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Dog Days of Summer



This pooch sitting in his convertible on Hanover Street is looking sad watching the "Dog Days" of summer winding down. (Photo by Sal G.)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Kenneally: Get Back to Basics

Over at the Freedom House in Roxbury, the city council candidates met at a forum broadcast on BNN-TV. At the forum, Andrew Kenneally, one of the City Council at Large candidates zeroed in on more parental involvement and adequate resources for the city's public schools. Kenneally wonders how much better the school system would be if the approximate \$84 million spent on transportation was put into the classroom. He heard from one teacher recently that she doesn't even have a blackboard in her classroom. He also believes parents have a right to send their kids to schools closer to home which would also get more parents involved in the school system that educates their children.

Parental involvement started decreasing when busing began back in September 1974. I've always advocated for quality neighborhood schools for all neighborhoods. The further children travel to school, the more valuable re-

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Raging Debates or Debatable Rage?

by Andy Hefty

I love a good political fight. I believe I can spar with the best of them. I may not always win every round, and my opponents and I may walk away agreeing to disagree, but we never get so unruly that it turns into hatred or violence.

Why I oughta ...

So why can't our professionals in politics do the same? And I'm not just talking about politicians. I mean the people whose lives center around politics day in and day out. On both sides of the aisle. And let's not forget individuals in the spotlight for one reason or another who use (abuse?) that spotlight to make their points.

Representative Joe Wilson (R-SC) blurted out "You lie!" to the President at his recent address to a joint session of Congress on health care. I'm not going to get into the double-standards. I won't justify his actions because it happened a few years ago to President Bush. Congressman Wilson appeared to have every intent to interrupt.

Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) snatches a microphone during a town hall meeting and gets indignant with a voter. Let's face it: voters are not happy with the current crop of health-care bills circulating the halls of Congress right now. And when a constituent calls an elected official, the more dignified way is to explain the thoughtful process on how you came to your decision on Capitol Hill.

Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY) cusses like a sailor at a video blogger who is trying to find out — with no small amount of humor and sarcasm — why the Harlem Congressman thinks it's OK to rake in \$3 million in unreported income and then use campaign cash to buy off members of the ethics panel investigating him. Is that the definition of "distinguished gentleman"?

Michael Savage hates everyone that isn't him. It's no wonder people in Europe are trying to keep him from traveling there. While a radio

host is under no obligation to voters, he is accountable to his syndicate, sponsors, and listeners. You can only beat your audience for so long before they've had enough. *CLICK*

New Black Panther Party members intimidated voters on Election Day. And yet, George W. Bush still has to defend his victory in 2000 and his decision to veto so-called hate-crimes legislation. While Bush was governor, the state of Texas led the nation in executing heinous criminals, including the animals who brutalized James Byrd for fun. You can't get more tough than that. And the New Black Panther Party gets a pass.

Critics of the president are being labeled racist without any merits to the argument. I oppose his health-care initiatives; therefore, I am considered a racist. I have trouble with the way Barack Obama's policies are driving a free-market economy into

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Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

Many of you have been closely following the health care debate taking place in Washington, D.C. and around the country over the past few months. This is a highly contentious issue that evokes strong emotion, and the debate is likely to continue for several months as Congress works on a final bill for President Obama to sign into law. But I want to stress, particularly to seniors in our city, that nothing has happened yet. No one should panic based on myths put forth by opponents of proposed legislation because their claims amount to nothing more than scare tactics.

As mayor, I fight for the best interests of everyone in Boston. Senior citizens are no exception, and I assure you that we are doing everything possible to protect our seniors.

Part of this effort is providing the most accurate information about what's happening in Washington. Three recurring myths sound frightening to all of us. But they are myths. First, the notion of forming death panels as part of reform defies the reality of any proposed health care bill. The House bill would stipulate that Medicare cover discussions between beneficiaries and their doctors for advance care planning; it also requires that beneficiaries receive information on end-of-life planning resources in the

Medicare handbook. Additionally, quality measures on end-of-life care and advanced care planning would be included in the Medicare physician quality reporting program.

Another myth claims the proposed bills would result in cuts to Medicare benefits. The truth is that benefits would actually change for the better. Drugs would cost less. Patients would have more doctors to choose from. Information would flow smoothly from doctor to doctor so that patients don't waste time filling out the same paperwork over and over again. The House bill and the two bills in the Senate would work to make Medicare, and every aspect of the health care system, more efficient and eliminate unnecessary subsidies to insurance companies.

A third common myth about the proposed legislation is that health care would be rationed. Once again, this is false. Nothing in any of the bills calls for limiting health care services. Current proposals would create a center for comparative effectiveness research to determine the most effective treatments and prevention strategies. This reform is not about cutting back health care services but making them work better,

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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“Cruciatus” or “Cruciare” are the Latin expressions for torture, torment, or to put to the rack. “Crux” refers to the cross as an instrument of capital punishment during ancient times in eastern countries. Darius, an early king of Persia (about 500 B.C.) boasted that he had crucified the leader of every rebellious group that had opposed him. Persons who had been executed by other means were sometimes placed on a cross after death as an indication of dishonor upon the deed which caused their demise. Tarquinius Priscus, the first Etruscan king of Rome (about 600 B.C.), resorted to this kind of disgraceful display of deceased bodies in an attempt to stop the suicides of those persons who were driven to despair “in forced labor camps. We are also told that executions by crucifixion were very common with the Carthaginians, who were noted for the cruelty of their

methods, and through them it was introduced into Rome. The ancient Romans were naturally a hard-hearted people. This fact is alluded to by many historians. The great Cicero inferred that crucifixion was in use during the regal period (700 B.C.-500 B.C.) when he argued against the revival of laws permitting this kind of execution, and against capital punishment of citizens in any form. When Spartacus, the famous gladiator, was finally defeated in his servile war against Rome (70 B.C.), about 6000 of his followers (slaves) were crucified all along the Appian Way, between Capua and Rome. This was the time when masters enjoyed such absolute power over their slaves that crucifixions were ordered for even slight offenses. The first laws passed in favor of slaves occurred during the reign of Augustus. Later, the emperor Hadrian

decreed that slaves could not be executed without the sentence of a magistrate. Finally, Antoninus Pius, successor to Hadrian, ordered that the murder of a slave by his master was punishable as a homicide. In addition to slaves, those persons living in the Roman provinces were subject to crucifixion for such major crimes as murder, piracy, revolt, and conspiracy. During the Roman war and occupation of Jerusalem, the obstinacy and rebellious nature of the Jews caused the wholesale infliction of this punishment. Varus, a Roman consul, crucified 2000 Jews at one time, while Florus, a procurator, crucified several hundred, including Roman citizens of Jewish birth. When Titus was commanding the Roman legions in that country, it was said that “Room was waiting for the crosses, and crosses for the bodies.”

NEXT WEEK: Crucifixion

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross known also as the Triumph of the Cross, celebrated on September 14, commemorates the return of the True Cross to Jerusalem and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the year 629. The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross came into existence at Rome at the end of the seventh century. When the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross, it is believed that the cross on which He was crucified was thrown into a ditch or well and covered over with stones and earth so that His followers might not find it.

It was in 312 A.D. that Constantine, not yet a Christian, while battling with Maxentius for the throne of the Roman Empire, prayed to the God of the Christians to aid him. In answer to his prayer, a luminous cross appeared in the heavens with the inscription: “In This Sign You Will Conquer.” Maxentius was defeated at the Milvian Bridge, on October 28, 312. In gratitude for his victory under the banner of the cross, Constantine had the Sign of Christianity placed on the Roman standards and on the shields of his soldiers.

It was on September 14, 326 A.D. that the True Cross was found at Jerusalem by Saint Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great. Saint Helena had the Cross placed on Mt. Cavalry and preserved in Jerusalem; she also had two churches erected for the worship of God: one was raised in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem. In the year 614, Chosroes 11, King of Persia invaded Syria and Palestine; he sacked Jerusalem, carrying off the relic of the True Cross among the treasures of the City. The Emperor Heraclius of Constantinople, at the head of a large army, invaded Persia, defeated them and recovered the Sacred Cross which he returned to Jerusalem in 629.

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by David Trumbull

Robert Fortes Has My Vote

I recently had the opportunity to interview **Robert Fortes**, candidate for City Councillor At-Large in next Tuesday’s election.

Robert, Why are you running for an At-Large seat on the Boston City Council?

The City Council is about home. It’s about tackling the issues that affect us every day — good schools for our kids, safe streets for our families and a city government that responds to our concerns. It’s time we had a councillor who understands what needs to be done to make Boston the best it can be. I believe I am the man for the job and will work to make the city stronger by focusing on the basics — education and public safety.

What do you consider to be the biggest challenge facing the city of Boston?

Education. Time and time again, families with school-age children make the choice to leave Boston rather than place their children in the public school system. The inability of the current public school system to meet the educational needs of all our children is a major contributing factor to the social and economic problems that plague our city. I want to reverse this trend by ending

busing for busing’s sake and bringing back quality neighborhood schools. I want to provide parents with more choices to educate their children by lifting the cap on charter schools, creating innovative partnerships between our public schools and parents who choose to teach their children at home and creating opportunity scholarships for low-income families. Choice and opportunity in education should be available to all Bostonians and not be the exclusive privilege of the wealthy.

How do you propose to make our streets safer?

I’m a life-long resident of Boston and I share the public safety concerns of people across the city. Yet, while many focus on the headline, sensational crimes, the day-to-day deterioration of neighborhoods through violence and property crimes affects Boston residents most. I advocate a return to the successful strategy of neighborhood policing, ensuring high visibility of patrolmen on the streets, coupled with strong ties to homeowner and neighborhood associations. I want to make sure police officers have the best training

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Aloisi Exits State House Abruptly

by Sal Giarratani

The quick departure of the embattled Transportation Secretary after just nine months reportedly leaves the Governor Patrick touted transportation reform “in shambles” as a *Boston Herald* reporter recently wrote.

One source told the *Boston Herald*, “There’s no leadership and no decision-making from the executive office ... it’s going to be more expensive than leaving things the way they are.”

Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation president, Mike Widmer said, the Patrick Administration faces a “Herculean challenge” of implementing the reform by November 1st.

Mary Connaughton, a Mass Pike board member said, “I’m not surprised.” Neither am I.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

WILSON APOLOGIZES FOR LACK OF CIVILITY

by Edward P. Shallow

One of my newest sources for information, Newsmax informs me Rep. Joseph Wilson the South Carolina Republican apologized for blurting out "You lie" during President Obama's nationally televised address Wednesday night, but he is not backing down one bit about Obama being wrong in saying healthcare reform won't subsidize insurance for illegal's.

In his statement he said, "This evening I let my emotions get the best of me when listening to the President's remarks regarding coverage of illegal immigrants, my comments were inappropriate and regrettable. I extend sincere apologies to the president for this lack of civility."

Efforts to pillory Wilson for doing the same thing Town Hall protesters did around the nation during recess, speaking the truth as they see it to those in power may backfire. Already, the nation's attention is turning to the actual issue Wilson raised, an accusation that billions of taxpayers' dollars will go to pay for health insurance coverage for undocumented workers, if the current reform proposals go through.

Wilson was wrong and had the decency to acknowledge it; it was the conservative course to take. The same cannot be said for Senator Dick Durbin when he insulted all American military personnel, indicating they were like Nazis, this was the liberal course to take.

Wilson is not the only one to call attention to this issue; readers will recall in my *Post-Gazette* article of 8/21, "Obama Planning to Hijack Census" I warned readers to look for an Obama proposal to put millions of illegal aliens on a path to amnesty. Healthcare could well be the road to that end.

Supporters of so-called "Obamacare" point out that the measures being drafted all specifically forbid illegal aliens from gaining coverage. However, conservatives say those stipulations are useless without the normal enforcement procedures which Democrats omitted.

