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## HOW THE NOTHING PRESIDENT Could Become the Something President

by Jamie Weinstein

Remember that oft-replayed Chris Matthews interview during the 2008 election where the talk show host stumped a surrogate for then-presidential candidate Barack Obama with a series of seemingly simple questions: What has Barack Obama accomplished? Can you name anything he accomplished as a senator?

The flummoxed Obama supporter wanted to speak in generalities. He wanted to speak of how Obama inspires and of what Obama might do in the future. Matthews wouldn't let him off the hook. Pressed by the *Hardball* host, the Obama surrogate just couldn't name a single Obama accomplishment.

"I am not going to be able to do that tonight," he finally relented.

Well, in the 10 months Barack Obama has been president, has anything changed? Is there anything substantive Obama has accomplished or are people still

talking about what the president might accomplish in the future?

Just look at the record. Obama is the Nothing President. He has no significant, positive achievements.

With the souring economy the president's most pressing domestic concern as he entered office, Obama pushed through a gargantuan \$787 billion stimulus package which, to date, is the only substantive piece of legislation he has been able to sign into law. But so far the stimulus has stimulated little more than the national deficit and the unemployment rate. By the standard Barack Obama himself set, the bill must be judged as a failure. Obama promised the country that the stimulus bill would prevent unemployment from rising past 8 percent. Today, it stands at a whopping 10.2 percent.

Besides the stimulus package, the other domestic initiative that has so far consumed the Obama presi-

dency is health care reform. While Obama can claim credit for getting closer to universal health care than any previous president, such an "accomplishment" does not mean anything unless he actually signs a bill into law. Though the House recently passed a massive 2,000-plus page health care bill by a narrow margin, Obama is still a long way from a White House signing ceremony.

Almost no one believes that the bill that passed through the House will be acceptable in the Senate. As South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham has said, the bill is dead on arrival in the more deliberative chamber. Even if a health care bill passes through the Senate, it will likely look nothing like the House bill. When the bills are merged, there is a real question whether Nancy Pelosi's tenuous Democratic coalition in the

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Capuano & Coakley Lose My Vote

Attorney General Martha Coakley running in the December 8<sup>th</sup> United States Senate primary to finish out the late Ted Kennedy's seat, says she opposes the House Health Care Overhaul Bill because it contains an anti-abortion amendment. Then, United States Representative Michael Capuano who first blasted her position, a day later, says exactly the same thing in different words.

Both of them are moving so far to the left of Kennedy's legacy that they appear to be heading towards a political cliff.

Right now, if I were voting in the primary, my choice would be Boston Celtics co-owner Stephen Pagliuca. He too is a liberal, but he's not a cliffhanger.

As for Republican Scott Brown, his chances of getting elected to the United States Senate are about as good as mine. The state GOP is just so pathetic, it isn't funny.

### The Bunker Hillbillies are Back

The Charlestown Historical Society of which I am a life member, held a night to remember on November 14<sup>th</sup> for fans of the Bunker Hillbillies with plenty of music and reminiscing about the years gone by when (1941) Bob

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## Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

As the holiday season approaches, chances are a winter storm won't be far behind. Even though Bostonians are no strangers to severe snow storms and the frustrations they cause, it's important to bear in mind a few tips, suggestions, and regulations that will help us get through weather-related emergencies in the winter months. If we communicate effectively and work together as neighbors, we'll minimize the agitation that frequently results from severe snow storms.

Here at City Hall, we operate the Storm Center to keep you up-to-date. In the event of an emergency, such as a major snowstorm, hurricane, flood or natural disaster, the Storm Center will provide information and service to residents for problems related to the emergency. A knowledgeable team of City departments and utility representatives will handle plow requests, downed trees, power outages, and other problems that can arise.

Residents can sign up for direct notification of snow emergencies, parking bans and school closings through e-mail, text message or both by registering at [www.cityofboston.gov/snow/](http://www.cityofboston.gov/snow/) or by calling (617) 635-4500. For school delays and cancellations, turn to your radio, TV, or the City's Web site.

During an emergency, being a good neighbor is more important than ever. If you live near a senior citizen or another resident who may need help, do your part by checking in on them and lending a hand by shoveling snow. Seniors and people with heart conditions should not risk injury by shoveling snow themselves.

When shoveling, remember to clear space by fire hydrants, catch basins, pedestrian ramps, and corners on your street. Look out for neighbors with disabilities and residents in wheelchairs, who require 42-inch wide paths to get around. Sidewalks abutting your residence or business should be passable within three hours after a snowstorm. And while shoveling out cars, piling snow behind or in front of the vehicle or at the edge of the sidewalk — and not into the street — makes traveling much easier for everyone.

Clearing a space for trash and recycling will ensure that it is removed on schedule. However, during a State-Declared Snow Emergency, trash and recycling collection service will not occur until the next scheduled trash and/or recycling day.

When a snow emergency is declared,

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ROMANESQUE CHURCHES

In previous issues we discussed the origin of religion, how Christianity was brought to Rome, the persecutions which were started by Nero and continued for two hundred fifty years until the time of Emperor Constantine. We also learned how the Early Christians chose the pagan Roman Basilica as the style which most closely suited their religious needs, and how this style influenced the design of the Early Christian style church.

Probably the most important thing for us to understand at this time is that the Church hierarchy can designate any kind of church to be a basilica. Historically speaking, a basilican style church is laid out in a rectangular plan with a broad nave running down the center, flanked with colonnaded aisles, a chancel rail, a raised altar, and with a semicircular apse behind.

The design and layout of the early Christian church with its masonry walls and timber roofs served their needs very adequately, except that the dry timber roofs were often struck by lightning and the lack of fire-fighting equipment as we know it, permitted serious damage to occur in their roof structures. The next logical step then, was to construct the roofs of stone by building a series of vaults and arches. Inadequate knowledge about arch thrusts caused some sidewalls to spread and the roofs to fall. Many of the structural problems confronting these early Christian builders were fairly well solved during the Romanesque period which followed.

Romanesque means “Romanish” or “That which is like the Roman.” It was a style or a period in the development of world architecture which began after the decline of the Roman Empire, and attained its highest development in Italy, France, Germany, and England. There was a decline of community life after the fall of Rome, when her strong guiding hand was removed from Western Europe. Cities disappeared and whole countries slid into the Dark Ages. For several hundred years the people lived a rural life around the castles of the wealthy Barons, and in little villages. Christianity was the chief source of education when science, letters, art and culture, became the monopoly of the religious orders. Schools were attached to monasteries and monks with their pupils often designed cathedrals.

These medieval masons were prevented from copying the early Christian basilica because of their love for thick masonry walls and round arched openings, in addition to their concerns about roof fires. There were at least three great difficulties which plagued the Romanesque builders; first, the heavyweight of the stone roofs which required piers of great size, second, the difficulty in providing resistance to the thrust of the stone vaulting, and third, the difficulty in providing the tremendous amount of stagings and formwork which were required to construct the stone roofs. A three hundred year struggle to conquer these problems reaped its rewards in the Gothic period which followed.

The Romanesque period in history is not without its characteristics. A few of the more prominent are: 1. Round arched openings; 2. Massive stone walls with buttresses; 3. Large interior columns and 4. Vaulted stone ceilings.

NEXT ISSUE: *The Gothic System*

# Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Home for the Holidays

In our home — perhaps in yours too — Thanksgiving Day festivities begin with tuning the television set to the **Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade** which we half watch and half just have in the background while preparing dinner. Macy’s — at least since the 1947 motion picture **Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street** — has come to be more than just another vendor for holiday gifts, but itself a part of America’s Thanksgiving through Christmas holiday season. Yes, for many of us the Macy parade marks the beginning of the holidays.

Nevertheless, I miss the older television practice of showing not just Macy’s but bits of several department store Thanksgiving Day Santa parades. I liked when they would switch to the J.L. Hudson’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit and the Gimbels Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia. Hudson’s Department Store in Detroit is gone, but the parade — which like the Macy’s parade started in 1924 — continues as **America’s Thanksgiving Parade**. The Gimbels parade, now called the **6abc IKEA Thanksgiving Day Parade** is the oldest of America’s Thanksgiving Day Santa parades, having started in 1920.

Locally, from the 1940s until 1972 — and again in the early 1990s — a visit to the **Enchanted Village** in the Jordan Marsh department store in Downtown Crossing was how Bostonians inaugurated the Christmas shopping season. Remember how, up to just a few years ago, Jordan Marsh, and its rival Filene’s put up competing Christmas displays in their windows that faced each other on Summer Street?

I have nothing against R.H. Macy’s Department Store — I wish it a profitable Christmas selling season. If Americans choose for our Thanksgiving Day morning entertainment a televised, extended-length, open-air advertisement for that retailer, who am I to object? But more and more local shops are giving way to national brands and “big-box” retailers. Local events (such as the Enchanted Village) give way to a few huge national spectacles. Likewise, our political discussions are focused much more on what is happening in Washington, rather than Boston.

The problem with looking to the national scene rather than locally is that nation-

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Boston Public Library and Boston Public Health Commission Team Up to Offer Flu Information Sessions

The Boston Public Library is teaming up with the Boston Public Health Commission to bring the best available information on the 2009 H1N1 flu to Boston residents in their neighborhoods.

Seven informational sessions at neighborhoods across the City will cover the basic information about influenza/H1N1. Topics include what one can do to prevent the spread of the flu, how to take care of someone who is sick, myths and facts about the flu, and information on free flu clinics.

All sessions are free and open to the public. No registration required. Informational sessions are available in the following Boston Public Library branches:

**Mattapan Branch**, 1350 Blue Hill Avenue, 5 p.m., Thursday, November 19.

**West Roxbury Branch**, 1961 Centre Street, 9 a.m., Friday, November 20.

**East Boston Branch**, 276 Meridian Street, at 11 a.m., Thursday, December 3, in Spanish.

**Codman Square Branch**, 690 Washington Street in Dorchester, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, December 3.

The Boston Public Library has also compiled information from some of the most reliable public health websites to help residents find the answers they need to their flu-related questions. This information, some of which is available in multiple languages, is located online at <http://www.bpl.org/research/swineflu.htm>. The website for the Boston Public Health Commission is <http://www.bphc.org>.

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Thomas M. Menino, Mayor



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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### *Is this the Beginning of Obamacare?*

*by Pamela Donnaruma*

The recent announcement from The United States Preventive Services Task Force changing its guidelines for mammography is a decision to surely outrage women. The Task Force no longer recommends routine screening for women between the ages of 40-49, an announcement that has certainly bewildered and saddened me as a woman. For many years the recommended age for women to start annual mammograms and self examination has been 40 years of age. I believe that women should go before age 40 because I personally know many women who have battled breast cancer and have survived this terrible disease by early detection. Cancer in any form is a terrible word to hear. For women to hear the words "you have breast cancer" is terrifying. It is scary to think that you may lose a part of your body, scary to think about undergoing treatment with devastating side effects and the most terrifying feeling of all, to think that you may lose your precious life.

Breast cancer seems to be rampant in our society. As many new studies are found and steps toward finding a cure, it seems that for every step forward we are taking the proverbial two steps back.

This recent announcement is reason to raise alarm amongst women and it's a reason for us to take a stand against it. Moving mammograms to 50 years of age and recommending also, that healthy women ages 50-74 forgo annual mammograms in favor of screenings every other year is ridiculous.

Taken from a press release issued by the American Cancer Society: "With its new recommendations, the USPSTF is essentially telling women that mammography at age 40 to 49 saves lives; just not enough of them. The task force says screening women in their 40s would reduce their risk of death from breast cancer by 15%, just as it does for women in their 50s. But because women in their 40s are at lower risk of the disease than women 50 and above, the USPSTF says the actual number of lives saved is not enough to recommend widespread screening. The most recent data shows us that approximately 17% of breast cancer deaths occurred in women who were diagnosed in their 40s, and 22% occurred in women diagnosed in their 50s. Breast cancer is a serious health problem facing adult women, and mammography is part of our solution beginning at age 40 for average risk women."

Every life is worth saving. To allow the USPSTF to announce this new recommendation makes me wonder if this is really an issue about saving lives or saving dollars.

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## REMEMBERING OUR SOLDIERS



**Four Attorneys who served with Distinction in the Armed Forces. From left to right: Thaddeus Buczko, former State Auditor and Probate Court Judge who served in the United States Navy aboard the "Destroyer" USS Bearss DD654 as an enlisted crew member followed by services in the United States Army as Unit Tank Commander in the Korean Conflict. Arthur M. Blasi who recently passed away on November 9, 2009 in Danvers, Massachusetts was a native of East Boston who served as a Combat Infantryman in World War II and served in the Korean Conflict. Arthur was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. Emidio DiLoreto (deceased) formerly of Boston and Winchester who was a Ground Combat Veteran of World War II in the European Theater. Paul A. Carbone (deceased) of East Boston and Milton who served in the United States Army in Europe during World War II. The four men became lifelong friends while serving in the United States Army Reserve.**

*(Photo submitted by Thaddeus Buczko)*

## Team Donne 2000 Second Annual Cure for Breast Cancer Walk



**Seated: left to right: Doreen Giammarco, Sandi Sirignano, Elisa Gennari, Gina DiTirro, Rose Giammarco and Josephine Spagnuolo. Standing: left to right: Judy Casiotis, Vania Cornelio, Maria Cornelio, Miranda Federico-DiGenova, Iole Rocchi, Jeannette Borrelli, Ida Cataldi, Gloria Lerra, Angie DeSantis, Terry Sirignano and Maria Ferrusi.**

On October 4, 2009, Donne 2000 members and friends walked the Six Mile Walk and a few walked the three mile walk at the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" which took place near the Esplanade in Boston. The team shirts read, Team Donne 2000 "Unite Conquistiamo", i.e., "United we will conquer. They raised a little over \$3,000.00. This was their second annual walk. They were very successful both in their fundraising and in their walking. The participants ranged from ages 16 to 76.

Together we can all make a difference and with your continued support, the day will come when no one will have to hear the words, "You have breast cancer". Women

forty years and older are encouraged to get their yearly mammograms and also perform their monthly self exams. To learn more about Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and the American Cancer Society's fight against the disease, visit [www.cancer.org/stridesonline](http://www.cancer.org/stridesonline).

Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization for women of all ages aimed primarily to benefit and educate women in today's society and preserve ethnic traditions from generation to generation. Donne 2000 wishes to thank all the supporters for their generous donations and thanks to all the walkers who donated their time and efforts to make it another successful event!

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Volume Missing as Stocks Post Modest Gains

Leaders were quiet as volume declined. Volume fell on both major exchanges. Since Monday the market hasn't seen much volume. The Veteran's Day holiday had relatively low volume. Priceline slid almost 4% as it was a small part of an 18% rally on Tuesday. United Parcel Service expects volume to increase in 2010. The package delivery is expected as an indicator for the U.S. economy. As industrial production reported that production rose 16%, the best gain in 18 months, which bodes well for the world economy. Toll Bros., rocketed 17% on Wednesday after reporting bullish comments at a conference. Other home building stocks rose in sympathy, chips, trucking and airlines stocks had a good day. Oils edged up as many energy stocks were lower, retailers also struggled. Hewlett Packard agreed to buy 3 Com and 3 Com rose 35%, as it was a big surprise. Dollar General, which has 8,500 stores in 35 states, has identified 12,000 new markets on the Pacific Coast where it has no stores. There are a lot of Mervyns located still there from its bankruptcy last year, similar to Kohl's, which bought into these locations. China's pollution control company Rino International jumped to a new high after reporting a 74% increase in earnings. Chinese online gamer Perfect World closed near its highs and did a good job handling negative news. The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment was released. It was weaker than expected. Strong results from Disney, Abercrombie & Fitch, and JC Penney helped the market's tone. Some stocks as airlines, tire makers, and gold miners did well and Capa Holdings hit a new high, in a big trade, Imagold, a gold miner did the same.

The history of the housing bust in the late 1990's the government got Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to lower their standards which they called "creative financing."

This would ease the credit requirements on loans that it will purchase from banks and other lenders. Fannie Mae, the nation's biggest underwriter of home mortgages had been under pressure from the Clinton administration to expand loans among low and moderate income people and got pressure from stockholders to maintain its phenomenal growth in profits. Higher risk investments usually pay higher rates so both the political incentives and market incentives were for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to buy riskier mortgages paying higher mortgage rates since they got the profits, and the losses would be the taxpayer's problem. Those that shared the responsibility or in this case the irresponsibility for the housing boom that was fueled by easier credit, lower mortgage approval standards, and creative financing all began with good intentions. The heart of this was the quest for "affordable housing" getting more home ownership among a wider range of people. The usual way of defining affordable was comparing what percentage of average income has to be paid for the average mortgage payment per month. At one time the rule of thumb was that housing costs should not take more than 25% of a family's income. Others have suggested 30% of the average income percentage of the people who live in the house compared one place to another and one time period with another. Affordability can be measured by the total costs of the average house with the average earnings income of the people who live there. According to the *New York Times* in 2002, "The housing crisis will never be over unless the Federal Government gets back in the game." *The Washington Post* said the problem is national in scope in almost every city "you can travel far and wide yet wear blinders wherever

you go." *The Wall Street Journal* article by JA Schumpter said a sharp drop in mortgage rates since the early 1980's a decline in mortgage fees, and a rise in incomes have made up for rising home prices in every state outside of New York, Washington, Miami, and California. Invariably there are local governments that have severe restrictions to building, have driven the cost of homes to half the average family's income just to put a roof over their heads. Back in 1901, housing costs were 23% of consumer expenditures. A family deducting a quarter of its income to a mortgage could pay off a home in 10 years. Advocates of Affordable Housing seldom seek to remove government restrictions. The medium priced home is 3.6 x medium income, so most housing in the U.S. is unaffordable. So U.S. housing is the highest in absolute terms, and have taken a larger share of the average income. As late as 1969, the medium priced home, where there is greater intervention by the government, the higher the home price. People do not seek to reduce government's rule in the housing market, but to increase it. They conceal housing costs with taxpayer's provided subsidies or with laws that prevent those costs from being expressed in the prices charged. Both local and national government policies are among the factors which have set the stage for the housing boom and bust.

CVS Caremark a pharmacy benefit manager and a drugstore chain will lose \$4.8 billion in 2010. CVS revealed that it is the subject of an SEC investigation. It also agreed to pay a \$875,000 lawsuit to the NY Attorney General's Office in NYC for sales of expired drugs and food products. CVS stock has fallen to \$30/share. CVS is two companies, the drugstore and the pharmacy group. In 2006, CVS bought Longs, Sav-on, Osco and the Minute Click Health Walk-in Centers. Observers are confused about the company's identity. One is a drugstore, trying to get the best drug prices for its clients, the other is a PBM pharmacy getting business. It's pharmacy offers 90 day service with multiple refills at minimal co-pay costs. Its drugstores dispense only 30 day prescriptions which adds to customer's co-pay expenses. With its 7,000 retail stores plus its mail order PBM can save clients as much as Medco or Express Scripts. It concedes that it hasn't done a good job of communicating the message of why the combination of PBM and drugstores makes sense.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

Remembering RICK CAREY



Police Officer Rick Carey

I have been employed by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health since 1972, and since October 1985, I have been with the Metro Boston Department of Mental Health Police Unit. First, at Massachusetts Mental Health Center until 2003 when the facility closed. Then, I transferred to the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital until 2006. Since September 2006, I returned to the Metro Boston DMH area where I work at both the Fuller and Lindemann Mental Health Centers in Boston.

It was while I was working at the Lindemann Center that I first met Officer Rick Carey. I assumed with his name he was an Irish guy, but it turned out his mother was a Grande, which made him Gaelic/Garlic like me. In fact, he looked even more Italian than me.

Earlier this year he was told he had pancreatic cancer. He had five children. His youngest, Madison, was just born around the time I met him. He was one up guy. He loved life, he loved his job and he made friends really easy. An outgoing kind of guy.

Their last months have been agonizing for his wife, children, family, friends and coworkers. Many of us kept in touch with him and tried keeping his spirit alive. As much pain as he suffered, he seemed to only care how we were doing. He suffered greatly and seemed to keep that smile of his, alive for us mostly.

He passed away at home on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, surrounded by loved ones. He fought a courageous battle and survived longer than most anticipated. He surely lived for his family.

When it was all over, he lost half his body weight. Visiting him was never easy, but he did his best for all of us. His former supervisor when he worked the overnight shift visited him often. He took the death especially hard and he wasn't alone.

At his wake and funeral, we all gave him a grand send-off. He had an Honor Guard all wearing the white gloves he kept asking for on his deathbed. We carried him after the funeral to his final resting spot.

When it was all over most of us cried at losing such a good buddy. People shouldn't die at age 36. His family will go on without him, but surely he will be looking down on all he loved thanking God for the time he was given down here.

I have worked for DMH longer than his time on Earth. We all have our time. When it is up, it is up. Our job is to live it well and serve others more than ourselves.

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The Department of Mental Health Police Honor Guard outside St. Ann's Church in West Bridgewater.

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James Leccese

**Saint Cosmas and Damian Society is proud to announce the "2009 Man of the Year" James Leccese.**

James is a third generation member of the Society whose love and devotion to the Saints Cosmas and Damian has no equal. His faith and love of tradition to the Saints has made his participation for many years, outstanding and inspirational. Through his hard work and celebration, to the Saints has helped make our feast the pride of our city of Cambridge.

He is a respected member of the Dante Alighieri Society, Italia Unita, Fieri Boston and Italian Heritage Month.

His love for the Saints and the Italian community is a tribute to his upbringing. We are proud to have James as a member and honoree for 2009.

**Saint Cosmas and Damian Society is proud to announce the "2009 Woman of the Year" Elisabetta Mitrano.**

She is the epitome of courage and intelligence. She immigrated to America from Gaeta, Italy with eight children searching for the American dream.

Elisabetta determination, strength and will to come to America, after a 26 year wait for visas, brought her and her family to our great land.

Today all of her children, through her guidance are licensed hairdressers. An asset to our Italian community, she did as our mothers and grandmothers did bringing their families to America with faith, hope and courage. Her support and devotion to the Society is unmatched.

She and her family have always supported the preservation and continuation of the Society's traditions honoring their patron saints, Cosmas and Damian.

**Saint Cosmas and Damian Society is proud to announce the "2009 Family of the Year" Giro and Lisa DiBiase and Family.**

Giro and Lisa were married in 1959 and have three children and seven grandchildren. He began his professional life with Lisa immediately as a photogra-



"2009 Woman of the Year"  
Elisabetta Mitrano

pher, having had a photography shop in Italy. He brought his expertise to Cambridge, Massachusetts searching for a better life in our wonderful country. He and Lisa achieved the American dream through hard work and determination. His family is to be admired for they are great benefactors, to our Society through many good deeds. They hold a prominent position in the Italian community.

Their pride and love for the preservation of Italian culture and traditions has followed them throughout their lives.

They have never forgotten their faith expressed by their love for the Patron Saints Cosmas and Damian.

Please join us in honoring these individuals on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Spinelli's in Lynnfield, MA. For tickets please call 617-661-1164.

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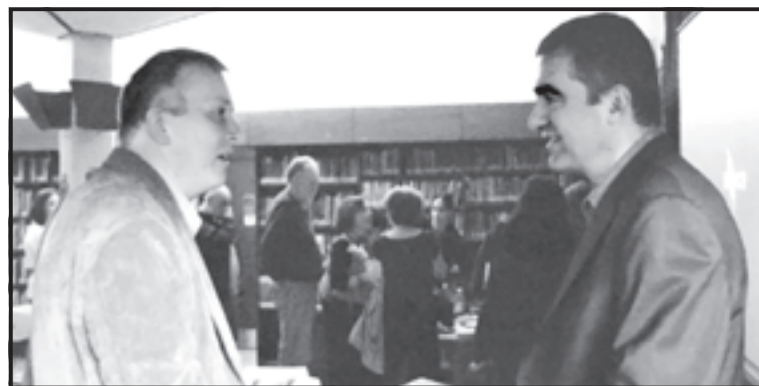
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## AUTHOR APPEARANCE AND BOOK SIGNING at the North End Branch Library



Author Nino Ricci discusses his book with one of his admirers.



Josephine Masucci holds up her copy of "The Book of Saints" as she waits in line for Mr. Ricci to sign.

On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at noon, Boston Public Library's North End Branch hosted the celebrated Italian author, Nino Ricci. Mr. Ricci read from his book "The Book of Saints" and answered questions from the audience. This book was made into a "made for television" film in Italy and starred Sophia Loren. Selected clips were shown of the film. Several of Mr. Ricci's fans had copies of his book autographed. A reception

accompanied the program. Special kudos goes to Saverio Mancina who organized this wonderful program in honor of "October is Italian Heritage Month".

The North End Branch is located at 25 Parmenter Street, Boston, MA. For further information about upcoming events and activities at the branch or for any other questions, please call 617-227-8135.

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## WHO IS CHARLIE BAKER?

by Robert Mirabito

Hopefully, he is our next governor!!

We don't need sophisticated politicians to govern Massachusetts; we just need honest people ... Charlie Baker is an honest man!

He thinks like a Democrat and acts like a Republican ... That's because his mother is a Democrat and his father is a Republican and the whole family gets along great. So let's stop voting the party, and lets vote the person. Just think for a minute.

The other two popular candidates seeking this nomination are Christy Mihos, who ran for governor in 2006 as an Independent and this year he is running for governor again as a Republican. And also, we have Tim Cahill (State Treasurer) who is a lifelong Democrat and now he is running for Governor as an Independent! So let's not get caught up on party affiliations — vote the man! "The wreckers of yesterday cannot be the builders of tomorrow"

Prior to Deval Patrick, the past four governors were Republicans and all four are strongly supporting Charlie Baker. Yes, we are, for the most part, a Democratic state, but we always vote the best person. .. Even President Ronald Regan (Republican) carried Massachusetts each time he ran.

Charlie Baker has spent a long career bringing success and strong management to both the private and public sectors in Massachusetts.

He served as CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care since 1999. Under his leadership, Harvard Pilgrim recovered from a terrible financial situation to finish first in the nation for 5 consecutive years.

Prior to joining Harvard Pilgrim, Baker spent eight years in Massachusetts state government, where he served as Secretary



of Accounting and Finance and Secretary of Health and Human Services under Governors Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci.

This summer (July '09) Charlie left Pilgrim Health Care to run for Governor of Massachusetts. Can you imagine leaving a great secure, high paying job to run for Governor. For Charlie, it's going for a job interview for over a year and costing a fortune; But Charlie, at this time in his life, brings both youth and

experience to the job and most importantly he has the know how to cut government spending.

You see Charlie knows that government does not have money ... Government takes the peoples' money (yes our money) and spends it. And if he lets the people keep more of their money we would spend better for our own needs, not for bigger government and pay raises for politicians.

"When and if Charlie Baker becomes Governor, he will not raise taxes, he will file for a tax cut, create jobs, listen to the people, yes, you and I, and not play the political game. As the old saying goes "Give a politician a free hand, and the first thing he does is put it in your pocket"

Don't forget Charlie Baker folks. Remember his name, support him, a vote for him is a vote for you and your family.

Of the four candidates, Charlie is the least known and the most qualified ... yes, he is the underdog, just like most of us.

I truly appreciate when good honest, hardworking people from the private sector seek to serve in Government, where they can so profoundly and favorably effect the lives of so many. Hence, on behalf of the people of Massachusetts "Thank you Charlie Baker for running for Governor".



## ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

### "Soaping It Up With Lush"



Ciao bella,

Holidays are right around the corner! Perfect gifts are scented and leave your body silky smooth. Enjoy ordering LUSH on line and relax in the comfort of your home! [www.lushusa.com](http://www.lushusa.com)

I asked Brandi my PR gal for Lush to send me samples and now I am just delighted to report my scensical results!

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"BANANA MOON" — I've always been crazy for Banana — the flavor and the smell. This scented gem made with organic bananas and yogurt nourishes mature skin with a rich exotic fragrance.

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These are just a few of the many wonderful products this "Cosmetic Grocer" has developed with you in mind! You can also visit the many local LUSH locales near you now available in New Hampshire and of course Massachusetts (Boston, Cambridge and Natick) Shop now and let the holidays begin! Holiday themed gift sets are in stock now!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary N.

DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at [www.mary4nails.com](http://www.mary4nails.com). Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or [mary@mary4nails.com](mailto:mary@mary4nails.com)

## Not Your Father's Blackboard

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



As part of the ongoing effort to enhance the learning experience at Saint John School by providing a stimulating learning environment, five Smart Boards have been installed that will be operational during November. The SMART Board is an interactive, electronic whiteboard which can enhance instruction and learning. The SMART Notebook software makes it possible for teachers to create dynamic lessons which address specific student skills drawn from a wealth of subjects.

SMART Technologies created the SMART interactive whiteboard — the first and most widely installed interactive whiteboard in the world, these boards are learning tools that enable unique moments in the classroom.

The SMART Board operates as part of a system that comprises the interactive whiteboard, a computer and a projector. The Whiteboard reacts to touch, like a computer, each contact with the Whiteboard is interpreted as a command, the equivalent of a left click of a computer mouse. The components are connected wirelessly, or via USB or serial cables. A projector connected to the computer projects the computer desktop image onto the interactive whiteboard. The interactive whiteboard accepts touch input from a finger, pen, and solid objects.

Students as young as preschool age can easily use a SMART Board. Teachers can create unique interactive sound-enhanced lessons and link websites. Documents can also be scanned into slides to help create curriculum based material. The images and flash graphics help to create a 21<sup>st</sup> Century environment within the classroom. The SMART board is a new method for teachers to engage students in traditional educational content, combined with the computer lab, Saint John School continues to embrace the technology that enhance today's classroom experience.

With its committed staff of teachers, and use of some of the latest technologies in teaching, Saint John School, now celebrating its 115<sup>th</sup> year, remains a vital asset to the North End and surrounding communities.

## Cruiseport Boston Sets New Passenger Record

Nearly 300,000 Passengers Visit Boston in 2009



For the third consecutive year, Boston's cruise business set a new record for passengers using the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) announced. In 2009, there were 299,736 cruise passengers traveling through the Port of Boston, an 11% increase over last year.

"The number of passengers we had this year, both those departing on extended cruises and those arriving for day-long port-of-call visits, continues to underscore the strength of the Boston market," said Thomas J. Kinton, Jr., Massport's CEO & Executive Director. "The economic downturn has made travelers more selective about how they spend their vacation dollars, and sales in the cruise industry helped spur a 14% increase in travelers who began their cruise in Boston, and an 8% increase in passengers visiting Boston for the day."

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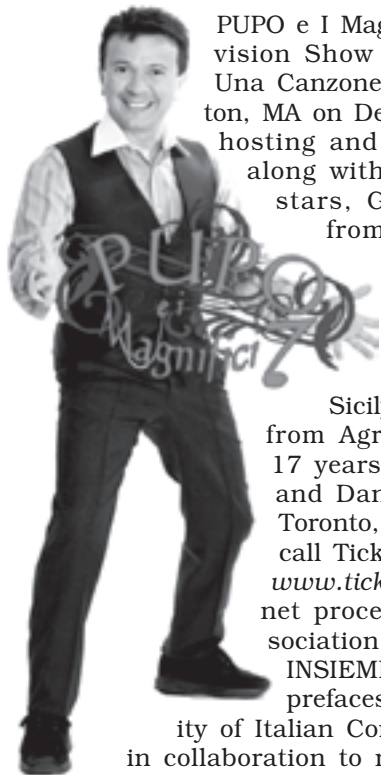
# PUPO E I MAGNIFICI 7!

to Perform in Boston

Giuliana Danzè Luigi Fronte Veronica Liberati Mario Scusses



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PUPO e I Magnifici 7, straight from RAI Television Show will be performing "Ti Lascio Una Canzone" at the Colonial Theater, Boston, MA on December 11, 2009. PUPO will be hosting and singing at this extravaganza along with Italy and Canada's youngest stars, Giuliana Danzè, 15 years old from Benevento, Campania, Luigi Fronte, 12 years old from Ragusa, Sicily, Veronica Liberati, 16 years old from Roma, Lazio, Mario Scusses, 12 years old from Vittoria, SG, Sicily, Simona Collura 13 years old from Agrigento, Sicily, Luigi Dragone, 17 years old from Manopoli BA, Puglia and Daniel Panetta 17 years old from Toronto, Ontario, CA. For tickets please call Ticketmaster at 1-800-982-2787 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). A portion of the net proceeds will go to the Sicilian Association of Greater Boston, initiator of INSIEME (Uniti per Messina), INSIEME prefaces its scope to bond the solidarity of Italian Communities present in this area in collaboration to render genuine action, in favor of the victims of the devastating mudslides in Messina, Sicily.

## "My How the Seasons Do Change"

by Peter Gillen Colwell, East Boston

Trees whose umbrella of green  
For many months provided much-needed shade  
Are quickly becoming bare, while no longer can be seen  
The brilliant Fall colors which now, alas, do fade.

A mighty surface wind has sent leaves in a tailspin  
A warm, howling wind at that,  
as nature takes time to grin  
The change of seasons is upon us,  
as nature makes its unrelenting mark  
Let us make hay while the sun shines  
for it will soon be dark!

The leaves are scattered here and there and everywhere  
Flying in the air, truly a motorist's distraction;  
Reminding us that although most trees become bare  
The awesome-to-be-held Christmas tree  
will be a welcome attraction!

As we soon approach winter,  
with its swirling snow and frigid cold  
Let us remember the warmth of  
family and friends in heart and mind  
And at this juncture, may I indeed make bold  
To say: "When winter winds begin to blow,  
can Spring be far behind?"

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## Freeway Says ...

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

We have been very lucky for most of the month of November the weather has been beautiful. We know winter is coming. Maybe we will get mild weather that would be nice especially during the holidays for those who need to travel so they can be with family and friends. Talking about holidays "Thanksgiving is already here and then the hustle and bustle for Christmas. The stores will be decorated and the trees at the Boston Common will have the Christmas lights to give us that feeling of cheer to be

thankful for what we have family, friends and to be caring to others. I hate to bring this up just maybe a few light snowflakes would be the perfect trim for the season. Most importantly please **REMEMBER** our men and women that are fighting to keep us safe. Think of them this holiday far away from their families and love ones the sacrifice they are making for us. Talking about friends I've noticed a empty seat at Sacred Heart Church at Sunday Mass. My friend Anna Gaeta was operated on her back. She is do-

ing well at the Spaulding Rehab. Don't worry Anna I am keeping your seat on the bench warm so when you get back we can sit together as we usually do. Don't laugh! I do go to church on Sunday and I have been going since I was two months old you can ask Father Claude. He looks forward to seeing me actually he looks around to make sure I am there. Have you been getting my cookies I put in the collection box Father? It's all in humor Father Claude I know you have a sense of humor.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Buon Natale Holiday Shopping Stroll

North End Businesses to Participate in a One Night Only Shopping Event

On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 24 North End businesses will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Buon Natale Holiday Shopping Stroll from 7:00-11:00 p.m., participating North End retail shops, galleries and hotels will offer significant sales and discounts for Stroll shoppers only.

"Buon Natale is a celebration in itself," said BethAnn Hoyos of the North End Retail Group. "Holiday shopping should be a joy, not another item on the 'To Do' list. Our annual Stroll gives shoppers the opportunity to enjoy the holiday hospitality of the North End while taking advantage of one night only discounts at a wide variety of local businesses, many of them designated the Best of Boston."

To join the Holiday Stroll, interested parties need to pick up a Stroll Passport card and a map at any participating business. At each stop, Strollers will receive a stamp on their Stroll Passport. Strollers can then return their completed Passport to any of the participating businesses before the end of the evening for a gift valued at \$1,000.00. A holiday basket brimming with gift certificates and products from The Stroll's diverse group of small businesses will be raffled at the end of the evening. The Buon Natale gift basket will be on display at the North Bennet Street School Gallery on the night of The Stroll.

Fairmont Battery Wharf, located off Commercial Street, will be offering Holiday Strollers a discounted evening parking rate, in addition to a special room rate. Santa will also be visiting the hotel, serving complimentary hot chocolate to all strollers! Following the stroll, Fairmont Battery Wharf's restaurant, Sensing, will offer 50% off its cheese fondue and Christmas Yule log dessert. A specialty Stroll cocktail will also be available for purchase at Sensing's bar.

Participants in the Holiday Stroll can pop into shops like

A Matter of FACE, for that perfect shaving kit for Dad, or perhaps swing by the North End Gallery for an original piece of art. Open House invitations from Lettering by Liz Calligraphy is the perfect destination to find that gift for the hostess in the family. Discover the perfect bottle of New Year's bubbly, while wine tasting at The Wine Bottega. Find a vintage or modern dress for a holiday to remember at The Velvet Fly or even a replica of Miley Cyrus's earrings at Filthy Rich Celebrity Jewelry. The North Bennet Street School Gallery is the perfect

place for hand-crafted blank journals for tweens and teens.

The list of participating shops include: A matter of FACE, Acquire, Bobbles and Lace, Casa di stile, Fairmont Battery Wharf, Filthy Rich Celebrity Jewelry, Friendly Framer "Che Bella Vita", High Gear Jewelry, in-jean-us, Lettering by Liz Calligraphy, Lovely Fare, Lit Boutique, Moda, North Bennet Street School Gallery, North End Gallery, Philip's Salon, Red M studio, Shake the Tree, Sedurre, Sol Optics, The Velvet Fly, The Wine Bottega, Twilight and 1-800-Flowers.



'Tis The Season! Ho! Ho! Ho!  
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15<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Christmas Program for North End Children

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- ★ All who wish to attend please call **617-363-2678** between November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. To confirm you must supply your child's name, age, gender, address and phone number so that we can report to Santa's elves.
- ★ Please, you must confirm no later than **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. All children 10 and under will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & accompanied by an adult. Also: Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please bring a Camera!
- ★ Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for North End Residents Only.



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# Christmas in Boston

## Take Advantage of these Wonderful Events this Christmas Season

### A CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS

Now through December 13  
Huntington Theater

264 Huntington Avenue, Boston

Paula Vogel's music-filled holiday play, *A Civil War Christmas*, began performances in Boston in a presentation by Huntington Theatre Company. *A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration*, according to the Huntington, "takes place on Christmas Eve 1864. In the White House, President and Mrs. Lincoln plot their gift giving. On the Potomac, a young rebel soldier challenges a Union blacksmith's mercy. In the streets, a fugitive from slavery searches for her daughter on the night she finds freedom. Playwright Vogel weaves these stories and more into an American tapestry, showing us that the gladness of your heart is the greatest gift of all." For tickets, call 617-266-0800.

### FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, November 21

11:00AM - 6:30PM

Community Music Stage

West End Promenade, in between Historic Faneuil Hall and the Quincy Market Building.

**Caroling, Bell Ringers, Dance Troupes**, and more! 11:00AM - 4:30PM

Main Stage

East End Promenade Faneuil Hall Marketplace

4:45PM: Performance by Universal Motown Recording Group, **JADA**

5:30PM: Illumination of the TALLEST Holiday Tree in New England!

5:40PM: Performance by **Ernie & the Automatics** Special Guest Appearances by **Santa**, **The Nutcracker Ballet** and **Wally the Green Monster**, official mascot of the Boston Red Sox. Guest MC: **Gregg Daniels** of Mix 104.1FM.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual

#### Christmas Tuba Concert

Saturday, November 28

2:00PM - 3:30PM

West End Promenade in between Historic Faneuil Hall and the Quincy Market Building.

Experience over 130 local tuba players playing your favorite holiday tunes! Faneuil Hall Marketplace is happy to host our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston 'Tuba Christmas' with **special guest** performers, the **Merrimack Tuba Quartet**.

### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Monday, November 23 - 5:30PM

Commercial Street, North End Boston

The annual holiday lighting display sponsored by Friends of Christopher Columbus Park and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will bedeck all 260 feet of the trellises at the heart of the park with 50,000 bulbs in a unique and stunning blue and white design. The free celebration will include entertainment sponsored by the Fairmont Battery Wharf and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park featuring a **visit from Santa Claus** and **seasonal musical favorites from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center** and the **Ray Cavicchio Band**. Revelers will be welcome to enjoy treats hot chocolate, cookies and clam chowder.

#### ZOOLIGHTS 2009!

Stone Zoo, Stoneham, MA

November 26 through December 30 (except December 25) 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

ZooLights, a beloved holiday family tradition returns to Stone Zoo! Don't miss this winter wonderland, which attracts thousands each year who get into the holiday spirit by strolling along tree-lined paths lit by thousands of twinkling lights. Upon

entering the Zoo, guests will visit Yukon Creek, which not only features dazzling holiday lights but is also home to bald eagles, porcupine, lynx, a gray fox and reindeer. Children will want to make sure they visit with Santa, who awaits their arrival in Santa's Castle. Jolly Old St. Nick will be available for photos through December 23. After visiting with Santa, enter a magical holiday world filled with fairy tale characters and dancing plush animals. Santa photos and carousel rides are available for an additional fee.

### BOSTON BALLET'S

#### THE NUTCRACKER

Boston Opera House

539 Washington Street, Boston.

November 27 - December 27

New England's holiday tradition for over 40 years, takes the stage at the beautifully restored Boston Opera House. The 2009 Nutcracker will feature the entire Company, more than 250 children from Boston Ballet School, and the timeless Tchaikovsky score performed live by the Boston Ballet Orchestra. The Nutcracker, a classical ballet in two acts based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, follows the enchanting journey of young Clara, who receives a Nutcracker as a gift at a Christmas Eve party. Her nutcracker is ultimately transformed into a handsome young prince, who leads her through an enchanted forest and on to the Palace of Sweets, where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy. Among the ballet's most famous and memorable moments are a battle between toy soldiers and overgrown mice, a Christmas tree that grows to huge heights, the pas de deux of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier, and a shimmering snow scene. For more information about *The Nutcracker* including Nutcracker events around Boston, Nutcracker diaries, video and images of the production log onto [www.bostonballet.org](http://www.bostonballet.org). Call 617-931-2000 tickets.

### LA SALETTE'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

November 26<sup>th</sup> to January 3

Route 95 (in Attleboro, MA)

5:00PM - 9:00PM

It is officially now known as The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette. The Christmas Festival of Lights started in 1953 and is made possible by the La Salette Brothers, maintenance crew, and volunteers. It is a dazzling display of over 400,000 lights spanning 10 green acres. There is a lake and numerous pathways leading you to a different compilation of lights. There could be one path of illuminated snowflakes and another leading to a lit display of the Nativity. Here you can find the true meaning of Christmas. There is ample parking. Plus it is FREE. It's Attleboro's hidden jewel and most spectacular sight.

### COPLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING

Copley Square, Boston

December 2 - 5:00PM

Mayor Thomas M. Menino will join

the Friends of Copley Square, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and Back Bay businesses and residents for the official Copley Square Tree Lighting. Held in Copley Square in the heart of Back Bay, the tree lighting features the **Salvation Army Brass Ensemble** directed by Band Master Bill Rollins, the **Trinity Church Children's Choir** directed by Richard Webster, a **sing-a-long**, a visit from **Santa Claus**, and donated **refreshments**. The highlight will be the lighting of the 40-foot blue spruce.

In addition, the **Boston Public Library** will hold children's activities before the tree lighting including a **Story Hour at 2:30 p.m.** followed by a **Children's Holiday Tea at 3:30 p.m.** A **post-lighting celebration** will be held at the **Fairmont Copley Plaza** immediately after the event. For more information on these activities, go to [visitbostonbackbay.com](http://visitbostonbackbay.com) and click on "Holidays @ Copley Square."

### BOSTON COMMON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, December 3

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Boston Common, Boston, MA

This will be the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common. The holiday decorations throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden, including the city's official Christmas tree, a 46-foot white spruce will light up in sequence when Mayor Menino throws the switch with **Santa Claus**. Joining Mayor Menino will be Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia the Honorable Frank Corbett and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. WCVB's Mary Richardson and Anthony Everett will host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7 p.m. The celebration will feature "American Idol" Season 6 third-place finalist **Melinda Doolittle**, R&B singing sensation **Brian McKnight**, Scottish singer-songwriter **Maureen McMullan**, the **Boston Arts Academy Dance Troupe**, the **Huntington Theatre Company**, the **Masquerade cabaret troupe**, and **MAGIC 106.7's Nancy Quill** and **Mike Addams**. Refreshments and fun giveaways will be provided.

#### CORO-DANTE

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Saturday, December 5 - 6:15PM

Nazzaro Community Center

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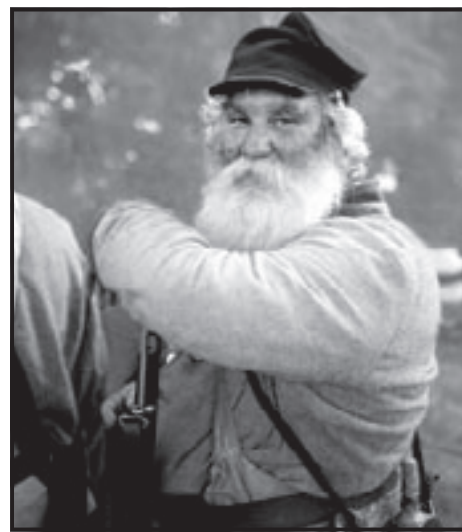
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Sunday December 6 - 5:30PM

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# The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



**North End resident Mike Diskin, Erica Corsano and NECN's Billy Costa, left to right, smile for the camera at the Rogerson Communities gala. (Photo by Michael Blanchard)**

Rogerson Communities recently celebrated the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its annual fundraiser gala, "Welcome Home!" at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

Event co-chairs were Jay L. Hooley, President and Chief Operating Officer, State Street Corporation and Mike Sheehan, CEO of Hill Holliday.

Karen Kaplan, President of Hill Holliday, was honored as the recipient of the "2009 Charles E. Rogerson Award for Community Service."

The gala — styled by South End's Devi Home with Indian — featured culinary displays of exotic delicacies and gourmet favorites, must-have surprise-filled "Wonder Boxes," and a live auction emceed by NECN's TV Diner star Billy Costa.

Rogerson Communities, one of Boston's oldest nonprofits, builds and manages affordable housing for Boston's working poor and low-income elders, creating homes where elders can live with dignity.

For information about Rogerson Communities, visit [www.rogerson.org](http://www.rogerson.org).

..... The Stone Zoo in Stoneham will again host "ZooLights!" beginning on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, and running through December 30 (except for Christmas Day, December 25). For many Greater Boston residents, ZooLights! has become a beloved holiday family tradition.

The "winter wonderland" attracts visitors each year who get into the holiday spirit by strolling along tree-lined paths lit by thousands of twinkling lights.

Upon entering the Zoo, guests will enjoy "Yukon Creek," which not only features dazzling holiday lights but also is home to bald eagles, a porcupine, a lynx, a gray fox and reindeer.

Children may also visit with Santa, who awaits their arrival in "Santa's Castle." Jolly Old St. Nick will be available for photos through December 23. (Santa photos and carousel rides require an additional fee.) The magical holiday world will be filled with fairy-tale characters and dancing plush animals.

For more information, call 617-989-2000 or visit [www.stonezoo.org](http://www.stonezoo.org).

..... We are all invited to make the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), part of our holiday tradi-



**At the "Welcome Home!" gala, Jay Hooley and Linda Hooley are pictured with Mike Sheehan, right. (Photo by Michael Blanchard)**

tion with "MFA for the Holidays," featuring free events and activities from Wednesday, December 2, through Sunday, December 6 (children 17 and under are always admitted free).

Musical performances range from a concert by the Boston Children's Chorus to the Bob Christopherson Holiday Jazz Trio, as well as seasonal music by local college acappella groups.

"MFA for the Holidays" also includes book readings and signings by popular local authors and the opportunity for children to receive free books (hundreds of books will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis).

Catie Copley, the friendly black lab featured in the book "Catie Copley" by Deborah Kovacs, will make a special appearance when her book is read and will be available for *pautographs*.

Visitors can also marvel at a gingerbread replica of Copley Square (the original site of the Museum of Fine Arts), created by chefs from North Shore Community College.

"MFA for the Holidays" is free with general admission (which includes two visits in a 10-day period). Tickets for students who are MFA University Members are free, as well as for children 17 years of age and younger (during non-school hours). For more information regarding visits to the MFA this holiday season, visit [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org) or call 617-267-9300.

A partial listing of some of the events includes:

Wednesday, December 2 at 5 p.m. — "Unveiling of the Gingerbread Copley Square" — A large gingerbread replica of Copley Square, constructed by culinary students from the North Shore Community College, will be displayed on the first floor of the Linde Family Wing. At 6 p.m. the popular Boston Children's Chorus will perform holiday favorites in the Koch Gallery, which is filled with European masterpieces

Friday, December 4, from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. — The Bob Christopherson Holiday Jazz Trio performs in the Koch Gallery, where art lovers can mingle at a special holiday edition of the popular *mfafirstfridays* series, while enjoying fine art, a cash bar serving holiday cocktails, and a delicious tapas menu. (For ages 21 and older.)

Saturday, December 5, from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. — In the Linde Family Wing, the delightful Amaryllis Chamber Ensemble will offer a concert for children that adults will love as well. Using flute, violin, cello, woodwind and stringed instruments, the Ensemble will play songs that the children request, and encourage them to sing along. Afterwards, at 2:15 p.m.,



**On Saturday, December 5, at 4 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts bookstore, Curator Erica Hirshler, center, will sign copies of her new book "Sargent's Daughters: The Biography of a Painting," exploring the MFA's famous painting "The Daughters of Edward Darley Boit." Ms. Hirshler is pictured in 2006 in front of the painting with Kathy Adler, left, of the National Gallery in London, and Barbara Weinberg, right, of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. At the time, the trio gave an outstanding curatorial tour during the press preview of the exhibition "Americans in Paris," which Ms. Hirshler curated. (File photo by Hilda M. Morrill)**

hundreds of books will be given away for free on a "first come, first served" basis.

Sunday, December 6, beginning at noon, back in the Linde Family Wing there will be a Children's Book Signing and another distribution of free books. At 2 p.m. "Catie Copley," the book featuring the adventures of the popular black lab from The Fairmont Copley Plaza, will be read by Suzanne Wenz. The real Catie Copley will be present.

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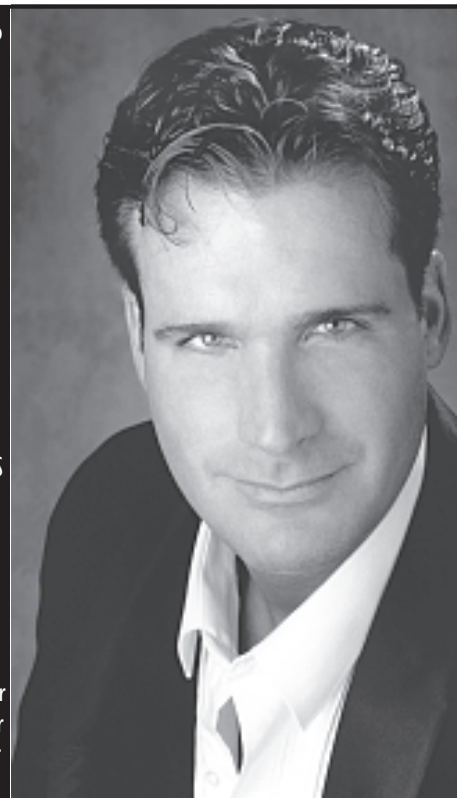
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# Bob D's Beat

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Donna, Chris, John Hickey and Brenden Brennan.

## FAMILY MASS AT SACRED HEART

St. John's School, under the leadership of Sister Eileen Harvey SJ, held their monthly Family Mass in the Upper Church at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday. Father Claude OFM celebrated the Mass. St. John's School students did the readings, and the St. John's Choir added to the beauty of the day. We are fortunate to have a Catholic School in the North End.

## NEAD HARRY POTTER NIGHT

If you like Harry Potter or want to learn about Harry Potter the current exhibition at the Museum of Science is a must see. On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> North End Against Drugs held a Harry Potter Family Night for a hearty group of 75. Thanks to our Community Partnership with the Museum of Science and in particular, Maria Cabrea, who will be receiving the President's Award at Saturday's NEAD Community Award Dinner at Tecce's, the price of the Harry Potter trip was just right.

## CHEVERUS AWARD

Mrs. Angelina Giuliano has been awarded the 2009 Cheverus Award of the Archdiocese of Boston presented to those 'Unsung Heros' of the Archdiocese. The award will be presented on Sunday, November 22 at a 3pm Prayer Service and Benediction at Holy Cross Cathedral. She will represent St. Stephen's Church in the North End.

## TRELLIS LIGHTING

The Annual Trellis Lighting at Christopher Columbus Park will take place on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Entertainment, winter snacks, and a special 'early' visitor will be among the highlights all BEFORE Thanksgiving. Be there to help open up the Christmas season.

## ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

St. Stephen's Church needs your help for the Julie Family Learning Center. Canned food, pasta, cereal, vegetables in cans, and all non-perishable items are needed. Place all donated items in sturdy shopping bags, and put them under the altar throughout the month of November. Thank you for caring!

## ANNIVERSARY TIME

The year '2010' marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary founding of Christopher Columbus Central Catholic High School. The Class of 1957 will be sponsoring a commemorative Mass at St. Leonard's Church in the North End on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2pm, followed by an informal gathering after Mass in the Church Hall. We are inviting all graduating classes of Columbus High School, and our sister school Julie Billiard to come together. If you have contact with your classmates notify them of this coming event. For more information you may contact Arthur Lauretano at [aalaretano@comcast.net](mailto:aalaretano@comcast.net)

## HIGH SCHOOL PREP NOTEBOOK:

### KEITH PARKER TO RETIRE

Longtime Boston English Coach Keith Parker will join longtime East Boston Coach John Sousa in 'retirement' at season's end. Coach Parker has coached for 30 years, and like Coach Sousa, he has taught his many players more than just football throughout his career. We wish them well, and thank them for many years of fine service to the young people of Boston. Yes, an era in Boston High School sports in coming to an end.

## WEEKEND ROUNDUP: EASTIE WINS BOSTON NORTH, PLAYOFF BOUND

East Boston won the Boston North Championship on Friday. The Jets got touchdowns from Brandon Amedeo, Steve Lockwood, and



Leo Caruso and friend.

a pair from Stanley Greene in the 29-0 shut-out win over Madison Park. The Jets will play their Traditional Thanksgiving matchup against Southie, and then it's on to the playoffs where they will face the winner of the Whittier/Bristol Plymouth game.

In more City play South Boston blasted Charlestown 40-0. The Townies are scheduled to host Chelsea on T'Day. This weekend Northeast tipped the Chelsea Red Devils 14-12. West Roxbury downed Boston English 28-16. Burke shutout Lowell Catholic 12-0. O'Bryant stopped Marian 28-7 and Latin Academy shutout Cathedral 20-0. Mystic Valley dissed on Hyde Park 26-20. Ronny Charles TD in the second OT was the big game win as St Clement stung Matignon 20-14. Spellman upended St. Mary's of Lynn 40-14. Winthrop pulled off a nice win defeating Marblehead 27-18. Lincoln Sudbury shutout Boston Latin 34-0, and Masconomet shutout Malden Catholic 34-0. In the big ISL game Lawrence Academy won the title defeating BB&N 28-26. Lawrence Academy will take on Kimball Union at Cushing on Saturday in one of the NEPSAC Bowl games!

## COLLEGE BOARD

On the football field the good news was that BC is still alive in the ACC race defeating Virginia 14-10. Eagle QB Dave Shinkies 'QB Sneak' was the game winner. Over at Harvard, Penn won 17-7 to win their first Ivy League Crown since 2003. At soggy Parsons Field Northeastern got third period touchdowns from Greg Abelli and John Griffin to hold off Hofstra 14-13 on Homecoming and Senior Day.

