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BARACK OBAMA:

The Luckiest (and Least Impressive) Man in America

by Paul Ibrahim

We have all heard – a bit too much – about how supposedly impressive Barack Obama is. But even a cursory examination of his background can only suggest that Obama is, in fact, remarkably unremarkable.

Now you might ask, how can that be? After all, putting ideology aside, this guy has successfully fought his way up to the U.S. Senate, on its own a remarkable achievement for anyone!

Not so much.

Let us go back to the roots of Obama's political career. When Alice Palmer, the Illinois state senator who preceded him, wanted to run for the U.S. House of Representatives, she selected Barack Obama as her intended successor for her state senate seat.

Palmer, however, lost her congressional primary, and decided to run for re-election for her state senate seat. She was so well-known and popular in her district that there was absolutely no doubt she would easily keep her position. Obama, however, refused to give up his candidacy. Instead, he resorted to Chicago-style politics by challenging Palmer's

ballot petition and that of every other candidate for that seat. He managed to get all four of them off of the ballot, and won the seat by eliminating his competition.

A few years later, Obama wanted to run for the U.S. Senate seat that had just opened up. His main opponent, a Democratic candidate named Blair Hull, was well-known, well-financed and comfortably ahead. It was quite apparent that he would take the Democratic nomination for the senate seat. But soon, allegations came out suggesting his involvement in domestic abuse, and his numbers plummeted, paving the way for Obama's victory.

Then came the general election for the U.S. Senate. Illinois, being one of the most liberal states in the country, would usually make inevitable the victory of the Democratic nominee in any major statewide election. The Republicans, however, had managed to nominate a star by the name of Jack Ryan, who had a distant, but existent, shot at winning.

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Celebrating 10 Years of October Italian Heritage Month in Massachusetts



The October Italian Heritage Month Committee celebrated the launch of Italian Heritage activities for the month of October at the Massachusetts State House, Grand Stairway. Shown in Photo: At podium State Treasurer Tim Cahill in front of the Coro Dante Choral Ensemble, addresses the audience as Committee Members look on. From Left to Right: Kevin Caira, Educational Director, Dr. Carlo Cipollone, Italian Consul General Liborio Stellino, Deputy Consul General, Luigi Munno, Judge Joseph Ferrino (Ret.), John Christoforo and Lino Rullo. (Not shown in photo, Order Sons of Italy in America, State President, Florence Ferullo Kane.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Is Sam Yoon Raising \$\$ for Mayoral Run?

Is City Councilor Sam Yoon happy with his day job? Or is he trying to be the first Asian-American mayor of Boston?

Recently, Yoon had a \$100.00-a-plate fundraiser in California. The invite read: "Please join us for a cocktail reception to support Sam Yoon in his quest to become the first Asian American Mayor of Boston."

Spokesperson for Yoon, Curtis Ellis said, "He's concentrating on his job as councilor. Records show that last month, Yoon raised about \$18 thousand with only three contributors from Boston.

Is he running? Only his hairdresser knows "Remember that hair coloring commercial? Hey, if it walks like a duck, looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's probably a duck."

Former City Councilor Michael McCormack thinks Menino is "as unbeatable as you'll find."

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Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

The troublesome national economy and uncertain financial markets have left many of us here at home not only feeling the short-term pinch of tightening our personal budgets but also genuinely worried about our long-term financial futures. People are understandably wondering about the local effects of the national economic climate. Although the current economy looks bleak, the City constantly revises how we allocate funding and structure the city's budget so that we are able to maintain some peace of mind during uncertain times like these. While Boston is certainly affected by everything that is happening nationally, we are fortunate to have a strong financial foundation unlike many other cities and towns across the country.

The City of Boston has long had the unique position of benefitting from a well diversified economy. Unlike many cities that rely heavily on one sector for economic strength, we benefit from four well-established sectors that help fuel our economy. In addition to the financial services and tourism sectors, economies that are more prone to the adverse effects of market turmoil, 25% of Boston's job base is in the more "recession proof" industries of health care and education.

Regardless of ongoing instability, our great medical institutions continue to not only provide excellent care but also attract international investments to conduct world renowned research. The same goes for our colleges and universities. These institutions of higher education give Boston some of the best and brightest minds, many of whom remain in the city to contribute to our workforce long after they have completed their schooling.

Furthermore, only 1-3% of Boston's financial services jobs are in the troubled investment banking sector. About half of Boston's financial job base stems from money management, a segment that provides set services in return for pre-arranged fees and is consequently more stable than investment banking. Despite the credit crunch being felt by developers, development continues to remain stable, an indication of the value of Boston's real estate market. Construction continues from Downtown Crossing to the Waterfront. Tourism remains high, with four major hotels nearing completion, and hundreds of housing units are under construction for our growing popu-

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



HADES

Readers are reminded that the family tree of mythology started with Chaos, the yawning abyss which marked the beginning of all things. Out of Chaos came the Primeval Beings called Night, Day, Upper Atmosphere, and Heavens. Then came the Titans, those giant deities who were the forerunners of the gods. The Titans were overthrown and their power seized by the Olympian gods (Zeus, his brothers, his sisters, and seven of his children). During recent issues we examined the legends of Zeus, chief and most powerful of those gods. We also learned about Jupiter, Hera (wife of Zeus), and Juno (wife of Jupiter). Our attention is now directed to Hades, a mythological name which identifies both a person and a place.

As a person, Hades was a brother to Zeus. He became the ruler of the lower world after he and the other gods overthrew the Titans. Together with his queen Persephone, he ruled over the infernal regions and over the ghosts of the dead. Mythological stories change from time to time, however. Hades was originally thought to be the one who conducted

the souls of the dead to the lower world in his chariot. Those who were reluctant to disembark were beaten off with his staff. Hades was considered to be the enemy of all life, heartless and relentless in his assigned tasks, and hated, accordingly by gods and men.

In works of art this god was represented as resembling his brothers Zeus and Poseidon, but with gloomy features, the key to the gates of the lower world in his hand, and his watchful dog Cerberus at his side.

The most celebrated of the myths about Hades was known as "The Rape of Persephone." This legend told of the beautiful Persephone, daughter of the goddess Demeter, playing with her companions, gathering lilies and violets when Hades saw her. It was love at first sight; he immediately carried her off as she screamed for help, but her cries were in vain. When Hades and his captive reached the River Cyane, it opposed his passage, so he struck the river bank with his trident and the earth opened to provide his passage to the lower world. This kidnapping of Persephone, together with the nine year search by her

mother, Demeter, form the most popular aspects of her legend. It also explains why Demeter, the goddess of agriculture, punished earth, causing it to remain unproductive during a portion of the year.

Regarding the abduction of this goddess, I must remind our readers, who are also art lovers, about the beautiful Bernini statues that are now standing in Rome's Borghese Gallery. Attention is specifically directed toward the one entitled "The Rape of Prosperine" (the Roman name for Persephone) which shows Pluto (Hades) in the act of abducting the young goddess. For those persons who are not familiar with the works of Lorenzo Bernini may I remind you that he was the fourteenth architect to be employed in the construction of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is credited with the design of that church's entrance plaza, one of the exterior fountains, the "Baldacchino" (canopy) over the high altar and the black marble twisted columns that support the 700 ton canopy.

NEXT WEEK: Hades, the Place

Simple TIMES . . . by Girard A. Plante

A peculiar ritual occurs across New England as soon as the first chill greets us at the door as we head outdoors to start another day. The warm air of summer gone, we realize a heavy coat or wool sweater is in order. This ritual is part innate and part common sense. Wear layers and be comfortably warm or cling to cotton button downs of summer fashion fare and shiver.

Most of us do not want to close up the house to keep autumn's chill away. Activities are centered on the indoors for the next few months. Forget about a slow walk as the bitter head winds smack us back to reality at every step of the way. Sweeping the stoop in this cool climate? But we must if we want to keep the leaves from racing inside our living room. And complaining won't change anything, a distant voice whispers in our ears.

Those reassuring — and authoritative — voices of our mother or father or aunt or neighborhood sage whose wisdom we put to good use then and nowadays whether we're aware of it or not. The world passes us by during our daily busyness and the seasons come and go. But the wise words and kind and gentle ways of those wonderful older folks who lived decades through all manners of challenges, calamities and good times live on. Thankfully, some things never change.

So pull that favorite wool

sweater on over a flannel shirt. Get the work gloves, too, if you must. Grab that well-worn metal or bamboo rake out of the cellar or garage and start gathering those leaves about the yard to make way for the snow that will surely fall sooner than we care to think of that season.

Definitely do not waste money buying the blasted leaf-blowers that spew forth an awful mix of toxic gas and noise. Be at peace with the lighter way of raking — devoid of air and noise pollution. Instead, listen to the natural noises of leaves crunching under foot, falling from tree limbs, and scurrying up the street as howling winds give push.

Pumpkins are ready now to adorn the front stoop. Corn stalks make for a cozy look of country as they stand tall atop the porch. Toss cracked corn across the yard for the squirrels to gobble up and all manners of birds to cheerily chirp their approval as these delightful creatures give thanks. Sharing is our way of thanking them for adding joy to our past many warm mornings and days.

Autumn offers advantages that summer cannot. Embark on the adventures awaiting you in this new season before its brief brilliance of the burning bush or myriad colors of leaves give way to the natural order of Nature and usher in the numbing realities of winter.

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(near Millenium Park
and Home Depot) |
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Alzheimer Program

at Orient Heights Branch Library

Mike Kincade from the Alzheimer's Association will present *Getting Started: What to Do When Your Family Member Has Memory Loss* at the Orient Heights Branch Library, 18 Barnes Ave, East Boston on Thursday, October 16th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. This program focuses on how to get a diagnosis, addressing behavior and communication problems and how to find local resources. This program is for family members who are caring for someone with Alzheimers disease or a related dementia. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900 to register.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

A Giants Tee Shirt, Garden of Peace and Isaura Mendez's Pain

by Sal Giarratani

Opening arguments were delivered on September 18 in the trial of a man accused of gunning down another. Darryl Green allegedly gunned down Terrell Gethers at the 2001 Caribbean Festival during a dispute between rival gangs in Dorchester. The victim was not involved in either gang but was apparently shot for the NY Giants T-shirt he was wearing.

Green allegedly took wearing a Giants shirt to mean that Gethers was a member of the Franklin Hill Giants.

The same day a 25-year-old man was gunned down on a Dorchester Street while families gathered at a Garden of Peace remembering homicide victims in a solemn ceremony. The victim reportedly was hit multiple times and pronounced dead at Boston Medical Center. Police sources say he may have been connected to the Wendover Street gang.

Meanwhile, at the Garden of Peace on Somerset Street near the Statehouse, families gathered to mourn loved ones taken from them in acts of violence.

Finally, the next day, September 19, Isaura Mendez will face the man who disappeared for 13 years charged in the murder of Isaura's son Bobby Mendez back on October 10, 1995. Mendez said she once gave up hope that the man who is accused of killing her son would ever be caught. She hopes to someday bring some closure to herself and hopes the trial in Suffolk Superior Court can serve to deter others from repeating what happened to her son. Isaura Mendez knows pain. After her son Bobby's murder in 1995, she grieved once again when another son Matthew was shot to death in 2006.

Through tears she put together an annual walk for peace and has become to many a symbol for anti-violence campaigns across the city. Up at the Garden of Peace ceremony, another 46 new stones were commemorated. There are now 556 murdered victims memorialized as the garden continues to grow.

Politicians come and go. They show up for funerals. Preach working together. Eulogize the dead. Say things will change. Then go home and more of the same just continues. Neighborhoods in crisis need to stand up together to bring peace back to their neighborhoods. Peace gardens are nice but peaceful neighborhoods are much better. We're all in this together. As Ben Franklin said in 1776, "We shall all hang together or surely we'll all hang separately."

William Anthony Indrisano

NOVEMBER 17, 1952 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2008



William (Billy) Indrisano passed away on Wednesday, September 3, 2008. The son of the late Olimpio and Anna Marie (Micarone) Indrisano. William is lovingly survived by his daughter Cara Indrisano and her fiancé Gennaro Moretti of Revere. Devoted best friend of Marilyn Maniscaclo, mother of Cara Indrisano. He is also survived by his brothers, Ralph Indrisano of Boston, Joseph Indrisano of Worcester, Angelo Indrisano of Melrose, the late Victor Indrisano and

the Anna Caso family.

Billy is remembered for his effervescent smile and infectious laugh, especially at Wit's End Café where he worked. His spirit and energy will remain with all those who loved him.

A donation in Billy's memory maybe made to Hospice of the North Shore.

Mark Filippo Frattaroli

December 17, 1991 - September 29, 2008

"My brother was becoming the man I always dreamed he would be. His impact on me, the things he taught me, the times I shared with him will stay with me all the days of my life." said older brother Philip Frattaroli.

Mark Filippo Frattaroli of Winchester passed away on September 29, 2008.

Mark was a sophomore at the Lawrence Academy in Groton, Massachusetts. He was an extraordinary student and athlete. He was a member of the football team and would soon join the wrestling team. In his game on Wednesday, September 24th the team named him co-captain and he scored his first touchdown.

Mark was an absolute joy to everyone. Beloved son of Filippo and Anna (Forlani) Frattaroli. The youngest of four children, Mark



was a devoted brother of Philip A., Daniella A. and Jessica L. Frattaroli. Grandson of Oscar and Teresa Forlani and Arturo and Lucia Frattaroli. Mark was loved by many especially by his aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and very dear friend Rosanna Veggeberg.

Visiting hours Thursday, October 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Saint Eulalia Church, 50 Ridge Street, Winchester, Massachusetts. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, October 3 at 11 a.m., Saint Eulalia Church, Winchester. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetary, Everett, Massachusetts.

