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An Italian-American Friendship

President George W. Bush listens as Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi addresses his remarks at a joint press availability on Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, in the White House Rose Garden. Prime Minister Berlusconi said that Italy and America share a special friendship which has its roots in common values, in sharing a world which is inspired by love for democracy and freedom. Log onto *www.whitehouse.gov* for complete coverage.

(photo by Chris Greenberg)

Barack Obama Couldn't Pass a Routine Background Investigation

Gregory D. Lee

A while back, radio talk show host Michael Savage brought up the notion that Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama couldn't pass a background investigation to become an FBI special agent.

He doesn't know how right he is.

Senator Barack Obama *wouldn't* pass a routine government background investigation, not only to become an FBI agent, but a police officer as well. If he were a soldier, his background would preclude him from obtaining a security clearance. He wouldn't even qualify to be a support person in a federal agency, such as secretary, for that matter. His past cocaine usage disqualifies him from being a DEA agent.

There's another big problem Senator Obama has: His association and business relationship with Weatherman Underground founder William Ayers, a former domestic terrorist who is still unrepentant for his bombings on U.S. landmarks and police stations. Usually, the company you keep reveals who you really are. Ayers felt then, as he does now, that America is the evil of the world and needs punishing for past and current bad acts. Not many federal agencies

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Wall Street Versus Main Street?

Isn't it cute how the media and the politicians love easy sound bites to describe things like a crash on Wall Street? If I hear another stump speech comparing this economic crisis as a battle between Wall Street and Main Street.

Simplistic terms that replace substance. It's all in the emotions and pitting greedy barons against us simple folk. The pols must think we all flunked an IQ test.

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EASTIE PUTS ON A *Grand Columbus Day Parade*

by Sal Giarratani

I love parades. I love watching them. However, most of all I love marching in them.

This year's Columbus Day Parade marched through the streets of East Boston's diverse neighborhoods.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves as the temperature almost reached the 70 mark and the sky was a solid blue. The streets were lined with folks enjoying the celebration. They cheered everyone passing them by.

Another hit of the parade was good old Rex Trailer riding his horse from Suffolk Downs (where else?) to the Liberty Plaza.

So many bands from both here and there. Classic cars, clowns, the crew of the USS Anzio, the parade within the parade by the Shriners and of course the politicians. I marched with my friend, Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty, who received a great reception from the crowd. The Sons of Italy showed up to honor Columbus and East Boston's newest residents had their bands and horse riders too.

Christopher Columbus Sal Manonni and Queen Isabella Sabina Taylor

Mayor Thomas Menino who is recovering from knee surgery made an appearance at the beginning of the parade to greet the people.

The 2008 Columbus Day Pageant Winners were, Miss Columbus: Laruen Anderson, Mister Columbus: Charles Cheffro, Jr., Miss Teen East Boston: Alicia DiChiaro, Pre-Teen Miss East Boston: Nicole Palmisano, Pre-Teen Mister East Boston: Ryan Cheffro, Junior Miss East Boston: Kayleen Sheran, Junior Mister East Boston: Christopher Millerick, Little Miss East Boston: Natalie Boyd, Tiny Mister East Boston: Marcelo Carpinito.

Nothing better than a great parade on a great day with the streets lined with happy folk. A win-win situation for all of East Boston. Honoring Columbus and a great neighborhood.

The parade will be aired on Sunday, October 19 at 8PM, Friday, October 17 at 1PM and Friday, October 24 at 1 PM on Channel 9 BNN.

Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

Uncertainty is still dominating the financial markets both at home and abroad, and lawmakers across the country at every level of government are taking a close look at their budgets to make sure we're allocating our finances effectively. Still, families across the City are experiencing the crunch on their personal budgets, and everyone is looking to save a little money as we ride out this storm. As November nears, voters will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on the direction of our state and the nation. Ballot Question 1, the repeal of state income tax, will certainly weigh heavily on the minds of voters.

My number one concern as Mayor is the well-being of our residents, and people need to remember that many of the City's most basic services depend heavily upon aid that we receive from the state. This aid from the state is dictated in large part by the money received from income taxes. Were Question 1 to pass, the state and in turn Boston, would witness a sharp decline in the budget funding that we rely on to serve you, our residents.

The binding referendum, if passed, would represent an estimated $12.5 billion cut to the state's Fiscal Year 2009 budget, which is approximately $28 billion. That roughly translates to a 40% decrease in the state's budget. For Boston, state aid is approximately 21% of our FY09 estimated revenue. The City is budgeted to receive $503 million in state aid this fiscal year, but the passage of Question 1 would take away an estimated $300 million of that aid. Boston would have far less resources for police to patrol and maintain the safety of our neighborhoods. Boston Public Schools is embarking on a program to expand educational opportunities for all of our students, and BPS would lose a tremendous amount of educational funding. Some of the most basic municipal services like trash collection, roadway maintenance, and programs for our children and seniors that our residents deserve would suddenly in jeopardy. We rely on our dedicated workforce to serve our residents, but as many as

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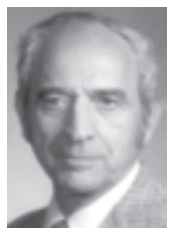
by Prof. Edmund Turiello



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

CHARON

During past weeks we have examined the legends about Hades, the god of the Underworld, and also Hades, the land of the Underworld itself. This week the spotlight falls upon Charon, the mythological ferryman from antiquity, who conducted the souls of the dead in a boat, across the River Acheron, in the infernal regions.

At the moment of death the eyes of the deceased were closed by one of those present, an "obolus" (coin of low value) was placed in the corpse's mouth and then the mouth is also closed. This coin was intended, symbolically, to be used as payment for Charon's fare. The body of the dead person was then washed, anointed with perfumes, and clothed in rich white garments. A wreath of flowers was also placed upon the head of the corpse. The body was laid out on an ordinary bed with a pillow that supported the head and back, and the feet were turned toward the door. Special vases containing perfumes were placed beside the body, and were usually buried with the coffin. A honey cake was also placed in the casket, and intended, symbolically to be used as a reward for "Cerberus," the three-headed dog that guarded the gates of Hades. Any ghosts that had not been honored with a proper burial were not permitted to enter the infernal regions without previously wandering on the shore for a hundred years.

Ancient poets have represented Charon as a stern and robust old man, with eyes glowing like flame, white bushy hair, dingy clothes that were stained with the muck of the river, and holding a long pole which he used to propel the boat.

Probably the most interesting portrayal of this subject is in the lower right hand corner of Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" on the wall of the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City. This painting (fresco) is considered to be the largest and most comprehensive fresco in the world. It shows that terrifying moment at the end of the world when the remorseful condemned are being drawn down to the depths of the lower world by taloned demons. Then there is Charon the boatman, forcing the reluctant souls to disembark, while other demons are pulling them off the boat with grappling irons. Finally, Hades, the ruler of the infernal regions is standing in the extreme lower right hand corner with a serpent coiled around his waist.

Many persons are familiar with the story that tells how Michelangelo painted the Sistine Wall showing all the characters in the nude except the Virgin Mother. "Scandaloso", cried Cardinal Biagio DeCesena when he first inspected the masterpiece and caused clothing to be painted over certain critical areas. The furious Michelangelo claimed that the Cardinal was a fool and was completely devoid of artistic feeling. Revenge came to the master when he painted the Cardinal's likeness onto the face of Hades, but with the ears of a jackass. The Cardinal immediately complained to the Pope, who replied, "If you had been painted up above in the heavenly scenes, I could have used my influence to have you removed, but I have no power in Hell so you'll just have to remain there." Finally, if you'd like to know where the serpent's head is located, and what it is doing — well, you will just have to take a trip to Rome.

NEXT WEEK: Poseidon

SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GRADUATES 24 NEW OFFICERS

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department recently graduated twenty four new officers (pictured here) to serve at House of Correction (HOC) and the Nashua Street Jail (NSJ). Fourteen of the officers have been assigned to the HOC and ten have been brought aboard at the NSJ.

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department recently welcomed 24 new officers to work at the House of Correction (HOC) and the Nashua Street Jail (NSJ).

In a graduation ceremony, making its debut at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel in South Boston, the Corrections Officer Training Academy (COTA) class of 08-02 was officially brought online to serve in the Department by Sheriff Andrea J. Cabral who delivered the Correction Officer's Oath during her presentation before family and friends of the class.

"I'd like to give thanks to the friends and family of these officers for the support of their loved ones during the academy training," Sheriff Cabral said. "It's a very important role that you've played in their lives during this process."

"This is a physically and intellectually eclectic group, and that's by design," Sheriff Cabral continued. "These 24 officers have made it through the academy out of 100 applicants. You now have the strength and knowledge that only good training can give."

With 14 of the new officers slated for assignment at the HOC and 10 set to begin their careers at the NSJ, Assistant Deputy Superintendent and Supervisor of Training Yolanda Smith offered congratulations to the graduates and encouraged them to continue to aspire to new heights professionally.

"We're proud of you," Smith said. "You worked hard and embraced the concept of teamwork very quickly. I'm confident that there are Choice Officers and Honor Guard members in this class. There is a ladder here at the Sheriff's Department and we expect each of you to climb it."

Those officers receiving honors for their achievements during training are: Norman Stanikmas, Drill Instructor's Award; Eric Strong, Academic Award; Greta Ehrstein, Physical Training Award; Craig Simpson, Top Gun Award; and John Ross O'Brien, Unit Citation Award. Other members of the Class of 08-02 are Dennis Callahan, Michael Clary, Daniel Cotter, Ryan Darmon, Michael Dryer, Michael Gaudet, Ian Hickey, Sean Kirby, Marvin Lammare, John MacDonald, Gerald McCoy, John McInerney, Stephen O'Neill, Franklin Ortiz, Tyler Peters, Christopher Santos, Stanley Thermora, and Shaun Wilson.

Addressing his fellow graduates for the final time as classmates, COTA Class President Derek White thanked the Department staff and offered praise to the class of 08-02.

"We all have different strengths," Officer White said. "And, we were all greatly challenged. But, our overall strength prevailed. We started as a team and we finished as a team. Our success is due to the staff of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. I cannot put into words the thanks you deserve. You've not only touched us on a professional level but you've touched us personally."

Department of Economics at Suffolk University to Host *Panel Discussion on Federal Bailout Package*

To better explain the policy implications of the $700 billion bailout passed recently by Congress, the Department of Economics at Suffolk University will host a panel discussion, titled *"The Current Economic Crisis: How Did We Get Here? Where Are We Headed?"*

The discussion will take place on Tuesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m., at the C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University, 55 Temple Street, Boston.

Confirmed panelists include: Lynn E. Browne, Executive Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; Kevin M. Cuff, Executive Director, Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association; Henry Kim, Associate Professor of Economics, Suffolk University; Jeffrey Miron, Senior Lecturer in Economics and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Harvard University.

The hour-long discussion will be moderated by Jonathan Haughton, Professor of Economics, Suffolk University and will be followed by questions from the audience.

The themes to be addressed by the panel include:

• The institutional roots of the crisis: How much is Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to blame? What about the Community Reinvestment Act? What about the concern over redlining?

• The economic roots of the crisis: What role did securitization play? Mark to market? The subprime lending craze? The housing bubble? Lack of oversight and regulation?

• The extent and depth of the crisis: Have we reached a bottom? When will we reach a bottom? What are the prospects for a long recession?

• The virtues (or evils) of the bailout: Did we need it? Will it do more harm than good?

• The outlook in the light of the current election season: What will the next administration do?

OSIA Burlington Lodge #2223

40th Anniversary Celebration

In anticipation of our 40th Anniversary the Burlington Sons of Italy Lodge #2223 will resume our Cultural Series with a visit and presentation by Dr. Carlo Cipollone on **Wednesday evening, October 22 at 6:45 PM at the Burlington Public Library.** Dr. Cipollone has assisted the Burlington Public Schools to establish a most impressive Italian language program. He will offer insight into the Italian government's goals and wishes, not only for this program but for the Boston area. Dr. Cipollone is a most engaging speaker.

In addition, as part of the celebration of our Anniversary and Italian-American Heritage Month, the lodge will hold an **Open House on Sunday, October 26, at the Senior Citizens Center, Center Street, Burlington from 1-4 PM.** Dignitaries as well as charter and early lodge members are anticipated. Assorted dishes by local restaurants and caterers, music by Enzo Amara, wine and special treats will be available as well as lots of camaraderie.

Visit with us to celebrate with us and to better know our lodge.

Both activities are free to the public.

Questions call Pat Moreno 781-272-5375.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

OBAMA FOR PRESIDENT?

What You See May Not Be What You Get?

by Pat Brown

With the presidential election around the corner, its time for us to dig into our conscience, and do some soul searching before we vote. With domestic and foreign affairs in jeopardy, we need to learn everything we can about the novice candidate Barack Obama. This country cannot afford an unqualified person elected to the highest office of the United States. Senator Barack Obama's record as U.S. Senator is blank, zero, flat line. Oh, he has charisma and certainly knows how to work an audience, but that doesn't mean he has the qualifications and experience to be elected. His mannerism appears cool, calm and collected, but, keep in mind what you see may not be what you get. Obama, and his wife Michelle have already been proven guilty by association with the Rev. Jeremiah Wright and his animosity against white folks. Obama surrounds himself around combatant people as the likes of Bill Ayers, "bomb maker", the Rev. Wright "troublemaker", and black muslim anti-white leader Farrakhan. How discouraging can it get? Obama's association with these people should be of great concern to everyone. May I remind you all of an old adage, "tell me who your friends are, and I'll tell you what you are." Obama hasn't exactly passed the test. Let's talk about his wife Michelle, not being proud of her country. However, now she is "proud of her country" because her husband got the Democratic nomination, and reigned supreme over his far more clever and political savvy opponent Hillary Clinton. The media has created Obamamania, and proclaimed Barack, a King, a Messiah. College students are infatuated by him. Liberal college professors are brainwashing them. Mrs. Obama tries hard to conceal her feelings towards white folks being a descendent of slaves. But, may I remind her, we all have generations of relatives that were treated unfairly back when. Settlers from other countries weren't exactly welcomed with open arms, everyone paid a price. Some radio talk shows have warned parents to keep their children home the day after the election WHY? If Barack Obama loses, and I hope he does, it's because of his inexperience, associations, and inability to lead the country; and if he does win expect him to be under the tutelage of the Democratic Party. God Bless America.