On the ice at Matthews Arena Northeastern split their weekend series falling to the Black Bears 6-2, but coming back to win on Saturday 5-2. Huskie Alex Tuckerman had the game winner. ULowell defeated Alabama-Huntsville twice 3-1 and 4-0. Harvard was whipped by Quinnipiac 5-1, but tied up Princeton 3-3. Massachusetts split their weekend series with UNH. The Minutemen winning 4-3 on the OT goal by Dave Boehm, but falling 4-2 in the rematch. Wildcats Captain Bobby Butlers had two goals for UNH. Massachusetts is 7-2-0. Up at Merrimack the Warriors stopped the Terriers 6-3, but back at BU the Terriers held on for a 6-4 win. Chris Connolly, second goal, an open netter, iced it for the Terriers, who snapped their four game losing streak. BU goaltender sophomore Grant Hollreiser winning his first start of the season. At the other end of Commonwealth Avenue BC belted Vermont 7-1. Jimmy Hayes had four assists for the Eagles, and in the Sunday matinee, my second game of the week end, it was Vermont playing one of its best games of the season defeated the Eagles 3-2. Vermont goaltender Mike Spil-lane came up strong when he had to. Justin Milo had the game winner, but the real game winner might have been scored by Catamount Kevan Miller short-handed breakaway breaking up a 1-1 second period tie. UVM was down 2 players, as BC was skating 5 on 3!

## TIDBITS

- Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Pat Barrasso, and Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Michael LoPriore.

- Celeb Sightings: Sal Diecidue at the 'Star Wars in Concert' production at TD Bank Garden, Oxy Morons stars to be Chris, John Hickey, Brenden Brennan, and Donna at Damien's Restaurant on Hanover Street, and Leo Caruso and friend at Harry Potter Night.

- Don't forget, Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>!

## SMILE!



## TAYLOR SWIFT — FEARLESS PLATINUM EDITION (CD/DVD) Big Machine

Taylor Swift made her mark when she first appeared on the music scene in 2006, but now her mark is indelible. This talented young lady made her way to the stage of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual CMA Awards ceremony to receive four CMA Awards, including the coveted 'Entertainer of the Year.' Sandwiched in between she won CMA Awards for Female Vocalist of the Year, Album of the Year — for the quadruple-platinum-plus *Fearless*, Video of the Year for *Love Story*, and also captured the CMA's International Achievement Award. Not bad, considering Taylor is yet to reach the age of 20. Her CD/DVD release, *Fearless Platinum Edition* delivers 19 songs, including six new songs. The DVD portion offers a variety of pleasures, videos of all of the hit singles, behind-the-scenes views, over 50 new photos from the *Fearless Tour 2009*, along with "Thug Story" video with T-Pain, and lots of new Taylor video footage. In addition to the hits are new songs that create various love 'moods,' "Jump Then Fall," the desire of "Untouchable," a piano version of lost love "Forever & Always, and plays the 'waiting game' with "Come In With the Rain." Taylor winds down with the painfully pretty "Superstar," and the mixed emotions of "The Other Side of the Door." As long as Taylor keeps creating her music, the awards will keep on coming!

## ANDREA MORRICONE (DVD)

### Andreamorricone.it

Andrea Morricone is one of Italy's most prominent composers, and has become an established global presence in film and concert music. Andrea's father, legendary composer Ennio Morricone recently made his Hollywood Bowl debut, entitled *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*. The renowned composer debuted, a six-minute piece composed by Andrea, *Adesso for Strings*. The first live familial musical collaboration between the Morricone's. Their professional careers began in 1988 when the music of both Morricone's appeared in the classic film, *Cinema Paradiso*. Andrea wrote the film's "Love Theme," and Ennio created the score for the film.

## MADONNA — CELEBRATION (CD) Warner Bros.

Madonna's "Celebration" CD is the ultimate hits collection with 36 songs covering two CDs. The double-disc is jam-packed with hits and favorites. If you want music to make you dance, you got it here! If it's music you just want to listen to, you got it here! Her single "Celebration" climbed high on the charts, and if it reaches #1 on Billboard's Club Single Chart, it will be Madonna's 40<sup>th</sup> #1 Club single — the most of any artist in the history of the Billboard Club Singles Chart. Her newly re-

corded song, "Revolver" featuring Lil Wayne is also included on Disc 1. You can also enjoy hits as, "Vogue," "Holiday," "Live a Virgin," "Express Yourself," and "Borderline." Disc 2 cooks with, "Material Girl," "Papa Don't Preach," "Lucky Star," "Crazy For You," "Live To Tell," and "Cherish." Songs of gold!

## CHUCK & ALBERT — ENERGIE (CD)

### Chuckandalbert.com

Chuck & Albert Arsenault are seriously committed to the Francophone communities of Prince Edward Island. Their music draws on centuries of Acadian laughter and tears as they put the goods on their debut CD *energie*. Let the duo take you on a virtual tour exposing the people who fought difficulty and desperation with a silliness and biting wit as heard on these French-Acadian songs. Cuts of note include, "Keep Your Cool," the slinky "Dance Like Rubber," the step-dancing "My Father's Tunes," the spirited "By the Clear Fountain," slowing the pace for the tender "The Lover's Return," and hits the halfway mark with the tongue-in-cheek "Me and My Brothers." The melodies, some over 400 years old, have been passed through generations, and usually, used only foot percussion as accompaniment. Second half humor is made up of "Shepherd's Pie," tiptoeing through "While Turning the Corner," the touching Acadian lament "The Fever," the big story of "There Once Was a Little Man," and the finale "The Pigeon Set."

## THE CANADIAN TENORS (CD)

### Decca-Universal

Seeing the Canadian Tenors perform in person with David Foster and Friends for the first time, I was blown away with their vocals. Remigio Pereira, Fraser Walters, Victor Micallef and Clifton Murray, blend classical pieces with contemporary favorites in their repertoire, in addition to pop and operatic efforts. Their ability to sing in multiple languages tends to mesmerize audiences. This self-titled album is a collection of a dozen songs done in true Canadian Tenors style - sophisticated and elegant. The Tenors deliver the goods on the haunting "Adagio," Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," the heavenly "Luna," the beautiful "Because We Believe" penned by Foster, with daughter Amy Foster Gillies, and Andrea Bocelli, plus the romantic "I Only Know How to Love." Cape Breton gets a shout-out with "Home I'll Be," along with the beautiful "Belle," taking David Foster/Carol Bayer Sager's "The Prayer" to new heights, along with the softness of "Always There," and "La Califfa." The journey comes to a sad end with "Watching Over Me," and the plea of "Remember Me." Former Tenors member Jamie McKnight appeared on four tracks of this album, before being replaced by Clifton Murray. Outstanding CD!



## NOW PLAYING UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN



The North Shore Musical Children's Theatre in Saugus is excited to announce that Rhode Island's award-winning, touring, Kaleidoscope Theatre will present **Little Red Riding Hood's Christmas ... The Musical**, for one show only. This December will mark the one year anniversary of the Children's series in Saugus at the North Shore Musical Children's Theatre at 466 Central St. The monthly Sunday series continues next year with shows that include Goldilocks and The Frog Prince. As a special added attraction the Tanglewood Marionettes will be appearing on January 17<sup>th</sup> with The Fairy Circus! In Saugus you'll enjoy free parking, free ice cream and a cast meet and greet. Check out Theater section for more information.

### THEATER

#### ZERO ARROW THEATRE

**2 Arrow Street, Cambridge, MA**  
**THE DONKEY SHOW** – Now through January 2, 2010. The intoxicating international sensation that takes you behind the velvet ropes into a glittered wonderland of decadence, divas, and disco, inspired by Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night Dream." For tickets or more info, you may call 617-547-8300 or log on to the website at: [www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org](http://www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org).

#### THE WILBUR THEATRE

**246 Tremont Street, Boston, MA**  
**COMEDIAN HEADLINER HARLAND WILLIAMS – COMEDIANS HEADLINERS PABLO FRANCISCO** – Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM and again at 9:45 PM. When Pablo hits the stage, he brings his audiences to their feet with boisterous laughter and applause.

**COMEDIAN JIM NORTON** – Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and again at 9:45 PM. Jim Norton is best known for his unique point of view and outspoken humor. He has toured the country performing in front of sold-out crowds and is listened to by millions of devoted fans on the Opie & Anthony Radio Show. For more information and to purchase tickets log on [www.thewilburtheatre.com](http://www.thewilburtheatre.com) or call Ticketmaster at: 1-800-745-3000 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### COLONIAL THEATRE

**106 Boylston St., Boston, MA**  
**MAMMA MIA** – December 16, 17, 18 at 7:00PM. December 19 at 2:00PM and 8:00PM and December 20 at 2:00PM and 8:00PM. Lose yourself in this fast paced, highly entertaining musical. Always a sellout! It is bound to get you dancing and jumping out of your seats. For tickets, please call Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000 or log on to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**ROBINSON THEATER**  
**617 Lexington Street**  
**Waltham, MA**

**IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME – 27<sup>th</sup> EDITION – 2009.** Ten Performances only! December 4 and 11<sup>th</sup> at 7P:30 PM; December 5 and 12 at Noontime and 4:00 PM; December 6 and 13 at Noontime and 4:00 P. The Living Nativity, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers,

A Victorian Christmas on Boston Public Garden and much, much more. For tickets, call: 781-891-5600 or go online at: [www.reagleplayers.com](http://www.reagleplayers.com).

**NORTH SHORE MUSICAL CHILDREN'S THEATRE**  
**466 Central St., Saugus, MA**

**LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD** – Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Kaleidoscope has been performing at both the South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent for almost thirty years. Next summer Kaleidoscope will continue at the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom with another monthly series. In early December you can also enjoy Kaleidoscope's Cinderella's Christmas at Boston's Wilbur Theatre! From Boston, you can take the direct bus from the Orange Line's Haymarket Station to Cliftondale Square, Saugus. For more information please visit the website: [www.kaleidoscopechildrenstheatre.com](http://www.kaleidoscopechildrenstheatre.com), email [Grouptixne@aol.com](mailto:Grouptixne@aol.com) or call 1-781-230-3976 for reservations.

### MUSIC

**BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER**  
**136 Massachusetts Avenue,**  
**Boston, MA**

**AN EVENING WITH LINDA EDER** – Saturday, November 28 at 8 PM. Other highlights include an aching version of Yvonne Elliman's 1977 disco hit "If I Can't Have You" from Saturday Night Fever, a faithful rendition of "Valley of the Dolls" (the theme of the 1968 flick that Dionne Warwick turned into a No. 2 pop hit), and a delightful take on "Accidentally in Love," originally performed by Counting Crows for the animated blockbuster Shrek. The originals may be familiar and beloved, but Eder and her band dramatically reworked the arrangements, rendering the songs in an intimate, fireside style. "We did most of the music in a jazzy pop version, which really worked for me. We wanted to find arrangements that were a little different and worked for my voice," she says. For tickets visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call 1-800-745-3000.

**NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY JORDAN HALL**  
**30 Gainsborough St., Boston, MA**  
**ACIS AND GALATEA** – Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. The opera depicts the love between the nymph Galatea and the shepherd Acis, and

the jealous rage of Polyphemus who wants Galatea for his own. For tickets and more information, please call: 617-661-1812 or visit: [www.bemf.org](http://www.bemf.org).

#### CITY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

**270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA**  
**LADY GAGA** – December 1 and 2, 2009 at 7:30PM. International pop superstar **Lady Gaga** announced plans for her next North American tour, entitled "**The Monster Ball.**" **Kid Cudi** will be the supporting act for the entire tour. It's been a while since a new pop artist has made her way in the music industry the old-fashioned/grass roots way by paying her dues with seedy club gigs and self-promotion. This is one rising pop star who hasn't been plucked from a model casting call, born into a famous family, won a reality TV singing contest, or emerged from a teen cable TV sitcom. "I did this the way you are supposed to. I played every club in New York City and I bombed in every club and then killed it in every club and I found myself as an artist. I learned how to survive as an artist, get real, and how to fail and then figure out who I was as singer and performer. And, I worked hard."Gaga adds with a wink in her eye, "And, now, I'm just trying to change the world one sequin at a time. For tickets log onto [www.telecharge.com](http://www.telecharge.com) or call 1-800-432-7780.

#### ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

**280 The Fenway, Boston, MA**  
**TRIO MEDIAEVAL** – Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM – This is an unusual hour of concert with the acclaimed a cappella vocal ensemble Trio Mediaeval. Come, listen and enjoy this afternoon of delightful singing.  
**AN AFTERNOON OF VIOLIN MUSIC** – Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Ray Chen, violinist who was the first prize winner in the 2009 Young Artists Showcase will present the music of Tartini/Kreisler; Franc; Bach; and Wieniawski. For more information and tickets, please call: 617-278-5156 or visit: [www.MuseumTix.com](http://www.MuseumTix.com).

#### LYNNARTS NEAL RANTOUL THEATER

**25 Exchange Street, Lynn, MA**  
**HANSEL & GRETEL (ABRIDGED CONCERT IN ENGLISH)** – Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM. In the mood for some light opera in English for you and the kids? Come to this concert based on the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm. For tickets and more information, please call: 508-757-8515 or visit: [www.masstheatrica.org](http://www.masstheatrica.org).

**SOMERVILLE MUSEUM**  
**One Westwood Road (Central St.)**  
**Somerville, MA**

**L'OFFRANDE (THE OFFERING)** – Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Instrumental suites by Default, D. Gaultier, Froberger & L. Couperin will be performed. For further information and/or reservations, please call: 617-666-9810.

**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA**  
**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT ON THE 1999 SMITH & GILBERT/NOBSCOT ORGAN** – Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Works of Cesar Franck; Franz Liszt; Marcel Dupre and Richard Clark will be performed. **This is a FREE concert.** For more information, call: 617-536-4548 or visit: [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

### Special Events

**TOP OF THE HUB RESTAURANT**  
**800 Boylston Street, 52<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Boston, MA**

**THANKSGIVING WITH A VIEW AT TOP OF THE HUB** – November 26<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day) from 11:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Music, good food, vegetarian selections and entertainment for all ages. Reservations are recommended. Please call: 617-536-1775 to reserve your place. A great way to celebrate Thanksgiving with people.

**SALEM HISTORICAL TOURS**  
**8 Central Street, Salem, MA**  
**HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE TOUR** – Wednesdays and Mondays at 4:00 PM. Stroll through four centuries of Salem's illustrious history from its founding in 1626 to present day. For more information, please call: 978-745-0666 or log on to: [www.salemhistoricaltours.com](http://www.salemhistoricaltours.com).

**HARVARD FILM ARCHIVES**  
**24 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA**  
**A GORDON WILLIS SERIES** – Famed Hollywood Cinematographer

will introduce many of the films that made him a legend in Cinematography.

