pertain to the pilot project site. In the future, Massport anticipates expanding its asset management program to include other Massport facilities.

The consultant's fee shall be negotiated on a work order basis and shall be based upon the consultant's proposed project costs provided in response to this RFP. Massport reserves the right to accept, reject, and/or negotiate any or all aspects of the consultant's proposal.

M/W/DBE certification of the prime or any subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the consultant shall include a copy of the M/W/DBE certification letter from the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. Additionally, interested proposers may obtain copies of Attachments A and B to this RFP which detail all other proposal requirements. Those Attachments will be available beginning Wednesday, August 18, 2010 via e-mail by contacting Susan Brace at sbrace@massport.com

The submission shall be evaluated on the basis of: (1) responsiveness to Massport's product, technical, and project requirements, (2) demonstrated successful track record of consultant on projects of a similar type as well as organizational type, size and complexity to that of Massport, (3) qualifications and experience of the proposed project manager and key personnel to be assigned to the project, (4) experience and expertise of subconsultants, if any, (5) project costs, and (6) M/W/DBE and affirmative action efforts.

The selection shall involve a two-step process including the shortlisting of firms based on an evaluation of the proposals submitted in response to this solicitation, followed by a final selection. Massport reserves the right to require interviews with, and/or demonstrations by, shortlisted firms prior to final selection if deemed appropriate.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the standard agreement can be found on Massport's web page at www.massport.com. The exception to this standard agreement is the insurance requirements as follows: (1) \$1,000,000 of commercial general liability and (2) \$1,000,000 of automobile liability insurance. The consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11"), no acetate covers. Ten (10) copies of a bound document and one (1) electronic copy on CDROM each consisting of: 1) a cover letter; and 2) responses to all requirements contained in the Attachments to this RFP. The submissions shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to Massport in any proposal or other written or oral communication between the proposer and Massport shall not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although Massport shall use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by Massport except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

All questions relative to the submission shall only be directed to Catherine Wetherell, Deputy Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs at (617) 568-3501.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS J. KINTON, JR.
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 08/20/10



CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

"To the Great Ladies of the World of Boxing. It Can't Be Done, Without You!"

A great wonderful side to boxing. The great mothers, wives, daughters, girlfriends, fighters, members of the media, fight fans and our many other great contributors to the world of boxing. All are truly appreciated. All essential to the world of boxing. Great partners! We couldn't have done it without "You!" The great contributions you've made have added to our success in boxing. Our great other halves. We couldn't of done it without. You are a significant part of our fight world, at times not acknowledged. Please remember "we couldn't of done it without you!" A quote Auditor Joe DeNucci made in regards to his magnificent wife Barbara DeNucci. This brings to thought a great saying "Behind every successful man is a great women. I agree. It's almost impossible to do it with-out "You!" Barbara DeNucci and world title contender and Massachusetts State Auditor Joe DeNucci, Shirley Wood and the Babe, Rose Pender and World Champion Paul Pender, Dottie DeMarco and World Champion Tony DeMarco, ace photographer Emily Harney, Helen Silverman and Sam, Barbara Marciano and husband Rocky, Lena Marciano and son Rocky, Geraldine Liston and Sonny, fighter Jaime Clampitt, Cheryl Benoit and Bob, Karen Gerstel and Leo, Karen McNally and Jim, Martha Crowley and Clem, Susan Murphy and Marty, Pat Martini and Tom, Paula Mullen and Mike, Ginger O'Malley and Dan, Betty Dwyer and Mickey, Pamela Doyle and Paul, Lya O'Neill and Don, Alice Pusateri and Iron Mike, Carmela Pender and Billy, Barbara Roach with husband Paul and the boys, Kathleen Ross and Charlie, Janet Bunting and Chris, Mary Long and Danny, Ann Torsney and her son Rich, Mae Hagler Lang the mother of Marvelous Marvin Hagler. We emphasize again "We couldn't of done it without you!" "Thank you!" Some comments: "There are times, had to make sacrifices like fighters do." "Harder to be part of training time, than the actual fight time." "Not easy." "Not easy!"

Happy Boxer Family Birthday's

August 22nd to World Champion Harold "Chubby" Gomes, 24th Lee Meador, 25th Jim McNally, 28th Steve Memishian, 30th to Massachusetts State Auditor/World Title Contender Joe DeNucci, September 1st RIP to World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano and to Bill Mofford, 3rd Dan Fitzgerald, 4th Paul Poirier and Kurt DeCicco, 9th Bobby Bolster and 11th Mike Joyce.