The views in this editorial are strictly those of the writers, and not of the Post-Gazette

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Happy Birthday
JOSEPHINE GAETA!

North End resident, Josephine (Fabiano) Gaeta celebrated her 99th birthday on October 14, 2008. A birthday dinner was held at Limoncello's in North Square, North End of Boston. Josephine's family celebrated this milestone event with her. Seated, left to right: Great-granddaughter, Alexandra Ford, Granddaughter Maria Ford, Birthday girl, Josephine, with son Anthony Gaeta. Standing, from left to right: Daughter-in-law, Anna Gaeta, Mary and Grandson Joseph Gaeta with Great-grandson Anthony Gaeta.

Five of Dominic Avellani's Italian-American Experiences

Dominic Avellani,the founder and director of the East Boston Adult Ed. Center would like to share five experiences with the *Post-Gazette* readers during the October, 2008 "Italian Heritage" month.

1. There was one survivor at General Custer's last stand in 1976. He was the Italian bugler. General Custer sent him with a note (because he did not speak English) which stated: "Reno come quick." Another four to seven other Italians did not survive.

2. Julius Caesar conquered France (Gaul), attacked England, established the city of Seville (Spain), re-established the city of Carthage (Tunisia), fathered a son with Cleopatra in Egypt, and returned to Rome only to be assassinated in 44 BC.

3. When I was studying for my first Master's in Cholula, Mexico, I bought a Carabela motorcycle (founded by an Italian in Mexico) and accidentally drove into a town named Chipilo. The people were tall, blonde and blue eyed and told me that they were "Italians". So I said "What am I?" They answered: You are Mexican because you have black hair, a mustache, and you are not as tall like us." I later found out that their whole town near Venice left Italy for Mexico in 1870.

4. Thomas Jefferson was a playboy from Virginia. He dated many French and Italian princesses. He named his house Monticello (an Italian word which means little mountain) and when he was writing the Declaration of Independence in 1776, he used many ideas from an enlightened Italian who used to live near his plantation.

5. After living in the North End of Boston for my first 3 months in the United States in 1958, I was accosted by two American boys under the Statue of Paul Revere in the Prado. They asked me questions in English. I spoke no English but I decided to wing it by answering "Yes" and other times "No" after every question. By the look on their faces, I must have done a pretty good job because they soon left me without laughing or making fun of me

During Italian-American Heritage month the East Boston Adult Ed. Center will offer presentations of Italians who made contributions to America and the world, to its over 300 students and other interested individuals. All are welcome.

The East Boston Adult Ed. Center is located at 119 London Street, East Boston, MA. Telephone number is 617-567-7873.

Medford Kiwanis Hosts a "Taste of Italy" Fundraiser

A Taste of Italy was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at John Accardi Warehouse in Medford, MA. The money raised from the event benefits the many charitable activities the Kiwanis, supports, including high school scholarships, and donations to childhood literacy programs, The Boys and Girls Club, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at the New England Medical Center, and many more local organizations. The event was delicious! The people who made it happen: Kneeling, L to R: Bill Wood, Barbara Carli, Bob Rosselle, Don Crecco, Lino Avellani and Fred Dello Russo. Second Row, L to R: Kelly Catallo, Mike Hayes, Samir Tarabelsi, Bill Koenig, Vincent Piro, Rosanna Natola, Frank Call, John Costa, Tom Analetto, Rick Caravielo, Gary Conserva, Joe Nargi, Pat McGovern, Mark Matarazzo, Tony Giglio, Ed Ogonowski, Carl Cincotti, Bud Mangini, John Citrano and Jim Petroni. Third Row, L to R: Paul Donato, Rita Cornelio, Annette Hunt, Pat Costas, Chuck Veneziano, Bruno Bonaccarsi and Andrea Bates. ***(Photo by Ross Scabin)***

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Financially Speaking

with Ben Doherty

THE MARKETING FREE FALL

The Dow Jones had the worst week in its 112 year history and it's most volatile ever. Investors were shell-shocked and unwilling to take new risks. Some, spent days trying to protect themselves from further declines. The Dow fell 697 points at the opening then surged to a 322 point gain before the close and then leveled off as bank stocks did well on rumors that the Group of Seven, leading industrial countries would agree to a plan to rescue major banks. The Dow ended the day down 128 points with major banks higher as the G-7 Nations agreed to take equity stakes in banks. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said the administration is developing a standardized program to invest in a broad array of financial institutions. It would be designed to encourage investors to put private capital into financial stocks as a passive investor. Ireland has moved to guarantee all bank deposits to reassure savers and Germany followed suit. Denmark and Greece have also agreed to cover all bank deposits while Spain, Sweden, Italy and the U.K. raised their insurance caps. This is not the first time the U.S. government nationalized. In 1932, the Congress and President Hoover created the Reconstruction Trust and over $50 billion was invested in over 6,000 financial institutions. The U.S. barred the U.S. banks from paying dividends until they were financially healthy enough to buy out the government's stakes. The vast majority of these investments were paid back in full. Part of the $700 billion bailout package could be used in this way. It's not only the stock market that is reeling, but corporate bonds are down more than 17% since January. The high credit ratings have fallen 11% since September 1st. The corporate bond markets are forecasting the worst recession since 1932. The $15 billion, Loomis Sayles Bond Fund is down 22% from the start of the year.

The good news is that gas prices are now @ $2.83/gallon. This is the lowest level in several years, and caused by the weak economy.

GM's shares have been clobbered, falling 31% on Thursday, their lowest level since 1950, and rising concerns about bankruptcy. Ford Motor fell to $1.99 from $4 last week. Don LeClair, CFO is retiring after 32 years with Ford. He will be succeeded by Lewis Booth, Ford's European chief. Wall Street analysts are questioning how long Ford will survive given its current liquidity position. GM is holding talks to acquire Chrysler. Chrysler's year-to-year sales have dropped 33% from last year to $1.83 million cars and trucks. GM's sales have also dropped 16% in September to their lowest level since 1993. For the year GM's sales are down 13%. GMAC, the financial arm of GM has fallen drastically, due to exposure from subprime home loans, car loans and leases. Its bonds trade @ .36¢-.53¢ on the dollar, and valued at $6-7 billion. Cerberus said that it is in talks with Daimler to buy that companies 19.9% stock in Chrysler. There are some attractions for GM to buy Chrysler. It could slash costs by cutting plants and corporate overhead. However, it would pickup Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge brands and their deals and more reliance on North America where sales have tumbled by double digits this year. A GM-Chrysler deal would be completed with 100 auto plants and 190,000 workers and 11 automotive brands from Chrysler to Cadillac and 10,000 auto dealers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Chrysler bank debt trades @ .30¢ on the dollar. The timing of a $25 billion U.S. loan to the industry would be crucial. The 49% stake in GMAC is having an effect on GM's stock and balance sheet. Chrysler was bailed out with a $1.5 billion loan in 1979 by Lee Iacocca, and did well for several years. Chrysler was passed in U.S. auto sales in recent years by Toyota and Honda. Last year Cerberus acquired a major stake in Chrysler from Daimler in 1997 for $38.8 billion. GM is focusing on shedding its 49% stake in GMAC, given the negative impact the financing arm is having on GM's balance sheet. Cerberus is thinking that GM is conservatively valued and may have a real upside from this point.

The market was up over 900 points on Columbus Day and followed suit this week ± 100 points on Tuesday. The unemployment rate @ 6.1% could soar to 9% plus. Consumer spending which accounts for 72% of the economy will weaken as consumers are afraid and they are expecting a decline this quarter, as the economy falls into a recession. Consumer confidence needs to be restored as the value of their 401Ks and the value of their homes must be upgraded. This may be a chance for developing countries to step up to a leadership role in the world economy. On Monday, British banks were active as they injected cash into banks by buying preferred shares. Japan's Mitsubishi confirmed its $9 billion investment in JP Morgan. Also Spain's Banco Santana bought Soveirgn Bank from Royal Bank of Scotland.

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

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

What's Worse, McCain and The Keating 5 or Obama and the Weather Underground?

Both candidates are imperfect like the rest of us. McCain as a near brand new US Senator got caught up in the failed savings and loan scandal back in the '80s and was branded one of the Keating 5. Not one of his finest hours. His ethics were called into question. He was reprimanded for his role in the scandal.

Barack Obama reportedely launched his political career in the living room of a university professor named Bill Ayers. Ayers back in the '60s and '70s was a radical opposed to the Vietnam War. He was part of the Weather Underground which was into bombing. He was a domestic terrorist. Now he teaches English as a college professor.

Obama says why something that happened 40 years ago when he was 8 years old should be part of Campaign 2008.

Why didn't Obama know that Professor Ayers was a radical terrorist who believed in bombings to set his point across.

Obama says back in 1995 he didn't know much about Ayers in that living room. He should have known and its difficult to believe his ignorant excuse.

From this point on, John McCain has a duty as he did back in 1965 when he was shot down over Hanoi.

This is not a debate on the Senate floor; this is a fight in the alley. He needs to suspend his campaign so that he can concentrate on winning this election.

Obama is winning because he's taking the race seriously. McCain has to do the same thing.

McCain also has to ring up the Keating 5 to get the issue behind him.

It's time for John McCain to *COWBOY UP* or he'll ride off into sunset with the Manchurian Candidate going to the dance, not him.

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PIRANDELLO HOSTS
North End Walking Tour

Saturday, October 11th was a beautiful day for a behind the scenes walking tour of Boston's North End. In honor of October Italian-American Heritage Month, the Pirandello Lyceum chose the North End Cultural Heritage Tour hosted by local resident Chris Rossetti. Pirandello Lyceum Board Member, Maria Capogreco said that the group felt that "Although they've visited the North End countless times over the years, and consider themselves local, this tour caught them by surprise with its depth and beauty of Italian culture. Chris's enthusiasm for the history, heritage and culture of the North End was not only contagious, but opened minds to a new perspective regarding its origin, immigrant history and the culture of today." The Pirandello Lyceum enjoyed organizing this event for October Italian-American Heritage Month. To learn more about the Pirandello Lyceum please log onto *www.pirandello.com*. To learn more about Boston Heritage Tours log onto *www.BostonHeritageTours.com* or call 617-823-3985.

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by David Trumbull

Make It, Mine It, or Grow It

Politicians in Washington and their enablers in the media call recent failures of several large banks and other government-backed usurers a "financial crisis." Would that were so, for "crisis" means a time of separating or judging, in other words, a time to stop driving the car in the wrong direction, to consult the map, find the right road, and change direction.

Change of direction is the *one* thing that today's leaders refuse to consider. We hear cries for more of the same policies that got us into this mess — more regulation and more government bail-outs. More regulations such as the Community Reinvestment Act mandating banks "loan" money to people who can't repay? And when was throwing good money after bad ever sound policy? They call it "crisis" but what they do is "cry uncle" and look for someone — foreign investors, taxpayers—to bail them out of the one calamity they truly care about—the prospect of possibly not getting re-elected.

Ordinary Americans of 20th and 21st century have enjoyed necessities of life, security, and even luxuries the envy of princes in an earlier age. The bright, hardworking, and daring men and women of Wall Street and other financial markets created new and innovative ways to maximize wealth and gave us the most prosperous society the world has known, and one in which wealth, has been distributed more widely than ever before. In sum, even considering the current problems, our financial markets — at least when left alone — do a bully job of managing wealth. But they do not create wealth. Ultimately you have to make it (manufacturing), mine it (digging or drilling), or grow it (agriculture).

American policy for 20 years or more has been to maximize imports and pay for them with credit. We import oil from the Near and Middle-East rather than drill our own abundant supplies. We have some of the largest tracks of fertile land, yet we import food from sources so dubious that many of us do not consume raw vegetables unless we can ascertain their origin.

At an October 2nd press conference in Washington, George Shuster, CEO of Cranston Print Works of Cranston, R.I. and Webster,

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The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill

Jim O'Brien, right, owner of Jake's Seafood, located at the Steamboat Pier on Nantasket Beach in Hull, serves Shrimp Cocktail and Swordfish Kabobs with the assistance of Johnson & Wales culinary student Chris Berardi, left, at the 2008 "Best of South Shore" Awards Party. ***(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)***

We recently enjoyed a very BOSS event. We refer to the 2008 "Best of South Shore" Awards held at The Lantana in Randolph. NECN's "TV Diner" host, the charming Billy Costa was the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Sponsored by "South Shore Living Magazine," which is published by Mike and Liz Rabideau, the event honored 160 winners in various categories, including dining, shopping, health and beauty, wedding services, entertainment and much more. The evening's producers were Shannon Emerson and Julie Fairweather of In Full Force.