In memory of Mark's wonderful life, donations can be made to the Mark Filippo Frattaroli Scholarship Fund, c/o Lawrence Academy, P.O. Box 992, Groton, Massachusetts 01450.

*Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us every day,
 Unseen, unheard, but always near,
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

RICO ALESSANDRO

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

The North End lost a great friend recently. Rico Alessandro a fixture at Alba's Produce on Parmenter Street, North End, Boston.

A lovable hard working fellow who was adored by many. Rico had a positive attitude about life. Although his health proved to be a great challenge in his life, he never let it get in the way of his daily activities. As a child he played Little League. He graduated from the Industrial School for Crippled Children in Lexington. He loved baseball and hockey. He brought smiles to everyone he came in contact with.

The North End will not be the same, but Rico is now free of pain, free of his physical impairments," said Farragher-Smith, who also was his primary nurse. "He is gone form our sight, but not from our hearts.

Diane Farragher-Smith of Saugus as well as many other nieces and nephews. Also survived by many loving and dear friends of the North End who have been an important part of his life.

His spirit will remain with us forever.



Rico was the beloved son of the late Anastasia (Paris) and Antonio Alessandro. Loving brother of Annette Salvaggio and her husband John of Georgetown, Connie Russo of California, John and his wife Teresa of Malden, Anthony and his wife Phyllis of Malden, Vito and his wife Grace of Florida, Marie Smith of Saugus, Rinaldo "Dickie" of New York, Joseph of Florida, Susan Sweeney of California, Roger and his wife Lorraine of W. Roxbury and the late Carlo. Cherished uncle of John and Michael Salvaggio of Georgetown, James Smith and his wife

*Third Anniversary
 In Loving Memory of
 Annette M. Toscano
 April 12, 1945 - October 6, 2005*

*God looked around
 His garden
 And found an empty space.
 Then He looked down
 upon the earth
 And saw your tired face.
 He placed His arms
 around you,
 And lifted you to rest.
 God's garden
 must be beautiful,
 For He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you
 were suffering
 He knew you were in pain,
 He saw the road*



*was getting rough
 And the hills
 were hard to climb,
 So He closed your eyes
 and whispered
 "Peace Be Thine."*

*It broke our hearts
 to lose you,
 But you did not go alone,
 A part of us went with you,
 The day God
 called you home.
 If love would
 have saved you,
 You never would
 have died.*

Always remembered by your Family

Financially Speaking with Ben Doherty

THE BANKS KEEP FALLING

Washington Mutual was the latest big bank to fail. It was taken over by the FDIC last week and given to Chase JP Morgan to run for \$1.9 billion dollars. Wachovia is seeking a bidder to bail them out with a handful of buyers, as the weak economy pushes them deeper into peril. Shares of Wachovia fell 27% last week as investors fretted about its massive mortgage portfolio. All banks are under pressure as people default on their debt and need fresh money to lend. About 2.4% of credit card debt is more than 90 days overdue, the highest since 1991. Wachovia is talking to potential buyers Wells Fargo, Banco Santander SA of Spain and Citigroup. There are 13 bank failures so far this year which doesn't come close to the number of failures of the late 1980s, when hundreds of shaky institutions failed costing taxpayers about \$130 billion. Alan Worrell, CEO of Sterling Bank thinks the industries problems are far worse because the real estate market is so backlogged with unfinished homes, and other construction projects that will haunt lenders for years, after generating record profits during the housing boom, it has taken only a year for the profits to evaporate. Second quarter profits fell to \$5 billion from \$36.8 billion its second lowest level since 1991. About 18% of FDIC lenders lost money in the second quarter. Dividends plunged by \$35 million in the first six months of 2008. Banks have to set aside more money to cover loans that have gone sour — cutting its profitability, and making them hesitate to lend money. Saddled with a mountain of adjustable rate

mortgages from its merger with Golden West Financial Corp., Wachovia has seen its financial condition weaken, even though it added \$20 billion from CD's last summer. Because Washington Mutual was sold to JP Morgan Chase and not taken over by the Federal Reserve, the deposits are safe and guaranteed by FDIC and SIPC. However, the shareholders get nothing as the stock is down to under .16¢/share. Many astute and well educated people got caught in the web in this bankruptcy. TPG Toscafund Asset Management, the third largest shareholder lent WaMu \$1.35 billion in April 2008, and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Co., lost \$1 billion from a January 1998 investment and McLeod USA lost \$1.1 billion from September 1999, and TA Associates, lost \$320 million and March First (Francisco Partners) lost \$150 million in the stock. Among the banks other investors are Deutch Bank and Barclay's PLC. The investor's news anticipated the seriousness of the problem in the nation this month. In ten days customers withdrew \$16.7 billion or about 9% of the thrifts deposits, which alarmed regulators and forced Ma Mu to sell itself. Investors are panicking and if the Fed bailout plan falls apart it could close the markets according to one Wall Street trader. The stalling of the \$700 billion bailout hurt small cap stocks. Stock market veterans aren't willing to take any further risks on lesser known names. People are more comfortable with names they know. The Russell 2000 index of small capitalization stocks fell .95 points and the S&P Small Cap 600 rose .37 points and

23.83 or 6% for the week. Energy stocks declined partly based on declines in energy demand and concern over the rescue package. Markets in Europe and Asia fell on worries about the fate of the bailout bill. Banks were not willing to lend to each other for more than a day despite the Fed pumping more money into the system. "There are still a lot of questions that are weighing on stocks" said Benoit de Broisis an analyst at Paris based Richelieu Finance, with \$4 billion under management European banks Bradford & Bingley fell 5.9% as investors cashed out and Fortis NV fell 21% as the bank tried to assure the market that it was on solid footing. Ping Au Insurance of Hong Kong which own 5% of Fortis dropped also as the Hong Kong Index fell 1.3%, as it's the last trading day ahead of the week long National Day holidays to October 6th, 2008. The dollar held steady waiting on the bailout package. The Euro was steady at \$146.26/dollar. The U.S. economy grew less than estimated @ 2.8% in the 2nd quarter. Consumer confidence jumped to 70.3 from 63.0 in August. Other currencies traded sideways from the sessions with no clear direction. As inflation is moderating and with the economy slowdown, investors are watching with anxious desperation. Wachovia was the latest casualty on Wall Street. Taken over by Citigroup/Wall Fargo for under \$10/share, the bank has over \$800 billion in debt and would tax the bailout bill if allowed. It's time to call your Financial Advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.



by Sal Giarratani

The Giarratani Family has Returned to Somerville



Here in this photo taken in August 1957 are some members of the Giarratani family gathered on the steps of 31 Mt. Pleasant Street in East Somerville.

Back in the 1940s, my Uncle Nick saved and saved his money to be able to move out of an apartment at 88 Prince Street in the North End of Boston and buy a house out in the suburbs. Back nearly sixty years ago, Somerville was in the country. In 1950, he bought a house at 31 Mt. Pleasant Street in East Somerville, one street removed from Boston. I remember as a kid visiting my uncle and aunt and their family often. We would take the train to old Sullivan Square, walk down the long winding ramp over

the railroad tracks to Mt. Pleasant Street. In 1958 my Auntie Mary and Unkie moved out of the North End to East Somerville too. I didn't finally arrive in East Somerville until 1967 when my father moved the family from Roxbury to Pearl Street. East Somerville was loaded with Giarratani by then. However, after my Uncle Nick died in 1981, only my Aunt Katie and cousin Angelo were left. My family moved over to Charlestown in 1975. Unkie in 1964.

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The Italian Heritage Committee of the Appian Club

The Italian Heritage Committee of the Appian Club will be sponsoring its Sixth Annual High Achievement Award Celebration on Saturday evening, October 25, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. at Montvale Plaza, Stoneham, Massachusetts. This year we are honoring Stephen Puleo, author, historian and communication professional, of Weymouth, Massachusetts who wrote the book, "The Boston Italians" and Sandra DiRenzo, Italian Teacher, of Medford, Massachusetts. Both recipients have given great honor to our Italian heritage through their profes-

sional achievements and through their community activities. Fittingly, we will honor these individuals for their accomplishments and tireless service to their communities. Please join us at the Award Presentation Dinner honoring these outstanding individuals. Maurizio Pasquale will provide the music from all of the regions of Italy for your listening and dancing pleasure. For further information, please call Ben DiCenso (978) 777-7361, or Natalie DeLuca at (781) 438-2194.

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Boston's Wedding Luminaries Come Out in Force to "Define Luxury"

Liberty Hotel Event is Sixth in a Series



Panel members were (l to r): Bryan Rafanelli, President and Chief Designer, Rafanelli Events; Holly Safford, Founder and President, The Catered Affair; John LaRoche, Floral Designer and President, blueGuava; Arlene Cronk, Owner, Invitations & Company; Yolanda Cellucci, CEO, Yolanda Enterprises; Bo Winiker, Co-Owner, Winiker Music; Stuart Meyerson, General Manager, The Liberty Hotel

(Photo by Theresa Johnson of Johnson Photography)

Over 140 Boston wedding professionals — representing the city's top hotels, event planners, caterers, floral designers, photographers, bridal shops, and other vendor categories — attended a special breakfast seminar entitled "Marketing To the High-End Bride." The occasion marked the sixth in a series of twice-yearly events in which members of the local wedding community gather to hear experts on various topics related to attracting and serving the upscale wedding customer. September's event, which took place at Boston's Liberty Hotel

on Wednesday, September 24th, featured a panel discussion on the topic "Defining Luxury."

Marketing to the High-End Bride events are sponsored and produced by Arlene Cronk, owner of Invitations & Company, a social and wedding stationery boutique located near Beacon Hill and the West End. Ms. Cronk is also the founder of the Boston Wedding Group, New England's largest association of wedding-related businesses.

For more info contact Arlene Cronk, Invitations & Company, 617-227-2127

East Boston Columbus Day Parade Committee Holds Jail Day



On Friday, September 19, 2008 volunteers from East Boston held a Jail Day fundraiser. Volunteers from the East Boston Columbus Day Parade Committee along with officers from the Suffolk County Sheriffs Department and Boston Police rounded up local residents and merchants to raise funds for this year's Columbus Day Parade. Offenders were accused of smiling, cleaning up the streets and being good neighbors. Officers brought offenders to the Central Square Jail where they were held until paying bail. Generous residents and merchants were good sports and the committee raised much needed funds.

This year's Columbus Day Parade will step off from Orient Heights at 1 PM travel down Bennington Street to Chelsea Street to Maverick Square and turn down Meridian Street into Central Square. Marching bands from all over New England, Military and Civic groups will make this year's parade special. Chief Marshall retired Boston Police officer and Vietnam veteran Joseph Favale along with Civic Chairman Joe Ruggiero and Parade Chairman Buddy Mangini is asking for your help. If you would like to donate to the parade or attend one of the pre-parade events contact Joe at 617-590-3035.

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A Crisis of Confidence

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Wall Street is frantically looking to Washington to bail it out of its financial crisis. Washington seems petrified to take action for fear of the public backlash to a bill that bails out and rewards the people who got us into this mess in the first place and presidential candidates are trying to score points adding to the sorry exhibition. We are not presenting a pretty picture to the world that looks to America for leadership, on the contrary, we are confirming in the minds of our enemies and critics that we appear to be a nation in decline riddled with corruption, incompetence and opportunism.

The natural question to ask is who was minding the store while all the really bad mortgages were being written and bundled, along with sound mortgages, into securities that have been described as toxic waste? It should have been regulators, watchdogs appointed by the government acting on behalf of investors, obviously, the regulation on these financial products was insufficient and the regulators were not doing their jobs. It is important to note, that we are trillions of dollars in debt, with vast amounts of our debt owed to

foreign countries and in particular China; should these countries feel that we are not in control of our financial house, they could pull their money out of our financial system and cause enormous problems to the country.

The Paulson Plan for saving the financial system calls for the establishment of a 700 billion dollar fund to buy up toxic securities, battered down in value, from banks and financial institutions taking them off their books with the benefit of strengthening their balance sheets so as to instill confidence in our financial institutions and free-up the credit market. The government would sell these securities, recovering the money, within a period of five years, returning the money to the Treasury. The fact that the House of Representatives defeated the bill that would have created this fund is no surprise for the plan was poorly explained to the general public and failed to explore procedures that could make it more acceptable to conservative lawmakers.

There are accounting procedures that could be employed to value mortgage assets at true value as opposed to artificially de-

pressed values, as they currently are as a result of the Mark-to Market provision of the Sarbanes — Oxley Act that would immediately strengthen the balance sheets of the institutions carrying these assets. The private sector should be more involved in re-liquefying the credit markets taking some of the burden off the shoulders of tax payers. Greater transparency between banks that regularly trade with each would remove doubts of insolvency, allow the flow of funds, and ease the credit problem.

The Paulson bail out in its original and revised form was rightfully rejected for it placed the burden of Wall Street's mistakes on the shoulders of the tax payer and did not explore other possibilities that could lessen that burden. The fact that something must be done to address the financial crisis is obvious and in the end some form of the Bill will pass. Credit must be given to John McCain for suspending his presidential campaign and returning to Washington in order to help solve the problem; in so doing he acknowledged his responsibility as senator and lawmaker placing his country first in a time of crisis.

• Barack Obama (Continued from Page 1)

But — surprise, surprise — the media and the left fought vociferously to unseat files related to Ryan's divorce, and succeeded. In the files were humiliating allegations about Ryan's sex life with his wife, which led to Ryan's withdrawal. The Republicans' attempt at capturing the seat was effectively lost.

And this is how Obama won. Of course, in the last couple of months of the election the GOP brought in Alan Keyes, somewhat of an embarrassing conservative political figure, all the way from Maryland to run against Obama. It was a joke. Obama even started campaigning for other candidates outside Illinois. That's how much of a non-factor Keyes was.