Steven Camarota, director for the Center for Immigration Studies has estimated that due to the lack of enforcement provisions, which were specifically excluded from the legislation when it was being drafted, healthcare reform would benefit 6.6 million illegals at a cost of some \$31 billion.

Rep. Dean Heller, R-Nevada, had offered an amendment that would have prevented illegal aliens from receiving government-subsidized healthcare under the proposed plan.

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Laura Pausini Launches American Tour

by Lisa Cappuccio

Laura Pausini, International pop singer is launching her North and South American tour this month. You may initially think of her as an Italian speaking but to Laura she describes herself as International as she is fluent in Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, English and French. She was born on May 16, 1974 in Solarolo, Ravenna in Italy's region of Emilia Romagna. The raven haired beauty started her career 15 years ago. In 1993 she took part in the widely



popular Sanremo Festival in the New Artists category with the song "La Solitudine" and won first prize. This was the launching pad to her musical career. She signed onto Warner Music Italy and produced "Laura Pausini" in 1993 which proved to be a success in Italy. Laura is not only a natural born singer she is a passionate songwriter. During our interview, she exuded a tremendous amount of energy and passion. A passion that she channels through her music.

Over the past successful years she crossed over into the Latino market producing a Spanish version of "Laura Pausini" which became an instant hit. She became an icon in Spanish speaking countries around the world. This encouraged her to translate more singles and albums into Spanish. A winner of many awards such as the 2006 Grammy award for Best Latin Pop Album, Laura's feels that her true reward is connecting with her fans.

When asked about her brief venture into the North American market in 2001, she described her experience as rather strange. She was pressed by the record company to create an English speaking album and she did so willingly as she was eager to cross over into the English speaking market. "From the Inside" album was born and labeled a pop album with influences of rock; a style that she loves and was very comfortable with. To her dismay, "Surrender" a single off the album was released as a dance remix which made her reach #1 on the Billboard dance chart. An accomplishment that most would celebrate, Laura felt cheated and considered it a betrayal to the United

States as she felt her English speaking audience deserved better. "I wanted to enter the American music scene as the Laura that I am with the same honesty and integrity that I use in all my music in Europe and South America. I did not approve of this. As one might think that I would cherish success in any form; that is not me. I am all about my music and my music is an extension of who I am."

Would she ever consider producing another English speaking album? She re-

plied, "It took me a year in advance to prepare for the American launch eight years ago and I am not sure if I can commit to that at this stage of my career ... but it is my wish to enter the American market again as me and through my music that I want to share with you all." She is ending her tour on October 25, 2009 at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Connecticut. She hopes to spend a few days in New England and visit Boston with her boyfriend who incidentally is her producer. She has visited Boston on a promotional tour and loves it very much. Boston holds special meaning for Laura and her boyfriend as well, who purchased his very first guitar in Boston. Laura ended the interview cheerfully and very excited to begin her tour and very eager to have the opportunity to relax in New England at the end of it. "It is my dream to visit beautiful New England especially Boston a place that I hold dear to my heart."

As for her performance she will be singing in her native Italian and Spanish along with a few songs in English. She considers this show as a journey through her life compiling songs from each album throughout her career. It will be like a diary of her life and Laura, being the person that she is, doesn't mind sharing it with you.

Laura Pausini will be performing on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at Foxwoods Resort and Casino. For more information and tickets, please call 1-732-521-5221 or log onto www.ticketmaster.com. For further information about Laura Pausini log onto www.laurapausini.com.

COAST GUARD ON THE MARCH



The US Coast Guard Base has been a part of the North End for a very long time. Recently, tourists and residents were able to experience a sense of patriotism that should never be forgotten for our great country. Right on Hanover Street the US Coast Guard marched through the streets and stopped by every historical monument. Watching and listening to the rhythmic flow was a sight to see. Cadence on Hanover Street, another great North End tradition!
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THE MARKET IS IMPROVING WITH THE ECONOMY

Stocks ended a five-day winning streak. The DOW fell .2% while the NASDAQ dipped .1%. volume was lower across the board. The DOW transports rose 2% as FedEx gave upbeat earnings predictions with a strong second quarter outlook. The shares rose 6% and UPS rose 4%. The 10-Year U.S. Treasury Bond rose 12.3% in 2008. China is picking up steam as the Shanghai Stock Exchange rose 2.2% to a three week high. New bank loans rose 15% to \$60 billion in August vs. July. A strong Chinese economy lifted growth throughout the region. U.S. stocks fell on the news, as China is expected to achieve its 8% growth target this year. Meanwhile, inflation remains tame, giving Beijing leeway to continue its stimulative policies. Prices were down 1.2% versus last year. Once the Chinese are convinced that recoveries in the rest of the world are sustainable they will remove some of the stimulus, i.e., raising interest rates or lending restrictions. Taxpayers are worried about the sub 1 trillion price tag. The law that requires people to buy health insurance with generous subsidies, which would raise the taxes on insurance companies for the higher premiums. Any tax bill passed by reconciliation would have to be deficit neutral in later years. The taxes would be levied on medical device makers, clinical labs and premiums.

Gold mining stocks showed big action on Friday as over the past months they have risen 3% and have price strength ratios of 80 or better (A rating of 80 means it is outperforming 80% of

the market). December gold closed @ \$1,006.40 the first time it closed above \$1,000 this year. Analysts are hoping that the \$1,000 level will become a support level. Friday's news was all good as the University of Michigan sentiment index for September leapt over expectations, a sign that Main Street is beginning to accept recovery. Wholesale inventories fell more than expected in July as demand is returning and FedEx raised its guidance, which was a positive for the economy. Retail sales, investment, and lending figures also improved. However, chip stocks slid 1.5%, on low volume. July wholesale inventories fell 1.4% as businesses have slashed inventories for 11 straight months the longest streak going back to 1992, amid plunging demand, but wholesale sales rose for three months in a row, putting the stock to sales ratio at a nine month low. Therefore firms will have to replenish and boost output soon. August's budget deficit increased to \$1.578 trillion surpassing last year's \$1.38 trillion. The White House expects a record \$454.8 billion for the year and \$9.05 trillion over the next decade. The consumer sentiment gauge rose to 70.2% from 65.7% in August. Rising stocks and hopeful economic data may be lifting consumer confidence, though job losses continue.

Retail sales for August was a 1.6% are (ex-auto of .5%). The Producer Price Index for August was up .5%. Oppenheimer cut Best Buys earnings estimate saying the electronics retailer would be pinched by weak consumer spending.

Wynn Resorts received regulatory approval for a \$1 billion IPO in Hong Kong and will sell a 20% stake in its Macau operations. The stock rose 3.8%.

Merke in its first court case over allegations its osteoporosis drug Fosamax caused painful jawbone problems ended in a mistrial.

Campbell's Soup gained 15% beating views by 4 cents/quarter. Campbell's said higher prices and recession hit consumers preparing their meals at home, helped profits. It sees the next quarter as being up 5-7%. It rose a penny to \$33.13.

Metro PCS which has been in discussions with bankers about strategy deals, rose 8.3% to \$9.62.

Garmin, the navigation device maker, edged up after Merrill Lynch and Bank America upgraded it to buy from underperform. There is a rebound in demand for GPS devices helped by restocking by automakers. Garmin has said the competition from Smart Phones is less than feared. It also said it is getting a boost from Quation, marine and outdoor fitness products.

The Microsoft-Yahoo probe widens as the Justice Department has made a second quest for its probe if a 10-year deal between Microsoft and Yahoo made to challenge Google ends. Microsoft doesn't have to pay Alcael-Lucent \$3.58 million for patent infringement a federal court ruled became a problem that questioned how damages were calculated. The patent is tied to a method of entering data into fields of a PC screen.

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We Can Win, Can't We?

Did you ever have a dream in which you seemed doomed? Seems no way out of the mess you're in. Then, you wake up and realize that it was just a silly dream. Nightmarish but still only a dream. Life isn't easy. As a kid someone else is always fixing your problems but as adults we're in charge of that fixing ourselves. We're doomed, right? Or doomed, wrong? Life hands us choices to make or does it? Some people lived in a very negative world. Fate controls all things. We are puppets in nature's play. Our lives are not really our own. Does God really exist or did someone make him up to keep us in line? Don't we all know someone who lives in the negative and wonder why he or she even gets out of bed in the morning. Negativity can be contagious very contagious. Better to stay in bed to prevent its spread.

Back when I was a kid in the 9th grade at the Mick, I was in 9C and Mr. Shea's homeroom. He was one negative kind of guy. I remember the Cuban Missile Crisis and those thirteen days of October in 1962. The teachers kept giving us homework to do and all we thought about were those Soviet ships headed toward Cuba. In that Cold War it was always us versus them. We were the good guys and they were the Soviet Union. Fear of World War III constantly stayed in the back of our minds. That big mushroom hovered inside us. Looking back that world was quite safe with two superpowers eyeing each other. There was order in the disorder of society. The rest of the world sat back like a TV audience watching a show. Only the superpowers could do anything, the rest of us nations and individuals sat

back both helpless and hopeless at times.

Recently, I read a poem written during WW II talking about the Roman Empire. The poem was entitled, "Waiting for the Barbarians" and it imagined the Romans living in fear of barbarians coming to get them. It was written when both Hitler and Mussolini were in power. Reading the poem in these post-911 times brings an extra chill to us. As the poem goes, "what are we waiting for, assembled in the forum? The barbarians are due here today. Why isn't anything happening in the senate? Why do the senators sit there without legislating? Because the barbarians are coming today. And when they come, they'll make their own laws." Wasn't that American on September 11, 2001 when we became paralyzed with fear of the unknown. It was a moment of hopelessness that grabbed all society.

The poem talks about the Roman emperor waiting for his death, a man without any hope.

However, as the poem goes on, "Because might has fallen and the barbarians have not cometh and some who have just returned from the border say/ there are no barbarians any longer." Nietzsche has a famous phrase, if you stare at a monster long enough, you become the monster. This is a way of saying that if you dwell long enough on something, it swallows you up.

Back as a little kid living on Salutation Street, I thought there was a boogeyman under my bed at night. It took a while for my father to convince me there was no boogeyman but once I wasn't afraid any longer,

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Nicola Conte

AT THE REGATTA BAR



From left to right: Nicola Conte, Gaetano Partipilo, Fabrizio Bosso, Pietro Lussu, and Dario Deidda. (Photo by Lisa Cappuccio)

On Tuesday September 8, 2009, Cambridge welcomed Intentional superstar Nicola Conte and his band who performed at the illustrious Regatta Bar at the Charles Hotel. His sound is a mix of innovative acid jazz with bossa nova themes with a bit of a spin on music from the 1960's. This was his first time

in Boston and it was a thrill for the band to perform to a crowd of jazz and music enthusiasts in the Boston area. When asked how he feels about performing at the Regatta Bar, he said, "The venue is never as important as the audience." And by the energy and response from the crowd, we couldn't agree more.

Holy Ghost Portuguese Feast CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART

by Sal Giarratani



Blessing of the bread and wine.

The East Boston neighborhood once had a large and thriving Portuguese community. There were three Portuguese parishes when the last one St. John the Baptist on Saratoga Street closed, the Holy Ghost feast moved to Sacred Heart



Portuguese cultural group

parish which continues this feast every September.

Once again this year, despite the heavy rains, the event was well attended. After the 4PM Mass, the blessing of the bread and wine was held in the church hall. Following was a Portuguese buffet with great food and a fun time for all.

OSIA Burlington Lodge #2223 Presents "Festa Del Raccolto"

The Burlington Sons of Italy, Lodge #2223 will be holding a Dinner/Dance Festival) on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at the Crest-

view, located at 36 Montvale Avenue, Woburn MA, from 6:30-11:00 pm. Music will be provided by DeeJay, Eric Poss. Tickets may be purchased by call-ing 781-245-8255 or 781-229-5752. Tickets may not be purchased at the door.