After having their pictures taken upon arrival on the "South Shore Living Red Carpet," guests enjoyed some of the best dishes and services the South Shore has to offer, including complimentary cocktails, live music and dancing, gourmet food from the "best" local restaurants, free make up and spa services, raffles and giveaways.

The South Shore YMCA was the event beneficiary. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Billy Costa emcees the 2008 "Best of South Shore" Awards Party. ***(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)***

……. We are all invited to enjoy "Color Harmonies," a solo exhibit of the paintings of Stephen Silver at The M2L Gallery on Boylston Street, next to the Colonial Theater, presently on view through the holiday season.

An opening artist's reception and talk was held on October 14, with a portion of the sales of paintings benefiting Dress for Success. The exhibit was arranged by Canvas Fine Arts.

A lifelong artist, Stephen Silver studied at the Museum of Fine Arts School and in private with renowned artist Tom Ouellette. Now a dedicated painter, Steve is also a Carnegie Mellon University graduate and former high tech CEO. A member of United South End Artists and founder of the SoWa Artists Guild, Silver has had numerous shows in galleries, corporations and businesses. His work is in many private collections. Steve lives on Commonwealth Avenue with his wife, Carol.

For more information, please contact *Suzanne@canvasfinearts.com.*

……. The third annual "Cape Cod Life Home & Garden Expo and Home Tour" takes place Friday, October 24 – Sunday, October 26 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis.

The three-day event will include more than one hundred exhibitors from all sectors of the Cape's home improvement industry, including interior designers, building contractors, landscaping experts and many more. The weekend will also include free seminars, raffles and prizes.

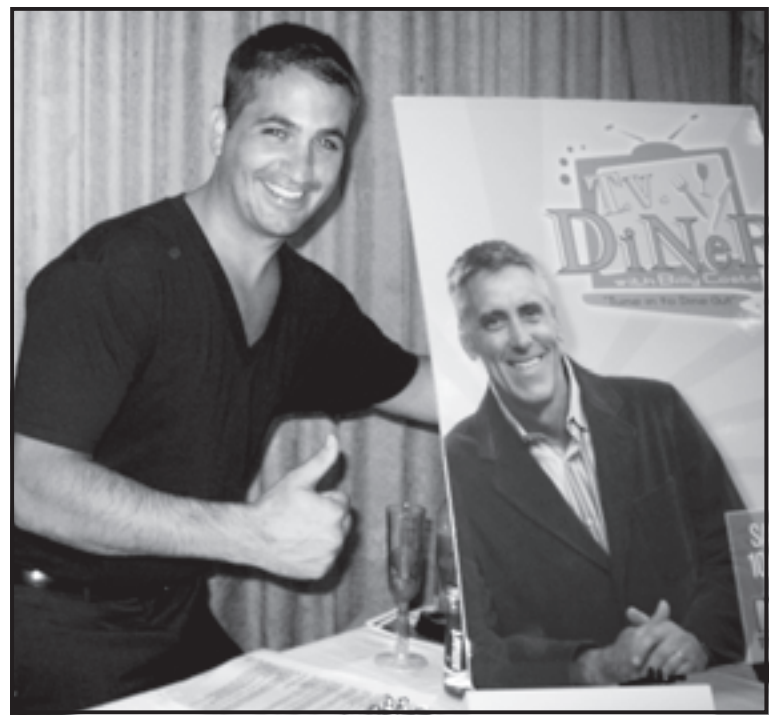
For the first time, the traditional Home Tour will be featured online. Guests will be able to visit dozens of spectacular homes and landscapes across Cape Cod with the click of a computer mouse at the Expo. As guests visit each virtual site, their names will be entered into a drawing to win state-of-the-art kitchen appliances.

Additionally, the Expo plans to feature a Smart Home Technology/Home Theater room displaying the latest equipment in home intelligence. Exclusive prizes, valued at thousands of dollars, will also be given away throughout the entire Expo weekend.

For more information and a list of participating vendors, pick up a current issue of Cape Cod Life or Cape Cod & Islands HOME, visit *www.expo.capecodlife.com,* or call 508-775-9800, ext. 34.

……. Boston Ballet opened its season with the highly anticipated return of James Kudelka's "Cinderella," which continues through Sunday, October 26 at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre.

The ballet received its U.S. premiere by Boston Ballet in 2005 and was met with an abundance of audience and critical praise. Kudelka originally choreographed his "Cinderella" in 2004 for The National Ballet of Canada.



NECN's Brendan MacDermott smiles for the camera at The Lantana. ***(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)***

Set to Sergei Prokofiev's superb score, Kudelka's version of the fairy tale is not the conventional rags-to-riches story, but a more contemporary tale of the transforming power of love. Known for his ability to juxtapose classical and modern movement, Kudelka's staging of "Cinderella" displays much "inventive dancing."

Tickets can be purchased by phone at 866-348-9738 or by logging on to *www.citicenter.org.*

Incidentally, Boston Ballet Chairman of the Board, J. Peter Lyons, recently announced the extension of Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen's contract through 2014. Nis-sinen has been Artistic Director since September 2001, and his current contract was set to expire in 2009.

"Over the past seven years, Mikko has dramatically raised the profile of the institution by establishing a roster of talented dancers, heightening the quality of dancing, building a varied and reputable repertory and expanding the reach of the school and community programs," said Lyons. "The Board is pleased to announce his continued leadership and looks forward to even greater success in the coming years."

Last March, Nis-sinen announced that beginning in the fall of 2009, Boston Ballet's new home and sole performing venue for its Boston season and subscription

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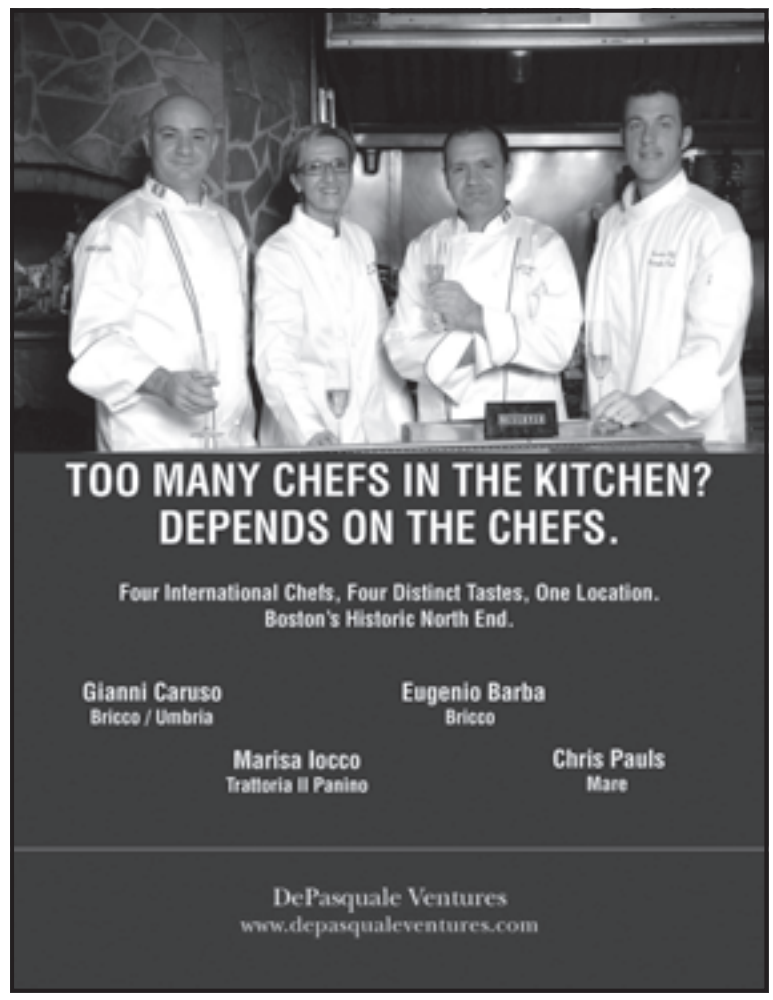

"Italy and the Holocaust The Calabria Connection"

Ferramonti di Tarsia Internment Camp

The conference, "Italy and the Holocaust: The Calabria Connection" will be held on Monday, November 10, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Ballroom (3rd floor) of the Campus Center at the University of Massachusetts Boston. The event is free and open to the public. A complimentary breakfast (8:00AM-9:00AM) and luncheon (12:00PM-1:00PM) will be served. Both Jewish and Italian organizations are joining in an effort to support this event.

To date 43 conferences have been organized on this topic by Dr. Maria Lombardo, author of ***"A Camp Without Walls"***, in collaboration with American Jewish Committee AJC, the Anti Defamation League ADL, Facing History and Ourselves and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Funding was provided in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and by both Italian and Jewish organizations and private donors. (Please see website for past conferences ***www.niacs.com***).

The stories of Italy, Sweden and others are unique. In Italy, many of the Jews were saved whereas in the rest of Europe; Jews perished in great numbers. Italian ordinary citizens; nuns, priests and even the Italian Army helped rescue Jews. Most of the past conferences involved the presentation of rescue efforts by the Italians as well as providing a balanced picture of what happened in Italy as documented in the book, ***"Il Libro della Memoria"*** by the Jewish Documentation Center of Milano, Italy. The book states that there were Jews taken to death camps after Italy was invaded by the Nazis in 1943.

This conference will be unique because for the very first time it will present the internment camps of Italy with a focus on the Ferramonti-Tarsia Camp of Calabria, Italy. One of the highlights of the event includes the attendance Dr. Franco Panebianco director of the Ferramonti di Tarsia Museum and Angela Simona Celiberti coming from Calabria, Italy to describe the Ferramonti di Tarsia Camp of yesterday and today as a memorial to the Holocaust. He will bring pictures shown for the first time in America. The Museum, visited by thousands including school children from all over Italy serves as a testimonial to its Jewish internees. A Jewish survivor of the camp Buena Pearlman now living in Newton, Mass., will describe her experience in the camp and the generosity of the Italians who helped her and her family. Also Dr. Norbert Goldfield will describe his father's experience in Ferramonti.

Other survivors of Italy include Ena Lorant of Newton and Alisa Palmeri of Wellesley who will describe how they were rescued by the Italians in Amandola, Italy. Maria Puzzanghero will relate her family's experience in rescuing a Jewish family. Rosian Zerner will also describe her experience in Italy.

Opening remarks will be made Dr. Winston Langley, Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Hon. Renato Turano, Mr. Robert Leikind, Director, American Jewish Committee.

Opera singer Cristina Fontanelli will sing Italian and Yiddish songs of that period.

A panel of distinguished Jewish and Italian dignitaries will discuss the "Moral Lessons of the Holocaust." Included in the panel are Dr. Winston Langley, Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UMass Boston; Dr. Lawrence Lowenthal, Senior Advisor, American Jewish Committee: Rony Yedidia, Deputy Council General of Israeli Consulate; Carlo Cipollone, Director of Education Office, Consulate General of Italy in Boston; Stephen Puleo, author of the Boston Italians.

For additional information please contact Dr. Maria Lombardo at 216-287-5766 or *maria.lombardo@umb.edu*.

To register, please RSVP with the number in your party to *holocaustconference@gmail.com* or by calling 617 287-5726.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Anthony "Tony" Marmo, formerly of East Boston, a legend in his day passed away recently. Tony was instrumental in starting the first girls' ice hockey team in East Boston known as (The Massport Jets) that is enshrined in the International Hockey Hall of Fame. A politically inspired man, he guided former Senator Bob Travaglini in his first bid as Boston City Councilor. Being well versed in politics and sports, Tony received many awards for his work. He was very generous of his time with numerous charities involving children. His funeral held at Ruggiero-Mazzarella Funeral Home was huge! He will no doubt be missed! ... Hats off to Joe Ruggiero, Civic Chairman of the Columbus Day Parade; veteran organizers Joe Keohane, and Civic Organizer Buddy Mangini along with the many volunteers who did an outstanding job in bringing the Columbus Day Parade to East Boston. The parade was very entertaining from beginning to end. East Boston Police did a wonderful job keeping the thousands of spectators focused on the parade. Cheers to City of Boston workers for the quick clean up after! ... Kudos to the East Boston Savings Bank who wasn't caught up in the ugly sub prime lending mortgage mess. According to sources, the bank is flourishing and strong. A notice was sent out recently that the East Boston Savings Bank is ready, willing and able to lend money to qualified borrowers. Another successful bank that didn't get mixed up in Sub Prime Mortgage lending is the Everett Co-Op, they are also prepared to lend money to people with good credit! I'm sure there are other solid banks, but off hand these two stand out! .... Does Boston City Councilor Sam Yoon want to be another Barack Obama??? *The Boston Globe* suggested that Yoon may be eyeing the Mayor's seat. The councilor who moved from Arlington to Boston to run for a Boston City Council seat has expectations of unseating Mayor Menino. I don't think so!!!! Yoon who has only been a Councilor at-Large since 2005 may have some supporters including the Asian community in his pocket, but Sam lacks the experience to become Mayor of a major city such as Boston. In plain English, Sam Yoon is virtually an unknown. According to the Globe, Sam began his fund raising in the San Francisco Bay area with $100.00 cocktail invitations reading "Help us elect Sam in 2009!" Very interesting. Mayor Tom Menino can't take him very seriously, as there are far more qualified and popularly known candidates to oppose Hiz Honor! ... Kelley's Pub on Bennington Street was rockin and rollin on Saturday evening, October 4th when Macy's East girls threw a big bash for one of their co-workers in Kelley's function room. I must commend Kelley's chef and staff for doing an outstanding job. The food was excellent, and the service superb. Party goers agreed Kelley's deserved a thumbs up! .... Consumer Tip: "A Chorus Line" playing at the Opera House on Washington Street in Boston was a disappointment. It was draggy and dull and lacked the luster one would expect from Chorus Line performers who weren't strong enough to hold your interest! The highlight of the play came at the end when performers were in costume and sang the chorus line song. Other than that the play was flat! ... They say the economy is bad, but look around new lounges and eateries continue to open! Orzo's Restaurant on Route One next to Jimmy's Steak House was bought out and has reopened under the name ZAZA's. It was a mob scene last week at the grand opening. Appetizers and wine were served to guests. It was so crowded you couldn't get a look at the new decor. The hors d'oeuvres served were tasty, and if that's any indication of the quality of food they will be serving, it may be worth a try! ... The country has hit rock bottom thanks to Bumbling Barney Frank and his ultra liberal cohorts. Barney who doesn't want to hear the truth needs to be booted out of office! The Fannie Mae and Freddie Mack failure was a part of affirmative action! Have no job. On welfare. Not doing so well! That entitles you to own your own home, compliments of Barney Frank and his team of incompetent ultra liberal loonies. Has Barney lost any money in the market? Will Barney be retiring with a big pension? Only in America!!! ... *Till next time!*

Selecting a President

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

It is written in the Bible, "There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens", it is a beautiful way of saying that there is an appropriate time for everything, from planting to reaping, the seasons of our lives unfold according to the sureness and regularity of time.