So there you have it. Obama rose to where he is today by having his opponents withdrawn, disqualified or sunk by scandals every single step of the way. It happened in the state senate election, in the U.S. Senate Democratic primary and in the U.S. Senate general election. Has he ever really run a true campaign before his presidential candidacy?

Yes, once. As a state senator, before running for the U.S. Senate, Obama ran for

the U.S. House of Representatives. He campaigned hard but got destroyed in the primary by a margin of two to one. He was apparently unable to dig up any dirt on his opponent. This perhaps makes it no secret that the flurry of nasty rumors about Governor Sarah Palin is essential to his campaign — it is the only way he can win elections.

So what does all of this mean? In general, people assume that anyone who has made it to the U.S. Senate must be smart, competitive and hard-working — and must have good policies and good experience. And, normally, the assumption is a fair one, because most U.S. senators are indeed impressive people, and their roads to Washington are typically long and hard.

Americans thus, by default, have this assumption about Obama. Americans assume that Obama's state senate constituents judged him capable of being a state senator, and that Illinois voters found him qualified to be a U.S. senator. Unfortunately, they do not realize that neither had a choice regarding Obama. He was elected by default.

Nonetheless, Americans

have bought in to the illusion that if Obama was first qualified to be state senator, and then a U.S. senator, then he is capable of being president (never mind that he spent his time voting "present," made no decisions, and racked up no accomplishments to his name). Add to it his "coolness," smooth talk, and youth, and you have someone who seems wonderful to many. Now there are thousands upon thousands of similarly well-educated Americans who can be as hip and smooth-talking as Obama, but they simply cannot run for president for the sole reason that they are not senators.

Obama is just like these men, except that he was lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time to become a senator, which Americans consider a legitimate qualification in and by itself. Yet an examination of *how* he rose to the senate can only lead to the conclusion that he is just like any of those tens of thousands of above-average guys with pretty smiles, and not one bit more impressive.

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Res Publica

by David Trumbull



NOT A LAUGHING MATTER

"Streets flooded. Please advise".

(telegram from humorist Robert Benchley to his editor upon arrival in Venice)

This week-end Mary and I are off to New York for the 6th Annual Gathering and Humor Award Dinner of the **Robert Benchley Society**. We'll have to pick up our celebration of Italian-American History Month in Massachusetts when we return.

Actually, aside from quips about that aquatic Adriatic avenues, Mr. Benchley (1889-1945), Worcester-born American of English and Welsh descent, played a small but note-worthy part in Massachusetts Italian-American history.

Benchley was one of the platoon of out-of-state writers and intellectuals who came to Boston the mid-1920s to protest the perceived prejudices and injustices of the Sacco-Vanzetti case. His good friend and Algonquin Round Table wit, Dorothy Parker, was arrested in front of the State House protesting against the treatment of the Italian immigrants convicted of robbery and murder.

From *Time* magazine of Monday, July 25, 1927—

Yet last week, at least, Massachusetts legal machinery moved with an accelerated rate. In rooms on opposite sides of a corridor in the State House sat Governor Fuller and the Advisory Committee. Many witnesses told their stories of the Sacco-Vanzetti case, stepping from the Governor's office to the Committee room (or vice versa) and making each recital a twice-told tale.

Among those interviewed last week were **Robert C. Benchley**, humorist, dramatic editor of *Life*; Judge Webster Thayer; onetime District Attorney Frederick G. Katzmann, and the Misses Minnie E. Kennedy

and Louise Kelley, who were employees of the Slater & Morrill Shoe Co. at the time (April 15, 1920) of the South Braintree murder of which Messrs. Sacco & Vanzetti were found guilty.

Mr. Benchley was summoned to repeat statements first made in an affidavit last spring (*TIME*, May 16). In his affidavit Mr. Benchley said that Mr. Loring Goes, Worcester manufacturer, had told him of various remarks made by Judge Thayer to Mr. Goes concerning Messrs. Sacco & Vanzetti. The most striking portion of these remarks was a reference to the two Italians as "those bastards down there." Later Mr. Goes denied that he had made the remarks credited to him by Mr. Benchley. Judge Thayer was the trial judge and Mr. Katzmann the prosecutor at the Sacco-Vanzetti trial.

With but a month to go before the election I suppose I must end with a political observation or admonition. Here goes — learn about the candidates and the ballot questions so you'll be prepared to vote wisely on November 4th. And as you consider the candidates ... "one must bear constantly in mind the fact that there are two separate and distinct parties, the Republicans and the Democrats. The trick comes in telling which is which. As a general rule, the Republicans are more blonde than Democrats."—**Robert C. Benchley** 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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Tickets are \$35.00 per person, includes gratuity. Tickets can be purchased by calling Marie Salvati at 617-723-3379, Josie Spagnuolo at 617-367-0152 or Mickey Farmusa at 617-742-0502.





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The U.S. economy is in rough shape, top to bottom. We do not necessarily need to watch, read, or listen to the news media to realize this. All we have to do is look outside of our doors here in East Boston to recognize the strain. The business districts are quiet. These certainly are difficult times.

However, these are not hopeless times. Many promising opportunities exist for this neighborhood to work together, weather the storm and maintain our quality of life. During the month of September, the Chamber instituted "Super Tuesdays," days on which some of our member businesses offered specials, deals, and discounts to their customers. These "discount days" will now continue throughout the month of October, so please visit the Chamber website for a complete list of participating vendors. You may also watch for the "Super Tuesdays" logo on businesses' doors and windows (it's a red and yellow Supermanesque symbol). Businesses can still sign up to participate; just call the Chamber.

And how about the Boston Community Change Card...Have you gotten one yet?? This rebate card program, maintained under the Mayor's Main Streets Program, is simply phenomenal. Sign up for a **free** card and then use it to receive rebates at participating neighborhood merchants. A portion of each rebate will go back into your pocket, and a portion will go to the charity of your choosing (and obviously, you'd choose an East Boston charity!). The businesses that sign up (at no cost, by the way) get tons of free city-wide publicity. This is a no-brainer. Interested in getting a card, or signing up as a participating merchant? Call either East Boston Main Streets at 617-561-1044, or the Chamber office.

Finally, it is unfortunate that some people are losing their jobs in this economic mess. Though, it seems someone is always hiring! Check out the Chamber Job Forum on our website for job openings in the area.

We can weather this storm, but it will only happen through cooperation. The most important thing you can do is shop locally. Whether you're a resident or a business owner, shop with local vendors as often as possible. Keep the money where it belongs — it our pockets.

For more information on the Chamber and our programs, please call 617-569-5000 or visit www.EastBostonChamber.com.

P.S. Don't forget this year's Columbus Day Parade activities start Sunday, October 5, culminating with the parade itself on Sunday, October 12!

Chatterbox Club News ...

The Chatterbox Club will take a day trip to Madonna Queen Shrine in East Boston on Thursday, October 8 followed by a luncheon. Call 781-438-3949 for more information.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Enjoy the Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 12. The Columbus Day Committee has put endless hours into the parade to assure its success. Look for scheduled routes in your local newspapers. See you there! ... It may have taken two years in the making, but the results were worth the pain. East Boston's newest restaurant opened last week hosting hundreds of invited guests at their grand opening. I'm speaking of Ecco, a new contemporary designed restaurant in the heart of East Boston, located at 107 Porter Street. Ecco's owner David Modica did himself proud when he selected C.K.I Designer Jerome Cooper King to create a sensational looking restaurant. The establishment is smart and elegant, and can be compared to trendy fine restaurants you will find in Boston's South End and Newbury Street. However, the surprise is, the menu is moderately priced, offering new American bistro style dishes. According to sources David

Andelman was among the guests on Tuesday evening. After sampling some appetizers and entrees, I would wager to say, Andelman gave Ecco's the platinum plate. This unique restaurant is sure to please every palate! Oh, most importantly "there is plenty of parking on the side of the building"! I gave the overall experience a thumbs up. Prior to Ecco's opening, Sablone's Restaurant once stood proud. In its hey day Sablone's catered to many of Boston's most popular politicians, along with the locals! ... Its too bad ultra liberal far left lunatics will stop at nothing to dig up dirt on Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska. What are Democrats afraid of? Loonies continue to use deceit and scare tactics in order to secure the Presidential Seat. In my opinion John McCain outdid Barack Obama in their first debate last week. I have every confidence that McCain will step to the plate as president and get America back on track! Barack Obama IS NOT THE ANSWER! Barack may have some knowledge of the system, but lacks experience.

Citizens of America can't afford a flip flop to lead the nation in these trying times. Barack campaigns on change, but the only change he'll be making are his clothes! ... It all began in the 1990s when Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank (D); and former president Bill Clinton (D); wanted congress to back Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac to make it easy for low income people applying for mortgages. In many cases no down payment was required! Regardless whether qualified or not first time home buyers were approved huge mortgages. Mortgage brokers took advantage of the good fortune, paying employees up to \$30.00 an hour or more to get consumers to borrow money from their lending institution. In turn mortgage companies sold the paper to banks. Rumors circulating: Some borrowers were able to use welfare checks as means of income, and it's alleged many lied on loan applications which is a (federal offense)! Taxpayers are NOW faced with the mess!

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**Peter Cuenca Officiates at the
36th East Boston Adult Education Center Graduation**



Peter Cuenca addresses the summer 2008 graduation class. Left to Right: Dom Avellani, Peter Cuenca and Antonia Alen

The East Boston Adult Education Center (Comm. Ed. Center) celebrated its 36th summer graduation on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 and on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Over 300 youths and adults received diplomas in over 11 courses and services.

Mr. Peter Cuenca (owner of Cuenca Spanish TV and Editor of *La Semana* newspaper, was the main speaker. He informed the students on continuing their education in order to live a happier life in the United States. He stated: "You have come very far in this education in order to live a happier life in the United States. He stated: "You have come very far in this educational Center with Mr. Avellani and his staff. Now you must think of a better tomorrow for both you and your family. If you completed English I, now go on to English II, if you have competed English II, go on to the High School Equivalency and then computers and eventually to a better job or college.

When this semester began on May 1, 2008, Mr. Avellani, the director, stated.

1. Mario was a high school drop-out. Now he holds his GED in hand, has been accepted by Bunker Hill Community College and has high hopes and aspirations.

2. Bienvido and Mirta (husband and wife) dream was to become U.S. Citizens. After many English and history classes during the summer, they passed their citizenship exams. Now the husband favors McCain, while the wife favors Obama.

3. Stanley, who is 66 years old, realized his life's dream to become a barber. He passed his ATB Test at the Center this summer and is now attending Mass School of Barbering.

4. Hernan, although he is only 9 years old, improved his computer skills so much that when he returned to the 4th grade in September 2008, he was placed in a 6th grade computer class in Boston Public School.

5. Jose prepared for his CDL Permit this summer. He passed his exams with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and is sharing driving an 18-wheeler (with his brother) from Massachusetts to California.

These are but a few of the over 300 youths and adults the Center has assisted. Dominic Avellani and his professional staff will gladly assist anyone through a good education and training. The Center is located at 119 London Street, East Boston, MA (next to the Sumner Tunnel) or call 617-567-7873.



Some of the summer (2008) graduation students.

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- **Boston** has the oldest statue of Columbus. It was raised in 1849 (circa) and believed to be sponsored by Marquis Niccolo Reggio, an Italian businessman and consul in Boston for the Papal States, Spain, and the kingdoms of Sardinia and of the Two Sicilies. It stands in Louisburg Square.

- The largest and most imposing monument to Columbus stands in **New York City's** Columbus Circle at 59th Street. The 14-foot marble statue of Columbus rests on a granite column 61 feet high (total: 75 feet). It was erected in 1892 from contributions by Italian Americans across the country, led by the Italian American newspaper, *Il Progresso*.

Italian American Women

- **Major Marie Rossi** was one of the first US woman soldiers to participate in an air assault into enemy territory, she was killed when the Chinook helicopter that she was piloting crashed on March 1, 1991.



Marie Rossi

A native of Oradell, New Jersey, she served as a pilot with the 101st Airborne Division and led a squadron of Chinook helicopters 50 miles inside Iraq during operation Desert Storm on February 24, 1991, ferrying fuel and ammunition during the very first hours of the ground assault. She was buried in Section 8 of Arlington National Cemetery on March 11, 1991. Truly this young woman was a hero!

- The first American singer to perform at New York's famed Metropolitan Opera House without European training was **Rosa Ponselle**. Born Rosa Ponzillo in Connecticut, "the Cinderella of Opera," made her debut at the Met in 1918 when she was 21 in Verdi's *La Forza del Destino*, opposite Enrico Caruso after being discovered in vaudeville. She played over 20 roles in her 19-year career at the Met, retiring in 1936 to marry and teach. She died in 1981 at age 83.

- **Celeste Lizio**, who came to America during the 1930s and opened a restaurant with her husband in Chicago, founded *Mama Celeste's Pizza*, a line of frozen Italian foods that she later sold to Quaker Oats.

Italian Americans in Science and Medicine

- In 1849, twenty-seven years before Alexander Graham Bell announced that he invented the telephone, **Antonio Meucci** invented the "teletrofono" in his native Florence and emigrated to America the following year. Meucci attempted to secure a U.S. patent, but could not afford the patent fees. He died in 1899, never recognized for his invention.

- **Albert Sacco, Jr.**, the chairman of the chemistry department at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts, flew to the moon in 1995 on the Shuttle Columbia.

- **Giuseppe Attardi, M.D.**, a groundbreaking geneticist, died at age 84. His research into DNA has shown how mutations can lead to disease but also to longer life. Dr. Attardi was born in Sicily in 1923, immigrated to the U.S. in 1959 and became a citizen in 1974.

- **Vincent R. Ciccone** secured over 20 patents beginning in the 1930s for techniques that contributed to the mass production of penicillin and revolutionized the way medicine is combined with hard candy. His method is widely used in the production of cough drops.