The Dinner/Dance is being held to raise funds for the Burlington Lodge to continue its support of various charities as well as a college scholarship awarded each year to a deserving and graduating Burlington High School student.

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Christopher Columbus Park Celebration

Friends of the Park Plan Fun-Filled Event

On Sunday, October 11, 2009, The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will celebrate the Park with an afternoon of entertainment for young and old. From noon to 4 p.m., the Park will be filled with music, singing, and the laughter of children as they delight in fun and games.

"This year the City's Annual Columbus Day Parade will march right past the Park," says Joanne Hayes-Rines, president, FOCCP. "The Friends look forward to building on the energy of the parade and sponsoring additional events for the neighborhood. We hope to make this Celebration an annual event." The parade route alternates between the North End one year and East Boston the next.

The Ray Cavicchio Orchestra, featuring vocalists Sharon Zee and Richie Vita, will perform beginning at noon. Vita, musical producer, is a longtime North End resident, says, "Local talent will also be featured. Twenty-one year old, Gian Faraone who sang at many

of the feasts this year will wow the audience with his amazing voice, and other young singers will also perform." The Orchestra will pause while the parade marches past the Park on Atlantic Ave.

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit group of North End and Waterfront neighbors that works closely with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department to enhance one of the jewels of Boston. The fundraising efforts of the Friends allows it to fund the Trellis Lighting, maintain the Rose Kennedy Rose Garden, purchase new trees and plants for the Park and host this October 11 event.

The Friends 2009 major fundraising event is the Gala Celebration, an evening of dining and dancing. The Gala will be held on Friday, November 13, at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, which is a major sponsor of the Gala and a dedicated supporter of the work of the Friends.

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BOOK REVIEW



by Claude Marsilia



PROS & CONS

by Paul C. DeFazio and Michael DeFazio

364 Pages • Hard Cover • Published by High-Pitched Hum Publishing

Two items drew my attention to *Pros & Cons*. First, the DeFazio brothers, like me, are from Boston. Secondly, how is it possible that two brothers could write a book of such depth together? I had to find out.

The story begins with the DeFazio brothers explaining how and where the Boston Correctional Center facility was built to house 800 detainees awaiting trial. In addition, they explain how the Boston Detention Center (360 offenders) was built to assist in the removal, of the escalating pretrial population, off the streets. "Within five years, the correctional center held over 1,900 offenders and the detention center 655 detainees ..."

The reader will learn early that they are witnessing events that occur in the inner sanctum of prisons that the public seldom sees or is aware of. An example of what I mean occurs when a fight between two inmates breaks out. The event is masterfully written. The guards, because of their experience, sense that a fight is about to begin. They prepare themselves utilizing preventive measures to minimize the event.

There are two protagonists to this thriller; one is Joe Milano, a Boston Police Detective who is happily married to lovely Laura. "Instead of chasing woman, Joe chased bad guys. Ironically, he found this even more exhilarating ..." Then there is Frank Milano a corrections officer who is Joe's younger cousin. Frank's reputation as a bon vivant bachelor is well noted. This book, *Pros & Cons* monopolizes current events. For instance, read the following exchange between Frank Milano and an



Brother authors Paul C. DeFazio and Michael DeFazio

immigration case worker, "All our tax dollars are going to catch the Miguels (typically decent hard working immigrants) and deport them, but they can't catch the ones terrorizing, gang-banging or killing us."

Typically, I refute bad language. This book, at times, goes over the edge, in fact, there are times the words are obscene and lewd. I am finding it difficult to be critical because the DeFazio brothers have a winner in their book, *Pros & Cons*. Perhaps it is the current time we are living in or else it's the caliber of people they deal with daily that they feel the urge to write in this fashion. However, I find it difficult to accept the off key remarks made by the officers, men and women alike to each other. My concern is the use of this kind of degrading language becoming commonplace.

Despite my forebodings I am thoroughly enjoying the skillful writing style of the DeFazio brothers, especially, the short chapters. Fascinating that there are 83 chapters within 364 pages a definite plus for the reader. I feel offering these short chapters gives the reader a chance to take a deep breath from the onslaught that increases as

each page is read. The realistic verbal exchanges between police officers and their counterparts are beyond the pale.

Now enters Alex Ortiz known as AO who never knew his parents. He was born in Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic. AO was bright and aggressive. In short order he marries Mimi and starts a new life in Dorchester, Massachusetts. He becomes deeply involved with the destructive life associated with drugs. Because of his chosen life style he becomes a major problem with the police, especially the Milanos. AO is jailed but the charges against him, including murder, are vague and difficult to substantiate, causing the case against him to be constantly delayed.

Throughout the book you can sense the 28 years in correction and law enforcement the DeFazio brothers have experienced. Combine these experiences with their military service and international business, you would expect a hardened personality with little sensitivity. Not so, they are fully aware of the difference between honest hard working immigrants,

as opposed to the criminal element, resulting in treating them accordingly. Although their communicative skills, on the surface, appear crude, the positive results are foretelling. Perhaps these rough-shod methods reflect the class of people the police officers are required to deal with.

I was fascinated with the intricacies and details the officers routinely deal with as the prisoners are prepared for their diabetic shots and other medical requirements. The DeFazio's portrayal of the daily routine of the officers is classical, only years of actual experience make this possible.

Because of the commonality I find in this book it is becoming easy for me to address its worthiness. Let me explain, Frank Milano decides to move to the Boston area and attend Northeastern University to take criminal justice programs. I attended Northeastern also, but I was aiming for an engineering degree. Adding to my increased interest is the mention of familiar places such as the North End's restaurants, Five North Square, Durgin Park and Paul Revere's Home.

I would be amiss if I didn't mention the emphasis the DeFazio brother's make on sex. At this time I am wondering which DeFazio is being portrayed as Joe Milano and which DeFazio is being portrayed as Frank Milano. Joe Milano and his wife enjoy explosive lovemaking. As described it is as violent and satisfying as some of

exploits are smoldering and legendary.

The Latino prisoners as well as some officers fear Alex Ortiz who is still being held in a correctional facility. His effectiveness reaches beyond the prison walls. As the evidence against him begins to become formulated, the pressure outside is being felt by the families of the involved officers. It is here on the Dominican Republic that Frank Milano meets his Waterloo. Once again he meets up with the lovely experienced Maria. He relishes his time with her. He finds he truly cares for her, but always wonders whether she really cares for him or is she performing as a professional.

Suddenly the pages explode. Frank and Maria are in a mini love nest, known as *cabanas*, when suddenly 3 masked Haitian brutes interrupt them. A horrific battle ensues. Maria and Frank are seriously injured. This may be a good time to remember that the countries of Haiti and the Dominican Republic are part of the same island of Hispaniola. Cousin Joe Milano is on a rampage; revenge is on his mind. He is convinced that Alex Ortiz is fully involved and intends to prove it. In the meantime, Alex Ortiz is released because of the lack of evidence against him, on drug and immigration charges.

This memorable book that verges on moral turpitude, at times, is a remarkable revelation of solid police work.

The reader will learn early that they are witnessing events that occur in the inner sanctum of prisons that the public seldom sees or is aware of.

Another solid message it sends is the positive relationship between the white police and the numerous Latino police and civilians they associate with, particularly in the Boston area.

Although I have qualms about some areas of this book I still recommend it highly because it is well written and is realistic. Somehow, the De Fazio brothers managed to write a book together that reveals what they are truly about.

Ready for Whatever the President Throws at You?

by Sal Giarratani

Watching President Obama deliver his health care message to a joint session of the US Congress, the president seemed to spellbound those Democrats sitting there. He started off praising Teddy Roosevelt which brought to mind an old story I remember hearing years ago. Seems the first time Franklin Delano Roosevelt met Orson Wells., the presi-

dent remarked, "You know, Mr. Wells, you are the greatest actor in America." To which, Wells responded, "Oh, no, Mr. President, you are."

President Barack Obama is a master of the medium of television. He engages his audience and attempts to draw together a fragmented public. He does it well and like actors, leaders try and sell their vision of something

in which we are all an essential part. We all want affordable high quality health care. Our leaders in Washington know this. We know this.

The president under pressure from liberal Democrats is now forcefully advocating for a public option in healthcare reform. He says such an option will not break the bank. It will be created by cut-

ting waste and spending. Taxes will not go up and deficits will not go up. I think his performance before Congress was deserving of an Oscar. A great performance indeed. However, how authentic a leader is he? Did you notice how many times our president brandished the plural personal pronoun, "We"?

Regarding the massive healthcare reform being pushed by the White House and Democratic Congress, isn't it a leap into the unknown. Can waste in Medicare really fund the public health option? All of us want health care there for all when needed. Is there really a healthcare insurance crisis in this country or a health-care delivery crisis? Is there also a healthcare prescription crisis.

As a state employee in Massachusetts, I have many

health insurance options to choose from through the State Group Insurance Commission at a price I can afford. One out of three Americans are covered by Blue-Cross Blue Shield. Besides serving 100 million Americans, this insurer collaborates with 80% of doctors and 90% of hospitals nationwide. It is health insurance that's in crisis, its health costs.

Adding a government option to healthcare reform will only increase health costs, not lower them. ObamaCare like HillaryCare before it is bad medicine and hardly a cure for the problem of accessible and affordably health care in America.

When the lights go up on the stage dimmed and the president returned to the White House, we are no closer to a cure than we were previously.

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Michele McPhee

"When Evil Rules" Book Signing

by Sal Giarratani

On Sunday, September 13, 2009 WTKK 96.9 FM radio personality Michele McPhee signed copies of her true crime book "When Evil Rules" at Ecco Restaurant in East Boston. Over one hundred people showed up to buy a book and have it signed by Michele or to simply meet the night time jock. Among the many fans were colleagues and friends of Michele's. Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo was there and Margery Eagan and Jim Braude lent their support. I had a



WTKK's Michele McPhee with Boston Mayoral Candidate Michael Flaherty.

great time with my East Boston friends among the many others who travelled through the tunnel to support Michele. I really enjoyed visiting Ecco for the first time. It's not your typical East Boston Italian restaurant; it's what I would describe as a sleek modern looking restaurant with a relaxing vibe and with plenty of free parking. I enjoyed my wild mushroom bisque and Irish coffees. Yes, I



Michele McPhee and Frank Santarpio.

know what you're thinking, who drinks Irish coffee with their meals? Talking to the owner of Ecco, Dave Modica, I told him that I enjoyed my Irish coffee but it just needed a little more whipped cream on top of it. Kate the bartender quickly refreshed my beverage with a fresh dollop of cream.

The McPhee fan base seems to be growing more and more. The word is that she is one of the realest and "tell it like it is" kind of gal. It's refreshing to listen to Michele's evening show on 96.9 FM WTKK.

(Photos by John Harrison, President of Epilog Books)

NEAD FLEA MARKET Held Last Thursday

On September 10th, there was a Flea Market held at the Nazzaro Center at which vendors donated a portion of their earnings to North End Against Drugs, a local organization which sponsors safe, fun and interesting events throughout the year for residents of all ages. Sellers had many interesting items for sale including clothing, bikes, kids' items, art, and homemade dog treats! Many local businesses pitched in by donating food and raffle prizes. Bob DeCristoforo and Jon Romano, the respective President and Treasurer of NEAD stopped by to thank vendors personally. Many people were part of the successful funds raised, and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to The Nazzaro Center & Carl Ameno; Modern Pastry; Umberto's Pizza; Caffe Vittoria, Fresh Cheese, Ultra Diamonds, Albi's Produce, Casa di Stile and Salon D'Emilio. Congratulations to Genie Lanza and Vince D'Maio, raffle winners. A special thank you to Madeleine Langone.