Time has led us to the present Presidential election and circumstances have determined that it is the season of the economy, issues that captured our attention at another time such as national security, energy and the environment still have currency but the overarching issue is unquestionably the health of our financial system and personal economic future.

Lost in the melee of bank closings, dropping stock and house values are the social issues, for now it seems that there season has come and gone, yet it is our attitude, as a nation, toward social issues that speak to the moral foundation of society forming the bedrock upon which all else depends. Issues concerning the integrity of our financial system, degradation of the environment and human rights are determined by the moral underpinnings of our business and political leaders.

We have come to accept an ever more permissive standard of morality, the trivializing of human life that abortion fosters and the breakdown of the family, the foundation upon which every society has been built throughout recorded history, through divorce and now the movement toward gay marriage.

The excessive greed that characterized Wall Street in the past years expressed in the creation of undercapitalized home loans, little understood and unregulated financial instruments called Credit Default Swaps created the housing bubble leading to the inevitable bursting of the bubble with near catastrophic consequences for our economy engendering a lack of confidence in our financial system that will have long term repercussions not only for our economy but that of the global economy.

Hard work, self reliance and above all a strong moral compass set by an abiding belief in God are the virtues that have made our country great. The Constitution embodies these ideals and strict adherence to its ten-

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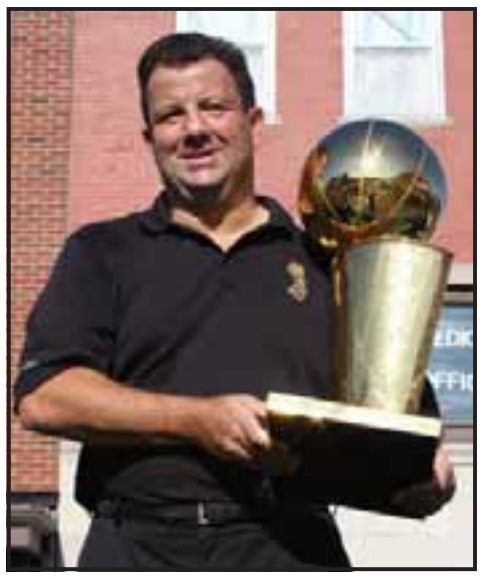
On Left is the Grand Marshall of the 2008 Columbus Day Parade Joe Favale along with City of Boston Special Events Director Patte Papa and other participants on the parade viewing stand congratulate Joe Keohane for his 40 years of service to the Columbus Day parade in East Boston.



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Philip Freehan, Vice President of the East Boston Saving Bank and Lisa Capogreco-Cappuccio of the *Post-Gazette*, were the commentators for the parade.

Bob D's Beat

by Bob DeCristoforo

SALUTE TO OUR FIREFIGHTERS

October is Fire Prevention Month, and its also the time to say **'Thank You' to all our Firefighters**, who 365 days a year, 24/7 are out there protecting each one of us. They put their lives on the line every time they go on their shift, and out to a fire. They go to work with the knowledge that they might not return home to their families. Think about it, and drop by a fire station this month, and just let them know we appreciate what they do. They are special people. They don't like the word 'Hero', but that is what they are. God Bless our Firefighters.

NEAD FAMILY CIRCUS NIGHT

North End Against Drugs Annual Family Circus Night at TD Banknorth Garden this past Friday was a huge success. 400 of our closest friends and family attended the event. It was a great night for everyone, and looking around you really understood what NEAD is all about ... Family! Special 'Thanks' to our friends at St. John School, the Eliot School, Christine Vraibel at Area A, John Romano for getting the group together, and the TD Banknorth Garden Neighborhood Charities for helping us, once again, secure tickets.

FALL BOOK FAIR AT ELIOT

The Eliot School will hold their Fall Book Fair October 16-17 in the school's Music Room. The Fair is open to students during the school day and open to the community each day from 3:45pm to 4:30pm. Ms. Eda Matchak is coordinating the event.

EDUCATION PLUS

UMASS/Boston will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 18th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Call 617-287-6000 or log on to *www.umb.edu/openhouse* for more details.

Catholic Memorial will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 19th from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. For further information or application materials call 617-469-8019 or visit *www.CatholicMemorial.org*.

HOLY NAME SUPPER IN EASTIE

Saturday, October 25th is the date for the Holy Name Society's Annual Ham/Hot Dogs and Bean Supper at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in East Boston. The Supper begins at 5pm, and tickets are available following the Saturday or Sunday Masses.

COLLEGE BOARD

Jimmy Hayes of Dorchester made his College Hockey debut for Boston College last Friday night when the Eagles hosted Wisconsin, and raised their 2008 NCAA Championship Banner to the rafters at Conte Forum, high above the John 'Snooks' Kelley Ice Surface, joining the 1949 and 2001 Ice Hockey Championship Banners. BC Eagles 2008-2009 Hockey Captain is Brock Bradford. Assistant Captains are Ben Ferriero and Tim Filangiri.

BORN BEFORE PLASTIC

October 18th at 12 noon the *'Born Before Plastic'* LIVE takes place at the North End Branch Library. North End participants of the Boston's Memoir Project will read their compelling true stories. Copies of the book will also be available to purchase. I read the book, and it is most interesting, and there is a common thread that binds the neighborhoods written about together.

TIDBITS

- Sons of Italy Boston Lodge #208 1st Fundraising Dinner Dance is October 17th at Tecce's.

- St. Leonard's Parish Reunion Dinner Dance is October 25th at Tecce's.

- NEAD Community Awards Dinner is November 22nd at Tecce's.

SMILE!

NEMPAC Fall Fundraising Event a Great Success

by Sabrina Paradis

Brianna Campochiaro on Cello

A rainy downpour didn't stop over 200 people from filling the Eliot School cafeteria for the North End Music and Performing Art Center (NEMPAC Bake Sale, Flea Market and Crafts fair. With a little something for everyone, the event celebrated the beginning of the Fall semester at NEMPAC and its grand re-opening after extensive renovations to the main building. Fair goers could sample delicious treats from the bake sale or sip lemonade from a good old-fashion lemonade stand while browsing for bargains from vendors and the NEMPAC "flea market" tables.

Other activities included face painting, balloon hats, cookie decorating and various craft activities for children. NEMPAC music instructors Amelia Careghini, Gary Fieldman (percussion), Sepp Hammer (voice), Sarah Glenn (violin), and Ginevra Ventre (cello) were all on hand to create an instrument "petting zoo", where kids could try out various instruments including brass and woodwinds.

The day's entertainment included a spectacular performance by NEMPAC instructor, Megan Roth (voice) and additional performances by four NEMPAC music students, Sal Perez (piano), Maggie O'Byrne (piano), Eva Scapicchio (piano) and Sun Young Lim (voice), all of whom played to a packed house.

NEMPAC was fortunate to have so many members of the neighborhood community assist with the event, from the bakers at the bake sale to all those who braved the inclement weather to attend, this was a truly community effort.

NEMPAC would like to thank the following people: John and Patricia Romano, and sons John and Christopher, Sarah Glenn, Tim Griffin and sons Charlie and Sam, Tiffany Cochran, Carl Ameno, Lauren Nelson, Matt Black and daughter Griffin, Brian McQuay, Mikaya Emma, Margaret Ris, Pat Gookin, Luisa Zauli, Ann Fitzgerald, Melanie Crocini, Tara Shea, Lisa LeBlanc, Cheryl Sullivan, Marie Campochiarro and granddaughter Brianna, Jon Sproul, Jeff Hemphill, Lola Yu, Amelia Careghini, Carrie and Brian.

Special thanks goes to Traci Walker Griffith and Lydia Torres for accommodating the event at the Eliot School's cafeteria and to Carl Ameno of the Nazzaro Center for the use of their tables and providing access to parking and to Brian for helping carry the tables and the use of his truck.

Thanks also to the Rayburn Music Store for the use of the instruments in the petting zoo.

Kids of all ages enjoyed the event and everyone's effort and enthusiasm helped to raise over $800 toward future programming and scholarships for NEMPAC students.

Cate (with backpack), Lily (foreground) and Mom Jen Hamilton on piano

Facts on wax

by bob morello

reviewing the best . . . forgetting the rest

TROPIC THUNDER — ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK (CD)
Lakeshore

Tropic Thunder is an action comedy about a group of self-absorbed actors who set out to make the biggest war film ever. Ben Stiller stars as pampered action superstar Tugg Speedman. Providing the soundtrack for *Tropic Thunder* is a collection of 14 tracks sure to bring back memories — good and bad. Reflect on tracks as, "Ball of Confusion" (The Temptations), "Run Through the Jungle" (Creedence Clearwater Revival), Enigma's haunting "Sadness," followed by MC Hammer's gem "U Can't Touch This," the high-energy cut "Ready Set Go" (Ben Gidsjoy), and party with The Mooney Suzuki's "I Just Want to Celebrate." With the clock turned back three to four decades, your ears will resonate to 1971's "I'd Love to Change the World" (Ten Years After), Steppenwolf's 1968 gem "The Pusher," plus Ja'Net Dubois' cover of *The Jefferson's* TV theme song "Movin' On Up," and the Edgar Winter Group 1972 classic "Frankenstein." Dan Hill provides the 1977 ballad "Sometimes When We Touch" and Edwin Starr closes it out with his 1971 hit "War." Explosive music action!

MICHAEL CLEVELAND & FLAMEKEEPER — LEAVIN' TOWN (CD)
Rounder

Traditional bluegrass artist Michael Cleveland is considered one of the most electrifying fiddlers to ever draw a bow across the strings, and proof of that statement can be heard on his debut album, *Leavin' Town.* Guitarist and lead singer Todd Rakestraw, a founding member of Union Station in 1984 is the expressive voice of the intensity that is the Flamekeeper sound. Pick your beauties from cuts as, "Sold Down the River," a duet on "In My Mind to Ramble," the country ballad "My Blue Eyed Darling," reaching back to the 1950s to cover The Lonesome Pine Fiddler's "I'm Feeling For You," serving up Bill Monroe's instrumental gem "Northern White Clouds," along with "Troubles 'Round My Door" and hit the halfway mark with the rapid-fire title track "Leavin' Town." Second half songs shine via "Sunday Morning Christian," the Monroe gem "Jerusalem Ridge," along with a tale of broken love "I'm Ridin' This Train," the soulful "Come Spring," pickin' their spots with "When You Were Mine," the high-powered "Kickin' Back" ending with "Farewell For a Little While." Barnburners to ballads, vocals and instrumentals — each one outstanding!

AMINA FIGAROVA — ABOVE THE CLOUDS (CD)
Munich

Amina Figarova, composer/pianist/bandleader, is Azerbaijan-born, Rotterdam-based, and internationally well rounded in her music. Amina has a style of jazz that is all her own, graceful, cool, and easy to digest. Revel in the wondrous strains of her sextet's efforts, with "'A' Dance" the upbeat opener, while the lengthy "Ernie's Song" and "Above The Clouds," illustrate her writing versatility, followed by the fast blues piece "Sharp Corners," the imagination inspiring "Bedtime Story," and the trumpet laden "Nico's Dream." Enjoy the romantic dew of "Summer Rain," adding alto sax and trombone to salute explorer Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River with "Sailing Through the Icy Waters" and "River of Mountains," trailing with the serene "Blue Wonder," finishing up with "Chicago Split" and the tender ballad "Reminiscing." Outstanding album!

NIGHTMARE REVISITED (CD)
Walt Disney

Walt Disney Records revisits the cult classic *The Nightmare Before Christmas* with the release of *Nightmare Revisited.* Danny Elfman uses an eclectic array of today's music superstars to give their interpretations to his songs. Marilyn Manson's eerie cover of "This Is Halloween" starts the spooky celebration, along with "Jack's Lament" (All-American Rejects), "What's This" (Flyleaf), "Kidnap the Sandy Claws" (Korn), "Making Christmas" (Rise Against), "Oogie Boogie's Song" (Rodrigo y Gabriela), "Sally's Song" (Amy Lee), and Plain White T's cut "Poor Jack. Psychedelic abstract visions come from bands Sparkle Horse with "Jack's Obsession," The Vitamin String Quartet contributes "Jack and Sally Montage," and Polyphonic Spree performs "Town Meeting Song." A hauntingly different collection of holiday treats in each artist's signature style!