- **Louis Bonaldi, M.D.**, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in Reno, NV, founded *New Beginnings*, a program that offers one free reconstructive surgery



Albert Sacco, Jr.

Italian American Facts Italian Heritage Month

by Ray Barron

each month to a person in great financial need whose surgery goes beyond pure cosmetics. Launched about 8 years ago, Dr. Bonaldi's patients have included children with ear deformities and adults with facial scars.

Italian American Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs

- When Prohibition was lifted in 1933, brothers **Ernest** and **Julio Gallo** took their entire savings of about \$5,000, and began producing wine from the vineyards their father had owned in California. They made a profit of \$34,000 in their first year of business and helped launch California's wine industry. Today more than 100 wineries in the U.S. are owned by Italian Americans.

- Mr. Coffee, the best-selling coffee maker in the world, was invented by **Vince Marotta**, who also invented the paper coffee filter and developed a better way to extract oil from coffee beans. Since 1972, more than 50 million Mr. Coffees have been sold. An estimated 10 billion Mr. Coffee paper filters are sold annually.

- **Robert Mondavi**, the Italian American vintner who put California wines on a par with European wines, died last May at age 94. He introduced Napa Valley wineries to European wine-making techniques when he founded his namesake winery in 1966 at age 52 and built his business to a \$500 million-a-year operation. Constellation Brands, the world's largest wine company, bought it for \$1.35 billion in 2004. Mondavi was born in Minnesota to penniless Italian immigrants.

- Mr. Peanut and the Planters Peanut Company were created by Italian immigrants **Amedeo Obici** and **Mario Peruzzi** in 1887 in Pennsylvania. By 1930, the partners had four huge factories, and raked in over \$12 million annually.

Italian Americans in U.S. Military History

- **Bancroft Gerardi** was the first Italian American to attain the rank of U.S. Admiral. He and **Louis Sartori** were U.S. naval commodores during the U.S.-Mexican War.

- The first Italian American to receive the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor was **Luigi Palma di Cesnola**, a Union general in the Civil War, who later became the first director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

- Four-star General **Anthony Zinni**, a veteran Marine and the son of Italian immigrants, commanded Operation Desert Fox, the U.S. bombing of Iraq in 1998. It was the largest U.S. offensive since the Gulf War in 1991. A highly decorated officer, he is Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Central Command.

Italian Americans in Politics

- **Rudolph William Louis "Rudy" Giuliani** - served two terms as Mayor of New York City, and was credited with initiating improvements in the city's quality of life and with a reduction in crime. He ran for the United States Senate in 2000 but withdrew due to being diagnosed with prostate cancer and to revelations about his personal life. Giuliani gained international attention during and after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. In 2001, *Time Magazine* named him "Person of the Year" and he received an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II in 2002. Giuliani ran for the Republican Party nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election.

- Neapolitan immigrant **Attilio Piccirilli** and his five brothers carved the statue of Lincoln for The Lincoln Memorial, which they began in 1911 and completed in 1922. It is 19 feet high and made of 28 blocks of marble, carefully fitted together.



Rudy Giuliani

- A concrete symbol of American democracy, the Capitol Building bears the imprint of Italian talent. Between 1855 and 1870, the Italian artist, **Constantino Brumidi** decorated its interior dome, corridors, and the President's Room where Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

- The words in the Declaration of Independence, "All men are created equal" were suggested to Thomas Jefferson by **Filippo Mazzei**, a Tuscan physician, businessman, pamphleteer and Jefferson's friend and neighbor. Mazzei's original words were "All men are by nature equally free and independent."

- Two of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Italian origin: **William Paca** and **Caesar Rodney**. Paca was one of the first senators in the Maryland state legislature, governor of Maryland (1782 to 1785) and a major general during the Revolutionary War. Rodney of Delaware, descended from the Adelmare family in Treviso, is most remembered for his courageous ride to Philadelphia in July 1776. Though sick with cancer, he rode through thunder and rain to arrive just in time to vote for independence.

- **Onorio Razzolini** was the first Italian American ever to hold public office. He was the U.S. Armourer and Keeper of Stores in Maryland between 1732 and 1747, a duty which essentially put him in charge of defense for the Colony of Maryland.

- In 1837, **John Phinizy**, the son of an Italian immigrant named Ferdinando Finizzi, became the first Italian American mayor of an American city: Augusta, Georgia. In 1880, **Anthony Ghio** was elected mayor of Texarkana, Texas, where he later opened the town's first opera house.

- The first woman to run for national office was **Geraldine Ferraro**, who was the Democratic candidate for vice president in 1984. Mrs. Ferraro also served in Congress, representing a district in Queens, New York, from 1979 to 1985.

- **Charles Joseph Bonaparte** founded the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1908, built the U.S. Navy into one of the strongest in the world and was the first Italian American appointed to a cabinet position, serving as Secretary of the Navy and later as U.S. Attorney General during Theodore Roosevelt's administration.

Italian Americans in Sports

- **Rocky Marciano** is the only undefeated heavyweight boxing champion in history. He retired in 1956 with a 49-0 record that counted 43 knockouts. Marciano won the Heavyweight Crown in Philadelphia in 1952 and defended his title six times before retiring. He was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1959 and died in a plane crash ten years later, the day before his 46th birthday. His real name was Rocco Marchegiano.

- Boxing manager **Angelo Dundee**, born Angelo Merena, Jr., in 1921, trained and managed fifteen world champions, including Muhammad Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Jimmy Ellis.

- In hockey, brothers **Phil** and **Tony Esposito** have set records. Phil once scored 76 netted goals in a single season. He played for the Chicago Blackhawks, Boston Bruins and New York Rangers for 18 years before retiring in 1981 and in 1984, was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. A five-time winner of the Art Ross trophy as the NHL's top scorer, Esposito was general manager of the New York Rangers. Tony became one of the greatest goaltenders of all time. A 15-year veteran with the Chicago Blackhawks, he was nicknamed "Tony O" for his 76 shut-outs. Voted National League All Star a record ten times, Esposito saw his number 35 retired by the Blackhawks in 1988.

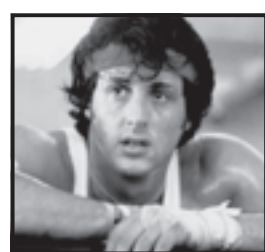
- **Mario Andretti's** Italian-American drawl and legendary coolness behind the wheel hid a fierce competitive spirit. It is possible that no other driver in the history of motor racing has had as much success while simulta-



Mario Andretti

neously having to put out as much effort for that success. Andretti's physical and mental makeup were perfectly suited, as perhaps no other driver's has been, to the demands of racing. Through all those years and all those trials Andretti was never petulant, juvenile or devious, which is a great deal more than can be said for a lot of other top rank drivers in the Grand Prix pressure cooker. Sure he could lose his temper on occasion. Making your living at 170 mph will cause that. But his behavior was invariably a credit to his profession.

Italian Americans in Entertainment



Sylvester Stallone

- **Sylvester Stallone** with a pregnant wife and only \$100 in the bank, **Stallone** wrote the script for *Rocky* in three and a half days. The screenplay found a buyer, but Stallone, age 30, refused to sign the contract unless he was allowed to play the lead. The film received an Oscar for Best Picture in 1976. Stallone is one of the highest-paid actors of all time.

- **Joseph Barbera**, the man behind *Tom and Jerry*, *Yogi Bear*, *The Flintstones*, *The Jetsons*, *The Smurfs* and *Scooby-Doo*, director, producer, and co-founder of Hanna-Barbera Film Studios. A banker and free-lance cartoonist, he met Bill Hanna at MGM in 1937. The team created *Puss Gets the Boots*, which was nominated for an Oscar and inspired the *Tom and Jerry* cartoons. In 1957, they started their own animation studio and went on to win seven Oscars during their long collaboration.

- **Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra** - born May 12, 1925 in a primarily Italian neighborhood of St. Louis, Missouri called "The Hill", Berra was the son of Pietro and Paulina Berra, immigrants from Italy. A former Major League Base-



"Yogi" Berra

ball player and manager. He played almost his entire career for the New York Yankees and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972. Arguably the most beloved baseball player since Babe Ruth, Berra was one of only four players to be named the Most Valuable Player of the American League three times, and one of only six managers to lead both American and National League teams to the World Series.

- **Jerry Colangelo**, an astute judge of basketball talent, has guided the Phoenix Suns to prominence in the NBA for more than three decades. He became their first general manager in 1968 at age 28, making him the youngest general manager in sports. A native of Chicago Heights, Illinois, he also helped form Phoenix's major league baseball team, the Diamondbacks.

Italian Americans Beyond the Call

- **Rev. Al Mascherino**, 59, renovated a hundred-year-old chapel near Shanksville, PA, adding a 40-foot bell tower to commemorate the sacrifice of the 40 passengers and crew of Flight 93 that crashed near the chapel on September 11, 2001. Father Mascherino got help from local contractors after buying and initiating work on the building himself. Now a non-denominational memorial chapel, it is called appropriately, "Thunder on the Mountain."

(Taken in part from NIAF & the Sons of Italy Foundation)

The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



80th Anniversary Gala Celebration Chair Vicki Baker Graboys and PPLM Board Chair Ilene Greenberg smile for the camera.
(Photo by Roger Farrington)

On September 20, more than 600 guests celebrated the 80th anniversary of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts (PPLM) at a black-tie gala at Boston's

World Trade Center.

The theme of the gala was "Old Hollywood Glamour" and began with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and dancing. Starlight Orches-

tra, a popular 11-piece band from New York City, provided the music.

Gala Chairs were Vicki Baker Graboys, Leigh and George Denny, Jen and Tom Hawkins, Beth Johnson and Rob Ketterson, and Suzie Tapson and Gordon Burnes.

Julianne Moore, Allison Janney and Michael Weatherly were the honorary celebrity chairs. Cecile Richards, president of PPL America, was the guest speaker.

... The Dimock Center's "Steppin' Out With The Stars Talent Showcase" chose Bill Champito as the winner of this year's talent competition, held this past Monday at Scullers Jazz Club.

"This year, all of the entrants were very high in quality," noted Ruth Ellen Fitch, President and CEO of The Dimock Center. "We had noted musicians and media professionals on our panel of judges, and all of them were very impressed with the talented musicians who performed in the showcase."

Bill Champitto is a Boston-based singer, songwriter, pianist, synthesist and Hammond organist. His first love is live performances but he has extensive studio experience as well.

The other three finalists were pianist Manami Morita, jazz vocalist Gabriela Heer and jazz/R&B/funk/rock/pop group Blaque Lyte.

The talented artists all competed at Scullers Jazz Club in the DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel. The event was hosted by NECN personality Latoyia Edwards.

The judges included WFNX FM's Sunday Jazz Brunch host Jeff Turton, noted arts and entertainment writer Kay Bourne, WATD FM's "Round Midnight" jazz host Sherry Smith, Berklee College faculty member/pianist Ray Santisi, CEO and President of the Waldwin Group Clayton Turnbull, noted jazz and R&B bassist Tim Ingles and the President and CEO of Dimock, Ruth Ellen Fitch.

The showcase winner receives \$500 and the opportunity to perform at the "Steppin' Out" Gala on November 8 at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel alongside stars like Boston's own R&B vocalist Wannetta Jackson & Friends, Lalah Hathaway, Amel Larrieux,



80th Anniversary Gala Celebration Co-chairs Jen and Tom Hawkins.
(Photo by Roger Farrington)

Monty Alexander, Esperanza Spalding and many others.

"Steppin' Out for The Dimock Center" is Boston's liveliest and most highly anticipated annual gala fundraising event. Staged to mimic Boston's legendary and historic jazz clubs of the 30's through today, this one-of-a-kind charity music-fest-party attracts some 3,000 of the city's glitterati for an evening of music, dancing, food, cocktails, friends and fun.

Proceeds from the gala will go to support The Dimock

Center's many health and human services programs. Originally founded in 1862 as the New England Hospital for Women and Children, The Dimock Center is nationally recognized as a model for the integrated delivery of comprehensive health and human services in an urban community.

For complete event information, visit www.dimock.org or call 617-442-8800 x1006.

... Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) announced this week that it

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Board Member Bill Stephenson and Cary Hewitt enjoy the PPLM gala.
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Red Sox salute Number 6 Johnny Pesky

MAYOR'S CUP YOUTH HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Charlestown, East Boston, Dorchester, West Roxbury, South Boston, Allston-Brighton, and Hyde Park will take part in this weekend's (October 4th-5th) opening round of the Mayor's Cup Youth Ice Hockey Tournament, and continuing the weekend of Oct 11th-13th. The Tournament Finals will be held at Boston College on October 13th from 10am-6pm. Tournament sponsors are the Boston Bruins Foundation, Comcast, and TD Banknorth Garden. Tournament hosts are Mayor Tom Menino, the Boston Youth and Families (BCYF) and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department are the hosts. Players and their guests attended the Boston Bruins-Washington Capitals exhibition game on Saturday September 27th.

SYMPHONY FOR A NEW PARK

The Landmark Orchestra will perform 'Symphony For A New Park' on Saturday, October 4 at 7pm as part of the Rose Kennedy Greenway Opening Celebration. The Concert will take place at the Milk Street-Wharf District Park area of the Greenway. The Landmark Orchestra has performed in many neighborhoods of the city including Charlestown and the North End.

SOX-TOBER

Standing on the Fenway Field after the Red Sox

clinched their 5th Playoff spot in the last six years I couldn't help, but think how fortunate we are to be here AGAIN! Red Sox Baseball in October is quite a thing, as now we all know, and you know something it really never grows old. I love it. We love it! We love it!