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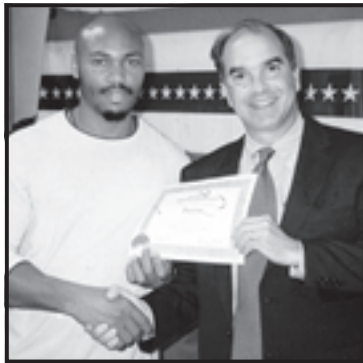
It was standing room only at Ecco's restaurant last Sunday Michele McPhee WTKK's sweetheart and talk show host held a book signing for her latest book, "When Evil Rules". Ms. McPhee is a very popular author and talk show host. The special combination of Michele McPhee, Ecco's atmosphere and patrons enjoying delicious gourmet Italian food, made for an enjoyable evening. Among those familiar names were Elaine Driscoll, BPD Commissioner spokesperson; Jim Braude from NECN; Margery Eagan from the *Boston Herald*; former music writer, Steve Morse from the *Boston Globe*; Boston Mayoral Candidate Michael Flaherty, and Massachusetts State Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo. Triangle filmed interviews for their show "Ablevision". Also spotted were Joe Ligotti of the 96.9 FM WTKK "Joe and Huggy" Saturday morning talk show along with popular locals such as Paul Travaglini, Manager of First Priority Credit Union, Frank Santarpio, and Frankie Boyer, WBIX radio host. Ecco

is Eastie's finest chi chi restaurant, the "in" place to dine and rub elbows with politicians, neighbors and friends ... Michael Flaherty, candidate for Mayor of Boston did a great job in last week's debate. Mayor Tom Menino served his time well as mayor, but it's time for a change. Boston deserves new blood, old hat politicians get too comfortable, and suddenly become "know it alls". There are three candidates opposing Menino. Word is Flaherty appears to be the most qualified of the three. He deserves a chance to prove himself. Boston deserves a chance to advance; and the people deserve to move forward. Thundering whispers indicate that Menino may not be the shoo in his campaign committee believes he is! Take your conscience to the ballot box. Vote wisely! ... Also remember Eastie's own City Councilor Sal LaMattina running for re-election for District One ... Day Square businesses and residents are getting fed up with the pan handling going on in the Square. According to complaints there are approximately three men of different ethnic backgrounds

hanging around every day begging for money. They appear to be drunk and bothersome. According to complaints, these men are defiant and enter businesses at will, bothering owners and customers for a dollar or two. Can't police enforcement get these nuisances out of the business districts? It's unacceptable behavior and citizens shouldn't have to be subject to this! Central Square is another place that pan handlers roam begging for money to buy booze! ... Are we stuck with a Socialist President ??? Obama-Kennedy-Pelosi Health Care plan aka "Obamacare" is going over like a lead balloon with voters. Barack Obama's popularity continues to plunge and Michelle's sudden claim to fame is preaching to school age children that they need to save their souls. What have we elected??? A pair of preachers that may better serve on the pulpit than the nation ... The North End will be gearing up for the Columbus Day Parade in October. Ask how you can help with the parade, without funding and volunteers it will be a parade of the past! ... *Till next time!*

City Councillor Sal LaMattina, Charlie Curtis and Luis Escobar Officiate the

EAST BOSTON ADULT ED. CENTER GRADUATIONS



Mr. Charlie Curtis presents a diploma to Idalberto Tavales.

On Thursday, September 3, 2009 and Saturday, September 5, 2009 the East Boston Adult Education Center celebrated its 37th summer graduations. City Councillor Sal LaMattina, Charlie Curtis (from the Mary W.B. Curtis Charitable Trust), and Luis Escobar were the guests of honor.

Councillor LaMattina reminded the students "To learn English, to attend school, and become good Americans." Mr. Charlie Curtis informed the students that "America is the land of opportunity. A place where someone with a good education can become a teacher, a lawyer, a politician, or anything he/she desires." Their words of wisdom and advice were well received by the graduating students.

Luis Escobar, who officiated the Saturday graduation (September 5, 2009), learned his English, Computer skills, and passed his GED in the 1980's at the

Center. He stated: "When I first entered the East Boston Adult Ed. Center I was a worker making \$6 per hour at the Marriott Hotel. After I graduated from the Center, I became the manager of the Marriott Inflight Kitchen (serving airplanes) with over 50 people working under me."

"Many of these students entered our classrooms four months ago with little or no English and today they speak, read, and write English," stated teacher Rufino Espitia. "Since this term began (4 months ago), over 35 individuals became U.S. Citizens," stated Cathy Avellani, secretary.

"Many other students passed their GED's, passed the ATB Vocational School Entrance Exams, learned computer skills, received their CDL (truck driving permit) and more," stated Dominic Avellani, the program Founder and Director. Some past graduates who are now U.S. Citizens were invited to meet and talk to City Councillor LaMattina and they were very pleased with his remarks and concerns for East Boston and how to solve many of the problems the community is confronting.

During this period the school served over 150 youths in the above classes and in tutoring in all 5 academic subjects, conferences on drugs, alcohol, and violence against women and children.

During the ceremony the school held a moment of silence in respect to the late Senator Ted Kennedy who was the main speaker at the Centers' 1994 graduation. "Thanks to the recognition Senator Kennedy bestowed



Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina presents a diploma to Carmen Oliva.

upon the school, it eventually led to the Center receiving the 2007 Caring Institute Award (of Washington D.C.)," proudly remarked Mr. Avellani.

The East Boston Adult Ed. Center does not solicit City, State, or Federal funds and relies on agencies such as the Curtis Trust and related agencies for its everyday existence. The school's staff and administration are very grateful to The Curtis Trust and other foundations and corporations for their support and concern.

The September 3rd and 5th, 2009 graduations were completely filled to capacity. Many students remained standing during the ceremony but they felt it was worth it because a diploma is a ticket towards a better job, a better opportunity to become more Americanized, and maybe become a "somebody" in Boston.

Anyone wishing to improve himself/herself through a good education is asked to contact the East Boston Adult Ed. Center at (617) 567-7873 or visit the school at 119 London Street, East Boston, MA (next to the Sumner Tunnel).

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“Rising to the Top”

by James DiPrima



The Duomo di Santa Maria del Fiore

A trip to Florence Italy will inevitably have to include a visit to the Duomo Santa Maria del Fiore, with its baptistery and bronze doors. This magnificent church saw its first stage of construction in 1296 and work proceeded at a very slow rate. The work and design on the Cathedral and the campanile (bell tower) included the famous painter Giotto from 1334 until his death in 1337. At the time one of the foremost problems was the construction of the dome. Enter Filippo Brunelleschi who proceeded to try to solve the problem.

Brunelleschi was born in Florence, Italy in 1377 the second child of Brunellesco Di Lippo and Giuliana Spini. His father was a public official, a notary, and would have liked his son to study law but Filippo leaned more towards artistic endeavors. He trained as a goldsmith

and as a sculptor in Florence around 1392. He also became interested in technology under the tutelage of Paolo dal Pozzo Toscanelli a merchant and a medical doctor who taught him the principals of geometry which would benefit him in the future.

In 1401 the Lord of Florence held a competition to design the bronze doors of the Baptistry of the Duomo. Of the seven who entered the competition, Lorenzo Ghiberti was given the commission for the Bronze doors, although his panels were considered equal to Ghiberti's. Following his defeat in the competition Brunelleschi now immersed himself in architecture.

With his good friend, the artist, Donatello they went to Rome and he studied the many works of Roman engineering in the city such as the baths, basilicas and temples. Close attention was paid to the architectural designs details of which he made many sketches and drawings.

Probably least known of Brunelleschi's many accomplishments is his invention of one point linear perspective. This method was such a painting innovation that it changed the future of painting and drawing. This perspective maintains that parallel lines appear to converge at a vanishing point within the painting. We could liken this to looking down a set of railroad tracks and see the tracks converge at some distant point within the painting. He aptly demonstrated this by punching a hole on a canvas of a painting of the

ror thus providing the illusion of depth.

As a youngster, Brunelleschi was very interested in things like clocks, wheels, gears and weights. Taking his knowledge of mechanical things plus his mathematic ability and his artistic skills he entered the competition in 1418 for the solution to the dome design and construction. Again one of the competitors included Ghiberti and in 1420 Filippo Brunelleschi was awarded the commission and construction began on the dome.

According to Giorgio Vasari (1511-1574) he was able to achieve his construction. "by using counterweights and wheels for lifting. He made it possible for a single ox to raise a load so heavy that previously it would have been possible for six pairs of oxen to move it."

It is believed that he based his designs on Roman machines that were described in De Architectura by Vitruvius that were constructed to build large structures such as the Pantheon.

The design of the dome is unique in that it consists of an outer dome and an inner dome. The inner dome was constructed using a lightweight material and the outer shell a heavier weather resistance material. And the reason for the inner dome? This was to support the workmen as they worked on the outer dome.

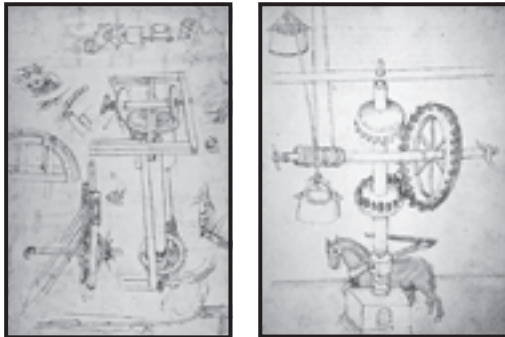
Building up the outer dome with brick posed another problem, keeping them from

falling down. That was solved by Brunelleschi devising a herring bone pattern that distributed the loads outward to the oak support beams rather than downward towards the floor. Thus providing strength and stability to the dome

Brunelleschi's dome has survived for about half a millennium, surviving through hurricane type winds, several earthquakes to become the iconic symbol of Florence Italy. The dome, I believe, is a testament to the knowledge, artistic ability and ingenuity of the Italian people to be able to overcome obstacles and obtain perfection and beauty at the same time.

Filippo Brunelleschi died on April 15, 1446 in Florence. He did not live to see the lantern (on the top of the dome) that he designed, completed and installed.

He is buried in a crypt in the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. His tomb was lost for hundreds of years and was only recently discovered in 1972.



Brunelleschi Machines for raising masonry, estimated at 4 million, up to the dome.

Baptistry at the vanishing point. Through the hole, from the unpainted side, an observer could view the painting reflected in a mir-



Herring Bone Pattern of Dome.



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Municipal Preliminary Election

The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



At the Anti-Defamation League of New England "2009 Distinguished Community Service Award Dinner" are, left to right, Abe Foxman (ADL National Director), Robert Epstein (co-owner, Boston Celtics & Event Co-Chair), Esta Epstein (ADL NE Board Chair), George Regan (2009 ADL Distinguished Community Service Award Recipient), Rev. Ambassador Charles Stith (Boston University), Joseph Cimino (Owner Ciao Bella, Event Co-Chair), Dan Rea (WBZ-AM Radio Host), and Steve DeFillipo (Owner Davio's, Event Co-Chair).
(Photo courtesy of Mariellen Burns)



Server Jheyson Pemberthy (third from left) offers a selection of gourmet cookies to several of the more than 100 children from Chernobyl Children's Project USA who recently enjoyed a "Pizza Party In The Sky" hosted by The Skywalk Observatory and Top of the Hub Restaurant. Each year, the CCPU brings a carefully selected group of children to Boston to receive free medical care for health problems resulting from the Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe of 1986. Over the years, the non-profit organization has brought more than 1200 children to Boston for treatment. Prior to lunch on the 50th floor of the Prudential Building, the kids enjoyed a two-hour tour of the city.
(Photo by R.J. Donovan)



Left to right, Dan Rea, Mayor Thomas Menino and Joseph Kennedy III at the ADL's "2009 Distinguished Community Service Award Dinner."
(Photo courtesy of Mariellen Burns)

On September 9th, the Anti-Defamation League of New England presented its "2009 Distinguished Community Service Award" to George Regan of Regan Communications Group.