**MANHATTAN** – Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM; **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** – Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM; **THE PARALLAX VIEW** – Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM; **THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO** – Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM; **THE GODFATHER – PART 1** – Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and **THE GODFATHER – PART 11** – Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. For more info, call: 617-495-4700.

#### BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA**  
**LOWELL LECTURE SERIES** – Now through April 2010. Travel the world without leaving Boston. Lecturers include Paul Theroux Frances Mayes and Alexander McCall Smith. All lectures to be held in the Rabb Lecture Hall. All lectures are free and open to the public. For a detailed description of each lecture, please visit: [www.bpl.org/news/lowell.htm](http://www.bpl.org/news/lowell.htm)

**BOSTON'S SOUTH END**  
**(between 460 Harrison Avenue and Albany Street)**

**NEW HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE IN SOWA FEATURES DIVERSE SELECTION OF ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES – THE SOWA ANTIQUES AND VINTAGE HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE** will be open the first three weekends in December on Thayer Street. The Marketplace will coincide with the SoWa Winter Lights Celebration, which will include festivities around the many galleries and retailers in the area. There will be singing and dancing and a spectacular light show that will delight children of all ages. The Marketplace will be open December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Marketplace hours will be Friday from 4:00 to 9:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is free parking on Albany Street next to the Marketplace. For more info visit [www.sowaantiquesmarket.com](http://www.sowaantiquesmarket.com).

**FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE BOSTON, MA**

**CELEBRATE THE 25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** – Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 11AM-7:30PM. At approximately 5:30pm, a surprise

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# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

He's gone but not forgotten! The legendary crooner Al Martino, died suddenly in his childhood home in the Philadelphia area on October 13, shortly after completing a new album. Martino shot to fame when his 1952 ballad *Here In My Heart*. Martino also became best known for his role as singer Johnny Fontaine in the 1972 movie classic *The Godfather*. Martino performed right up until his death at age 82, and his friends still can't believe he's gone. Martino, a World War II veteran who fought on Iwo Jima, was part of a generation of famous Italian-American singers, including Perry Como, Dean Martin and Vic Damone, who followed Sinatra to stardom.

Huh? Santo Gambino of Sicily, who was sentenced to house arrest for illegal dumping pleaded with the judge to jail him instead. At home, he would be subject to his wife's "nonstop nagging," Gambino explained. The judge rejected his request.

Wow! A flight bound for London's Heathrow Airport was grounded at JFK airport in New York when a small rodent was spotted scurrying around the cabin. The 300-plus passengers were told to get off the plane and had to wait three hours for a replacement.

Iceland's economy is so bad; it can't even support a McDonald's. The owner of the country's three McDonald's said he was closing them all because the collapse of Iceland's currency, the krona, had driven up the cost of importing beef and cheese. Jon Ogmundson said to stay in business; he would have to charge about \$7 for a big Mac, a price customers "are not willing to pay."

Carlo Scostumato thinks the people in Iceland should switch to eating baccala. "It's more healthy for them!"

It has been reported you can beat Alzheimer's with chocolate and red wine. Chocolate and red wine, along with fruit and vegetables and tea are loaded with powerful antioxidants called flavonoids that may also help existing dementia suffers, new research reveals.

More healthy news! Think you're coming down with a cold? Sleep on it! Researchers say people who make sure to get their sleep have a better chance at beating the sniffles and runny noses than those who stock up on vitamin C and Echinacea. In a new study for The Archives of Internal Medicine, volunteers who got less than seven hours of sleep a night were three times more likely to get sick when exposed to the cold virus than those who averaged at least eight hours of sleep.

The astute Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, says, "Monday is the day when many a woman goes to work with her sleep showing."

The ageless Tom Analetto of Medford, claims the irony of life is that by the time you retire and can sleep late, you're too old to be able to.

The brilliant Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston thinks while sleeping, it is best to lie on the right side — also while awake.

More healthy tips! Experts predict that 1 in 3 people over 65 will fall this year alone. And the older someone is, the greater their chances of taking a tumble and suffering serious injuries when their brittle bones slam into hard surfaces. A study has shown how vitamin D supplements not only strengthen seniors' bones but also beefs up their muscles and improve their balance. "But to get these results, you must take from 700 to 1,000 international units (IUs) of vitamin D a day — nothing less will do," says noted gerontologist Dr. Heike A. Bischoff-Ferrari. "The dose we recommend is safe and inexpensive."

Antonio Linguine claims he has been taking Vitamin D daily. "The only thing we fall for is a sexy-looking woman."

Bad news! Hollywood legend John Forsythe is battling agonizing arthritis, memory loss and the aches and pains of old age — at 91, the *Dynasty* star is facing his sad last days, say friends. Although he survived a brave fight for his life after suffering colon cancer and a blood clot three years ago, nowadays he's frail and lame. So it goes.

The American city first to establish a police department was Boston. Regular-duty officers were appointed on May 5, 1838.

Time for some trivia! The life expectancy of the average American born in 1990 is 72.7 years for males and 76.1 for females. Life expectancy for the average American born in 1900, males 46.6; females, 48.7.

Students all over the world are going to Bologna, Italy to learn how to make Gelato. Students head to Carpigiani Gelato University to learn how to turn sacks of sugar and crates of oranges, kiwis, lemons and persimmons into spoonfuls of earthly bliss, Gelato is the ultimate refinement of a Mediterranean flavored-ice tradition that supposedly dates back to the ancient Egyptians. In the past half-century, Italians have designed machine-engineered and produced in the same region as Ferraris and Lamborghinis — that can produce ever tinier crystals of ice, allowing for less water, less air and more taste. Besides the secret of perfect gelato, many students are attracted by the sweet dream of self-employment. Sooner or later, Gelato will become as popular as pasta and pizza.

Robyn Waters of Swampscott, says, the only place where men don't find fault with women drivers is the supermarket.

The observant Peggy Barile of Nahant reminds us, "In a supermarket it's important to decide which products to buy, but even more important which checkout line to queue up at."

One more time! People ask me what I know about the *Boston Herald's* popular columnist Howie Carr. Carr was born in Portland, Maine, January 17, 1952. He was raised in Portland, Maine and Deerfield, MA. He is a graduate of Deerfield Academy, and of the University of North Carolina where he majored in Journalism. Carr is married and fathered two children. Carr joined the *Boston Herald* in 1981 as a Political Reporter the rest is history! And the great Howie Carr is the recipient of many prestigious awards. We first met when I was authoring a weekly column for the *Boston Herald*. How well we remember meeting the new *Herald* reporter. The guy was awed by his new gig! Enough said.

Attention convertible owners! Driving a convertible may be a breeze — but it can damage your hearing over time. That's because cruising with the top down exposes people to high thresholds of noise levels, according to a new British study. Huh?

Petty news! Most pet owners would give their pet mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in the event of a medical emergency. 63% of dog owners and 53% of cat owners say they would perform CPR on their injured pet if its life were in danger. Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill thinks there's no excuse for the woman who kisses her dog — even a dog has some rights.

Wee bit of show business stuff by the handsome maestro and musicologist Albert Natale. Comedian Bob Hope liked to kid about other famous people's wealth but, by consensus, Hope was extremely rich himself. *Fortune* magazine reported Hope was worth \$250-300 million and was one of the fifty richest men in America. *Time* magazine reported Bob Hope was worth \$500 million. Singer Al Jolson was born Asa Hesselson in St. Petersburg, Russia. Sometime after his family immigrated to the United States, he and his brother Harry teamed up with Joe Palmer to form the vaudeville act "Jolson, Palmer and Jolson." In his last years, Elvis Presley occasionally shot bullets at his television screens, including once when fellow Las Vegas entertainer Robert Goulet came on screen. And Gene Krupa, in looking back on his illustrious and active career, admitted "I've succeeded in doing two things: "I made the drummer a high-priced guy, and I was able to project enough so that people were drawn to jazz."

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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NONNA LUCY'S TURKEY STUFFING

2 large onions chopped

3 celery stalks chopped

2 cans chicken broth

2 chicken bouillon cubes

1 pound of white or brown instant rice

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning

2 eggs slightly beaten

1 small French bread cubed

3/4 cup pignoli (pine nuts)

2 tablespoons grated Romano Cheese

1/4 cup white wine

4 tablespoons butter or margarine

Salt and pepper

One day earlier, cube bread and place in a paper bag to dry, or slightly toast cubed bread and cool on day of stuffing preparation.

Use one can of chicken broth as the liquid for cooking the instant rice and follow direction on package for cooking time. When cooked, cover and set aside.

Meanwhile melt butter or margarine in a large skillet. Add chopped onion and celery. Stir and cook until onion is opaque. Remove from burner. Carefully add remaining can of chicken broth to the skillet. Return to burner and heat broth slowly. Add cubed bread to the broth and mix until all bread is softened. If needed, add one chicken bouillon cube to one cup of boiling water. Dissolve bouillon cube and add gradually to bread as needed.

Combine rice and softened bread in a large bowl. Add parsley, poultry seasoning, grated cheese, wine, and pine nuts. Mix thoroughly. Salt to taste and store in refrigerator. When you are ready to bake the turkey, mix slightly beaten eggs thoroughly into the stuffing before you fill the turkey cavity. Place stuffed turkey into a proper-size baking pan and bake in preheated oven at 325°F until fork tender.

Since my family enjoys having some stuffing baked separately, I oil spray a 9" x 9" baking dish, or size needed to bake any remaining stuffing. Baste both turkey and the separate pan of stuffing with turkey pan drippings.

This recipe is for a fifteen-pound turkey.

NOTE: I remember the days, as a child, when I grated the cheese and chopped the onion and celery for my mother for her turkey stuffing. My children, who called their maternal grandmother "Nonna," learned to prepare this same recipe by helping as I had done. Now we have another generation — my grandchildren — eager to follow in this tradition.

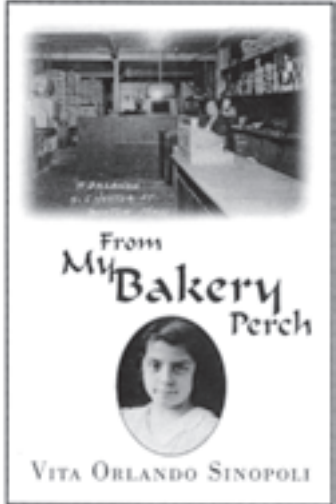
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### • Res Publica (Continued from Page 2)

ally most of us have little opportunity to be anything more than observers. Locally we have power to change things. As the Democrats and liberals in Washington consolidate more and more power in the hands of a few remote unelected bureaucrats in Washington, let's be thankful this year that we still have locally elected representatives and senators in the General Court. Next year all 200 members of that body will be up for election. Have you thought of running? Surely no one is

so happy with the current crop of state legislators that you can't think of a few you'd like to see replaced. If you think it's time for a change and you believe you have what it takes, the Republican Party wants to hear from you!

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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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



A few weeks ago, I mentioned that two things happened in the fall that were traditions for Nanna and Babbononno's generation. One was the making of the wine, and I wrote about it. I know many of you were able to identify with the story because, if you are first or second generation, you made wine with your grand-father or father like I did. If I asked my kids how to make wine, they would probably show me how to use a cork screw to open a bottle. God forbid, they might show me how to screw off a metal cap or open a box of wine.

Anyway, the other thing that happened in the fall was a hunt for mushrooms. All of the old timers had their secret places where they went mushrooming, and God forbid (again) someone else knew where their secret and sacred location was. Mike Contini was no different than most grandfathers from the old country. He had his secret location, and each year he came up with a pretty good stash for the dinner table and for Nanna to preserve.

On a crisp fall day years ago, Babbononno woke me up early in the morning and said, "Jenny, andiamo a trovare dei funghi." (John, let's go find some mushrooms) After I was dressed, I looked at my grandfather whose appearance reminded me of a doughboy from WWI. He wore boots with the pant legs tucked inside, a military-type field jacket, a state trooper type of a hat and he had with him a large bucket filled with burlap sacks with drawstrings at one end.

We headed down the hill on Eutaw Street, rode the trolley to Maverick Square Station, and exited at North Station. He bought two tickets for somewhere and we boarded a train that headed north of Boston. All the while, he kept looking over his shoulders as if he expected someone to be watching us. When we arrived at what may have been Wakefield Station or Wilmington Station, we left the train and headed into a patch of woods that he seemed to recall from memory. Again, he looked around to see if anyone was following, and once in the woods, we seemed to zigzag back and forth until he was positive that we were alone. He then began to explain what we were looking for ... mushrooms.

Now, I was a kid and knew nothing about mushrooms except they tasted good. He described the types he was looking for and showed me how to examine the underside of the heads. He found one and turned it over pointing to the underside of the head saying, "Jenny, iffa i funghi no gudda da lines unda da heada, you trow dem away, dey no gooda, capisce?" I answered, "Si, Babbononno." He then added, "If dey no gudda da lines, dey velenosi (poisonous)."

I began to hunt for the mushrooms with the lines under the head and showed each to Babbononno to make sure they were the right ones, and if they were, he would put them in one of his burlap sacks.

This continued all morning long and about noon time I uttered the words, "Babbononno, ho fame." (Grandfather, I'm hungry) Without breaking stride in his quest for the desired fungus supply, he reached down to the bottom of the bucket and brought up sandwiches wrapped in wax paper. To wash these down, he had a small bottle of Zi'Antonio's best homemade wine for himself and a bottle of Royal Crown Cola for me. He opened his jacket to reveal his garrison belt and used the buckle to pop off the cap on the soda bottle and handed it to me. We sat on a log and had lunch at that point.

Once we had finished eating, there was no time to rest, we got back to work hunting for mushrooms. By late afternoon, all of the burlap bags were filled with mushrooms of all sizes and shapes, each examined by my grandfather to insure none were poisonous. When it was time to leave, we zigzagged our way back through the woods and came out to a road that was the same one we entered from, only a couple of hundred yards from our original entrance point. When I asked Babbononno why we did things that way. He said, "In case-a sumbuddy ezza follow us." Being a kid, I just shrugged it off and followed my grandfather.

We headed back to the train station and boarded the car that had the least amount of people. Once back at North Station, he said, "We no go home-a on da streetza carra. We go home-

a a Sumana Tunnel-a." I followed him down North Washington Street, curious as to why we didn't head to Hanover Street, the center of the North End, where he had many friends that he might say hello to. When we got to Cross Street, we headed to the Sumner Tunnel and thumbed our way back to East Boston. Once on the other side, we headed for Central Square and walked north on Border Street until we came to Eutaw. When I asked why, he said, "I no wanna nobody a see me widda da bagza funghi, capisce?" I didn't question him but just followed, all the while carrying one of the filled burlap bags.