DEVIN THE DUDE — LANDING GEAR (CD)
Razor & Tie

Rapper Devin Copeland a/k/a MC Devin the Dude makes his debut on Razor & Tie Records with his album *Landing Gear.* Devin's humorous rhymes and light-hearted stories have earned him a strong fan base. Take a listen to the tongue-in-cheek humor of "In My Draws," the tasty "I Can't Make It Home," the smoky "Thinkin' Boutchu," the driving "Let Me Know It's Real" and the staccato "Me, You." Dee-Rail joins Devin on "Highway," teaming up with Snoop Dogg & Tony Mack on "I Don't Chase 'Em," plus "Yo Mind" featuring G Monee & Young Malice, and with 14K, polishes up the track "I Need a Song." Joseph Edwards, Jr. co-wrote and performs "Your Kinda Love" with The Dude, who wraps up his fifth album with a rap rendition of "Stray." One listen to *Landing Gear* will convince you of The Dude's reason for his success.

NOW PLAYING UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN

Nunsense *25th Anniversary Tour starring Sally Struthers!* Two time Emmy Award winner Sally Struthers is getting into the habit (literally!) of returning to the Reagle stage. After her stint there this past summer, there's more funny business in store from "All in the Family's" Struthers with a SURPRISE Boston area visit in *Nunsense* – now on its 25th Anniversary National Tour. Performing this month at the Robinson Theater, check out Theater section for more details.

THEATER

NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE
2008 Musical Season at NSMT: 42ND STREET – October 28th through November 23, 2008 and **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** – December 5th through December 21, 2008. For more information,call: 978-232-7200 or visit: www.nsmt.org.

THE OPERA HOUSE
539 Washington St, Boston, MA
LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL October 28th through November 9, 2008 – The hilarious MGM film is Broadway's new smash hit musical and it's coming to you.
DIRTY DANCING – February 7th through March 15, 2009. A movie seen by millions with an unforgettable soundtrack and adored by many, is now a record-breaking stage show. For tickets, times of performances and more information please, call: 866-633-0194.

THE COLONIAL THEATRE
106 Boylston Street, Boston, MA
FROST/NIXON – January 27, 2009 through February 8, 2009. Stacy Keach leads a cast of 10 in this fast-paced Tony Award nominated new play which shows the determination, conviction and cunning of two men as they square off in one of the most monumental television interviews of all time.
NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT December 16, 2008 through January 11, 2009. Harry Connick, Jr. stars as a Long Island playboy in this new musical comedy filled with bootleggers, gold diggers and some of the greatest songs in the legendary Gershwin catalog. For tickets and times of the performances, call Ticketmaster at: 617-931-2787

BOSTON UNIVERSITY THEATRE
264 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA
ROCK & ROLL – November 7th through December 7, 2008. It's August 1968 and Russian tanks are rolling into Prague. Jan the Czech student lives for rock music, Max the English professor lives for Communism and Esme, the flower child is high. Come and see this sweeping and passionate drama. For more information, tickets and times call: 617-266-0800 or visit: www.huntingtontheatre.org.
THE BIRTHDAY PARTY - December 10-13, 2008. Two sinister strangers arrive at a shabby seaside boarding house to cart off the supposed birthday boy, turning the "party" into a nightmare. See what happens.

ROBINSON THEATER
617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA
LIBERACE, THE LEGEND LIVES! - Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd at 2 PM. Martin Preston, a talented concert pianist, entertains you with his flamboyant showmanship, complete with rhinestone-studded piano, amazing sequined costumes and, of course, crystal candelabra. A classically trained pianist, Mr. Preston astounds listeners with marvelous musical memories. Audiences hear Liberace favorites like "The Beer Barrel Polka," "Malaguena," "and the showman's signature tune – "I'll Be Seeing You." All songs are orchestrated and carefully reproduced from the original arrangements.
NUNSENSE – Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 PM (One performance only! **Nunsense** begins as the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook (Sister Julia, Child of God) has accidentally poisoned 52 fellow sisters. Money must be raised immediately for burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on (what else?) a variety show. Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun named Sister Robert Anne, Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina, and the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. To miss this event would be a sin! For tickets call: 781-891-5600 or visit: www.reagleplayers.com.

THE BOSTON CONSERVATORY THEATER
31 Hemenway St, Boston, MA
FOLLIES – October 22-26, 2008. This cult classic is the story of a 30th reunion of follies girls before their theater is torn down. This production merges past and present—linking bittersweet memories of the past. Come and be haunted by this singular production.
THE QUICK CHANGE ROOM – Scenes from a Revolution – November 20th through November 23, 2008. This is a scathing political satire on the bottom line of capitalism. Come and be really entertained!
42ND STREET – March 4-8, 2009. A classic reproduction of the small Broadway hit about a young actress, Peggy Sawyer, who gets her big break on the stage. For tickets and more information, call the box office at: 617-912-9222 or visit: www.bostonconservatory.edu/performances.

MUSIC

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE Center
136 Massachusetts Ave., Boston
The Sovereign Bank Music Series at Berklee. Pop music chases fads; great music surprises us. The Sovereign Bank Music Series at Berklee presents great music from Peru to Nashville; from soul to lando to jazz. Eight shows. No boundaries. Full of surprises. November 6, 2008**, - Eva** Ayllón, November 16**,** 2008 - **Daniel** Lanois, December 3**,** 2008 **- Wayner Shorter Quartet 75th Birthday Celeb**ration, February 5**,** 2009 **- JAZZ as Condition: Mint Condition,** March 1, 2009 - **The Great American Songbook: The Music of Burt Bacharach,** March 7, 2009 - **Shining Stars: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire,** April 16, 2009 - **Singers Showcase: The 25th Anniversary**. All concerts begin at 8:15 p.m., except where noted. For ticket information, call 617 747-2261 or visit berkleebpc.com.

TD BANKNORTH GARDEN
Causeway St., Boston
THE WHO - October 24, 2008 at 8:00 PM. After a brief hiatus following a hugely successful world tour, The Who will return to North America for a very limited number of engagements in Fall, 2008, including the TD Banknorth Garden on October 24th as one of a handful of shows in '08. Rock innovators Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey will bring their electric, mind blowing performances back with a vengeance.
TINA TURNER - Sunday, November 16, at 7:00 PM and Monday, November 17, 7:30 PM. The fabulous performer has been wooing audiences since the seventies without ever losing ground.
COLDPLAY - October 29, 2008 at 7:30 PM. Coldplay recently confirmed a return trip of their "Viva La Vida" North American Tour to the TD Banknorth Garden on October 29 in support of their album of the same name.*Viva La Vida* is the follow-up to 2005's X&Y, which debuted at #1 in 32 countries and has sold 10 million copies worldwide to date. Check them out live. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or www.ticketmaster.com

MOHEGAN SUN ARENA
1 Mohegan Sun Blvd, Uncasville, CT
PAUL ANKA - Friday, October 24, 2008 at 8:00 PM - Mohegan Sun audiences have come to expect nothing but the best from Paul Anka, who delivers as a consummate live entertainer. His latest CD *Classic Songs,My Way* finds him putting his own spin on contemporary music by songwriters such as Billy Joel, Joni Mitchell, Cyndi Lauper, Daniel Powter and The Killers. It also features a special duet with Pop superstar Michael Bublé (whose career began through Paul Anka's sponsorship). A legend who is the master mind behind many of the famous songs written for such greats as Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra among many others! For tickets, call 617-931-2000 or log onto ticketmaster.com.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
30 Brimmer Street, Boston, MA
An Evening of Contemporary Music Friday, October 17th at 8:00 PM. This evening of music features The LaCrosse Trio. This group was founded by pianist Stephen Drury and based at the New England Conservatory. They are known for their exceptional command of modern repertoire, often performing the music of currently active composers. For more information, call: 617-263-6739.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE
106 Central St, Wellesley, MA
A MUSICAL 'LADIES NIGHT" – Friday, October 17th at 8:00 PM in the Houghton Memorial Chapel. The Lark Chamber Artists will perform music by female composers of the 20th century. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call: 781-283-2736.

SYMPHONY HALL
301 Mass. Avenue, Boston, MA
BOSTON UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – November 24, 2008 at 8:00 PM will present the music of John Adams and Maurice Ravel. Come and enjoy this evening of musical excellence. For more info and tickets, please call: 888-266-1492 or visit: www.BostonSymphonyHall.org.

Special Events

INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON, ROSE KENNEDY BALLROOM
510 Atlantic Ave, Boston, MA
A PARK FOR ALL SEASONS GALA - Friday, November 21, 2008. Join Mayor Thomas Menino your friends and neighbors to celebrate Christopher Columbus Park. Enjoy dancing to the Stardust Band, a buffet dinner and silent auction. To purchase tickets call 617-723-3584 or www.focccp.org

THE REGENT THEATRE
7 Medford Street, Arlington, MA
THE HIT TRIBUTE SHOW SINATRA & FRIENDS - Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2:00PM.
Richard DeLuca portrays Frank, as one of the best Sinatra tributes in the business, singing many of the standard classics. Also rarely performed songs such as "Rain In My Heart" "You And Me" and "How Do You Keep The Music Playing". Jimmy Celona portrays a wonderful rendition of Dean, singing many of Dean Martin classic favorites as "Everybody Loves Somebody" and many more. A Wonderful performance by Cheryl Thurson as Connie Francis. For tickets call 781-646-4TIX

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CTR.
136 Mass Ave, Boston, MA
JEEP PRESENTS WARREN MILLER'S CHILDREN OF WINTER Friday, November 11 at 6:30 and 9:30 PM. Saturday, November 12 at 6:00 and 9:00 PM. For more information visit our webstie at www.skinet.com/warrenmiller. To purchase tickets call 617-931-2000 or log onto www.ticketmaster.com.

HYATT REGENCY BOSTON
One Avenue DeLafayette, Boston, MA
ROCK THE RUNWAY FASHION SHOW – Saturday, October 25th from 7:30 to 1:00 AM. Themed as "classic evening wear with an edge", models will don sleek designs from Lord & Taylor; Samuel Vartan; Lit Boutique and Cameo Couture. The evening begins with a cocktail hour and culminates with the unveiling of Reggie B's new fashion magazine. For tickets, call: 603-275-9733 or visit: www.crucialservers.net/hyatt.

DICK'S LAST RESORT
Quincy Market at Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA
OCTOBER 2008 ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP – October 18th **The Slap Happies** from 10:00 PM until 1:00 AM; October 20th **Paul Fudin** from 7-10:00 PM; October 25th **Split Infinity** from 10:00 PM until 1:00 AM and October 31st **The Halloween Bash with Classic Trax** from 10:00 PM until 1:00 PM. For more detailed information on these acts, please call: 617-267-8080.

THE COMMANDER'S MANSION
440 Talcott Ave, Watertown, MA
ALL MISCHIEF COMES AFTER ALL HALLOW – October 17, 2008 from 7:30-9:30 PM. Come and enjoy a conversation with Halloween authority Lesley Bannatyne. For more information visit: www.revels.org.

ARTESANI PARK
1234 Soldiers Field Rd, Brighton, MA
1st ANNUAL BOSTON VISION WALK – Saturday, October 25th starting at 10:00 AM. Participate in this walk to help raise money to fight retinal degenerative diseases that affect more than 10 million Americans. For more information call: 866-782-7330 or visit: www.VisionWalk.org.

DANCE

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART
100 Northern Ave, Boston, MA
ANOTHER EVENING: SERENADE/ THE PROPOSITION – October 24th through October 26th – performances by the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company. These sparkling performances transport the viewer through time with a cast of fierce dancers and sound. For tickets call: 617-478-3100 or www.icaboston.org

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

WESTIN BOSTON WATERFRONT HOTEL
425 Summer Street Boston, MA
CONFEDERAZIONE SICILIANI NORD AMERICA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SICILIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER BOSTON 2008 ANNUAL GALA DINNER.
Saturday, November 1st at 7:30 PM. There will also be an all day conference with several Sicilian Associations coming from the USA and Canada that constitute the CSNA. Be a part of this fantastic event to be held in Boston for the first time. For more info please call Maria Marchetti at 781-461-2633 or Mirella Mazzeo at 617-361-3893.

THE BURLINGTON SONS OF ITALY/WOBURN SONS OF ITALY HALL
Lexington St., Woburn
DINNER DANCE "AMORE DA NAPOLI" - Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The Burlington Sons of Italy is celebrating the Naples/Campagna Region. Music by The Italian Connection, catered, by Maria's Catering. For tickets call 781-932-8203.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM
280 The Fenway, Boston MA
VIENI IMENEO: MUSIC AND MARRIAGE RENAISSANCE ITALY - Sunday October 19, 2008 at 1:30 PM. A musical tour of nuptial mores in Florence, Rome, Venice, and other centers of Italian splendor, circa 1450 - 1600.
IMAGINING LOVE IN DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY - Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 6:30PM. Dante scholar Rachel Jacoff reveals the varieties of love portrayed in the Divine Comedy - from lust to divine love - themes also present in Renaissance marriage art. The poetic landscape of Dante stood in counterpoint to the practical and political functions of Renaissance marriage. During the Renaissance, how and where did love (in all its forms) find expression?
GARDNER AFTER HOURS - DIVINE COMEDY - Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7 PM. Exhibition Performance. Video Performer art pioneer Joan Jonas stages a Dante reading in the Tapestry Room. For more information call 617-566-1401 or log onto www.gardnermuseum.org.
SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES - Sundays at 1:30 PM. October 19, 2008, Vieni Imeneo: Music and Marriage in Renaissance Italy - The Boston Camerata, Anne Asema, artistic director.