A longtime supporter of the ADL's educational, legal, and community efforts aimed at combating hate and bigotry, Regan was surrounded by more than 400 friends and colleagues at the John F. Kennedy Library, where Joseph Kennedy III welcomed the crowd on behalf of his family.

Joseph Cimino, owner of Ciao Bella, Steve DeFillipo, owner of Davio's, and Robert Epstein, co-owner of the Boston Celtics, were among event co-chairs.

William Bratton, the former Boston and New York police commissioner, was one of the guest speakers.

Among those congratulating Mr. Regan were Anti-Defamation League National Director Abe Foxman, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and First Lady Angela, Congressman Bill Delahunt, Senate

president Therese Murray, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Treasurer Tim Cahill, Secretary of State Bill Galvin, Quincy Mayor Tom Koch, New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, Suffolk Construction founder John Fish, and former First Lady of Boston, Kathryn White — just to name a very, very few. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

..... This coming Sunday, September 20, in honor of John Trexler's 25 years of service as Executive Director, Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston will be open for free admission from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are all invited to enjoy one of New England's premier public gardens, with demonstrations on organic gardening, garden tours, slow-food demonstrations, exhibits, live birds of prey, hawk watching, lectures, videos, and a tree planting. Among the speakers is author Carla Capalbo whose lecture (Noon to 1 p.m.) is sponsored by ItalTrade Partners of New England.

Ms. Capalbo will share her nomadic life as a travel writer specializing in artisan foods and wines that has taken her to live in remote fishing villages and mountain communities in Southern Italy. She will illustrate her talk with photographs she has taken of Italy's breathtaking landscapes, and the small towns, vineyards and artisans who appear in her books.

As a special tribute to Tower Hill, she will tell the audience about her experience organizing "The Costiera dei Fiori Garden" at the Chelsea Flower Show 2006, for which she and designer Robert Myers were awarded a coveted gold medal.

The internationally acclaimed writer was born in New York, brought up in London and Paris, and has lived in Italy for twenty years. Her many books include "The Food and Wine Guide to Naples and Campania," "The Food and Wine Lover's Companion to Tuscany," "The Ultimate Italian Cookbook" and the just-published "Collio Fine Wines and Foods from Italy's North-East."

She is a sought-after speaker and contributor to many publications on both sides of the Atlantic, including "Decanter" and "Bon Appétit" magazines. Among her prestigious awards, she was granted the Veronelli Prize for food writing in 2007.

For more information, call 508-869-6111 or visit www.towerhillbg.org.

..... The third annual "A Taste of Roslindale" takes place on Thursday, September 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

We are told that among the participants will be Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Boston City Councilor Rob Consalvo, as 21 restaurants offer delicious "tastings" created by their chefs.

This year's beneficiaries are the Roslindale Food Pantry, Roslindale Village Main Street and the Roslindale Holiday Lighting Fund.

Guests will be entertained by the sultry and sophisticated sounds of the Patrice Monahan Jazz Quartet. The Butcher Block (Iron Chef, Top Chef and Hell's Kitchen production all wrapped in one cooking demonstration) will delight the audience, as local chefs duel it out to create the most delicious dish.

In addition, there will be a live and silent auctions and a raffle.

For further information and tickets, call Roslindale Village Main Street at 617-327-4065 or visit the website at www.roslindale.net.

..... In celebration of the flavors and ingredients of New Zealand, Top of the Hub will showcase a special three-course "Taste of New Zealand" prix-fixe menu through the middle of October. Each course will be paired with a New Zealand wine.

Beginning immediately, the special menu will be served in addition to Top of the Hub's nightly menu of seasonal favorites. With panoramic views from every table, Top of the Hub is located on the 52nd floor of The Prudential Building.

Top of the Hub's Executive Chef, Mark Porcaro, traveled to New Zealand last fall to research the local delicacies



Carla Capalbo, acclaimed food, wine and travel writer.

of the country first hand. His tour included visits to Queenstown, Auckland, Nelson and Matakana.

Among his many stops were a mussel-salmon farm in the Marlborough Sounds, Spy Valley Wines in Blenheim, Zespri Kiwifruit Orchards, Whitestone Cheeses, Ltd, and the High Country Deer and Sheep Station. Chef Porcaro's visit was coordinated through New Zealand Trade & Enterprise and the New Zealand Embassy. The menu was created in collaboration with New Zealand Executive Chef Graham Brown.

For information and reservations, call 617-536-1775.

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

Bob D's Beat

by Bob DeCristoforo



Kathy Carangelo, Larry Lucchino and Ted Tomasone

NORTH END HEALTH CENTER CELEBRATES

The North End Community Health Center 5th Annual TEAM-MATES Fundraiser held at Fenway Park was a great success. Stars both on the field, and off the field were there to salute the fine work of the Health Center, and their Director Jim Luisi, as well as to honor the fine work of Red Sox longtime star pitcher Tim Wakefield. He was presented the Larry Lucchino Public Service Award for all he does in the community. Master of Ceremony was Dick Flavin, Honorary Chairperson was State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, who spoke of his dad's work at the Health Center, which he said, "inspired him to go out and help people." Talented Boston Comedian Tony V provided some of the entertainment and 'Mr. Red Sox' Johnny Pesky made the night complete. The work of the late, great Red Sox star Dom DiMaggio, and true friend of the North End Health Center was recognized with a moment of silence in his honor. It was good to see so many North Enders, and their friends, along with the City Health Centers Community in support of this great event. The event was hosted by Red Sox President and CEO Larry Lucchino. Congrats to all those, who put it together, on a fine job.

THANK YOU

North End Against Drugs would like to 'Thank' Ellen Johnston and her Mom for the highly successful Bake Sale and Flea Market Fundraiser held at the Nazzaro Center. Funds raised will help NEAD programming. Ellen, and the Johnston Family are good, generous people with kind hearts. We are most fortunate to have them in the North End, and part of the NEAD Family.

KATLIN KEANEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Katlin Keaney Golf Tournament, benefiting the Katlin Keaney Scholarship Fund, will take place on Friday, September 25th at the Franklin Field Golf Course. For information call 617-590-4615.

JOYCE PAPA AMOROSO

Kudos to Joyce Papa Amoroso on the tremendous job she did in hosting the North End Athletic Association Baseball Awards Night at the TD Garden. It was outstanding; spectacular might be an even better word. How fortunate we are to have Joyce, who like the entire Papa-Amoroso Family never forgets where they came from. Special THANK YOU to TD GARDEN President John Wentzell for his continued help and support of the North End, home of the TD GARDEN.

EDUCATION PLUS

The Annual Catholic High School Information Night takes place at Malden Catholic High School on Wednesday, September 23 from 6pm to 8pm. It is an excellent night for 7th and 8th graders and their families to 'Look, and Learn' about their next big step.

WEEK END ROUNDUP

On the scoreboard Austin Prep held off East Boston 30-12. Coach Bill Maradei's Cougars jumped out to a fast first half 22-6 start, but the 'no quit' is an Eastie trait. Brandon Amodeo and Mike Lockley had the Jets TDs. Troy Williams is the EB quarterback. St Clement dropped Burke 50-28. Bob Ofoedo had 5 touchdowns for St Clement. Chandler Ramson had 2 TDS and QB Omari Alfred lead the way in O'Bryant's 28-8 win over Cathedral. Lowell Catholic shutout Mystic Valley 12-0. Somerville shutout Greater Lowell 14-0. Lynnfield whipped Matignon 34-7. Lynn Tech tipped Dorchester 14-8. Peter Berment had the Dorchester TD. Xaverian ripped

Malden Catholic 47-14. Everett QB Jonathan DiBiasi led the offense. Vondell Lexington and Mark Costello had the touchdowns. Everett won the game defeating Leominster 14-6. Chelsea pounded Pope John 42-6. North Quincy pounded Boston Latin 33-7. Catholic Memorial shutout Lynn Classical 17-0. Lorenzo Warren had both CM touchdowns. Brockton was Offley good downing BC High 27-3. Trevor Offley had 2 Brockton touchdowns. In what might have been the best weekend game 2 touchdowns by Daquin Phillips was the difference as West Roxbury edged Boston English 16-14. Melvin Booker and Martin Kichens had the Boston English touchdowns.

HIGH SCHOOL PREP NOTEBOOK

The Boston City Football League is divided into two Divisions. Boston North Teams include East Boston, Charlestown, Madison Park, South Boston, West Roxbury and Boston English. Boston South Teams are Brighton, Burke, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Latin Academy and O'Bryant. State and MIAA wise Boston North is classified Division 4 and Boston South is Division 4A. George Farro's Charlestown Football Team will host Martha's Vineyard Friday (September 18) at 6pm. East Boston travels to O'Bryant Saturday (September 19) for a 10am Football game.

COLLEGE BOARD

BC moved to 2-0 soundly defeating Kent State 34-7. Northeastern dropped their second straight falling to Maine 17-7. BC travels to Clemson on Saturday for the ACC opener and Northeastern will try to snap the two game losing streak taking n Youngstown State at home (Parsons Field).

PROLINE: RECORD BREAKER

Whether you love the Yankees or hate the Yankees you have to salute Derek Jeter, who became the Yankees All Time Hitter on September 11th breaking Lou Gehrig's record of 2,771 hits.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

England and Spain have qualified for the World Cup. USA is one game away having defeated Trinidad and Tobago 1-0. Next up Honduras on October 14th.

FREE IS GOOD

Thanks to Mathworks, the Museum of Science Omni Theater is offering Free Film Fridays September 18 and 25. Tickets are first come first serve the day of the show, and on Sunday, September 20 the Museum of Fine Arts will host a Community Day.

TIDBITS

- Birthday Best to Mrs. Carangelo
- Special Thank You to Michele Morgan
- Kenny Hudson, one of the founders of the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL) received the Mannie Jackson Human Spirit Award at the Basketball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies.
- Celeb Sightings: Former Senate President Robert Travaglini in C'Town, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tanso, Louis Cavagnaro, Barbara Maldero, Kathy Carangelo, Teddy Tomasone, Dom Campochiaro, Carl Ameno at the Health Center Celebration, Old North Church Vicar Rev. Steve Ayers and his wife and the Renda boys taking in the Red Sox, Channel 7 Sports, Director Joe Amoroso and his family strolling on the Greenway, and writer Sunny Davidson at the NEAD Flea Market.
- Tickets for the St. Leonard's Dinner Dance are now available at the Parish Office and Gift Store.

SMILE!



Ellen Johnston and Mom

VIDEO VIEWS

by Bob Morello

... more than meets the eye

ICONS OF SCREWBALL COMEDY (VOL. 1 & VOL. 2) (2-DVD) Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Screwball comedy was virtually invented at Columbia Studios during the height of the Depression. Columbia would make these madcap romantic comedies featuring marital mix-ups and plenty of opportunities to poke fun at the wealthy, while allowing audiences to dwell in the luxury of the upper-class. Eight classic films in which a breezy approach to male and female roles was a hallmark of screwball comedy. Starring a virtual who's who of American comedy of the 30s and 40s, including Rosalind Russell, Jean Arthur, Irene Dunne, Fred MacMurray and Charles Coburn. (Each 5 hours plus).