In this corner at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas we have standing 7' 1", and weighing in at 335 lbs. Boston Celtics new center basketball superstar champion Shaquille O'Neill. He is trained by trainer of champions, Boston areas own Freddie Roach. In the other corner, standing in at 5' 9" and weighing in at 147 lbs is World Boxing Champion Sugar Shane Mosely. On this show called "Shaq. vs. Shaquille O'Neill" at 38, dukes it out with the 36-year-old Sugar Shane Mosely. This bout is refereed by Richard Steele. Scheduled for 5 rounds. Rounds 1-4 are 2 minutes, and round 5, is a one (1) minute round. Ding for round #1. Ding for round #2. It's now round #3. "Ding!" Ding for round #4 and now ding for round #5. This was a good and interesting match by both. The fight is given to Sugar Shane Mosely by way of a unanimous 48-47 scores by all three judges. Both great athletes. Shaquille O'Neill is very talented and is a man of his word. He can throw hands. "Pow!"

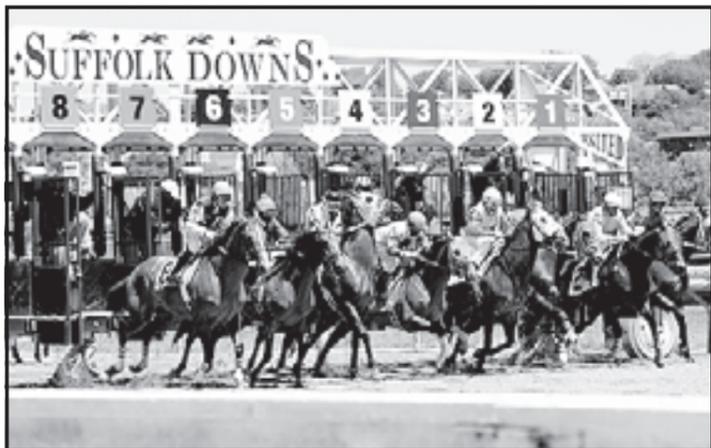
I want to thank Chris Sarno for the usage of his historical boxing magazines. These magazines have been very helpful, in the writing of these articles. Thank you Chris for your help.

Upcoming Battles

August 21st on Fox Sports from Mexico. Joksan Hernandez vs. TBA Jr. Light-weight. Guillermo Rigondeaux vs. TBA Feather-weight and Jackie Nava vs. TBA female Jr. Featherweight.

28th on Fox Sports en Espanol/Fox Sports Net from Puerto Rico, Giovanni Segura vs. Ivan Calderan WBA Jr. Flyweight title fight.

Suffolk Downs Announces Purse Reduction



Suffolk Downs will reduce its average daily purse distribution by 26% for the second half of its 2010 racing season to achieve a 13% reduction in purses for the meet, bringing purse distribution in line with statutory minimums, track officials announced recently.

The reduction will bring the daily purse level for the last 50 days of the 100-day live racing meet from the current average of \$89,000 per day to an average of \$66,000 per day, saving the track over \$1 million for the remainder of the season. Suffolk Downs expects to generate approximately \$8 million in purses this season based on contributions to purses from handle

mandated by Massachusetts' statute.

"Ownership has invested several million dollars over the last few years in an effort to support local horsemen and enhance our racing product," said Suffolk Downs' Chairman Bill Mulrow. "As economic and business conditions worsen, we are faced with difficult decisions as we strive to preserve our current workforce. We understand that this reduction will cause difficulty for the horsemen and horsewomen who have supported our racing program and we appreciate their perseverance."

"This reduction will have a significant negative impact on our more than 800 members as we strive to

preserve the Thoroughbred racing & breeding industry in New England and all the related agri-business and economic benefits it provides," said Al Balestra, president of the New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. "It will clearly cost jobs on the Suffolk Downs' backstretch and at Massachusetts farms and suppliers and my concern is that this will force more of our members to leave here to race in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, West Virginia and other states that have the benefit of expanded gaming at their racetracks."

For each of the last three years, track ownership has paid purses well above the minimum required by Massachusetts' law as part of its commitment to live racing.

Suffolk Downs paid \$10.9 million in purses in 2006. New ownership increased purses to \$12.1 million in 2007 and \$11.9 million in 2008. A reduction last year brought 2009 purses down to \$9.8 million.