GREAT SCOTT
1222 Commonwealth Ave.
Allston, MA
ELISA -MAKING HER AREA DEBUT! Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 9PM. Elisa's artistry has been honored with major awards including five from Italy's prestigious Festival di Sanremo, an MTV European Music Awards Best Italian Artist win and a Tenco Award for Best Debut Album for Pipes And Flowers ('97). With her North American album and touring debut, Elisa is poised to win honors and hearts in the new world as well. For more info log onto www.greatscottboston.com or for tickets www.ticketweb.com. Learn more about Elisa at www.elisatoffoli.com.

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"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and **Mike Lomazzo** and **"The Italian Show"** w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM on www.1110wccmam.com
"Italia Oggi" (Italy Today) Sundays 1PM to 2 PM with host Andrea Urdi AM 1460 www.1460WXBR.com
"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11 AM-1 PM Sundays. 90.7 FM or online at www.djrocco.com

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON, MA
CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOM
3RD FLOOR
ITALY AND THE HOLOCAUST: THE CALABRIA CONNECTION - Monday, November 10, 2008 8am - 5pm. The conference, "Italy and the Holocaust: The Calabria Connection" Opening remarks will be made Dr. Winston Langley, Provost &Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Hon. Renato Turano, Mr. Robert Leikind, Director, American Jewish Committee. Opera singer Cristina Fontanelli will sing Italian and Yiddish songs of that period. A panel of distinguished with Jewish and Italian dignitaries will discuss the "Moral Lessons of the Holocaust" For additional information please contact Dr. Maria Lombardo at 216-287-5766 or maria.lombardo@umb.edu. The event is free and open to the public. A complimentary breakfast (8:00AM-9:00AM) and luncheon (12:00PM-1:00PM) will be served.

Ray Barron's
11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Coming soon! Italian researchers isolated an erection-inducing plant compound in a widely sold Chinese herb known as Horny Goat Weed. The compound, icariin, may be as effective as Viagra, researchers say.

Bad news! More than 90 percent of nursing homes violate federal health and safety standards, according to a report by the Department of Health and Human Services. More than 1.5 million Americans live in 15,000 nursing homes in the U.S. The report found that care in about 17 percent of homes posed "actual harm or immediate jeopardy" to patients, including instances of abuse and neglect. For-profit homes had more violations than nonprofit.

Wow! An Oregon grandfather who went to the hospital for abdominal pain was given surprising news about the cause of his discomfort. "Based on your visit today," a letter from Curry General Hospital informed him, "we know you are pregnant." John Pippen, 71, a retired mechanic, called the hospital, which admitted that someone had hit the wrong key in spitting out a discharge letter. "Mr. Pippen," declared an administrator "is not pregnant at all."

A month ago, 47 percent of female voters had a favorable opinion of Sarah Palin, compared with 19 percent who viewed her unfavorable. Now, her favorable rating among women has dropped to 34 percent, while those with an unfavorable opinion have risen to 33 percent.

So what else is new? The Pew Research Center reports 43 percent of American men and women living in couples say it's the woman who makes more of the decisions at home, including managing finances, planning weekend activities, and choosing what to watch on TV. And 26 percent say it's the man who makes most of these decisions, while 31 percent of people in couples say they split the decisions equally.

Frank Arricale says marriage is a partnership where no matter how good a husband is, his wife is still the better half.

Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "A man and his wife are one, one too many times."

Carlo Scostumato claims many a married woman leads a double life — hers and his.

Joey Antonelli of Somerville, thinks many a woman would make a better wife if she stopped trying to make her man a better husband.

Robyn Waters of Swampscott thinks to make your husband happy, treat him like a dog: give him plenty of affection and a loose leash.

Giuseppina, cosce storte, thinks some husbands would be happier if they had married other women; other husbands, if their wives had married other men.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, claims husbands have more problems than wives — for one thing, they have to put up with wives.

Dream when you're feeling blue! If you want happy dreams, put flowers at your bedside every night. German researcher Boris Stuck performed a smell exposure test on 15 sleeping people. Once they'd reached their deepest stage of REM sleep, he bathed them in strong smells of either roses or rotten eggs for ten seconds. He then roused them to ask what they'd been dreaming about. All of the people who smelled roses reported pleasant dreams, while most of them who smelled rotten eggs said they'd been in the midst of a nightmare. Smell, Stuck tells *New Scientist,* directly affects the "emotional coloration" of one's dream world.

Rosalie Cunio of Waltham thinks many people who like to be referred to as dreamers are merely sleepers.

Mother Superior Frances Fitzgerald thinks there's only one thing rarer in sleep than to dream we are sleeping, and that is to dream we are dreaming.

Can you cheat death? Yes, you can, says a new Harvard School of Public Health study of 120,000 people — at least to the extent of adding years or even decades to your life. When the researchers analyzed the health records of those people over 32 years, they found that more than half of the deaths in this group could have been prevented through healthier lifestyle choices, such as exercising regularly, not smoking, not drinking to excess, and eating properly to avoid major weight gain. The study found that 44 percent of the deaths from cancer were avoidable, as were a whopping 72 percent of the cardiovascular fatalities. Even tiny changes, like walking for a half hour every day, quitting smoking, or eating more vegetables and less fat, can significantly reduce one's risk of cancer and heart disease. Extending one's life, Harvard's researchers say, is literally a matter of will.

The last thing a man wants to do, is the last thing he does — die. And remember, death and taxes are inevitable, but death is not a repeater.

The distinguished musicologist Albert Natale informs us, since 1911, customers at what was once Wanamaker's department store in Philadelphia have enjoyed the booming sound of its famous 28,482-pipe organ, said to be the world's biggest playable instrument. Over the decades, the organ became increasingly neglected; in the mid-1990s, only about 20 percent of its pipes were working. But following massive repairs, it is fully functional again. At Macy's, which now owns Wanamaker's Peter Richard Conte played the newly restored organ, backed by the Philadelphia Orchestra. To master its six keyboards, he said, "You have to have many arms, many hands, and many brains."

Bits of Italian-American history: In 1977, "John Scarne," born Orlando Carmelo Scarnecchia, celebrated 40 years as a magician. He entertained at the White House 43 times. Scarne, also the world's foremost gambling authority, sold 7-million copies of his 15 books on gambling. When the *Italo-American Times* asks Scarne:" Any advice to gamblers?" He replies, "Don't gamble."

In 1984, Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro became the first woman in American history to be nominated by a major political party, for Vice-President of the United States.

In 1991, Midshipman Captain Juliene Gallina, age 21, brigade commander at the U.S. Naval Academy, is the first woman elevated to the honored rank in the 147-year history of the military college. Capt. Gallina becomes responsible for 4,289 midshipmen.

The greatest Super Bowl drive of all time — eight complete passes in two minutes and thirty —seconds was the work of San Francisco 49ers Joe Montana in 1984. Montana quarterbacked the 49ers to four Super Bowl titles before playing for the Kansas City Chiefs. Montana was the Most Valuable Player of three of those four Super Bowls.

Dan Marino, who played for the Miami Dolphins, was the highest rated quarterback in the NFL in 1984. He passed for an amazing 47 touchdowns in his first 20 games, a record it took Joe Namath three seasons to match.

Seven Italian American football players have won the prestigious Heisman Trophy, college football's highest honor. They are Alan Ameche (Wisconsin), Gary Beban (UCLA), Joe Bellino (NAVY), Angelo Bertelli (Notre Dame), John Cappelletti (Penn State), Gino Torretta (Miami), and Vinny Testaverde (Miami). Cappelletti, an all-American running back, gave his trophy to his younger brother, Joey, who was dying of cancer.

The great Joe Paterno became head coach of the Penn State football team in 1965 where he led the team to 22 major bowl games and four perfect seasons, produced many All American players and 48 players who joined the NFL. Three times honored as Coach of the Year, he won more than 80 percent of his games.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

Recipes from the ***Homeland***

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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TOMATO SAUCE WITH MEAT

"Macaroni with the Gravy"

1 twenty-eight-ounce can of crushed tomatoes
1 eight-ounce can of tomato paste
1 medium onion chopped
1 garlic clove chopped (optional)
1/3 cup vegetable, canola or olive oil
1 teaspoon dried basil, or 3 fresh basil leaves
1 or 2 pounds meat of your choice
Suggestion of meats and combinations:
Ground beef or turkey for meatballs
Meatballs and lamb stew meat
Meatballs and veal stew meat
Meatballs and Italian pork sausages
Lamb stew or veal stew meat and Italian pork sausages
Cut-up chicken portions

Heat oil in saucepan and brown meat in pot. After browning all portions, remove and set aside. Drain excess oil if desired, to limit the amount of oil in the sauce. Add chopped onion, garlic, and basil to saucepan. Simmer until onion is opaque. Garlic should not brown. Add crushed tomatoes and stir thoroughly. Add half a cup of water if mixture appears to be too thick. Cover and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for about fifteen or twenty minutes. Stir occasionally to prevent mixture from sticking to the bottom of the saucepan. Then add tomato paste and stir thoroughly. Fill empty tomato paste can with water and stir water into sauce. Cover pot and simmer slowly over low heat for another twenty minutes. Then add browned meat. Cover and cook slowly until meat portions are tender.

Remaining sauce freezes well.

NOTE: During my years of experience in cooking, I have found that the taste of a tomato sauce varies with the kind of canned tomato used. My advice is to experiment with the variety of kinds of crushed tomatoes available today until you acquire the taste that pleases you. Try using a combination of meats in your sauce also, to vary or enhance its flavor.

Whenever I need a tomato sauce for preparing eggplant, veal or chicken cutlet parmigiana, I cook up a batch of this tomato sauce, ***eliminating use of meat or tomato paste.***

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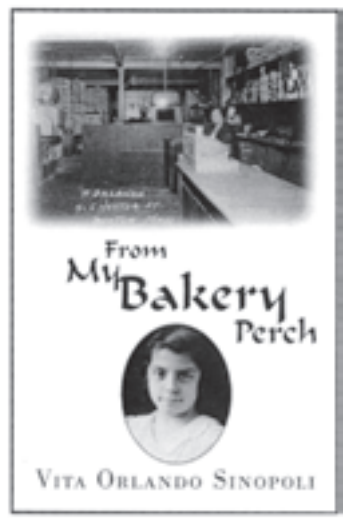

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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance

At one point in her life, my mother was bordering on hypochondria, you name the ailment and she thought she had contracted it. Not wanting to take any chances, Dad would take her to see Dr. Jannini just about every other Saturday afternoon.

Rose Jannini brought me into the world at the long-gone Winthrop Hospital on October 21, 19@#. I'm not sure, but she may have been either the first or second Italian American female physician in the United States. Breaking from the ancient Italian tradition of only educating male children, her father never having a son, educated his daughter. Dr. Rose lost a loved one during WW II and had a break-down as a result. When she recovered, she gave up pediatrics and opened an office at her Winthrop home and became a general practitioner.

By the early 1960s, Dad was playing more music than ever and I was on my own. I think that Mom's problem bordered more on loneliness than illness. Her visits with Dr. Jannini were more for conversation and tea than for cures of conjured up illnesses.

On several occasions, Dad would be playing a Saturday afternoon wedding and would not be able to drive Mom to Winthrop and her appointments with Dr. Jannini. When those occasions arose, I was enlisted to chauffer her. She never learned how to drive. As a matter of fact, most women in Mom's generation didn't drive and had to rely on the men in their homes for transportation. The reception area was the living room of the Jannini home and Laura, Dr. Rose's sister, would serve tea and cookies and engage the waiting people in conversation. Laura looked like a heavy-set version of Olive Oyl. She had never married and was, basically, the secretary, receptionist and assistant her sister needed in life.

There was a stretch of time when Mom was making appointments every other Saturday. This was in the early 1960s, and the family had moved from East Boston to Belmont. I would pick my mother up and take the back roads to her appointment. On several occasions, I would call Sal Meli, an East Bostonian I had grown up with, pick him up en route, and we would just drop Mom off and head somewhere for lunch. This got me off the hook from having to sip tea with Laura and listen to the latest gossip regarding family, friends and foes. There was one place we loved to head to for lunch. It was located on Sumner Street in East Boston and had no name.

Tony DePasquale, a local bookie, baker, candlestick maker (I may have this saying wrong) decided to open a restaurant and do the cooking himself. His philosophy was, "Whatever I feel like cooking will be a feast, and they will come."

He was right. There were no menus. When you were seated in his storefront establishment, either Tony or his wife would tell you what they were cooking and you would make your choice(s). There were a couple of quirky problems that the restaurant became famous for. Number one, whatever you ordered, you couldn't finish, the portions were so large. Second, if you couldn't finish the portions, Tony would approach the men with a pair of scissors and cut off their neck ties and nail them to a wall. If the ladies couldn't finish, he would make them take off their bras and then nail them to one of the walls in the restaurant. In spite of his pranks, the food was so good that he had a list of who's who in Boston as his clientele.