RED VELVET (DVD) 3Mac Studios

A chance encounter at a laundromat between off-beat Aaron (Henry Thomas) and hot young Linda (Kelli Garner) turns into an impromptu afternoon lunch date. As they get to know each other, Aaron spins bizarre stories to titillate and seduce Linda. Spurred on, Aaron's stories get darker and darker. Aaron fashions a story about a birthday party in which guests are systematically killed off, by a maniac in a white jump suit. Linda becomes intrigued with the tale, and Aaron, as the mayhem mounts. She actually contributes ideas to the story. Is this the beginning of a beautiful relationship or a spiraling path toward something more sinister and deadly?

THE ART OF WAR III: RETRIBUTION (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Ent.

When international diplomacy comes up short, extreme measures must be taken. Agent Neil Shaw (Naughty By Nature's Treach), is on a covert mission to stop North Korean terrorists from obtaining a nuclear bomb. The deal turns deadly and Shaw is drawn into the crossfire to save a beautiful facilitator (Sung Hi Lee), and ends up framed for murder. Now a wanted man with only his newbie partner and the facilitator by his side, Shaw must rely on his martial arts skills to fight through Korea's mean streets. (1 hr. 28 mins.).

GREEN STREET HOOLIGANS 2: STAND YOUR GROUND (DVD) Vivendi Entertainment

Following up the deadly climax of the original *Green Street Hooligans*, members of the GSE and their rivals, Millwall are sent to the same prison. Of course, football is followed fervently by the prisoners ... both the

outside matches and inside prison games. When overcrowding compels the early release of a fortunate few, fate brings the GSE and Millwall together again — this time in a fight disguised as a football game. The stakes are the highest they've ever been — with death or freedom a goal away! (1 hrs. 34 mins.).

THE BUTCHER (DVD) Vivendi Entertainment

In this gritty action thriller with non-stop action from start to finish, Merle Hench (Eric Roberts) is an enforcer for a mob outfit. He's set up to take the fall for a multi-million dollar heist of a rival mob boss. Merle's luck turns as he survives the trap and winds up with a piece of the take and the girl. He might have been content to just disappear, but the betrayal of his years of loyalty snapped something inside. They say, 'Every dog has his day!' (1 hr. 53 mins.).

THE PARIS CONCERT SERIES (Blu-ray) Inakustik-MVD Visual

The Paris Concert Series comprises five titles: **José Feliciano Band** — Six-time Grammy Award winner, Jose Feliciano, backed by his superb five-piece band. Delivering stunning interpretations of hits as, "Purple Haze," "Sunshine of Your Love" and his own "Light My Fire." **Stanley Jordan Trio** — Backed up by Charnett Muffett and David Haynes, guitarist extraordinaire Stanley Jordan offers up his interpretation of the grand repertoire, from Bird and "Trane to John and Paul — true masterpieces. Therapeutic music for all your senses. **Autour Du Blues, Larry Carlton, Robben Ford** — An incredible meeting of legendary blues players from Nashville and Tokyo, living it up in Paris. This Franco-American guitar summit joined Autour du Blues (the cream of France's top studio musicians) and two of America's most brilliant guitar heroes, Carlton and Ford. If you like the blues, here's the news; it was a smash success, a real treat to be sure! **Mike Stern Band** — Considered one of the best electric guitarists of his generation, Mike Stern is backed by brilliant drummer Dave Wecki; soulful tenor saxophonist Bob Franceschini and incredible bassist Tom Kennedy. Climb on board for a journey of pure musical delight on another mesmerizing performance. **Yellow-jackets** — The fantastic foursome of Bob Mintzer (saxophone), Russell Ferrante (keyboards), Jimmy Haslip (bass), and Marcus Baylor on drums, combined bebop, funk, R&B and rock influences on a dozen gems. A jewel of musical sophistication and groove!

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SAY IT WITH MUSIC coming to Boston! Broadway, London and national tour performers Kirby and Beverly Ward headline a cast of forty Reagle performers. The Wards appeared at Reagle together in *Crazy for You* as well as several other musicals. The duo's "Fred and Ginger" partnering and their inimitable song styling are reminiscent of classic Hollywood. Their romantic choreography and rendition of Cheek to Cheek is winning. The production explores Berlin's expansive canon and a variety of his song styles; bandstand music, minstrel show syncopations, sounds of the war years, Broadway hits, patriotic anthems, and more. Check out Theater section for more details.

THEATER

SHUBERT THEATER
265 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
JERSEY BOYS - Now through September 26, 2009. JERSEY BOYS, winner of the 2006 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album, features hit songs "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." "IT WILL RUN FOR CENTURIES!" proclaims *Time Magazine*. For a complete listing of upcoming events at the Shubert and Citi Wang Center please log onto www.citicenter.org/shows

EMERSON COLLEGE
Cutler Majestic Theatre
219 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
CARMEN - Friday, November 6 at 7:30 pm, Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 pm, Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 pm, Friday, November 13 at 7:30 pm, Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 pm. Music by Georges Bizet. Sung in French with French dialogue and projected English translation. Carmen and Don José crash into each other with a passion that's as much about will as it is about desire. At its premiere, Bizet's opera shocked and thrilled audiences.

STOMP - October 1-18, 2009. Explosive, provocative, sophisticated, sexy, utterly unique and fun for everyone! The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments - matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps - to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. A tradition in Boston not to be missed. For tickets log onto www.telecharge.com or call 1-800-432-7250.

ZERO ARROW THEATRE
2 Arrow Street, Cambridge, MA
THE DONKEY SHOW - Now through October 31, 2009. 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 you may call 617-547-8300 or visit: www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org.

ROBINSON THEATER
617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA
REAGLE PLAYERS - SAY IT WITH MUSIC - October 2-4, 2009 - 9th edition of Irving Berlin revue SAY IT WITH MUSIC stars Beverly and Kirby Ward recreate the "Fred and Ginger" era leading a cast of 40 Reagle Players through dozens of Berlin classics. Framed in an Art Deco setting - the popular 9th edition of Say It with Music plays Robinson Theater on October 2 at 7:30 p.m., October 3rd at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and October 4th at 2 p.m. Robinson Theatre is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking. Generous group discounts are available along with student and senior citizen discounts. Call 781 891 5600 for tickets and information or visit online at www.reagleplayers.com. Plenty of free parking is available.

MUSIC

TD BANK GARDEN
Causeway Street, Boston, MA
PINK - Friday, October 2, 2009 8:00 PM. "This is my most vulnerable album to date," says P!nk, 29. For tickets log onto www.ticketmaster.com or you may call 1-800-745-3000.

KOWLOON'S RESTAURANT
948 Broadway (Rt. 1 North)
Saugus, MA
THAT'S AMORE - Thursday October 8, 2009. Spend an "Evening in Saugus (Roma) with *Pat Benti* and *Tutti Pazzi*" and see what being Italian is all about. For fun, show, music, strollers, dinner and special guests call: 781-233-0077.

STONEHAM THEATER
395 Main Street, Stoneham, MA
THE GOOD WAR - Now through - October 4, 2009. In *The Good War* Terkel presents the good, the bad, and the ugly memories of World War II from a perspective of forty years of after the events. This is the New England Premiere. *Studs Terkel's The Good War* features classic songs such as "I'll Be With You In Apple Blossom Time," "I'll Be Seeing You," and "Moonlight Serenade." For tickets call 781.279.2200 or log onto www.stonehamtheatre.org.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER
136 Mass Avenue, Boston, MA
A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON - Monday, September 21, 2009, 8:15 p.m. A multimedia concert tribute to Michael Jackson, directed by the Yo Team, with performances by Berklee students and faculty.

DIANNE REEVES - Friday, October 23rd at 8:00 PM. Recognized as one of the premier vocalists in the world, 4 time Grammy Winner, Dianne Reeves is among the most prominent and influential singers in jazz.

MARIZA - Saturday, November 7th at 8:00 PM. Mariza is a charismatic fado singer with a clarion voice and a mesmerizing stage presence. She sings the traditional and new songs of Portugal.

MILTON NASCIMENTO - Sunday, November 15th at 8:00 PM. Milton's deeply moving music and rich, remarkable voice have made him an international legend and one of Brazil's biggest stars. His sound is a harmonious mix of African rhythms, Brazilian folk melodies, bossa nova and diverse undercurrents from across the globe. Call: 617-876-4275 or visit: www.WorldMusic.org.

HOUSE OF BLUES
15 Lansdowne St., Boston, MA
MOBY - Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Order tickets at www.ticketmaster.com. For a complete line up of House of Blues events log onto www.houseofblues.com.

ORPHEUM THEATRE
One Hamilton Place, Boston
PLAYING FOR CHANGE - Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.; doors open at 7:15 p.m. This concert is a part of the Songs around the World: Peace Through Music Tour. Tickets at www.livenation.com, at the Orpheum Box Office or call 877-598-8689 or 617-482-0106 for information.

Special Events

KING RICHARD'S FAIRE
Carver, MA
KING RICHARD'S RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL - Now through October 24, 2009. Come and enjoy a vivid recreation of a 16th century English marketplace with dancers, puppeteers, jugglers, minstrels, mimes, magicians and musicians. This unique event is not to be missed. For information call 508-866-5391 or visit: www.kingrichardsfaire.net.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE
310 Washington St., Boston, MA
REVERE CONNECTIONS: THE LINCOLNS OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS - September 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. When Abraham Lincoln visited Worcester in 1848, Levi Lincoln, Jr. was mayor. Our local historian Jock Herron will discuss the Lincoln family of Worcester, focusing in particular on the three Lincoln governors: Levin Lincoln, Sr. and Levi Lincoln of Massachusetts and Enoch Lincoln of Maine. For more information on these lecture series, please visit: www.oldsouthmeetinghouse.org

NEMPAC LORD & TAYLOR BENEFIT BASH
Tuesday, October 6, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Shop for the latest fashions and support NEMPAC Lord and Taylor will host Benefit Bash, an exclusive day filled with special savings, their stores in Boston, Burlington, Natick and Braintree. Special savings passes include cosmetics and fragrances, plus a 20% coupon off one sale or regular priced item (some exclusions apply). All ticket proceeds benefit North End Music and Performing Arts Center. Rebecca Griffin becca0923@yahoo.com information is also at www.nempacboston.org.

ARTS

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM
East India Square, Salem, MA
RARE BIRD OF FASHION: THE IRREVERENT IRIS APFEL - October 17, 2009 through February 7, 2010. This exhibit features more than 80 dramatic ensembles from the personal collection of legendary tastemaker and style icon Iris Apfel.
DRAGONS, MONSTERS AND VAMPIRES, OH MY! - Friday, October 23rd from 6:30-9:30 PM. Explore dragons and monsters in the museum with hands-on art activities and storytelling.
SURFLAND - Photographs by Joni Sternbach - Now through October 4,

2009. Joni Sternbach uses the 19th century tintype photographic process to capture the dynamic surfing culture along America's coasts. For information call 866-745-1876 or go online to www.pem.org.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM
280 The Fenway, Boston MA
CONVERSATION WITH SU-MEI TSE & PIERANNA CAVALCHINI & ENRICO LUNGI - September 24, 2009 at 6:30 PM - Join us for a conversation on the exhibition *Su-Mei*

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO
"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and "The Italian Show" w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10AM to 1PM www.1110wccmam.com
"Italia Oggi" (Italy Today) Sundays 1PM to 2 PM with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM www.1460WXBR.com
"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11 AM-1 PM Sundays. 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com
"The Nick Franciosa Show" - Every Sunday at 12 Noon to 3:00 PM on radio stations WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.
"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM every Sunday on WSRO 650AM Framingham and online at www.wsro.com.

THE APPIAN CLUB OF STONEHAM PRESENTS ITALIAN CLASSES
CHILDREN ITALIAN CLASSES are held on Saturday mornings starting on September 19th, with registration the week before on September 12th from 9am -12 noon at the Applan Club: 42 Pleasant Street, Stoneham. With 20 weeks of instruction that is both fun and enjoyable, your child will be introduced to the language and learn some culture along the way. Classes are for one hour and youngsters must be at least six years old. Instructor Sandra DiRenzo has taught in the Medford schools for over twenty years. Class are small and interactive. Contact John Nocella at 781-438-5687 or email john02180@yahoo.com.