FENWAY PARK

PLAYOFF DATES: ALDS Sunday, October 5, Monday, October 6 (if), ALCS Monday, October 13 (Game 3) Tuesday, October 14 (Game 4) Thursday, October 16 (if) World Series Wednesday, October 22 (Game 1) Thursday, October 23 (Game 2) Wednesday, October 29 (Game 6 (if) Thursday, October 30 (Game 7 (if). Go Red Sox!

JOHNNY PESKY

Johnny Pesky was the very first baseball player I ever met, so it was a great privilege for me to be in Fenway Park to see Johnny Pesky's Number 6 join the Red Sox Retired Numbers of #4 Joe Cronin, #1 Bobby Doerr, #27 Carlton Fisk, #8 Carl Yastrzemski, and #9 Ted Williams. Johnny Pesky celebrated his 90th Birthday on Saturday, September 27, and, I believe is the Boston Red Sox and Red Sox Nation's Most Beloved Ball Player.

HIGH SCHOOL PREP NOTEBOOK

Someone said it never rains on a football field. Wrong, but many games were played this past weekend. Catholic Memorial pounded

Cambridge 42-0. Lorenzo Warren had two TDs for the Knights, and the defense was strong. Coach Rob MacIntosh, CM's Secretary of Defense, was proud of that! Rob and family call Charlestown home.

Joe Diorio, Delroy McDonald, and Alex Weiner were the offense as Malden Catholic picked off a disingering on Somerville 18-6. BC High is 3-0. The Eagles upended Acton-Boxboro 23-9. Austin Prep shutout Malden 8-0, and Boston Latin was defeated by Tyngsboro 44-24 in a game played at Charlestown.

Boston City Leaguer South Boston came from behind to sting Bristol-Plymouth 20-14 on Sir Warrior Greene TD will less than a minute to go, and Brighton defeated Pope John 20-8. Chris Bruno had the PJ TD. Alvin Franklin (2) and Martin Kitchens had touchdowns as Boston English shutout Latin Academy 22-0. Cathedral topped Burke 36-6. Tewksbury crushed East Boston 44-14 and Davidson Peguero had three touchdowns as Matignon shocked Charlestown 24-6. Eastie will play at C'Town this Friday (Oct 3) ... should be very interesting. O'Bryant came from behind to defeat Lynn English 20-12, and Dorchester got its first win of the year dropping St. Clement 28-8. Dejon Bermont had four touchdowns for Dorchester.

League Lineups: Catholic Central Large (D3) Austin Prep, Arlington Catholic, Cardinal Spellmen, Bishop Fenwick, Archbishop Williams, St. Mary's Lynn. Catholic Central Small (D4) Marian, St. Clement, Cathedral, Matignon, Lowell Catholic, Pope John, Trinity Catholic.

EDUCATION PLUS

CoEd Pope John XXIII Catholic High School in Everett will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 5th from 11am to 1pm. For further information contact Mrs. Maser, Director of Admission at 617-389-0240 Ext 16 or www.popejohnhs.org.

COLLEGE BOARD

Boston College pounded Rhode Island 42-0. Northeastern finally got its first win of the season defeating UC Davis 27-10 and Brown stung Harvard 24-22. Brown first win over the Crimson in eight years.

Hockey East celebrates its 25th Anniversary season this week.

TIDBITS

- On Friday, October 3 the St. Francis of Assisi 'Transitus' Commemoration will take place at St. Leonard's Church starting at 6:30pm, followed by the celebration of Mass.

- Friday Oct 10 is North End Against Drugs Family Night at the Circus.

- Good to hear that Ray Flynn is back home.

- The Sisters of St. Joseph are celebrating the 135th Anniversary of their Founding.

- Celeb Sightings: Chris Periera crossing the Greenway, Mike Lopriore and Mom at Fenway, and Ricky S. and his crew 'girl watching' on Hanover Street.



HIGH SCHOOL FLASHBACK COLLECTION (3-DVD)

Univ. Studios Home Ent.

Three cult classics in a collectable "locker" package. *The Breakfast Club*, an iconic portrait of 1980s American high school life features Molly Ringwald, Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, and Ally Sheedy in this warm-hearted coming-of-age comedy. *Sixteen Candles*, is one of the most memorable teen comedies of the 1980s. Samantha Baker (Molly Ringwald) is your average teen, enduring creepy freshmen, spoiled siblings, and confused parents — trying to impress the boy of her dreams. *Weird Science*, proves teen life is full of mysteries when computer whizzes (Anthony Michael Hall and Ian Mitchell-Smith) create the "perfect woman" (Kelly LeBrock), she guides them through the pleasures and pitfalls of teenage life. (Average - 1 hr. 35 mins. each/Available now).

BURIED ALIVE (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Based on the wildly popular FEARnet digital series, *Buried Alive* follows a seemingly tight-knit group of friends who are held against their will and buried alive in a horrific underground torture chamber. As they struggle to escape their sickeningly claustrophobic confines, each rigged with personal eerie clues, the victims slowly begin to realize the person who did this may be someone they've known all their lives. Above ground, two siblings become the group's only chance for survival, as they compile video footage and text messages to track their friends' psychopathic captor to a final, mind-blowing conclusion. An addicting twisted tale of torture. (1 hr. 25 mins./Available now).

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS: ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING (9-DVD)

BBC Video

After 36 hilarious episodes and three specials, 14 awards, and countless bottles of Bollinger, BBC Video combines every hilarious escapade from *Absolutely Fabulous* into the long-awaited DVD box set release — *Absolutely Fabulous: Absolutely Everything*. Starring the ever-hysterical Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley as Edina Monsoon and Patsy Stone, the world's foremost fashion femme fatales — viewers can experience all their unimaginable antics in this gorgeous nine-disc box set, glamorously packaged in a photo journal-style case with quilted cover and leopard print bookmark. Additionally, this side-splitting collection boasts over four hours of bonus material including a behind-the-scenes look "How to be Absolutely Fabulous," "Modern Mother and Daughter," the original

French & Saunders sketch that inspired *Ab Fab*, outtakes, and more. Delightfully decadent collection! (19 hrs. 14 mins./Available now).

I-SEE-YOU.COM (DVD)

Warner Home Video

Before YouTube ... before MySpace ... before Facebook, there was *I-See-You.com* and Colby Allen (Matthew Botuchis), the teen who invented user-generated content by secretly installing nanny-cams in his parents' home and turning his family into the Internet's first *Live Feed!* reality show. Colby convinces his parents (Beau Bridges and Roseanna Arquette) that dysfunction sells. Along with the vid stream of Colby's 18-year-old stepsister Audrey (Baelyn Neff) whose unwitting on-cam display of assets launches his enterprise in a big way. (1 hr. 34 mins./Available now).

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (3-DVD)

Univ. Studios Home Ent.

A special three-disc Unrated Collector's Edition that includes the original theatrical version of the film plus a hilariously edgy, unrated extended version not shown in theaters. Peter (Jason Segel) is a struggling musician who finds his world turned upside down when his TV celebrity girlfriend, Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), dumps him for a tragically hip rock star. It's the hysterically funny look at how far one man will go to forget a girl - and the fun along the way! (1 hr. 51 mins./Available now).

BABY MAMA (DVD)

Univ. Studios Home Ent.

Comedic geniuses Tina Fey and Amy Poehler team up to celebrate a modern twist on motherhood. Kate (Fey) is a single, successful career woman who wants something more: a baby. But she gets more than she bargained for when she hires Angie (Poehler), a free spirit from South Philly, to be her surrogate in a hysterical mama match-up. From birth class to baby-proofing, they're the ultimate odd couple. Greg Kinnear, Dax Shepard, and Sigourney Weaver also star. (1 hr. 39 mins./Available now).

LEATHERHEADS (DVD)

Univ. Studios Home Ent.

Academy-Award winners George Clooney and Renée Zellweger team up in this fun-filled comedy set against the beginnings of pro football. Dodge Connelly (Clooney), captain of a struggling squad of barroom brawlers, has only one hope to save his team: recruit college superstar Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski). But when a feisty reporter (Zellweger) starts snooping around, she turns the two teammates into instant rivals and kicks off a wild competition filled with hilarious screwball antics. (1 hr. 54 mins./Available now).



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THEATER

NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE
2008 Musical Season at NSMT:
SHOW BOAT - Now through October 12, 2008; **42ND STREET** - October 28th through November 23, 2008 and **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** - December 5th through December 21, 2008. For more information and tickets, please call: 978-232-7200 or visit: www.nsmat.org.

THE OPERA HOUSE
539 Washington St., Boston, MA
A CHORUS LINE - Now through October 5, 2008. This is a musical for everyone who has ever had a dream and put it all on the line.

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 a story which touched the heart of a generation, is now a record-breaking stage show. Experience it all. For tickets, times of the performances and more information, 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. For tickets and times of the performances, call Ticketmaster at: 617-931-2787

A BRONX TALE - March 31st through April 11, 2009. Actor Chazz Palminteri gives an unforgettable performance as a young boy's rough childhood in the 1960s-era Bronx, and the unforgettable people he encountered. For tickets and times of the performances, call Ticketmaster at: 617-931-2787

BOSTON UNIVERSITY THEATRE
264 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA
HOW SHAKESPEARE WON THE WEST - Now through October 5, 2008. During the California Gold Rush, an eccentric enterprising troupe learns that the entertainment starved 49ers have a genuine enthusiasm for classic plays and will pay in gold. See what happens!!!

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.

AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATRE
Loeb Drama Center
64 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA
LET ME DOWN EASY - Now through October 11, 2008. Written and performed by Anna Deavere Smith, this production is a journey in search of human qualities that are too seldom in the news—compassion, generosity and grace in the face of a complex world. For tickets and performance times please call: 617-547-8300.

ROBINSON THEATRE
617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA
"REMEMBERING THE 40'S—THE FAREWELL TOUR" - Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 PM and again at 5:00 PM. A cast of fifty performers brings the era to life with songs, tributes to celebrities of the decade and the recreation of a 40's radio show highlights this production.

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. For tickets call: 781-891-5600 or visit: www.reagleplayers.com.

STONEHAM THEATRE
395 Main Street Stoneham, MA
PAGEANT, NEW ENGLAND MUSICAL PREMIERE - Now through October 5, 2008. "Screamingly funny!" - The New York Times . "So funny I thought I was going to die." - Susan Powell, Former Miss America. Don't miss this hilarious performance. For tickets and more information log onto www.stonehamtheatre.org or call 781-279-2200.

MUSIC

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can 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 berkleeperc.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 Bubl  (whose career began through Paul Anka's sponsorship). For tickets, please call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2000 or log onto ticketmaster.com.

LOWELL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
50 East Merrimack St, Lowell, MA
AN EVENING WITH COLIN MOCHRIE AND BRAD SHERWOOD
Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 7:30 PM. This is a fully improvised evening of comedy and mayhem that revolves around audience participation and suggestions. This show is completely spontaneous.

DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2
December 18, 2008 through January 11, 2009. This musical event follows Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, Ryan and their friends from East High during a summer of fun, sun and song at a fabulous country club. Tickets are now on sale. Call: 978-232-7200 or visit: www.nsmat.org.

EMERSON COLLEGE
Cutler Majestic Theatre
219 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
DER FREISCHUTZ - October 17, 19 and 21, 2008. Considered the first German Romantic opera, it has its basis in folk legends as well as the heightened emotions and supernatural elements of the plot. It is sung in German with English supertitles. For more information call: 617-451-3388.

Special Events

INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON, ROSE KENNEDY BALLROOM
510 Atlantic Avenue, 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. For more information an to purchase tickets call 617-723-3584 or www.focecp.org

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE
310 Washington St, Boston, MA
THE MUSE OF THE REVOLUTION: MERCY OTIS WARREN - Friday, October 10th from 12:15 to 1:00 PM. Historian Nancy Rubin Stuart reveals how her provocative writing made her an exception among the largely voiceless women of the eighteenth century. A book signing will follow.

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DANCE

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART
100 Northern Ave, Waterfront, Boston, MA

CELTIC TAP - An Evening with James Devine - October 17th through October 19, 2008. A stunning combination of tap, step dance and urban rhythms; featuring noted Irish tap dancer, James Devine.

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.

PHILADANCO - November 14th through November 16, 2008. This dance group performs joyous and adventurous works with universal appeal that blends African-American dance with ballet, jazz and modern dance. For tickets and other information, call: 617-478-3100 or visit: www.icaboston.org

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Dance Friday is an on-going participatory dance held every Friday at the center. The evening starts with a warm-up at 8 and continues with dancing until midnight to music played by rotating DJ's. Children are welcome. For more information

ART

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
Huntington Ave. Boston, MA
WINSLOW HOMER: AMERICAN SCENES - Now through December 7, 2008. This installation of art spans Homer's career from his earliest works at age 13 to his last seascape at age 73.

GREAT COMPANY: PORTRAITS BY EUROPEAN MASTERS - Now through January 5, 2009. A selection of portraits and sculpture by European masters dating from the Renaissance to the 20th century will grace the Coolidge Gallery. This is a must see collection! For more information please visit www.mfa.org or call 617-369-3300.

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART
100 Northern Ave, Boston, MA
WORKS OF TATE DONOVAN - October 10, 2008 through January 4, 2009. With sensitivity to texture, scale and the inherent properties of materials, Donovan transforms huge volumes of mass-produced items into incredible sculptural forms.

THE ART WALL - Now through October 12, 2008. This exhibit is dedicated to monumental, site-specific works by leading contemporary artists of the day and is a collective experience of art and music together. For more information call: 617-478-3100 or visit the website at: 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 information 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.

As part of Italian Heritage Month, 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.

DONNE 2000 WALK FOR BREAST CANCER
Sunday, October 5, 2008 - Join the Donne 2000 organization in their walk to conquer breast cancer. "Unite Conquistiamo". If you wish to participate in the walk or wish to donate in support of Team Donne 2000 on behalf of the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, please contact Gina DiTirro at 617-227-9339 or visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline.com

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?