On one Saturday, after I dropped Mom off at Dr. Jannini's, I picked up Sal and we headed for the East Boston No Name Restaurant. Tony's wife sat us down and placed "the usual" on our table, a sliced loaf of Italian bread and a gallon of red wine. If you think this amount starts out as excessive, wait. When Tony came over, he told us what he was making that day and we ordered. Sal decided on ravioli and I on veal cutlets. When the orders arrived, they were served on oval shaped platters, large oval shaped platters. The food was mounded on both, and without exaggeration, the offerings on each plate could had fed four to six people. There was no way on God's good Earth that we could finish those gigantic portions.

Tony was a character who was totally uninhibited. After we started eating, he came over to the table to see if we liked the food. He carried a bottle of cognac and two glasses and poured each of us about three fingers of the amber liquid and we toasted each other. Just then, he looked up at two or three people standing in the doorway of the store-front restaurant. Looking next at his watch, he yelled out, "How many times have I told you Irish politicians, you come too late on Saturdays, and now I ain't gonna feed you. I looked up and saw that the person he was speaking to was Dapper O'Neil accompanied by a couple of his friends. After Tony finished yelling and shocking his unknowing clientele, Dapper, with his hands in a praying position, pleaded with him, "Oh, Please Tony, just this once, won't you let us come in from the cold?" Tony replied, "Well, only this once, only if you promise to behave." Someone behind Dapper yelled out, "We'll be good, we'll be good." With this, the game was over and Dapper O'Neil and his pals were seated.

A tourist group sitting at another table called Tony over. One of the women couldn't finish her lunch and asked for a doggie bag. Tony yelled, "Doggie bag, doggie bag; you want a doggie bag you go to a Chinese restaurant, You know what I gotta do with this food?" With that he scooped up the food from the woman's dish with his bare hand and threw it at the closest wall. The woman was in shock, but the locals roared with laughter.

Those were fun Saturdays for us. Every time we ate at Tony's place was a new fun-filled but strange experience similar to this one. I discovered not long afterward that Tony's son, Ronnie, had attended English High and I knew him from there, but everyone called him "Ronnie Baker," and I never made the connection.

Well, that was a long time ago and everyone I've mentioned is gone, with the exception of Sal Meli, but those memories will linger forever. Thinking about being gone, I just received something from my church. Each month there are memorial Masses for family members who passed away a year earlier. I can't believe it, Mom has been gone almost a year. I'm now going to call and make the necessary arrangements. See you next week ... GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 6)

series as well as its popular holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," would be the Opera House.

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..... Renowned musician Boz Scaggs returns to Boston for two performances at the Wilbur Theatre on Sunday, November 23 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Wilbur Theatre is located at 246 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District.

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Scaggs began his distinguished career as a teenager and over a dozen records later, when Scaggs released "But Beautiful," the critical and fan response was tremendous, and the album debuted at #1 on the Billboard Jazz charts.

Tickets are available at The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at *www.ticketmaster.com* and by calling 617-508-931-2000. For further information, please call 617-248-9700.

Enjoy!

Lantana Chef Eric Bolduc prepares Lobster Ravioli for guests at the 2008 "Best of South Shore" Awards Party.
(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)

The works of artist Stephen Silver are on exhibit at The M2L Gallery on Boylston Street through the 2008 holiday season.
(Photo courtesy of Lise Beane)

*(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.)*

• Selecting a President (Continued from Page 7)

ants has seen us through the good and bad times of our history. The outcome of this election will determine the future composition of the Supreme Court, its rulings on the issues of our day and the nature of the country we pass on to future generations. Should Barack Obama become president it is almost certain he will choose liberal justices whose decisions will accommodate the mores of our times following an ever more divergent path from conservative principles that have served us well for centuries.

John McCain has made it clear that he favors conservative justices who will strictly interpret the Constitution rather than legislate from the bench as we have seen in Massachusetts. There are many issues that differentiate Obama from McCain, many reasons to favor John McCain; none carry the degree of consequence for the future of the country than the selection of justices and the composition of the Supreme Court.

Referring to last week's article, "A Time for Mavericks" the final sentence should have read: Barack Obama has seldom, if ever, been able to cross party lines, the reach from his far left position is just too difficult to achieve.

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The Bilingual Corner

by Orazio Buttafuoco

LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

Le farfalle, si e' scoperto, parlano usando un linguaggio basato sui colori ma poseggono anche la capacita' di scegliere I sapori. Atraverso il blu, il giallo ed il verde, su luce polarizzata, si orientano, si spostano, e con una scanzione lentissima avvertono i pericoli. Il rosso non viene percepito dalle farfalle. Quello che mette in allarme le farfalle sono movimenti rapidi ed ombre improvvise. Per quanto riguarda I gusti le farfalle vanno matte per il sudore dell'uomo, che fra l'altro, e' ricco di sostanze organiche. L'olfatto e' un senso importante per questi insetti che prediligono odori agri che vedono a colori. Un entomologo italiano, Enzo Moretto, ha studiato a lungo le abitudini delle farfalle. Moretto e' Direttore di ESAPOLIS, un grande museo vivente di insetti, api e bachi da seta, ed e' stato inaugurato lo scorso 3 maggio (2008) a Montegrotto Terme, in provincial di Padova. Moretto e' stato capace, primo al mondo, di riparare le ali delle farfalle, che poi sono riuscite a prendere il volo. Moretto ha in progetto una collezione enorme di bachi da seta, piu' grande di quella in Cina. Moretto ha anche avuto parole di ammirazione per il giardino segreto sotto il Pincio, a Roma, dove si ammirano farfalle esotiche, di ogni misura, dove sono state liberate farfalle comuni capaci di migrare dall'Italia all'Africa, in sette giorni.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

They have discovered that butterflies speak by using a language based on colors, but they possess also the capacity to choose the taste. Through the blue, the yellow and the green colors, on polarized light, they find their bearings, move about, and with a very slow shunning move, they sense danger. Red is a color butterflies are unable to perceive. What alarm the butterflies are fast movements and sudden shadows. As far as the palate is concerned, the butterflies go crazy over man's sweat which, inter alias, is rich with organic nutrients. The sense of smell is important to these insects that prefer scents which they perceive as colors. An Italian entomologist, Enzo Moretto, has for years studied the lifestyle of the butterflies. Moretto is the Director of ESAPOLIS, a very spacious living museum with insects including bees and silkworms which was inaugurated at Montegrotto Terme, in the province of Padova (Padua). Moretto has been able, first in the world, to repair the wings of butterflies, which were later able to fly.

Moretto has a project, to put together a massive collection of silkworms, larger than the one in China. Moretto has expressed his admiration for the secret garden located beneath the "Pincio" in Rome, where anyone can admire exotic butterfliess, of any size, where common butterflies, capable to migrate from Italy to Africa in seven days were let go.

• Mayor's Column (Continued from Page 1)

5,000 of approximately 17,000 city employees would lose their jobs as a result of income tax repeal.

There are more sensible ways to curtail spending, and the City of Boston has already done a great job of taking measures to do so. Our investments have been collateralized since the early 1990s, requiring banks to offer third party security on investments so that we don't lose our shirt. The City also has a policy of not borrowing debt at variable rates. At the bargaining table, we took steps to negotiate lower health care costs with insurance providers. We closely monitor our personnel expenses through the Personnel Review Committee, and we benefit from numerous public-private partnerships to defray expenses that the City would otherwise be solely responsible for. Our excellent bond rating is a testament to all of these steps. AA1 bond rating allows the City to leverage capital dollars at the best possible interest rates, resulting in millions of dollars of savings in borrowing costs.

If you're worried about your budget, the City has programs and resources to help you make informed decisions with your savings. *Money Talk$*, a collaboration between the Office of Consumer Affairs and the Mayor's Youth Council exposes teens to commonsense money management steps at a young age. For adults, the Department of Neighborhood Development offers *Credit Smart*, a series of free classes about maintaining good credit. Please visit www.cityofboston.gov for this information and more.

The City relies on your support just as much as you rely on the City to deliver services, and only by supporting each other can we work through this difficult economy.

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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

MICHELE MCPHEE TOPS ON 96.9 AND IN THE METRO

Kudos to Michelle McPhee.

Michelle's columns in the *Boston Metro* have been a breath of fresh air. She always gets to the point and you already know she means what she writes, just like she says what she means on her radio show.

This latest column on the efforts by Senator Wilkerson to win re-election as a write-in candidate espoused what I and many others think.

I agree with her on those seemingly racist remarks by Jean McGuire of METCO about there being *"white Hispanics and black Hispanics."* Outrageous is the first word that comes to mind.

I guess as an Italian-Irish American, McGuire apparently must believe I am neither because I am both. Four of my first cousins are half-Hispanic and half-Irish. Once again I assume McGuire probably sees them as *"white Hispanics."*

I'm tired of the likes of McGuire and City Councilor Chuck Turner throwing race into this race for a Senate seat.

McPhee is correct. How can McGuire head this state-funded METCO program? Remember, this was the same program that reportedly had to be pushed into taking Hispanics, black or white, right?

If the Wilkerson campaign thinks Dianne should get re-elected, they can campaign for her in the district, but they shouldn't inject race where it has no place. Criticize Sonia Chang-Diaz for her public policy stands, don't call her a *"white Hispanic"* or a person from *"another community."*

Right on, McPhee, keep it up, going after nonsense whenever it rears its ugly head like in the Second Suffolk District.

I also agree with her about all those Obama supporters running like extras in a remake of the *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* singing all together that *"Obama is the One, Obama is the One."*

Chanting endlessly that this is the age of Obama. It's just a bit scary for me.

Isn't anyone thinking on their own out there? This isn't the Second Coming, it's a presidential election.

God bless him, Joe Biden is far more qualified to be President of the United States, but we get the Chosen One instead.

I'm old enough to remember Jack Kennedy in 1960 and Obama is no Jack Kennedy.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

As far as I know the only community that has a Wall Street and a Main Street is Charlestown.

The real crisis is between us and those greedy lenders plus all those irresponsible homeowners who should have known better.

Now, we, the people who played no role in this collapse are being asked to bail out both of the.

Seems unfair to me!

Oops ...

Last week my photo caption accidentally listed the wrong crown for Olivia Cabra. She was named the Miss Roslindale Lodge #1606 S.O.I.A. and not Miss Bay State. My mistake but she indeed could be Miss Bay State if there was one, right?

It's NYUK, NYUK, NYUK on the Campaign Trail

I started voting in 1972. My choice was Richard Nixon or George McGovern. Even if I had seen into the future and viewed Watergate, I still would have voted for Nixon.

Several times over the years, I have voted for third party candidates like Ralph Nader, Gene McCarthy and Ross Perot.

This year the campaign is God awful. It's the four stooges on the campaign trail. On one side, Moe and Larry and on the other side, Curly and Shemp.

The last presidential candidate I voted FOR was Ronald Reagan many years ago.

• Barack Obama (Continued from Page 1)

would want someone with that kind of chip on his shoulder working for it.

Also, Senator Obama's association with Tony Rezko and the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) come to mind. Rezko was just convicted of promoting corruption among Chicago politicians. He helped in the purchase of the senator's home and was a campaign fundraiser for Obama. ACORN is being investigated by the feds for systematic voter registration fraud. Not good things.

Let's not forget about Senator Obama's pastor and mentor for 20 years, America-hater Rev. Jeremiah Wright. When first questioned about his membership in Wright's black theology church, Senator Obama first denied knowing Rev. Wright harbored such negative feelings about the U.S., but after being further pressed, he dismissed the reverend's conduct as like a "crazy uncle" who lived in the basement. He finally decided that he couldn't politically afford to stay in the church, and dropped his membership.

To keep job applicants honest, many government agencies such as DEA, FBI, CIA and others require them to take a polygraph examination. Do you think Senator Obama could pass a polygraph when he approves an ad that mocks Sen. John McCain for being unable to send e-mails without mentioning his poorly mended broken arms while in custody of the North Vietnamese which prevents him from manipulating the computer keyboard? He's not computer illiterate, he's handicapped!

Would you want a police officer in your city associating with such people? Not likely. But Obama supporters ignore these associations because they are desperate for a Democrat in the White House.

A federal government full-field background investigation would also look for prior inconsistencies, exaggerations and outright lies on an application for employment.

I once conducted a background check for an applicant to become a secretary for DEA. She had previously worked for a large police department as a secretary, and left the job to have a child. She was ready to re-enter the workforce and wanted to work for DEA. She seemed perfect for the job until the background investigation revealed that she lied on her application. She claimed to have 30-semester hours of college in office management, when in reality she attended one day of one class and then dropped out. The fact that she lied was sufficient justification to consider her application no further. After all, if she would lie about that, what else has she lied about? Obviously the woman lacked integrity, which is a vital qualification for any position within the federal government, even a DEA secretary who would have access to all investigative reports.

I'd like to conduct Senator Obama's background investigation. I'd review his application for the Illinois state bar and see if he mentioned the drug usage that he disclosed in one of his books. If the question about drugs was asked, and he denied it at the time, his integrity is immediately put into question. He revealed it in his book to float a balloon to test his potential as a viable presidential candidate. Admitting it prevented his political opponents from attacking him about it. In fact, in the eyes of many Senator Obama supporters, using drugs enhances his resume. It's something they can relate to.

Personally I like my presidents to not associate with known criminals, be drug-free for a lifetime, have unquestioned integrity and be able to pass a simple background investigation.