THE CHEVALIER THEATRE
30 Forest Street, Medford, MA
L'ARTE DELLA DANZA IERI, OGGI E DOMANI - Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Dance of Past, Present and Future. Experience an exciting show displaying a cultural view of Italian Region Dances by different choreographers from the United States and Italy! Featuring performing groups from New York City - Actan Company, Boston own Stajez Dance Company and from Sicily. For more information please visit www.fedsicilianamass.com. For tickets call 1-877-840-0457 or log onto www.ticketforce.com.

MGM GRAND FOXWOODS THEATRE
Mashantucket, Connecticut
TIZIANO FERRO - Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 7:00. Direct from Italy, don't miss this fantastic performance.
LAURA PAUSINI - Sunday, October 25, 2009 - Roughly a decade after she made her recording debut at the age of 18, Laura Pausini has sold over 25 million albums worldwide, quite an impressive feat for someone who'd never really broken into the lucrative English-language market. The Italian singer began her career at a young age, making her live debut at only age 12. In 2008 Laura spent most of her time in the studio, recording another new album. Her tenth studio album called "Primavera In Anticipo" was first released in its Spanish language edition *Primavera anticipada* and in the hispanophone market, then was released in the Italian language edition in Italy. The international version of the album was released in other European countries. In 2009, Laura Pausini began a new World tour, starting in Italy and across Europe, then to North America, South America and Australian. Log onto www.foxwoods.com for more information and to order tickets.

BURLINGTON SONS OF ITALY LODGE 2223
ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES - The Burlington Sons of Italy Lodge 2233 will once again be offering Italian language classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Beginner 1 & 2 will begin on Wednesday, September 23; Intermediate 1 & 2 will also begin on September 23; Intermediate Advanced will begin on

Thursday, September 24. The beginner and intermediate classes are held in Burlington at St. Margaret's Parish school building located on Winn Street while the advanced class is held at the teacher's home in Stoneham. The classes run for a ten-week period. Registration night is September 16th from 6 PM to 7 PM at St. Margaret's School. For general questions, please call Carol Nappa, class director at 617-650-6302 or email at capenonna@yahoo.com. For specific information about class content and which class you should enroll in, please call our teacher, Tom Stuto at 781-438-6720. For more info, log onto www.burlingtonsonsofitaly.org

LA PENTOLA DI RAME WELCOMES MICHELIN-STARRED ITALIAN CHEF TO BOSTON

This September, **La Pentola di Rame** continues its unique culinary program with Michelin-starred chef **Andrea Nacci**. Chef Nacci is passionately dedicated to creating traditional Italian dishes in an elegant fashion, and once spent an entire year perfecting the art of the perfect salsa pomodoro. He will share his secrets with Boston-area residents through cooking classes and special events.

Chef Nacci has held positions at some of the top-rated restaurants in Italy including the 1-Star Michelin Hotel San Pietro di Positano, 2-Star Michelin Don Alfonso in Sorrento and the 2-Star Michelin Ristorante Perbellini in Verona. He is currently the Chef de Cuisine of Restaurant Regina at the five-star Grand Hotel Principe di Piemonte in Viareggio, Tuscany. Boston-area residents will have an opportunity to work closely with this young luminary by attending his classes at **Boston Center for Adult Education**, the **Cambridge School of Culinary Arts**, and **Eurostoves Culinary Centre** in Beverly, MA. For a full class schedule, visit www.lapentoladirame.com/events.html.

On **September 23**, Chef Nacci will join acclaimed Boston chef Charles Draghi to host a **La Pentola di Rame "Guest Chef Dinner" at Erbaluce Restaurant**. The dinner will feature five courses paired with unique Italian wines hand selected for the event by Chef Draghi. For reservations call (617) 426-6969 or visit www.erbaluce-boston.com.

CLASSIC NEAPOLITAN CUISINE
Boston Center for Adult Education, 122 Arlington Street, Boston, (617) 267-4430, <http://bcae.org>. Thursday, September 17, 6-9 p.m.

TRADITIONAL NEAPOLITAN CUISINE - The Cambridge School of the Culinary Arts, 2020 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA, 617-354-2020. Monday, September 21, 7-10 p.m., NOTE: This is a demonstration only class.

SALSA POMODORO, RAGU AND FRESH PASTA - Thursday, September 24, 6-10 p.m.- The Cambridge School of the Culinary Arts, 2020 Mass Ave., Cambridge, MA, 617-354-2020, www.cambridgeculinary.com

EUROSTOVES GUEST CHEF SERIES - Friday, September 25, 7-10 p.m. Eurostoves Culinary Center, 45 Enon Street, Beverly, MA, (978) 232-0007. www.eurostoves.com.

NEAPOLITAN PASTRY - Sunday, September 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Cambridge School of the Culinary Arts, 2020 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA, 617-354-2020. www.cambridgeculinary.com. For class schedules visit www.lapentoladirame.com

GUEST CHEF DINNER - Tuesday, September 23, 7-10 p.m., 5-course sit-down dinner paired with wine. Erbaluce Restaurant, 60 Church Street, Boston (617) 426-6969, www.erbaluce-boston.com.

CHEF'S TABLE SUPPER CLUB: A NEAPOLITAN FEAST - Sunday, September 20, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Eurostoves Culinary Center, 45 Enon Street, Beverly, MA, (978) 232-0007 www.eurostoves.com. Five-course sit-down dinner paired with wine.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

As reported! "Gentlemen would be wise to woo their ladies with daily glasses of red wine. That's because women who sip two glasses of red wine a day can get in the mood easily, if you know what we mean"

Consuming just the right amount of red wine boosts women's sexuality, say researchers from the University of Florence in Italy, who analyzed data from 800 women ages 18 to 50. Experts believe wine's antioxidants help improve blood flow to certain vital parts of the female anatomy, reports the study in the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, says now she knows why whenever she dines out with her friend Carlo Puzo, in an Italian restaurant, he always tells the waiter, "La lista dei vini, per favore." He then urges me to drink at least two glasses of wine. That's amore!

Scornato! A Detroit man invited a woman out to a romantic dinner, and when the bill arrived, said he had left his wallet in her car and asked for his date's keys. He then proceeded to drive away with her 2000 Chevrolet Impala.

Eat your bread crusts! New research has revealed that a daily serving of bread crusts reduced the incidence of precancerous lesions in bowels by up to 72 percent, according to a new study. The secret anti-cancer weapon in crusts is pronyl-lysine, a powerful antioxidant that is created during baking, say scientists.

Gee, now we know why Italian mothers always urged their children to eat the bread crust. Of course, they also urged the kids to dip the crust into their bowls of cocoa. Mangial Mangia!

Meaning of some Italian foods! The round convex pasta known in Italian as *orecchietti* has a name that means "little ears." Inside our mouths lies the inspiration for *linguine*, an Italian word that means "little tongues." The Italian pasta called *penne* is from the Latin *penna*, which means "feather."

Bad news! Many obese children face early deaths because their bulk has caused their arteries to age at an incredible rate, says an alarming new study.

Police arrested a model who was posing naked for a photographer at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art. Noting that the museum is full of art depicting nude women, defense attorney Donald Schechter called the public-lewdness charge "ridiculous."

Keep on swinging! Swinging your arms while walking saves energy and it's good for your legs. That's the result of a study to find out why humans naturally swing their arms instead of holding them still when walking. Scientists at the University of Michigan found that keeping the arms still at the side spends 12 percent MORE energy than swinging them while striding. The natural swing motion also gives a slight bounce to the body which softens the impact walking has on the legs.

Useless Information: In ancient Greece, women counted their age from the date they were married. Trivia is the Roman goddess of sorcery, hounds, and the crossroads. The saying "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye" is from ancient Rome. The only rule during wrestling matches was no eye gouging. Everything else was allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone's eyes out. More than 150 people were tried as witches and wizards in Salem, Massachusetts, in the late 1600s. In 1900, the third leading cause of death was diarrhea. A fierce gust of wind blew forty-five-year-old Vittorio Luise's car into a river near Naples, Italy, in 1980. He managed to break a window, climb out, and swim to shore, where a tree blew over and killed him. It is estimated that within twenty years of Columbus discovering the New World, the Spaniards killed off 1.5 million Native Americans.

From Milan, Italy: The Italian sports world is debating whether devout Muslims make reliable soccer players. The controversy began when coach Jose' Mourinho of the Inter Milan team benched one of its players, Ghanaian Sulley Muntari, who had been fasting all day for the Muslim holy month. "He was clearly struggling," Mourinho

said. "It's the month of Ramadan, and that is what affected his performance."

Italian Muslims were outraged, and their anger grew when the owner of another Italian team, Claudio Lorito, said he simply wouldn't sign players who observe Ramadan. The flap prompted medical experts from FIFA, the world soccer body to announce that "no serious scientific study" had ever shown a decrease in player performance due to Ramadan fasting.

Former First Daughter Jenna Bush Hager has signed on to NBC's Today show as a contributing correspondent. The 27-year-old reformed rebel, once criticized for sticking her tongue out at reporters during her father's 2004 campaign, will report on human interest stories. "Jenna has a natural ability to communicate and connect," said Today show producer Jim Bell.

Huh? Most cities have what is commonly referred to as a red-light district; a place where prostitutes ply their trade. So why is it called a red-light district? The usually agreed-upon answer is that when railway workers visited "women of the night," they would hang their red lanterns outside the brothels so they could be found if they were needed.

Do we have a red-light district in Boston? Well, it was reportedly Dover Street.

Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "Death is not a period but a coma in the story of life."

Our distinguished maestro and musicologist Albert Natale informed us where some music greats are buried. The Ferncliff Cemetery located in Hartsdale, New York is where you'll discover Judy Garland and Harold Arlen, the man who wrote "Over the Rainbow." Also, buried at Ferncliff, Thelonious Monk, Connee Boswell, Paul Robeson, Richard Rodgers, Jerome Kern and Sigmund Romberg. Count Basie, Guy Lombardo and John Coltrane are at the Pinelawn Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island. Louis Armstrong is at the Flushing Cemetery, Flushing, New York. Stephen Foster died in poverty in a charity ward at the Bellevue Hospital in New York. The composer of songs based upon the lives and times of Southerners is buried in Yankee territory — Alleghany Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. George Gershwin is resting in a mausoleum in Westchester Hills, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. Frank Fontaine is at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford. John Belushi is at Abel's Hill Cemetery, Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard. Katharine Cornell is at the Village Cemetery, Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard. And Arthur Fiedler is decomposing at St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury.

Gary Cooper who passed away in 1961 was originally buried in Hollywood, but his wife brought him from Hollywood to bury him in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Southampton, Long Island. Cooper is buried under a rose-colored boulder. When he found out he had inoperable cancer he told his friend Ernest Hemingway, "Papa I bet I beat you back to the barn." He did, but only by six weeks. For the record, Gary Cooper's original name is Frank James Cooper.

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Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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VEAL CUTLETS PARMIGIANA

TOMATO SAUCE:

1 twenty-eight-ounce can of crushed tomatoes
1 eight-ounce can of tomato paste
1 medium onion chopped
1 garlic clove chopped (optional)
1/3 cup vegetable, canola or olive oil
1 teaspoon dried basil, or 3 fresh basil leaves
1 pound mozzarella cheese (whole piece or shredded)
Grated Parmesan or Romano Cheese
Salt

Add chopped onion, garlic (optional), and basil to heated oil in saucepan. Simmer until onion is opaque. Garlic should not brown. Add crushed tomatoes and a half-cup of water. Stir thoroughly. Cover and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for about fifteen or twenty minutes. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking to the bottom of saucepan. Add tomato paste and stir thoroughly. Fill empty tomato paste can with water. Add water to sauce and stir. Salt to taste. Cover pot. Simmer slowly over low heat for another thirty minutes. If desired, additional water can be added to thin sauce.