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.

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.

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.

ITALIAN RADIO
"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
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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

The most important book ever written about Italians: "Our Italian Fellow Citizens, In Their Old Homes and Their New," by Francis E. Clark, was published in 1919 by Small, Maynard & Company of Boston. Yes, we own the priceless book!

Author Francis E. Clark stated in the introduction, "My purpose in this volume is chiefly to make my readers sympathetically acquainted, as far as I am able, with the Italian of today in his old home and new." What follows is taken directly from the fascinating book.

The ignorance and brutal indifference of many Americans to the newcomer who seeks our shores is often amazing. They are all "Dagoes" to him, the "Scum of the Earth," as Mr. Schaffler entitles his remarkable poem. It is difficult to disabuse the minds of some Americans of the idea that the immigrants are "a horde of paupers and criminals," while, as a matter of fact, there are fewer of these classes allowed to land on our shores than can be found among any similar number of people in any state of the Union.

"The immigrants do not come from the slums of Naples, or from any other great city. Scarcely one in a hundred of them is city born and bred, and these few are for the most part skilled artisans, stone-cutters, or sculptors, or barbers or waiters. Such emigrants are comparatively few and far between. The vast majority come directly from the soil, as I have been assured over and over again by inspectors and commissioners who know them thoroughly. They are the small farmers, very small oftentimes; more likely the day laborers who have not an inch of land that they can call their own."

Author Francis E. Clark asks, "Who would build our embankments, and lay our rails, and dig our tunnels, and scoop out our subways, if Italy did not send us the men to do it? It is hardly too much to say that the industrial development of America would be put back a quarter of a century had Italy not opened her doors to let them out, and had we not opened ours to let them in. Almost any railway journey in America will show us these sons of sunny Italy, brawny if not big, industriously wielding pick and shovel, crowbar or drill, in order that America may develop her resources and fulfill her destiny."

On the final page of the book, it states, "No longer shall any but the meanest among us think of them as 'Dagoes,' and desire only their sturdy muscle in building the new America."

Some chapters of the book: "Why Italians Emigrate," "The Agreeable Italian," "Will They Make Good Americans?" "The Future of The Italian Immigrant," "The Italian Of The North," "The Italian Of The South," and "Where The Italian Immigrant Should Settle."

It would be great if we could have the book reprinted and made available to bookstores, and libraries. Check to see if your library does have a copy of "Our Italian Fellow Citizens."

So where did Italians settle? Last count, there are 2,737,146 Italians in New York, 1,503,637 in New Jersey, 1,450,884 in California, 1,418,465 in Pennsylvania, and 1,003,977 in Florida. Other states with a large percentage of Italians, 860,079 in Massachusetts, 744,274 in Illinois, 675,749 in Ohio, 634,364 in Connecticut, 450,952 in Michigan, 363,354 in Texas, 257,129 in Virginia, 267,573 in Maryland, 224,795 in Arizona, 201,787 in Colorado, and 176,209 in Missouri.

The states with the lowest number of Italian Americans: 50,729 in Kansas, 40,401 in Mississippi, 38,835 in Vermont, 34,553 in Idaho, 28,031 in Montana, 17,944 in Alaska, and 15,286 Italian "cowboys" in Wyoming. There are but 5,328 Italians North Dakota.

Among the first Italian American governors were William Pacca, who served Maryland from 1782 to 1785; Caesar Rodney of Delaware in 1776; and Andrew Houston Longino who was elected governor of Mississippi in 1900. The first Republican of Ital-

ian descent was Christopher Del Sesto, who was elected governor of Rhode Island in 1958.

Anthony J. Celebrezze was the first foreign-born mayor of Cleveland, Ohio and the first non-native to be appointed to the U.S. Cabinet as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. Also a judge to the U.S. Court of Appeals, he was born in Potenza, elected Cleveland's mayor in 1953 and reelected four times, the last time with nearly 75 percent of the vote. He was the only Cleveland mayor elected five times. He died in 1998 at age 88.

Recall a conversation we once had with the late John Volpe about Italians in Vermont. He had heard many Italians who worked in the quarries in Barre had switched to using Yankee last names. For the record, in the Barre Vermont library is a photo of young Italians in baseball uniforms. And that's the way it was.

Speaking of name changes, Ed McBain (b.1926), author of "The Blackboard Jungle," and inventor of the police procedural novel, has written 94 novels with 100 million copies in print in many languages. He was born Salvatore Albert Lombino and grew up in New York's East Harlem and North Bronx. Early in his career, publishers warned him that "Lombino" was too hard to pronounce and might hurt sales. He uses several pen names, the most familiar being "McBane" for his detective stories and "Evan Hunter" for his more literary works.

Frances Winwar (1900-1985) was a novelist, translator, and biographer of poets, statesmen, and heroes, including Joan of Arc and Napoleon. Born Francesca Viniguerra in Sicily, she came here in 1907 and later Anglicized her name on the advice of her editor.

Our noted musicologist Albert Natale reminds us of some Italian Americans who have helped shape American popular music as composers and performers. In 1914, Domenick "Nick" La Rocca, a cornetist and Anthony Sbarbaro, a drummer, formed the first jazz band, The Original Dixieland Jazz Band. In 1917, the quintet made the first record, "Darktown Strutters Ball" which sold a million copies. LaRocca wrote the classic "Tiger Rag," now known as "Hold That Tiger," the official song of Louisiana State University. LaRocca, born 1889 in New Orleans, died in 1961 at age 72.

Natale again reminds us of Italian Americans in popular music. It was Harry Warren, born Salvatore Guaragna in Brooklyn, the son of a Calabrian bootmaker was one of Hollywood's most successful and prolific composers during the '30s, '40s, and '50s. Harry Warren wrote "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "I Only Have Eyes For You," "A Love Affair To Remember," and "That's Amore," among many other songs. Between 1935 and 1950, he created more hit songs than Cole Porter. Irving Berlin or George Gershwin, three of which earned him Academy Awards: "Lullaby of Broadway," "You'll Never Know," and "Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe." Sonny Dae, born Pascal Vennitti in 1931, recorded "Rock Around the Clock" in 1950, four years before Bill Haley & the Comets made it "Rock 'n Roll's," first big hit in 1954. The musical arranger Al Caiola wrote the theme song for the 1950s TV series "Bonanza."

Another noted Italian American in music is Sonny Bono who achieved international fame with his wife Cher, recording his composition, "I Got You Babe." Another popular hit here and abroad was his song "Little Man." After his recording and television career ended, he became a successful restaurateur, became mayor of Palm Springs, California in 1988 and in 1994 was elected to represent California in the U.S. Congress. Bono died during a skiing accident in Lake Tahoe in 1998. He was 62 years old.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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LENTIL SOUP

1 cup lentils
4 cups of water
1 medium onion chopped
1 1/2 cups chopped carrots (optional)
1 1/2 cups diced celery (optional)
1 clove garlic (optional)*
2 tablespoons canola oil or olive oil
1 cup small shells or elbow macaroni

Wash lentils. Combine first five ingredients in a two-quart saucepan. Add chopped carrots and diced celery (optional). Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to prevent boiling over. Stir frequently. Add more liquid as needed. Salt to taste. Oil is added just before lentils are fully cooked.

Cooking time about 40 minutes.

*For a different flavor, add one clove of chopped garlic to lentils while cooking.

Follow directions on package to cook pasta of choice. Add lentils to cooked pasta and serve.

Lentil soup freezes well.

Serves two.

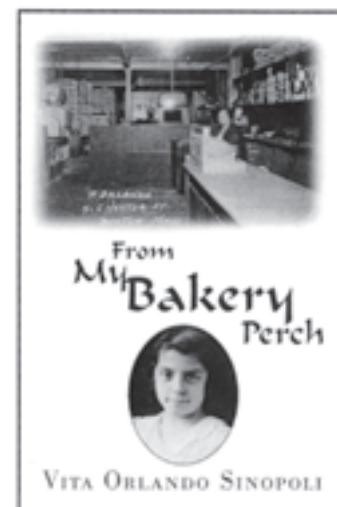
Note: My love for Lentil Soup came early in life. Whether Mama added carrots and onions or not, I waited for the Ditalini pasta to be served with the lentils. Sometimes, Mama preferred to serve the small elbow pasta with this soup. At times she served us the lentils with thin spaghetti that she cut up into one-inch pieces before cooking. Now I find myself also varying the pasta for this meal.

• Mayor's Column (Continued from Page 1)

The City's Office of Administration and Finance has worked extremely hard to institute a number of best practices so that we are able to manage your money more prudently. The safety of the taxpayers' dollar is my number one concern and that's exactly the reason that Boston has implemented proactive strategies to insulate us from fiscal disaster. These strategies include:

Collateralizing investments: The city has been collateralizing its investments since the early 1990s. This method allowed us to safeguard the taxpayers' money with a third party while still getting modest returns on investment. Boston maintains AA1 Bond Rating, allowing the city to leverage capital dollars at the best possible interest rate. **Established Debt Policy:** The city has NO exposure to variable rate debt. City utilizes data-driven performance based management tools: *Boston About Results* (BAR) allows the city to efficiently manage departments, staff and programs, to ensure residents get the most for their money. As an individual or a working family, it's understand-

ably difficult to look beyond the present state of the economy. We will continue to connect residents with the services they need to weather this economic storm. During last Saturday's Food and Fuel Summit at Madison Park High School, several hundred residents turned out to receive information and aid from a variety of our partners in the nonprofit and private sectors. Many people benefited from activities such as one-on-one utility bill help sessions conducted by account representatives from NSTAR and National Grid. Others took away advice about how to budget for healthy, low-cost meals for their families. The Summit was a great display of community members coming together during uncertain times to support one another. I have always believed that the purpose of government is to improve people's lives. I am confident that the foundation of Boston's economy will continue to provide a basis for strength and stability so that our residents can feel secure even during times of uncertainty. By laying the groundwork in advance, we will fight through this uncertainty.



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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I have been a musician most of my life. I couldn't help it, Babbonnonno was a musician, he raised three sons to be musicians (two played professionally all of their lives) and he raised a daughter who married a musician. I was the first born male in an Italian family. Not only was I placed on a pedestal, I was looked at as the "second coming," and it was assumed that I would become a musician.

At an early age, Babbonnonno taught me how to read music Italian style. Dad approved as did Uncles Paul and Nick. They had all been taught by the same method called solfeggio. Solfeggio is the rhythmic articulation of the essence of music. This means that I sat next to my teacher (Babbonnonno) and read, beat out and sang the notes that were in front of me. An old fashion metronome was wound up and clicked away as I did my thing in syncopation. Babbonnonno's methods worked, and before I was ten years old, I knew all of the musical information that would be necessary for symphonic music and opera.

The next step was to teach me an instrument. Babbonnonno played guitar and drums. Uncles Paul and Nick played all of the saxes: soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone, as well as clarinet and flute. Dad played tuba, Sousaphone, and bass violin. I tried all of the instruments my grandfather and uncles played and rejected them all. A conference followed my dismissal of what the family had to offer and Babbonnonno suggested a shot at accordion. I tried it, and even at that young age, couldn't envision myself going through life playing Lady of Spain every day.

By the time I was in junior high school, I showed interest in the drum and bugle corps and decided to take bugle lessons. A man named, Ralph Fuccillo, was the teacher. Dad and my uncles knew him well as he was a prominent Boston trumpeter. Babbonnonno was happy, Dad and my uncles were happy and Nanna and my mother were happy. I represented the third generation musician in my family. For the three years I was a student at the Barnes, I marched, playing the tunes I was taught to play for con-

certs and parades.

The next thing I knew, Ralph Fuccillo presented me with a trumpet, a loaner from the Boston Public Schools. He instructed me and I transferred my talents (or lack thereof) from the bugle to the trumpet. I liked the instrument, but by the time I started high school, I was working at the Seville Theater, was playing American Legion and CYO baseball, was playing several sports at English High and hanging around a street corner, which was a manly obligation for a teenager in East Boston in the 1950s. As a result, the trumpet sat in my room collecting dust.

As I was graduating high school and heading to college, Dad began to wonder if I would ever take up an instrument and stick to it. He must have had continued conversations with Babbonnonno and my Godfather, Uncle Nick, because whenever the chance arose, they told stories about the life of a musician.

They convinced me that I could have a daytime profession and play music at night, supplementing my income. It sounded great and I asked Dad to teach me how to play bass violin. Once I started college, the street corner had to go and my spare time was spent practicing the bass. About a year-and-a-half into my college career, I was doing rather well on the bass but never considered playing professionally.

One day as my sophomore year was drawing to a close, I was sitting on the front steps of the house we lived in, 74 Eutaw Street in East Boston. Spring had arrived and it was warm and sunny, the weather I love. Just then, I saw a young man I knew who lived a few streets away. He was walking on the other side of the street with a bass violin over his shoulder. I called out to him and asked what he was up to. He yelled back that he had just joined the army and was selling his instrument to someone in the neighborhood. He also mentioned that the local band he had been playing in would have a vacancy, and if I was interested, he would tell them that I could replace him as their bassist.

Out of curiosity, I told him that I would make the next rehearsal. He gave me the necessary information and I

showed up, ready to play. The leader turned out to be a young man whose family lived on the corner of Eutaw and Marion Streets. His name was Bob Avola and he played guitar. For the next several months, I cut my teeth playing with him, trumpeter Jim Pastore, Alto sax player Ronny Hughes and drummer Billy Welch.

As I advanced, my name became known to musicians outside of East Boston and I was offered jobs in other parts of the city and north shore suburbs. This proposed a problem as I would have to ask the people who called if they could pick me up. This worked out for a while, but I knew that I would eventually need a car. It was 1958 and I bought a 54 Chevy for \$550. It was completely done over, motor, transmission, front end and tires were either rebuilt or replaced. The car even had a new paint job and new upholstery. I was all set to make it on my own.