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• **Res Publica** (Continued from Page 5)

Mass. spoke on behalf of the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition regarding national policies that have hollowed out our manufacturing sector. "First," said Shuster, "[we] diverted attention from the true sources of prosperity, such as manufacturing. Manufacturing is not a paper shuffle sector. It is pure value add. It is basic and solid. And it has been disappearing because our government has decided to make that happen. Manufacturing has been most devastated by our ruinous trade policy."

Whatever the results of the November election, the lasting governing majority will be in the party that gets America back into the business of creating wealth and jobs.

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.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P2726EP1

In the Estate of
IRENE LOUISE PROULX

Late of WOBURN
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death June 6, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARIE CULLEN also known as MARIE FRANCES CULLEN of WOBURN in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executrix, 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 7, 2008.**

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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 3, 2008.

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The Trial Court
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Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4136EP1

In the Estate of
MARY ANN GORGONE

Late of NEWTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death August 14, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PATRICIA A. CUPO of NEWTON in the County of MIDDLESEX and RICHARD V. GORGONE of SOUTHBRIDGE in the County of WORCESTER or some other suitable person be appointed co-executors 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 7, 2008.**

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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 3, 2008.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. 08P4116EP1

In the Estate of
LUDGER A LUCAS AKA
LUDGER ANTIL LUCAS

Late of NATICK
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death May 28, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DAVID R LUCAS of CHELMSFORD in the County of MIDDLESESX or some other suitable person be appointed executor 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 29, 2008.**

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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, September 30, 2008.

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. 08P3899EP1

In the Estate of
MARY FRANCIS BRIGHT
A/K/A MARY M. BRIGHT

Late of FRAMINGHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death April 23, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that G. VICTOR UNDERWOOD of LEICESTER in the County of WORCESTER or some other suitable person be appointed executor 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 7, 2008.**

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.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

God "Saves" Baseball?

Back in the day, a relief pitcher had to work to earn a save. Remember, Elroy Face from the Pirates in 1959. He was 18-0 and pitched just under 100 innings. How about Dick Radatz, over three seasons (1962-64) he rang up a 40-21 win-loss record, maybe 70 saves. Using today's save standard he probably had a 170 saves for the Sox. One season he threw close to 185 innings in relief.

Nowadays, closers aren't the same thing. Toward the end of the season for example, Francesco Rodriguez (K-Rod), came into a game in the ninth, two on, two out, with a 7-3 lead. He got the batter out for save 60, a new season record (he finished with 62 saves), but he had a four run lead to work with. MLB considers it a save situation because the guy in the on-deck circle was circle was the potential tying run. HUH?

Pretty soon, if the hotdog vendor in the stands makes direct eye contact with the guy in the on-deck circle, he'll be part of the equation, eh?

K-Rod is good, but Radatz and Face were better!

Manny Being Manny 3,000 Miles Away

Manny Ramirez is a great slugger no doubt, but most of us were glad to see him go. Let him rant in LA.

Manny world is in a league of his own. In 53 games as a Dodger, he was 17-53 — .396 In Boston, no where near that. Many thought he faked his innings over the years and slaked off this last season before moving 3,000 miles away.

Remember that third strike looking as a pinch hitter. Many think it was done on purpose. Was it? Only Manny knows. Jason Bay has been great for us so good riddance to you know who.

Manny is Hall of Fame material, just not for us.

Eddie Brinkman, Senators Shortsop

Eddie Brinkman, "good field, no hit" shortstop who spent 10 seasons with the Washington Senators before going to the Tigers in a trade involving Denny McLain in 1971 died recently (September 30) in Cincincatti.

He had a great arm at short but couldn't hit. He finished his 15 year career with a .224 batting average.

His best season was 1969 when he batted .267. However according to Bill Gilden from the *Washington Post*, "Brinkman used to have trouble hitting his weight (170 pounds) which isn't much." In his final season with the Tigers (1974) he hit 14 homers, his most ever for a season.

Brinkman ended up an infield coach and later a scout for the White Sox.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4353EP1

In the Estate of
CAROL A. NOVAK

Late of ACTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death September 3, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that NANCY E. NOVAK also known as NANCY NOVAK of PORTLAND in the State Oregon or some other suitable person be appointed executor 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 17, 2008.**

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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 10, 2008.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4133GI1

In the Matter Of
MARY WIROLL
Of BILLERICA
In the County of MIDDLESEX

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To MARY WIROLL of BILLERICA in the County of MIDDLESEX, and her heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said MARY WIROLL of BILLERICA in the County of MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill person and praying that MARY E. WALSH of BILLERICA in the County of MIDDLESEX and JOHN P. WIROLL of HILLSBOROUGH in the STATE of NEW HAMPSHIRE or some other suitable person be apointed guardian to serve with personal surety of the person - and property.

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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 11, 2008.**

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 2, 2008.

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Acting Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4290GI1

In the Matter Of
ELIZABETH R TUTTLE
Of ACTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To ELIZABETH R TUTTLE of ACTON in the County of MIDDLESEX, and her heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said ELIZABETH R TUTTLE of ACTON in the County of MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill person and praying that ELIZABETH M BARILONE of MAYNARD in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person - with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan.

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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 10, 2008.**

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 8, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin
Acting Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P3889EP1

In the Estate of
SANDRA LEE GULLOTTI

Late of WALTHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death May 18, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RICHARD J. GULLOTTI of WALTHAM in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 13, 2008.**

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, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 7, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin
Acting Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4203AD1

In the Estate of
MARK M. MANDLE
Late of N CHELMSFORD
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death APRIL 28, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATRIX

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that JENNIFER A. MARCHAND of NORTH CHELMSFORD in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed administratrix of said estate 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 30, 2008.**

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 2, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin
Acting Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P3932EP1

In the Estate of
TINA DELELLIS

Late of BELMONT
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death September 17, 1998

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF A COPY
OF THE WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CARLA DELELLIS of WINCHESTER in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executrix, 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 FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 31, 2008.**

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.

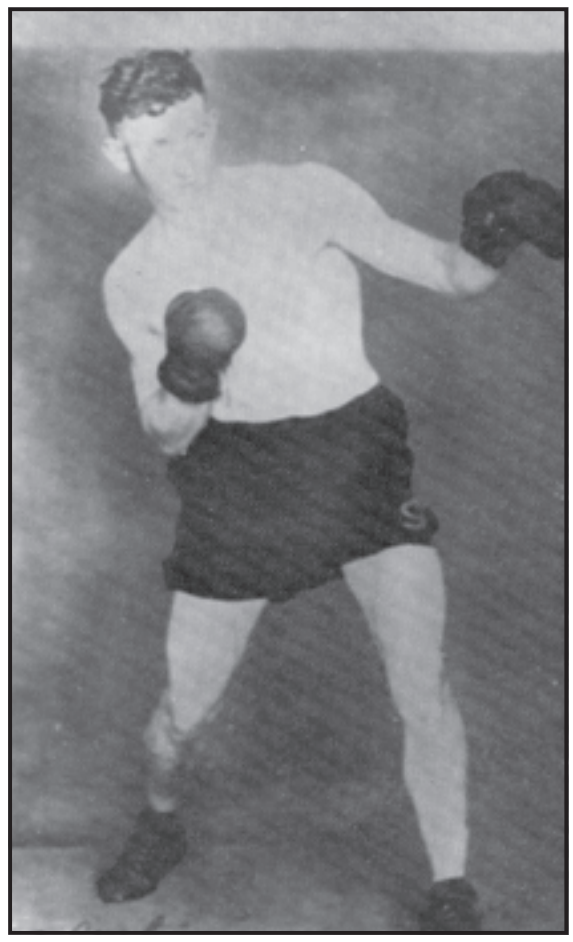
WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 7, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin
Acting Register of Probate

Corner Talk

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

Uncle Victor Gemelli during WWII



Uncle Victor Gemelli

Had a visit with businessmen David Gemelli with roots to boxing. Another great week, for the Roots of Boxing, and America. David, is a former college athlete. His Uncle Victor Gemelli also into boxing was the New England Amateur Lightweight Boxing Champion from 1923-1927 fighting under the name of Joe Conley.

Uncle Victor fought in WWII and unfortunately was killed in the line of duty. When he left for WWII he promised his niece that he would bring a nice soldier boy back for her to marry. As fate would have it a young soldier, in fact, escorted Uncle Victor's body back to the States and guarded his body at the wake. The soldier fell in love with Uncle Victor's niece and has been married for sixty years. Uncle Victor kept his promise! Ironically, his name sake, Cousin Victor was later wounded in Vietnam, but God spared his life.

Dave has many other great stories to tell! You got to see the stuff that he has, some great boxing memorabilia including a replica of Rocky Marciano's heavy weight championship belt given to him by Bruno Sammartino former World Wrestling Champ! Stuff that makes you go WOW!

David's football coach at Archbishop Williams High School was the legendary Armond Colombo. Coach Colombo is the brother in law of Rocky Marciano and David is very close to both the Colombo and Marciano families.

To fight you gotta be tough and to be in business you got to have these skills and others to keep you going. We got some great leaders in the business and boxing world. These leaders in our society are key components to what makes America work, at its best. As does David Gemelli with his great workers, as he encompasses himself with a staff that makes his Company GEM, Gravure Inc., "WORK! David's company works as a team and he considers his workers like his second family!"

David Gemelli inside of his GEM factory in front of photos of Rocky Marciano in background, holding replica of the Rocks' World championship belt.

Roland Saucier and David Gemeilli

ABLEVISION 20TH EPISODE PREMIERE

In five short years Triangle's Ablevision television program has won national awards, quadrupled the size of its talented crew and taken the message of "people with ability" to a nationwide audience.

Join them on Thursday, October 23rd at 6PM as they celebrate their achievements, view the highly anticipated 20th Episode Premiere and dance the night away at the star studded after party. The event will be held at Anthony's of Malden, 105 Canal Street, Malden. To purchase tickets call 781-290-9918 or log onto *www.peoplewithability.org*

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss

AN OPEN LETTER TO BOB COUSY

Dear Bob:

I read where you received some unwelcomed news the other day, the fact that you would not be rejoining the Celtics regular season telecasts this season for your customary 10 games.

I must admit that when I first read this I was shocked. I mean, why would a company not want someone like you associated with its services? I really couldn't figure that out. I know the Celtics have always treated you fairly and with the utmost respect — and that you will continue to be employed by them.

But this came from a different quarter — not from the Celtics Family.

I know it must have hurt a little bit when you received that phone call. I could tell from what you told the reporter: that the call came from someone other than the boss of the operation. After your many years of service, the person at the top could not bother to place the call himself.

But Bob, let's look on the bright side of things. That's all they can take away — 10 appearances on TV. They can't take away that you were the city scoring champion during your senior year of high school in New York City, that you were a three-time All-American at Holy Cross, that the Crusaders won 26 straight games during your senior year and finished second in the NIT that season (1949-1950). They can't take away the fact that during your career in the NBA you scored 16,955 points (18.5 points per game), recorded 6,945 assists (7.6 per game) and shot an impressive .803 from the foul line. They also can't take away the fact that in 109 playoff games you also averaged 18.5 points a game and 8.6 assists per contest. They also can't blot out the fact that you were the Most Valuable Player in the NBA in 1957.

Nor can they take away the eight consecutive years that you were the NBA assist leader or the 13 years you were named to the All-Star team. And they are powerless to remove from your biography the fact that you were elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1971 and were named to the NBA's 25th, 35th and 50th anniversary teams.

They can't erase the fact that you went out on top — with the Celtics winning the 1963 NBA championship by defeating the Lakers in six games (a number that has a rather familiar ring to it now). It was the sixth NBA Championship As a player you were Mr. Basketball. You were the Houdini of the Hardwood. You were named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History.

But you weren't done. You moved on to a successful second career in the sport you love so dearly.

That's why they can't delete from your resume that you were a highly successful head coach at Boston College after your retirement as an active player, posting an enviable 117-38 record over six years — a span that saw your teams win 20 or more games in four different years, earn two berths in the NCAA regionals and another in the NIT finals. How much did your players appreciate you? Enough so that when you announced that the 1968-1969 season would be your last at the Heights the athletes who gave their all for you went out and won 21 games in a row.

Since that time you've been a coach in the NBA, President of the Basketball Hall of Fame, served as Commissioner of the American Soccer League, put on basketball clinics all over the world and have been a Big Brother.

We know you've always thought of others. That's why you were the founder and president of the first NBA Players Association in 1954. But perhaps more important, long before politicians embraced words such as "inclusion" and "diversity" with sound bites, slogans and catchy phrases, you did more than that — you embodied them. In your own quiet way, you've always treated the people next door, around the corner, in the neighborhood, across the city, throughout the country and around the world exactly the same — with respect and dignity.

Unfortunately, they don't hand out trophies for those deeds. But in a way you received one each time a person said "thank you."

Oh, and let's not forget that you've been behind the microphone for Celtics games every season since the fall of 1974. A Celtics lifer in many ways.

They say you're 80 — and what's so wrong with that? I guess they haven't seen you go through your daily routine at the Holy Cross fitness center. That's probably because you're busy working out early in the morning while they're still in bed. For the eight decades that you've graced the world with your presence, everyone who has had the honor of meeting you has been a better person for that experience.

So, you won't be on TV 10 times this season. It took one sentence to state that. It took the rest of the column to review your accomplishments. I hope another outlet will see fit to employ you for your expertise and commentary — another opportunity on life's journey. Meanwhile, we'll see you at the Garden where the members of the Celtics Family — the ones you truly know and love — will be waiting as they always have for the Houdini of the Hardwood.