When we arrived at 70 Eutaw, he finally relaxed. Nanna and my mother heard us come into the house from the side door and met us in the kitchen where Babbononno proudly displayed the bags of mushrooms we had picked.

Nanna and my mom marveled at the amount we had picked and Nanna examined each to make sure they weren't toad stools that might poison someone in the family. Then my mother explained how to make sure they weren't poisonous. She said, "When you cook the mushrooms, you have to put a quarter in the same pot. If it turns black, there are poisonous ones in there. If it stays shiny silver, they're all good."

She and Nanna cleaned part of our catch and placed them in a cooking pot. Before Nanna placed the lid on the container, Mom threw in a quarter. When the mushrooms were cooked, Mom drained them and examined the quarter. It was still a shiny silver ... we were safe.

Mom and Nanna preserved most of the cleaned mushrooms, storing them in sealed mason jars. The rest, they accompanied our dinner that night, the next night and for many nights after that. And, that's the way it was.

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## • The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)



Enjoying the Rogerson Communities annual fundraiser gala, "Welcome Home!" at the Mandarin Oriental, left to right, Karen Kaplan, Paula Thier, Mike Sheehan, Mary Kakas, and Jamie Seagle. (Photo by Michael Blanchard)

There will also be "Acappella Groups" in the Lower Rotunda and "Classic Holiday Movies" in the Remis Auditorium: 1 p.m., "A Christmas Story" by Bob Clark (1984); and at 3 p.m., "Miracle on 34th Street" by George Seaton (1947).

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), is recognized for the quality and scope of its encyclopedic collection, which includes an estimated 450,000 objects. The Museum's collection is made up of: Art of the Americas; Art of Europe; Contemporary Art; Art of Asia, Oceania, and Africa; Art of the Ancient World; Prints, Drawings, and Photographs; Textile and Fashion Arts; and Musical Instruments.

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Enjoy!

(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, [www.bostongardens.com](http://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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News Briefs

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**L'universita' GIOVANNI CABOTO**, Rome, Italy. (University John Cabot, Rome). Recently a special reception was held at the residence of Stefano Acunto, in Yonkers, NY, to honor the President of the John Cabot University in Rome, Dr. Franco Pavoncello. Dr. Pavoncello heads the only American University in Italy which is duly recognized by the Italian Government. The host of the reception, Stefano Acunto, is one of the trustees and supporters of the University.

Giovanni Caboto was born in Genova in 1420, moved to Venice in 1461, where he became a naturalized citizen of Venice, then a powerful city-state, a maritime republic, one of the four in Italy that thrived quite well. In 1471 he moved to England and in 1496, four years after Columbus' first epic journey, he was summoned by the British King, Henry VII, who was fuming over Spain's gains, thanks to Columbus. He then decided to give Caboto a British ship and a crew, and the power to sail West in order to reach the wealthy East and gain the glory that by going West he would find a new way to reach the East. On May 2, 1497 Caboto, whose name had meanwhile been anglicized into an easy to pronounce John Cabot, sailed West from the British port of Bristol. He reached the land that was named Cape Breton Island. Cabot returned to England happy to have found land. But the King was not pleased, for the passage to the spices of the East had not been found, as in the case of Columbus, after all. He wanted more. But in recognition for Cabot's discovery the King decided to give the Venetian a yearly pension for life, but asked Cabot to try again, this time with a flotilla and a 300 member crew. Cabot again sailed from Bristol in February 1498. While sailing North of Ireland, a sea storm forced one of the ships to return to Bristol. Cabot continued to sail North of the Atlantic and in June he reached the land that became Greenland, which Cabot initially called Labrador, after a Portuguese who had described to him the land he had previously visited. While in Greenland, Cabot got ready, still West, but as he was getting ready for the departure the crew mutinied (June 1498), and forced Cabot to sail South instead. This time he sailed along the Atlantic coast of the North American continent discovering and describing the Fall he returned to Bristol where he died the following Winter (1498). Thanks to these two journeys, England could claim ownership of the land discovered by Cabot who had sailed under the British flag. Later the King would try to take possession of Canada 'de facto' from the French, and New York (then New Amsterdam) from the Dutch. Incidentally after WWII De Gaulle attempted to convince the French-speaking Quebec Province of Canada, and of course Montreal, to go back to France, but his attempt was strongly thwarted by the allied British who forced De Gaulle to pack and leave Canada in defeat!

Dr. Pavoncello was born in Rome. Dr. Pavoncello's grandfather had been a miner in West Virginia from 1905 to 1914. Dr. Pavoncello had spent ten years in the United States, of which eight were in Michigan and two in the British city of Cambridge, the twin City of Boston. In Cambridge was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the best translator of Dante's 'Divina Commedia, (Divine Comedy) and taught at the University of Michigan where he got his Ph.D. (1990). He was also a temporary resident of Florence, too. He has been a College Professor (Political Science) and a Dean in Arts and Science (1996). He got the Presidency of Cabot University in 2005. The University was founded in 1972, and is known as the overseas American University; students come from all regions of Italy, from several European countries and from the Middle East. The student body is 750 strong. The University essentially is a 'Liberal Institution'. It has two locations, both in Rome; one is on the 'Lungotevere' and the other in the old, fashionable 'Trastevere'. Of course, the major courses are 'Italian' language and Art History (I wonder why!). All credits earned at the University are universally recognized. Thus all students who get credit for studies followed at 'Cabot' receive credits and then can continue in whatever their chosen majors are. The Cabot University maintains contact with American colleges and universities through the 'Middle States Association', with a particular focus on New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The 'Cabot' was fully accredited in 2003 and will be re-evaluated in 2018. The annual tuition is \$17,000. An amount of \$300,000 is set aside as 'reserve fund' for scholarships for incoming freshmen. The University, in the words of its President, intends to educate new generations from all over the world to understand the American 'modus vivendi', the American culture whose roots are found in the Italian Renaissance. Needless to say, American culture is interconnected also with the British culture, which is, surprise-surprise, tied up with the Latin culture, and consequently, with Italian culture. We also wish to remind our readers that 'Roman Power' was in England for 400 years; they were forced to leave by increasing barbarian pressure from the East.

At the reception for Dr. Pavoncello, Mr. Stefano Acunto, Honorary Consul of the Westchester County, NY, and wife Carol, welcomed high dignitaries, particularly the Italian Consul General of New York Francesco Maria Talo and his wife Ornella, and retired Chief Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Dominic Massaro.

The time has come, the walrus said,  
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS  
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

SOTOMAYOR II:  
EDWARD CHEN

PELOSI GIVES AMERICA  
A MEDICAL NIGHTMARE

Democrat liberals call opponents of ObamaCare a bunch of little Nazis, racists, sexists, homophobics and xenophobics and they ignored those massive tea parties across the country and a giant rally on the Washington Mall. These actions of the American people were ignored while our elected officials, too many of them, push relentlessly their version of Euro-style socialist health care. The House bill that was unveiled was 1,990 pages long. On the West Front of the Capitol, there's something you should see on YouTube. Someone not on the RSVP list being refused entry and asked a staffer why the announcement of this legislation that affects the lives of all of us isn't open to the public. She was told, "Because that's how we're handling this event."

This new bill also contains a public option and already 39 Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies have warned of "devastating consequences." Millions will lose current private coverage they like. Government will underpay providers. Longer waits for service will happen. The government plan will "take over the market" by using its built-in advantages. The public option would be exempt from federal and state taxes that private plans must pay, immunity from state lawsuits and get this, "at least \$2 billion in startup capital." Democrats are about to wreck our health care system unless we the people speak up loud and clear.

The nominee for a California federal district court is an ACLU lawyer and another judicial nominee who seems to back pedal case law. Edward Chen's nomination was forwarded by the Senate Judiciary Committee to the full Senate on October 23. He currently serves as a federal magistrate in San Francisco. Are courts about the law or about some Oprah-like touchy-feely feelings? Justice is supposed to be about justice, about the law. It should be both blind and colorblind. A judge's ethnic background or life experience should not tip the scales either way. This guy once reportedly spoke at a funeral following the singing of "America the Beautiful." He responded to the congregation about his "ambivalence" to "appeals to patriotism."

I have a feeling, he's also watching for those black helicopters too!

NAKED MAN SPEAKS OUT

A Virginia man arrested recently for being naked in his own home says the incident is tearing his life apart. He admits to being naked in his home eating breakfast and making coffee but that's it. Fairfax County Police arrested Eric Williamson for reportedly indecent exposure. Police claim he stood naked in front of a doorway and window as a woman and child walked by. Says Williamson, "It's not an ant farm — I'm in my home. I'm not expecting to have people watching me constantly, and so I never stood in front of

the window for any particular purpose. I was packing boxes and getting ready to move and that's all that happened — made coffee, made breakfast.

I don't know what to make of it all. Made coffee, made breakfast, packing boxes. Did it all naked. So far only one person has come forward to say they saw him. Police are still sure they have a good case against him. Alas, if only he put his underwear on that day, no one would be reading all about him.

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A Minnesota man has pleaded guilty to driving his motorized La-Z-Boy chair under the influence. The man said the 62-year-old guy left a bar on his chair after consuming at least eight beers. His blood alcohol level was 0.29, more than three times the legal limit when he crashed into a sofa, only kidding, he crashed into a parked car. He got two years probation. Next time, they may give him the chair, who knows.

GOOD MONEY, NO JOB

An Illinois man has admitted banking more than \$470,000 in paychecks from a New Jersey company he never worked for. He pleaded guilty to one count of theft as part of a plea bargain. Apparently, he accepted a job with Avaya Inc. in September 2002, then changed his mind. But the computer at the company never took his name off the payroll. He kept getting checks every month until February 2007 when the mistake was discovered. Sentencing is scheduled early next year.

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• **Nothing President** (Continued from Page 1)

House will stand and be able to pass the merged bill.

Not only does Obama have nothing to tout with regards to domestic policy, he so far has no major foreign policy triumphs. Since assuming office, the president has bent over backwards to present a conciliatory message to the Islamic Republic of Iran in the hopes that his friendliness would persuade Iran to suspend its nuclear program. So far, his entreaties have been met with a clenched fist. Just last week, for instance, Israel intercepted a ship loaded with Iranian weapons bound for Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza. This is hardly the response Obama was looking for when he began engaging Iran.

Elsewhere in the world, Obama has failed to make a significant mark. There just isn't much to speak of except fluffy rhetoric. There is certainly nothing positive to speak of.

In two months, President Obama will celebrate his year anniversary as president. If a health-care bill doesn't pass, which it very well may not, what successes will the president highlight during his State of the Union address? It begs the question if President Obama will deliver the first ever silent State of the Union address.

There is no escaping that as of now President Obama is the Nothing President. But it doesn't have to be this way. What if Nothing President became the Something President?

While so far Obama has failed to impress, this doesn't mean things can't change. While the final details are still unclear, some reports suggest that Obama is leaning toward completely fulfilling (or near completely fulfilling) General Stanley McChrystal's request for 40,000 more troops in Af-

ghanistan. The decision would be political risky for Obama, alienating many in his left-wing base, but it could give Obama a real chance to achieve a meaningful foreign policy legacy. If such a surge is responsible for turning things around in Afghanistan and preventing the country from falling into chaos or into the hands of the Taliban (and thus becoming a safe haven again for Al Qaeda), Obama will have achieved a real historical accomplishment.

Due to liberal overreach and the souring economy, it is not impossible to imagine the Republicans retaking the House in 2010. Ironically enough, this could help save the Obama presidency.

Balanced by a Republican-controlled House, Obama would be forced to moderate many of his legislative proposals. Instead of pushing policies that are non-starters for most Republicans, the president could focus on achieving things that would find real bipartisan support, like sensible immigration reform that protects the border at the same time provides a path to citizenship for most illegal aliens that are already in the country. If change is what Obama truly seeks, with a Republican controlled House, Obama may actually have an opportunity to achieve real change by pushing through much needed entitlement reform.

So far Obama is the Nothing President. But he could be more. He could achieve something real, lasting, and positive. First, he can help create a positive foreign policy legacy by surging in Afghanistan. To be something really special, he should hope that Democrats lose control of the House in 2010.

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

Munstedt introduced these "musical ambassadors" of the Charlestown Boys Club.

The proceeds from the night are to be used to preserve Bunker Hill memorabilia, create a display in the Bunker Hill Museum and videotape the evening's time.

**North End Christmas Parade**

The North End Athletic Association's 39<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m., with the arrival of Santa by helicopter at Puopolo Park.

In case of rain, the Christmas Parade will be held the following Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Speaking of the NEAA**

The North End Athletic Association celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Baseball Clinic Banquet on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Coast Guard Base in Boston's North End.

It was for all the wannabe baseball players (ages 3-5) who are getting primed for Little League baseball. Right now it's about learning the fundamentals of

baseball. Santa even appeared as a surprise guest too.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
PO Box 9667  
Boston, MA 02114  
SUFFOLK Division  
Docket No. SU09P2486EA

In the Estate of  
**ROBERT J. DEWART**  
Late of BOSTON, MA 02128  
Date of Death February 10, 2009

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **JOAN N. BENNETT** of Boston, MA 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 BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **December 10, 2009.**

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. JOHN M. SMOOT**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 10, 2009  
Richard Iannella, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/20/09



**EXTRA Innings**

by Sal Giaratani



**Sox Making Moves**

The Red Sox exercised their \$7.7 million option on Victor Martinez meaning he will remain the club's top catcher. The Sox declined options for Alex Gonzalez and Jason Varitek.

The Sox also agreed to a \$5 million, 2-year deal for Tim Wakefield.

Varitek can stay with the team if he exercises his own \$3 million player option.

The Sox, also could try keeping GONZO at shortstop for less than the \$6 million option. He's hoping Gonzalez stays because he worked out very good at shortstop.

The Sox also reeled in 25-year-old outfielder Jeremy Hermida in exchange for two minor league left handers. Hermida has played five seasons with the Florida Marlins. His stats 57-230-.265.