At the beginning of my junior year in college, I booked my first job as a bandleader. At college, I belonged to the Newman Club, a sort of college-level CYO.

At a Sunday night get together, the priest in charge told me that he knew I was a musician and asked if I had a band together. I lied and said that I did. He booked me for the following Sunday. I called a childhood friend, John Alaimo. He was a pianist and had a small band already working. It was my first job calling the tunes and watching the dancers glide by due to my selections.

Babbonnonno and Dad were hoping I would develop an interest in playing classical music as they had prepared me for this direction. At college, Frank Zarba, today a well-known Boston band leader, put together an 18 piece dance band. He, today, plays bass. Back in college, he played trombone and I joined as the bass player. Dad was happy with this move, but Babbonnonno was hoping I would get involved with an amateur classical orchestra. This didn't happen for quite a while as I joined forces with two other college students and began running college dances on weekends, but this is a story for next week.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)



Marilyn Edmunds and Nina Longtine smile for the camera at the PPLM gala.

(Photo by Roger Farrington)

met its \$500,000 fund-raising goal set for its annual gala held Saturday, September 27 in honor of outgoing General Director Janice Mancini Del Sesto.

This record-breaking achievement capped off a sparkling tribute to Ms. Del Sesto's 17-season tenure at the Company. The event, held at the Citi Performing Arts Center Shubert Theatre, was attended by more than 300 guests representing the Boston arts community's leadership and supporters.

The Shubert, BLO's performance home, was the perfect setting to honor Ms. Del Sesto. Festivities included cocktails in the lobby, dinner on an expanded and elegantly decorated stage, a live auction, and a special performance by internationally renowned soprano Marquita Lister, who will appear in the title role of "Rusalka" this season.

A proclamation from Honorary Chair, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, was read that dedicated the day to Ms. Del Sesto, and long-time arts and entertainment critic Joyce Kulhawik graced the stage as Mistress of Ceremonies.

... We hear that Boston's newest hotel, the Mandarin Oriental, is scheduled to officially open this weekend on Boylston Street in Boston's chic Back Bay.

Styled by renowned interior designer Frank Nicholson, the 136 guest-rooms and 12 suites will delight guests with subtle Asian elegance and stylish traditional touches.

All guestrooms and suites are beautifully designed with custom furnishings in golden-hued, exotic wood and lush silk, and feature views of the Back Bay.

We are told that guests will be pampered by a variety of luxurious amenities, in-

cluding in-room welcome gifts, spacious granite bathrooms with separate soaking tubs and rainforest showers, and therapeutic bath amenities.

The hotel's restaurant Asana will offer all-day dining from a menu designed by executive chef Nicolas Boutin, which will include both American cuisine and authentic Asian dishes, incorporating seasonal ingredients found in New England.

The restaurant's floor-to-ceiling windows will afford great views onto Boylston Street, creating a lively ambience, also shared by the hotel's adjacent M Bar & Lounge.

A 16,000-square-foot Spa will feature holistic treatments blending Eastern traditions with modern techniques from its nine private treatment rooms, including a Hydrotherapy suite, a spacious Sanctuary Couples Suite, and a deluxe Mandarin Suite.

Guests who wish to expand their wellness program will delight in the culinary offerings at the Spa Café.

The new venue can accommodate intimate gatherings or as many as 600 guests for special events, with more than 10,000 square feet of function space, situated on the hotel's second level. The 4,200-square-foot Oriental Ballroom and the hotel's three smaller function rooms will all be equipped with Mandarin Oriental's signature technology systems, private pre-function areas and a dedicated kitchen.

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most prestigious hotels and resorts. Mandarin Oriental now operates, or has under development, 40 hotels representing over 10,000 rooms in 24 countries, with 16 hotels in Asia, 14 in The Americas and 10 in Europe and North Africa.

For more information, visit www.mandarinoriental.com/boston.

Enjoy!

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

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LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

E' un fatto commune in Europa che Francia e Svezia registrano nascite fuori dal matrimonio caqon una percentuale di oltre il 50% (delle nascite). In Italia il numero e' in continuo crescendo. Coppie che convivono al di fuori del matrimonio e che hanno figli sono in aumento, come emerge da dati pubblicati da ISTAT , che rende noto anche il fatto che la popolazione continua ad invecchiare, un fatto che indica il contributo dei nuovi immigrati. Nel 2007 la popolazione ha beneficiate dei progressi di sopravvivenza. La speranza di vita alla nascita e' oggi stimata a 78.6 anni per gli uomini e 84 anni per le donne. Per quanto riguarda la longevita', in Europa gli uomini italian8i sono secondi solo agli svedesi (78.6 a 78.9 per gli svedesi). Lo stesso vale per le donne che sono soltanto seconde alle francesi (84.4 a 83.9 per le italiane). In Italia si campa di piu' nelle regioni, Umbria (79.6 per gli uomini) e nelle Marche dove si registrano 85.2 anni per le donne. I matrimoni celebrati nel 2007 sono stati solo 242,000 contro I 270,000 di cinque anni prima. Nel territorio italianii matrimoni regolari sono molto alti nel Meridione (South) mentre il numero dei figli di coppie non sposate, ancora nel Sud, e' il piu' basso che in altre regioni italiane. Ci si sposa di piu' in Campania. Le nascite, soprattutto tra gli immigrati, ha contribuito a far aumentare la popolazione totale che ha, di recente, superato I 60 milioni. Gli anziani (65 anni e piu') erano il 20% della popolazione nel 2007, col record del 30% degli anziani contro una media europea del 25%.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

It's a known fact that in Europe, France and Sweden have births, out of a marriage, that is above 50% (of all births). In Italy the number is constantly growing. The living-couples (unmarried) have children in increasing numbers, as we learn from ISTAT (Italian Statistical Institute) has published data that also find the population constantly on the increase toward seniority, a fact that points to the contribution of the new immigrants. In 2007 the population has benefited of the progress in survival. The hope, at the birth, is today estimated at 78.6 years for men and 84 years for women. With regard to longevity in Europe, Italians are second only to the Swedish (who are at 78.9). The same can be said with regard to women who are second only to the French (who are 84.4). They live longer (in Italy) in the Region of Umbria (79.6 for men) and in the Region Marche (85.2 for women). The marriages celebrated in 2007 were only 242,000 as opposed to 270,000 five years earlier. In the Italian territory regular marriages are high in the South, while children of not-married couples is lower than anywhere in Italy but the North. In the Region Campania regular marriages are the highest in Italy.

Births particularly among the immigrant population has contributed to the overall increase of the general population that recently surpassed 60 million. Seniors (65 and older) were 20% of the population in 2007 but reached 30% in 2007 as opposed to the European population which averages 25%.

Lindsay Vatalaro to Wed Michael Sulprizio

Linda and Frank Vatalaro of Winthrop, announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsay Vatalaro to Michael Sulprizio of East Boston, son of Pauline and Stephen Sulprizio of East Boston.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Winthrop High School and a 2008 graduate of Salem State College, receiving a bachelor's degree in Social Work. She is currently working as the Activities Coordinator at the Beverly Council on Aging.

Her fiancé is a 2002 graduate of Boston College High School and a 2006 graduate of Boston University, receiving a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He is currently working for Representative Carlo Basile as his Legislative Aide.

An October 2009 wedding is planned.



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• Mrs. Murphy

(Continued from Page 7)

Only in America!!! ... Did any of you receive a taped Ted Kennedy telephone call the day before the September Primaries asking you to give his sidekick John "Lurch" Kerry, the do-nothing, say even less Jr. Senator from Massachusetts a vote. Kennedy expects Kerry to carry out his same old "Not in My Back Yard" policies. "Thanks, but no thanks"! Neither has a clue on how it feels to be a middle-class working slob paying his lions share of taxes while their next door needy neighbor receives government checks! What Massachusetts needs is a supply of NEW BLOOD with new ideas!!! ... Till next time!

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Fireworks on the Mystic will feature live music, street performers, activities and games for children, and food from concession stands. All food sales will benefit the Somerville Children's Network. In addition, the event will conclude with a 20 minute show-stopping fireworks display along the Mystic River. The festivities will celebrate the exciting changes underway as well as generate anticipation of the future of Assembly Square, which includes an urban village with retail shops, public parks and open spaces, restaurants, office space and a new MBTA Orange Line T stop.

For more information on Assembly Square, please visit our web site at www.assemblyonthemystic.com

FAMILY-ORIENTED AMERICANS SHOULD DEPRIVE DEMS OF THEIR VOTE

by Edward P Shallow

In my editorial of 9/19, "Supreme Court Last Hope Parental Rights" I indicated Barack Obama was on record supporting sex education for the children of Illinois commencing in kindergarten.

The Obama campaign has been adamant the issue has been falsely reported. Counter this content on 9/17, Steve Doocy of Fox and Friends, having read the bill confirmed the wording did include the teaching mentioned above was accurate. Also appearing on Fox on

9/18 Bryan York, editor of *National Review* also confirmed the fact. Bay Buchanan appearing on another network also confirmed the same.

It is beyond dispute the Democratic Party will go to any length to appease the left wing loonies willing to deprive innocent children of their God given right to normal childhood.

Because of this deprivation I can't imagine any patriotic, family oriented voters honoring Democrats with their votes this election year.

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

Auntie Mary died in 1987. Shortly, after that Aunt Katie and Angelo moved to Wakefield.

Not since 1989 had a Giarratani lived in Somerville. Recently, my daughter Nealie moved to a Somerville apartment near Davis Square with three other girls.

The Giarratani family has returned. Davis Square isn't East Somerville but the Somerville of yesterday isn't the Somerville of today either.

Now, I'm back in Somerville more than ever. I always liked the place since my family's history is so tied to it.

The old streets are still there. I remember living at 17 George Street like it was yesterday. Back then rents were real cheap. In the new Somerville, you can only

wish for such rents. I found Somerville very nurturing. It had a not so good reputation but it was a great and safe place to live. I'm glad my daughter chose Somerville as her new address. It's been 33 years since I lived there, back then I was a young college student with very dark hair. I was 20 something and life was before me.

Now, my hair has turned grey, I'm not 20 something anymore. And I'm thinking about retiring to Texas. Back then I was a prolific letter writer. I was the King of letter writers. I was always complaining about something week after week.

I've made lifelong friends there. No matter where I have lived since, a piece of Somerville has always stayed within me. I hope my daughter will feel the same about Somerville in time.

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The mayor, himself, has yet to say whether or not a fifth term is on his plate.

Menino Declares Neutrality in Wilkerson-Chang-Diaz Senate Race

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino on September 24 declared he's staying neutral in the State Senate race between State Senator Diane Wilkerson and Sonia Chang-Diaz.

Menino told the *Boston Herald*, "I'll be staying out of the race as of today." Menino said he wouldn't toe the party line and "I'm going to support the candidate I think will win."

Most political experts think neutrality is another word for "Diane Wilkerson."

Steve Crosby, Dean of UMass Boston's McCormack Graduate School said, "He's (Menino) daming Chang-Diaz with faint praise."

Lou Dobbs: CNN's Best

Back when Bill Clinton was in the White House, they called CNN, the Clinton News Network since it seemed so bias in favor of Democrats and Liberals.

Lou Dobbs is their only real "conservative" plain speaking show host who

never pulls any punches. If we had elected officials like him in office, this country would be much better off.

Bob Lobel Back on the Air

Former WBZ-TV sportscaster Bob Lobel is back on the air. This time it's a radio show, weekday mornings (6-9 am) on Oldies 103.3. His on-air partner is Karen Blake. The show started last week on WODS-FM.

Says Lobel, "I'm really excited about this radio thing. It's pretty good to be valued or think you are."

Kudos to Ed Perelli

Kudos to Ed Perelli of Malden who had a letter to the editor printed in the September 23rd *Boston Herald*. Writing on the release of Robert Sicari from prison, Perelli said, "Why should the fact that a judge let a convicted child rapist walk free surprise anyone. Welcome to Massachusetts, the most lenient state in the country. Plus, the judge told him to stay away from children, playgrounds and schools, and we all know that convicted child rapist pedo-philes do everything the judges ask them to do!" Nuff said.



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Sox Clinch Playoff Sport

For the fifth time in six years, the Red Sox have clinched a playoff berth. The Sox are now the American League wild card, the Tampa Bay Rays were just unbelievable this year. They took first place and held onto it for dear life. The Sox made a couple of good tries but simply didn't seem up to it.

Pesky Gets Number Retired

It took a million years but the Red Sox have retired No. 6 in honor of Johnny Pesky. It's a great birthday present for Pesky who just celebrated birthday No. 89. He came up with the Red Sox in 1942 and batted .331. He missed three seasons when he enlisted in the US Navy during WWII. Back in '42, his rookie season, he also collected 205

hits. After the war ended, he returned to Fenway, batted .335 with 208 hits. He was the first Sox player to collect 200 hits in his first three years.

Pesky was traded to the Tigers in 1952 and finished his career with the Senators in 1954 and had a career .307 average. How come it took so long for his number to be retired is beyond my paygrade.

Kudos to Dice-K and Lester

I'm putting this column together before the Sox close out the season with the Yankees at Fenway. Right now Dice-K is 18-2 with a 2.80

ERA and Jon Lester is 15-6 with a 3.26 ERA. This duo was great in '08. Tim Wakefield (10-11) and Josh Beckett (12-10) had off years. Beckett will be back stronger than ever next year. I don't know about Wake though. He could be wrapping up a great career in baseball and for the Red Sox.