Even with the reduction, Suffolk Downs expects to operate at a substantial deficit in 2010 and management is looking at additional cost-saving measures, officials indicated.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Although most people are focused on October 26 when the Celtics begin the regular season by hosting the newly powerful Miami Heat at the Garden, the region's first peek at the 2010-2011 edition of the Green Team will actually occur earlier in the month.

It's easy to overlook but the first regular season game will, in fact, be the ninth game for the team that will come together in late September and see action soon thereafter.

That's because there is an eight-game preseason schedule for the club set to get under way on Wednesday, October 6 when the Celtics travel to Manchester, NH to take on the Philadelphia 76ers at 7:30 p.m.

Technically, it's billed as a Boston home game but whether you agree with that or not, it's true that this will be the region's first chance to see the new Celtics that feature the veteran Big Three plus the numerous additions signed over the summer — especially Jermaine O'Neal and Shaquille O'Neal.

And when Shaq takes the floor that night every sports writer, every sports editor and every sports blogger in New England will know that the era of what's known in the industry as "good copy" will have officially begun. Stories will begin to flow and hopefully continue right through the NBA Finals in June, 2011.

The preseason slate is a compact one with eight matchups packed into a couple of weeks. There's no time to waste and little time to think about what might have been. Games come on fast and furious.

For example, the night after that game against Philly, the C's will be in New Jersey to take on the Nets in a 7 p.m. start down in the Garden State.

Then, starting Sunday, October 10 there's a stretch of five games in seven nights — much more intense than anything the team will encounter in the regular season. Fortunately, travel is held to a minimum.

That October 10 contest, for example, will serve as the basketball opener for the Garden this year as the Celtics meet Toronto that Sunday in a 6 p.m. start.

Tuesday, October 12 has Boston traveling to Philadelphia for a second preseason game with the 76ers at 7 p.m. Then on Wednesday, October 13, the only two franchises in the NBA that are still operating in their original cities will meet once again. Yes, it will be the Celtics and the Knicks at Madison Square Garden at 7:30 p.m. that night — a relatively short four-hour train ride from South Station in the Hub.

On Friday, October 15 Boston will travel to Toronto to meet the Raptors at 7 p.m. before returning to the USA for a trip down memory lane. Do you recall when the

Celtics played a few games in Hartford every year? If you do, congratulations on reaching middle age. Anyway, memories will come alive on Saturday, October 16 when the C's once again the state capital of Connecticut for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Knicks.

Then, it's back to Boston for the end and the commencement. The end of the preseason will come on Wednesday, October 20 when the Green meet New Jersey at the Garden in a 7:30 p.m. game that will close out the preseason. By that time, bonding will have occurred. The newcomers will be on their way to becoming Celtic veterans.

They will be ready. It will be commencement. Out into the world of the NBA they will go, forged together over two weeks into a team and fully prepared for the rigors of the 82-game regular season that will await them.

They will be ready for a regular season run that will lead to a berth in the playoffs and perhaps ultimately to a postseason run that will extend well into June. But the seeds for such an eventuality will have been sown in that fortnight of eight preseason games, so often overlooked by the fans and media, but so important for instilling the preparation, mindset and attitude that set the tone for everything that follows.

EIGHT IS ENOUGH — Veteran BU men's hockey coach Jack Parker has announced that eight new recruits will be joining the team next month. Three of the players hail from Eastern Massachusetts.

Forward Charlie Coyle from East Weymouth was named the 2010 John Carlton Award winner, an honor given to the most outstanding high school or junior player in Eastern Massachusetts.

Coyle, a graduate of Weymouth High School, played for the South Shore Kings in the Eastern Junior Hockey League (EJHL) last season, earning Rookie of the Year laurels by scoring 63 points on 21 goals and 42 assists.

Then there's Garrett Noonan, a defenseman from Norfolk, and a former co-captain at Catholic Memorial High where he had 34 points in 30 games as CM went on to win the 2009 Super 8 Championship. Last year he played junior hockey with the Vernon Vipers, scoring 27 points as the team captured the league title.

Matt Ronan, who comes from Woburn, is continuing a family legacy with the BU hockey program. Both his brother Dan (the class of 1999) and his cousin Ed (the class a of 1991) played for Parker. A forward, Ronan played at Belmont Hill (nine goals and 10 assists in 2008-2009 season and most recently was a member of the Valley Junior Warriors of the EJHL.