**Larry Jansen, 89, Giants Pitcher, Dies**

Larry Jansen, a right-handed pitcher whose 23 wins helped propel the NY Giants to their storied 1951 National League Championship died on October 13.

Jensen was 23-11 in 1951 and tied Sal Maglie for the NL lead in victories. Sal was also on the Giants. A great one-two punch.

That season capped five seasons during which Jensen become one of the best pitchers in the National League. He was 21-5 for the Giants as a rookie in 1947. He won 18 games in 1948. Nineteen games in 1950.

In game two of the 1951 World Series, Jensen gave up Mickey Mantle's first World Series hit, a bunt single. He also gave up a double to Joe DiMaggio in the last-at-bat of his storied career.

He pitched with the Giants midway through the 1954 season when he became a Giants coach. He finished up his career with the Cincinnati Reds.

Despite a chronic sore arm, his superb control landed him a lifetime 122-89 win-loss record.

Another baseball player who shouldn't be forgotten, who played in what now should be considered the Golden Age of Baseball.

**Joey Re "Grandman of Baseball"**



Seen in this 1953 photo are Joey Re, unnamed chauffeur and the "Grandman of Baseball" Connie Mack at age 90.

Connie's real name was Cornelius McGillicuddy who once said, "There's not a worry in the world worth worrying about. That helped me live longer than anything else I know."

By the way, Joey Re was the great uncle of Steve Ashcraft from Out Lady of Mount Carmel Survivors in East Boston.

• **Mayor's Column** (Continued from Page 1)

parking restrictions are strictly enforced. Please avoid parking within 20 feet of an intersection, or farther than one foot from a curb. This winter, parking will be allowed on the odd-numbered side of the street during a storm. If parking in a driveway, pull vehicles into the space as far as possible — cars that stick out at the end of driveways make clearing the streets more difficult for plows. Since parking is difficult during a snow storm, several lots and garages offer discounted parking during declared snow emergencies for vehicles with Boston

resident parking stickers.

As visibility declines during a storm, it's even more important to watch for young children who may be waiting on the street for the school bus. And when traffic lights aren't functioning properly, treat them as stop signs and proceed cautiously.

If you experience any problems this winter, such as a cold home, we are here to help. Landlords must legally keep units heated to a minimum of 68 degrees during the day and 64 degrees overnight. If, as a tenant, you've alerted your landlord about insufficient heat but

haven't received a response, call the Inspectional Services Department at (617) 635-5300 or, after business hours, (617) 635-4500.

While we prepare for the winter season, residents who visit the City Web site will find a number of resources related to storms. By signing up for emergency notifications and becoming familiar with snow removal and parking regulations, we'll be ready when the first flakes of the next storm hit the ground. If we work together as a city, we'll keep things running smoothly during the winter months.

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24 New Chardon Street  
PO Box 9667  
Boston, MA 02114  
SUFFOLK Division  
Docket No. SU09P2409EA

In the Estate of  
**CAROL A. SOLIMINE**

Late of BOSTON, MA 02113  
Date of Death July 11, 2009

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **SALVATORE SOLIMINE** of Boston, MA 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 BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **December 3, 2009.**

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. JOHN M. SMOOT**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 3, 2009  
Richard Iannella, Register of Probate  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI09D3862DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

**RONALD LWANGA**,  
Plaintiff

vs.

**CHARLOTTE BRUMFIELD**,  
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **RONALD LWANGA**, seeking a **DIVORCE**.

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 the Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon Edward G. Farwell, Esq., - Attorney for Plaintiff - whose address is Joyce & Associates, 205 Portland Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114 your answer on or before December 3, 2009. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and the adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the Office of this Court at **CAMBRIDGE**.

Witness, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,  
Esquire, First Justice of said Court at **CAMBRIDGE**, this 15, day of October, 2009.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/20/09

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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In the Estate of  
**GRACE E. UMBACH**  
Late of STONEHAM, MA 02180  
Date of Death October 15, 2009

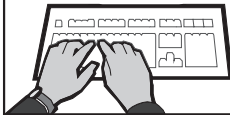
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **EDWARD H. SMITH JR.**, of Stoneham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **December 11, 2009.**

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI**,  
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## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

**Hope you had a Happy Veteran's Day and that you have a Happy Thanksgiving Day!  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, Irish Eyes Smile and the 21<sup>st</sup> The National Italian Sports Hall of Fame**

**National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, New England Chapter will be holding their Annual Induction and Scholarship Dinner** on November 21, 2009 at the Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA. Cocktail reception will be at 7:00pm, dinner at 8:00pm. Celebrate the induction of former National League Football player **David Bavaro** and New England Chapter 2009 Man of the Year **Sal Lupoli**. We the members of our Boxing Brotherhood support fellow athletes and will see you there. Call 781-956-7441 for further information.

**Fight For Recovery!** Lombardo's in Randolph. With the Victors of the Edwina Martin House, are Boxing Brothers; World Welterweight Champion **Tony DeMarco**, Lady-friend **Janet Silvano**, Olympic Gold Medalist Doctor **Wilbur Skeeter McClure**, Fighter of World Champions **Iron Mike Pusateri**, Boxing Commissioner **Dan Fitzgerald**, **Johnny Cirigliano**, and CES Promotions member **Nick Barbato**, who praise and admire the Warriors, and offer their support to the tough individuals of the Edwina Martin House, Brockton. They take on all comers. Wham, Bam, Pow. **Jimmy Melvin** at 5' 10", and 184 lbs., and the Edwina Martin Support Fight Team; Suzanne Bump, Kathy Cheney, Diane Chisholm, Maurice Hancock, Judy McDonough, Donna McDade, Jeanne Melvin, Stephen Pike, Irene Reed, Charlie Yetmar, and Great entertainer **Jimmy Tingle** Charlestown, give their all to help others. This was an excellent event for those of the Edwina Martina House, who Battle to help themselves. They are tough, inspiring individuals that we of the Boxing World admire and praise. It's courageous to get back up on your own two feet, after getting knocked down. Thank you to the Pipe Fitters Union members **Bill Doherty** Dorchester, and **Tom Kerr** Marshfield. Also to **Michael Lafferty** Dorchester, on their attendance.

**David, again slays Goliath.** This time in Germany. **David Haye** 216 pounds 23-1, 21 Kayos of England, slew the seven foot, 314 pound Goliath, **Nikolay Valuev** 50-2, 34 Kayos of Russia. David won the World WBA Heavyweight Title, by scores of 114-114, 116-112, and 116-112. Nikolay Valuev is the Biggest, Heavyweight Champion of all-time. On this fight card **John "The Quietman" Ruiz**

## MICKEY DWYER

*Rest in Peace*



Ring 4 Hall of Fame Member Mickey Dwyer. On November 9, 2009, Passed into that Golden Ring in Heaven Refereed by God. Waked at O'Brien Funeral Home Dorchester, and Funeral Mass held at St. Bridget's Church South Boston.

44-8-1, 29 KO's of Chelsea, MA, defeated **Adnan Serin** 19-11-1, 7 KO's, by way of a seven round TKO. Ruiz, provided he defeated Serin (19-11-1, 17 KO's), was guaranteed a title bout against the Valuev-Haye winner by the end of May, 2010. Haye defeated Valuev by a 12-round majority decision. Thank you Bob Trieger.

**Ron Della Chiesa**, of "Strictly Sinatra" 99.1 FM Radio, and entertainer **Rico Barr**, & Jump 'N' Jive Review, at Raffael's in Walpole. They're superb. They provided plenty of "Punch with a Bang". **Chris Sarno**, girlfriend **Janet Bunting**, and mother **Barbara Sarno** elegantly adorned this setting. Ron Della Chiesa, the music, and Dancing, are all wonderful. He spoke well about Boxers, the *Post-Gazette* and the newly released book on the great **Sugar Ray Robinson**. This book was reviewed by Olympic Gold Medalist **Wilbur Skeeter McClure** on WBZ Radio, recently.

**Alfredo Angulo** 17-1-0, 14 KO's of Mexico, and **Harry Joe Yorgey** Puerto Rico fought, and their fight abruptly concluded by way of a devastating knock-out victory for Alfredo Angulo, in the third round. Alfredo Angulo connected with a left /right to the jaw of Yorgey. The eyes of Harry Yorgey went blank, when he got hit. He then went down. "Down goes Yorgey!" Alfredo Angulo is now the WBO Interim Junior Middleweight Champion of the World. In the main event, **Chad Dawson** 29-0, 17 KO's Connecticut, won in his return battle with **Glen Johnson** 49-13-2, 33 KO's. Dawson had won their first fight. The cut-man for Glen Johnson is, **Mark Vaz** of Massachusetts. Glen Johnson is in good hands. Chad Dawson demonstrated his good hand speed, and after twelve rounds of Boxing. The winner is? Two judges call it 115/113, and the third judge called it 117/111. **Bad Chad Dawson** is the WBC Interim, and IBO light heavyweight World Champion. Congratulations Bad Chad. The television crew did another fantastic job, with their analysis of this fight, and others. Max Kellerman, and former National Boxing Champion Emmanuel Stewart, are to be congratulated.

December 12<sup>th</sup> from Illinois this time, on HBO. **Paulie Malignaggi** 26-3, 5 KO's dukes it out again, with **Juan Diaz** 35-2, 17 KO's. This will be their second "Brawl for it all." I myself, thought that Paulie Malignaggi won their first fight, which was given to Juan Diaz. The December 2009, *Ring Magazine* has an excellent article, on their last fight on August 22, 2009, in Houston, Texas. Juan Diaz is himself from Houston, Texas, and Paulie Malignaggi, New York. This should be a good fight.

Autumn Classic Pro Boxing card November 20<sup>th</sup> at **Twin Rivers** in Lincoln, RI. Battling will be EBA/N.E. Super middleweight Champion **Irish Joey McCreedy** 11-3-1, 6 KO's of Lowell, he will swap fist with **Otis "Triple OG" Griffin** 20-6-2, 8 KO's. Otis Griffin, won the Next Great Champ television show. Also in bouts are **Danny O'Connor** 9-0, 3 KO's of Framingham, and Rhode Islanders former 4-time World Champion **Jaime "The Hurricane" Clompitt** 19-4-1, 7 KO's of Warwick, and **Vladine Biosse** 4-0, 3 KO's of Providence. This is a Green and Gold Theme, with traditional Irish music, Step Dancing, Bagpipes, Sheperd's Pie, Green Beer, plus a stacked card featuring, some of the most talented, entertaining fighters, in the Northeast. This is a CES fight card. Call (401) 724-2253/2254 for tickets and further information.



**Chris Sarno, and "Strictly Sinatra" Ron Della Chiesa.**

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



So there they were, the assembled media members, as Boston Bruins coach Claude Julien walked into the room that serves as the site of his postgame press conference following every home game.

It had not been a particularly inspiring night for the B's, who had just dropped a 4-1 decision to the New York Islanders, leveling the record of the Causeway Street crew to a very pedestrian 8-8-4 through the 20-game milestone of the season.

The players appeared to have played without intensity, without emotion, without really wanting to win. Indeed, some players in the locker room had said the team had come out flat. The evidence to that effect: how about 0 for five on the power play, including not generating quality scoring opportunities when a 5 on 3 power play arose.

Now, it was coach Julien's turn. How do you personify the word "frustration?"

Might we suggest that you go to the Internet and watch a replay of coach Julien's press conference.

When asked about the players coming out flat the coach responded: "I don't know why I have to answer for them because they were well aware of everything, they were well aware of what was on the line. I know I'm the coach and I've got to stand up here but I don't have to answer questions that they should answer. Why did they come out flat? I think that's the biggest problem with our team right now. We have to find that identity, that excitement, that emotion that made us successful in the past."

Wow. That's what he said in public before the members of the Fourth Estate, knowing that his words would be replayed the next day. We could only wonder what he said to the players within the confines of the locker room. Now we know why it was constructed with extra thick walls.

Julien declined to name players ("I don't feel like commenting on individuals") but added that "our best players are not at their best. When that happens you can't expect results. We are not moving the puck with any assertiveness. There isn't the confidence or determination right now that we need to be successful."

But while he would not focus on individual players and their performances, He did talk about his role as the coach. "When you coach a team you're in a partnership situation. A coach can guide and help but players also have to do their share, too."

He added that it wasn't really what he does as a coach but what the team — the coaches and players do to pull out of the situation together. He also admitted he didn't have the answer — at least that night he didn't.

"It's what we do and what we have to accomplish — a

little bit more emotion in our game, perhaps. Anybody who followed our team saw that it was there at one point. Whether it's the number of new faces, whether it's the way things started, I don't know exactly. I can't tell you because if I had the answer it would have been solved by now. There's a bunch of things that we have to improve on our team. The thing that I believe is that we have it. We have it in there. We just have to get it out of them."

He also said that he shouldn't have to depend upon opponents to get his team energized for games. "I believe that you create your own emotion. If you need another team to wake you up, you're in trouble. Maybe that's what happening. We used to create our own emotion last year. We used to come out and do that. But last year is last year and this is a new team that has to find its own identity and it has to play better."

Remember that this was the team that back in September was supposed to pick up where it left off last spring, proving to all that the loss in the playoffs to Carolina was an aberration and that the real Bruins team was the one that had amassed 116 points over the course of the regular season.

Indeed, the expectation of many on media day was that this group of Bruins could very well put together another triple point season, secure home ice advantage and go deep into the 2010 Stanley Cup playoffs.

Wherever that team is, it isn't playing in the TD Garden — at least it wasn't as the B's concluded a home stand and prepared to go on the road for four contests, their next contest on Causeway not slated until the day after Thanksgiving against the New Jersey Devils.

If there was any solace in the whole thing it was that the game received reduced press coverage, coming in the immediate wake of the then still simmering controversy over the Patriots gamble to run on fourth down in the closing minutes of their Sunday night game against Indianapolis, not succeed on the rush and then have the Colts take possession and score the deciding touchdown.

The contest with the Islanders was played less than 24 hours later and by the time Tuesday dawned the bloggers, sports talk radio hosts and the daily papers were still concentrating on the football fiasco, leaving the B's to ponder their own unfulfilled goals without the media spotlight trained directly on them.

Regardless, the season that was once so full of promise is now awash in questions concerning inconsistency. There's still plenty of time to get things back on course. Whether that indeed will happen, only time will tell.