Final Note on Rays

When Tampa Bay swept a double header on September 23 against the once powerful Orioles, the victories enabled the Rhys to end that day (95-62) to break the record held by the 1991 Braves for most wins by a team that owned the worse record the year before.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P3703EP1

In the Estate of
ROBERT W. WEINIG

Late of S. NATICK
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death August 10, 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 VIRGINIA DOREE WEINIG of S. NATICK 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 15, 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 24, 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. 08P1519GM1

In the Matter Of
CHELSEY KEARNS
OF NATICK

In the County of MIDDLESEX

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned matter, a petition has been presented praying that KEVIN F. KEARNS of NATICK in the County of MIDDLESEX, be appointed guardian of the person of CHELSEY KEARNS of NATICK in the County of MIDDLESEX, a minor child, 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 10, 2008.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, September 5, 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. 08P3977EP1

In the Estate of
RONELLA T. PFEIFER

Late of NATICK
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death July 31, 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 RONALD T. PFEIFER of NATICK 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 OCTOBER 30, 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 25, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin
Acting Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
PLYMOUTH Division
Docket No. 06D1581-DV1
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION & MAILING

Odete G Johnson,
Plaintiff

v.
Leonard C Johnson
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Odete G Johnson, seeking to dissolve the bonds of matrimony, prohibit defendant from imposing any restraint on plaintiff's personal liberty, grant her custody of the above named child and order a suitable amount for support of the plaintiff and said minor child.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. Please refer to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon Odete G Johnson, plaintiff - whose address is 53 Taylor Ave. Apt 1, Brockton, MA 02302 your answer on or before December 1, 2008. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at PLYMOUTH.

Witness, Catherine P. Sabaitis, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at PLYMOUTH, this 29th day of August, 2008.

Robert E. McCarthy
Register of Probate Court

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P3966EP1

In the Estate of
LILLIAN M ALDEN

Late of WALTHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death June 10, 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 DANIEL J ALDEN 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 OCTOBER 27, 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 22, 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. 08P3674EP1

In the Estate of
ALBERT SACK

Late of WALTHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death July 31, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND CODICIL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that STANLEY SACK of KEY WEST in the State of Florida 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 28, 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 23, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin
Acting Register of Probate



CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

"The Maul in Manchester" 7th Annual Fight to Educate, at the Verizon Arena, New Hampshire. A great fight show here, in New England, promoted by **Cedric Kushner** of Gotham Boxing, with matchmaker: **Jim Borzell**. Stars of the future displayed here were, Massachusetts Junior Welterweight **Danny O'Connor**, of Framingham, who entered the Professional ranks with a Technical Knockout victory, at 1:55 of the second round over Worcester's **Jose Guerrido**. Congratulations on your great start with, hopefully many continued wins. **Ronald (The Chosen One) Hearn**s of Michigan added another Victory (20-0, 16 KOs), to his record when he stopped in 2 minutes 11 seconds of the first round, the now (14-7-1, 12 KOs). **Alexander Pacheco Quiroz**, of Florida, for another win. **Peter Quillin** of Brooklyn, New York at (20-0, 15 KOs) stopped the (17-9-1, 10 KOs) **Sam Hill** of Missouri, in the tenth round of this Middleweight bout. 2-0, 1 KO, Super Middleweight, **Hajro Sujak** of the Bronx, New York, won in 37 seconds of one, over 1-3, 1 KO, **Daren Graham** of Kentucky. Then **Osvaldo Rivera** and his 2-0-1, 1 KO record, defeated the 1-5, 1 KO **Jose Velázquez** of Worcester, by way of a third round TKO. Some of these opponents had some excellent records. Fighter **Danny O'Connor**, in a post fight quote. "I've started my pro career and put my amateur career behind me. I felt great. It was a great debut in front of my fans, friends and family. I wanted everything to be perfect, but with the crowd, my family, no headgear ... I came out eager. I'm happy with the way I fought."

Happy Birthday! On October 4th **Micky Ward**, the 6th **Peter McNealey**, who demonstrated real courage and guts, when he fought **Iron Mike Tyson**, you went right after him, to destroy him. A true sign of your courage Peter. 6th World Heavyweight Champion, RIP **Jack Sharkey**, 7th **Bill McCluskey**, and on the 10th **George Colton**

As I said, is that each week I would do a profile on one of the Award recipients from the 2008 Hall of Fame Banquet.

I will start with the Champion of the Year **Vinny Marino**. A true Champion in every sense of the way. In 1958 Vinny won the New England AAU title, at 139 lbs. As a professional Vinny accumulated a 13-0, 10 KO record. Vinny trained at the Fifth Street Gym, in Florida. Sparring with the name fighters of this great era, in **Vince Martinez**, **Florentino Fernandez**, **Jose Napoles**, **Holly Mimms**, **Kid Gavilan**, and **Benny "Kid" Paret**.

In 1970 he opened up the East Side Gym in Roslindale, training many top fighters out of his gym. In particular, Ring 4 Hall of Fame member, **Danny Long** of South Boston.

Vinny Marino a successful businessman, has given much back to the city of Roslindale, Dedham, and Boston. As demonstrated, by himself being honored by the elite great politicians of the City of Boston, Massachusetts. Massachusetts State Auditor **Joe DeNucci**, Boston Mayor **Thomas Menino**, and Boston City Councilor **Stephen Murphy**.

Vinny Marino is the proprietor of the Brickside Cafe, in Dedham. A class man he is, that received the, Champion of the Year Award for 2008, from Ring 4 President **Mickey Finn**, and Mayor **Thomas Menino**. You Boxer's are great. Congratulations to all

"Down Memory Lane. Pugs Alley!" with *Ring Magazine* June 1975, which has as the #4 rated Junior Welterweight in the World, the tough **Tony Petronelli**, of Brockton. The United States ratings have Junior Middleweights #7 **Marvin Hagler**, Brockton, and #8 **Paul Poirier**, New Bedford. The United States Champion, **Tony Petronelli**, of Brockton. I've come to a picture of, Guinness Book World Record holder, **Al "Mr. 10 1/2 Couture"**, the President of Ring 49, Connecticut giving an award to **Billy Kowalczyk**, President of Ring 2, Connecticut. **John "Dino" Dennis**, of North Attleboro wins his 20th in a row, as he defeats **Terry Daniels** in a Scranton Pennsylvania Main Event ... Former World Heavyweight Champion **Jim Jeffries**, who retired with a



Shown, Left to Right: **Tony Petronelli**, **Paul Poirier**, **Juan Botta**, **Dornel Wigfall**.

20-1-2, 16 KO record fought two interestingly named fighters. The first was **Dan Long** on July 2, 1896, and the second was **Jack Munroe** twice, the first December 19, 1902, and the second on August 26, 1904. Now *Boxing Illustrated* 1971. The elite of New England are rated, in the Top Ten in the World. Top Ten Matchmakers; **Sam Silverman** of Boston. Top Ten Managers **Paul Mitrano**, of Massachusetts. Now to the World Ratings, Heavyweight **Jack O'Halloran**, Light Heavyweights, **Dick Hall**, and **Eddie Spence**. "Meet the Champs Then and now." **Joey Archibald**, World Featherweight Champion, born in Pawtucket Rhode Island. He had 106 total bouts, and fought the greats in, **Frankie Genero**, **Sixto Escobar**, **Mike Belloise** (winning world title), **Leo Rodak**, **Harry Jeffra**, **Chalky Wright**, **Willie Pep**, and **Sal Bartolo** to name a few... In 1839 there were only six, **Boxing Weight limits**. The Bantamweights 108 lbs., Featherweights 115 lbs., Lightweight 133 lbs., Welterweights 145 lbs., Middleweights 154 lbs., and Heavyweights over 154 pounds. The United States won all seven Boxing Gold medals at the 1904 Olympics, in St. Louis Missouri, USA.

Boxing Fight Schedule for October: The 4th on HBO, Junior Middleweight **Alfredo Angulo** Bangs a-round with **Andrey Tsurkan**. On the 4th in Germany, **Arthur Abraham** in an IBF Middleweight Title fight, battles with **Raul Marquez**. On the 11th, **Samuel Peter** of the USA, battles with **Vitali Klitschko** in "Germany?", in a WBC Heavyweight Championship fight. Then on Showtime on the 11th, we have **Antonio Tarver** battling, the hungry for victory **Chad Dawson**, in an IBF light-heavyweight championship, Brawl for it All. On P.P.V., on the 18th, **Kelly Pavlik** and the cagey Veteran of the ring **Bernard Hopkins** attempt to outmaneuver one another in this super-middleweight chess match. 24th on Showtime **Lucian Bute** of Canada and **Librado Andrade** of Mexico battle for, who's the IBF Super-Middleweight Champion? Then on the 25th **Mikkel Kessler** of Denmark, and **Danilo Haussler** wage war, for the WBA super middleweight championship. It's now November 8th, and **Roy Jones Jr.** duking it out with, this guy can fight **Joe Calzaghe** of Wales, in "The Big Apple!" New York City, at the famed Madison Square Garden. **Roy Jones Jr.** I believe, "Wins!" The 15th, HBO **Jermain Taylor** of Arkansas, and **Jeff Lacy** of Florida do battle showing, they still have it. 15th, **David Haye** of England, a highly touted fighter, and World Cruiserweight Champion, battles with **TBA?** On the 21st the **Massachusetts State Police Boxing Team** Battles **Bermuda**, **Denver**, and the **New York Police** Boxing Teams in Sturbridge at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. For tickets call, **Sgt. Charles Murray**, at (508) 347-3352, or (413) 736-3647. The 22nd on HBO, we have from Las Vegas **Paulie Malignaggi** of New York, in a WAR, with England's **Ricky Hatton**. Who do you pick to win this fight? This fight will be for the, IBF junior welterweight championship. This should be a great fight. On December 6th, we have on HBO PPV, **Oscar De La Hoya**, and **Manny Pacquiao** entertaining we Fight Fans, in a crowd pleasing battle.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It was a sign of things to come. "It's one of the first to turn," said a member of the congregation as we exited the church in an upstate New York community on September 28, a rather foggy sabbath morning that followed another Saturday football loss for Syracuse University, the alma mater of your faithful correspondent.

And as we looked over at the bright red botanical specimen we knew right then that fall had begun and that the summer of 2008 was now a span of months banished forever from the present and sealed for all time in memory. Alone now in showcasing autumn's glory, that singular tree will soon be joined by others in a celebration of fall's foliage festival.

The very next day there was another sign of autumn, this one in the Boston area. It was the annual Hockey East media day, held at the Garden. And it was a reminder that although baseball may still hold center stage in the region, this initial ritual was a harbinger of a full schedule of cold weather activity when once more the popular ice sport will play a prominent role on a daily basis.

The proceedings across the conference this winter will be themed around the league's 25th anniversary season with the slogan "Celebrating 25 years of Success" adorning all press releases issued by the conference office in Wakefield.

For starters, of course, Hockey East is the home conference for an honor that no other college hockey league can claim this season as the Boston College Eagles, charter members, open play as the defending national champions. Coming into the season as the preseason No. 1 ranked team in America, it's no surprise that the Eagles were also selected for the lid-lifting top spot in the preseason conference coaches poll.

But it wasn't unanimous.

BC came away with six first place votes and a league-leading tally of 86 points. But three other coaches cast their first place votes for Boston University, propelling the Terriers to an 80-point total while one lone mentor marked his ballot for UNH, putting the Wildcats on a path towards 78 points.

If there's a team that may really awaken it may well be Northeastern. The Huskies finished fourth in the polling but look impressive as they return 27 players from last year's squad, including team scoring leader Joe Vitale who found the range last season for 12 goals and 13 assists for 35 points.

In the "how the mighty have fallen category" we offer as evidence the league entry from the Pine Tree State — Maine. There was a time back not too many years ago when the Black Bears would routinely be favored to finish first or second in the conference. In fact, they played for the national championship

against Denver at the Garden back in 2004, earning a spot in hockey history by shelling the Denver goal in the famous six on three finish that Denver withstood to capture the title.

Unfortunately, those days are in the past for the Black Bears. The once proud representatives from Orono have been selected ninth in the 10-team league, above only Merrimack, as the teams get ready to take to the ice on Columbus Day weekend. If there's an upside at Maine it's that the Bears have 10 freshmen on the roster so down the road those numbers may well pay off with a veteran squad.

College hockey has one of the longest seasons. From the time things get under way in mid-October to the national championship game in mid-April, six months will have gone by. And where will the season end? In a somewhat unlikely venue — our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., where the national championship game will be played April 11. Five of the last 16 NCAA championships have been won by Hockey East schools.

During this silver anniversary season some 62 games will be broadcast on television via five media outlets: NESN, ESPNU, Comcast (CN8), Cox Sports in Providence, WABI-TV in Bangor, Maine and WMUR-TV in Manchester, NH. The relationship with ESPNU represents a new venture for Hockey East with this initial agreement set for a two-year run. In addition, nine of the 10 conference schools provide streaming video of their games via the internet.

There will also be a fan participation component in conjunction with the anniversary season. There will be balloting over the next several months to select the all-time team, the top 25 forwards and the top 25 defenders/goalies. Selections will be announced at the Hockey East Championships, slated for March 20-21 at the Garden.

There will also be additional ballot questions throughout the season in a variety of categories including best goalie, best scorer, best playmaker, best defenseman, best forward, unsung player, most memorable moment, best individual performance and best coaching performance. All conference-wide voting will be conducted through hockeyeastonline.com.

IN MEMORIAM — Recalling color analyst Dick Lynch who enlivened radio broadcasts of the New York Football Giants for four decades. Lynch, who died September 24, was a 1958 graduate of Notre Dame. He played cornerback for the Giants from 1958 to 1966. He began his broadcast affiliation with the franchise in 1968 and worked every year up through last season — with the Giants' stunning upset of the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl last February being his final broadcast. He was 72.