VEAL CUTLETS:

2 tablespoons thinly sliced veal (approx. 1/4-inch thick slices)
2 cups flavored bread crumbs
1 or 2 beaten eggs
1/2 cup of olive, canola or vegetable oil
3 paper plates or some white paper towels

Place prepared bread crumbs in a bowl. Beat eggs in a separate bowl. With a fork, dip a slice of veal into the beaten eggs. Place veal into bread crumbs to cover both sides of meat with the crumbs. Set aside in a separate plate. Continue in this fashion with each veal slice.

TO FRY: Heat 1/4 cup of oil in a skillet. Place breaded veal slices in heated oil and brown on both sides. Remove from skillet and place on a paper plate, which will absorb excess oil. Then place cutlets on a serving platter. Continue frying in this fashion. Add more oil to skillet if needed.

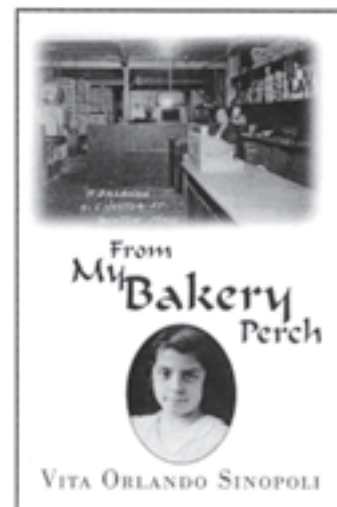
TO BAKE PARMIGIANA: Spread some tomato sauce over bottom of 8" x 10" baking dish. Add one layer of cooked veal cutlets to the baking dish. Cut up mozzarella cheese into 1/4 slices and place over each cutlet. If using shredded mozzarella cheese, sprinkle over each cutlet. With ladle, spread tomato sauce over mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle grated cheese of choice over tomato sauce. Cover and bake in preheated 350°F oven until the cheese melts (about eight to fifteen minutes). Use a spatula to serve the Veal Parmigiana. Top each serving with tomato sauce.

OPTIONAL: Include pasta of choice topped with tomato sauce to each serving. A vegetable salad and garlic bread go well with this.

Remaining sauce freezes well.

NOTE: Mama prepared Veal Parmigiana often when she expected visitors after dinner at our cottage in Wilmington. We ate dinner between twelve and one o'clock in the afternoon. On many occasions the afternoon visitors remained until suppertime. Mama felt comfortable having something extra prepared to serve for supper. She warmed up leftovers for those who desired them along with her Veal Parmigiana. Papa went into the his garden and picked some fresh lettuce while Mama selected a few ripened tomatoes and cucumbers to be added to the salad she served to everyone.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



For the past few weeks, I have been on vacation. Before Loretta and I headed out, both boys were home for a short stay. John came home from Switzerland and Michael returned from New York. John hadn't been home since last Christmas and many of his friends contacted him when they found out he was back in Boston. John works in international finance and lives in Zurich. Michael is an actor and lives in New York City. On a given afternoon, just before everyone had to go their separate ways, we had a cookout in the back yard. John's girlfriend came in from New York for the event and met Michael's girl for the first time. They seemed to hit it off pretty well. Most of the guests were the friends they had made as kids, relationships that were kept up as they became adults.

I've described our old fashion family cookouts in past columns, but that was when my grandparents and parents were alive. My generation is now the older one and our kids run the world. In terms of cookouts, they do it differently. The food is basically American. When things were planned out, my son, John, decided to manage the back yard set up and do the cooking. He and his mother headed for a supermarket to buy steaks and the fixings that accompany a barbecued steak dinner. I think Loretta picked up the tab. The next stop was to the liquor store where beer and wine could be found. I know John picked up the tab here. Once they were back home, John, Michael and their lady friends began the preparations for an afternoon barbecue.

John began marinating the steaks, cutting up the salad ingredients, tweaking the potato salad a bit and lighting the charcoal to get it just right for the meat to cook. As I silently observed, I saw that he also had bought hotdogs, hamburgers and chicken for people who didn't want steak. Within an hour, everything was ready.

While he concerned himself with these chores, Michael set up a make-shift bar using a folding table he found in the cellar. The next thing I knew, he had bottles of hard stuff all in a row facing the front of the table. Behind them were bottles of mixers. Aside of the table was a pedestal with a plas-

tic bucket that contained chilled wines. On the other side was a rectangular tub of ice with cans of beer and soda chilling to the right temperature.

By late in the afternoon, their friends started arriving. They didn't have the Italian faces of the family members I remembered from the family barbecues of old, but the faces of many nationalities and races that represent the youth of today. I guess I think ethnically and looked at the universal representation in my backyard. There were about 12 to 16 of their young friends who were Irish, Portuguese, Haitian, Puerto Rican, Chinese, Jewish, African American and, yes, Italian, with a couple of Heinz 57s thrown in. Most I had known since they were young children as they either went to school with my kids or played baseball or basketball with them growing up, all now in their mid or late twenties. If this was 50 years ago, they would have arrived with their spouses and kids. But, this is 2009, and all of them are still single, each having recently finished college or graduate school and are now working in careers that my folks generation never even dreamt of.

As each arrived, they greeted Loretta and me and then John, Michael and any of the other guests they hadn't seen in a long time. Once all of the guests had arrived, John began cooking and Michael began playing bartender. As I watched Michael, all I could think of was a point in time when I would finish playing with my band on a Saturday night and head for Lucifer's, a bar at the long-gone Kenmore Club, where Dean Saluti was working as a bartender to pay his college expenses. When Dean would finish, we would head for Chinatown for a bite.

One of the guests looked in my direction and asked if he could fix me a drink. I said that I wouldn't mind, and within a minute or two, I had a scotch on the rocks in my hand. Soon the food was ready. John had barbecued me a rare steak with just the right amount of marinade on it. He added salad and potato salad to my dish and then served me. He did the same for Loretta and then concentrated on his and Michael's friends. As I ate, I watched the mid 20s

crowd mix with one another, enjoy their drinks, food and each other's company. Once I was done, I moved to another table in the corner of the back yard with my scotch, lit a cigar and just watched the entire gathering enjoy themselves.

At that point in time, I happened to remember a conversation I had with Sal DiDomenico several months ago. I was at his brother-in-law's house and Sal's four children and all of his grandchildren were present, each involved in some after-dinner activity. Sal just sat back observing his brood as we spoke. I commented that he looked like the Godfather (the good kind, not the movie variety) silently surveying the situation. His comment was, "Someday, you will have grandchildren of your own and be doing the same thing." My kids aren't married yet, but I discovered what he meant that afternoon as I sat with my drink and cigar. I was the senior citizen at the cookout, and maybe the Godfather.

As evening rolled around, most of the guests had to depart, each coming over to Loretta and me to thank us for the invitation. They then repeated their departure gestures. When I headed into the kitchen, I saw several bottles of wine on the kitchen table that they had brought as gifts for the family. After they left, John, Michael and their lady friends did the clean up.

Later when everyone had left including my sons and their girl friends, Loretta began to read and as I sat back, I thought not only of that conversation with Sal DiDomenico, but a point in time when Babbononno was in the same position as the head of the clan observing his children and their children at a family gathering. Babbononno would sit back with a stogie and a second or third glass of home-made wind and just watch the goings on in silence.

Hopefully, some day Loretta and I will experience grandchildren. I will probably be older than most as my kids are not even close to settling down. But, I know that I will experience the same feelings as I had observed coming from my grandfather decades ago or my friend, Sal, this past Christmas season. Maybe these emotions are the Italian part of the equation. I sort of think they are.

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MY FAVORITE Poems and Quotes

by Attorney David Saliba

Cardinal Cushing was well known in Boston. He was our Archbishop from 1944 to 1958 and in 1958; Pope John 23rd (Angelo Roncalli) elevated him to Cardinal of the Boston Diocese.

Cardinal Cushing was very influential in Boston as well as the world. He was an intimate friend of the Kennedy family and he married John F. Kennedy to Jacqueline Lee Bowvier on September 12, 1953. Even though the marriage was performed in Newport, Rhode Island, Cardinal Cushing was chosen to perform the ceremony.

Cardinal Cushing was influential in reaching out to the Jewish Community; his sister Dolly was married to Richard Pearlstein. Richard Pearlstein was Jewish. The Cardinal and Pearlstein were very close friends. He loved Richard and visited often with Dolly and Richard.

At that time Father Leonard Feeney was assigned to the Saint Benedict Center in Cambridge. Feeney espoused the fact that the only road to Salvation (Getting to Heaven) was through the Catholic Church. Every Sunday for seven years, Father Feeney preached at the Boston Common citing his dogma of no Salvation outside of the Church and his sermons usually disparaged the Jewish people.

Cardinal Cushing asked Father Feeney to stop but Father Feeney refused. As a result, the Cardinal notified the Vatican and on February 13, 1953, Father Feeney was excommunicated from the Catholic Church.

Cardinal Cushing was a compassionate bishop. He founded the Missionary Society of St. James to feed the poor not only in Boston but around the world including South America. He was a member of the NAACP and supported many Catholic charities.

In his later years he was afflicted with various illnesses and when asked about his health, he wrote a poem. I refer to this poem from time to time and here it is:

I'M FINE

*I live out in Brighton close to BC,
(I.e., Boston College)*

And I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees

And when I must speak, then I talk with a wheeze.

*My pulse is weak and my blood is quite thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.*

I need arch supporters to strengthen my feet.

My ankles are swollen; I'm white as a sheet.

I toss in my bed without sleep every night;

No wonder each morning I look like a sight.

My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,

But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

Diverticulitis is a word hard to spell

But it's a disease from which I'll never get well.

Ulcers that keep me on a diet with Maalox

Prevent me from resting in a funeral box.

The length of my sermons brings yawns or a grin,

But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

The moral is, friends, as this tale I unfold,

That for you and for me, who are fast growing old,

It's better to say, "I am fine" with a grin

Than to let people know of the shape that we're in.

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

the boogeyman disappeared. I finally realized I created the boogeyman and I could do him in too. When we give up on hope, there's little to root for.

Since 9/11 it is now us versus them again. Now instead of those bad old Soviets, it is the stateless Islamic terrorist that has become our boogeyman or barbarian. As long as there are them versus us, good versus bad and dark versus light, we can fall victim to paralyzing hopelessness. I sleep much better in life since throwing the boogeyman out of my bedroom.

The world often looks like a sinkhole of violence, famine, war, greed and hatred and that's with good people living in it. Too many people just sit back hopelessly giving up to what they call fate. Instead of being the engine of life, they choose to be a carboose. Just going along for the ride accepting anything that happens or any place the train stops.

I choose to live hopefully and not living helplessly in fear of fate. I take control as much as possible. There are mean people and things lurking in the world. There

is real evil out there but I choose not to be the emperor simply waiting for the barbarians to crash through the gates. We can be our own worse enemies if we just sit back and do nothing.

Back in 1962 many Americans thought World War III was around the corner. Everyone went to church to pray. Then we were paralyzed. After 9/11 we were paralyzed again. We've gone to war and watched so many American soldiers die. We've created new barbarians. Some are waiting at the gates again.

The War on Terror has replaced the Cold War. New enemies replaced old enemies. I am hope that there will be no gate crashers. I wake up hopeful everyday doing the best I can and hope for the future. There are still more good people than bad but I also realize bad defines good too.

As Nietzsche said don't stare at the monster too much and as my father said there are no boogeymen. There is just us and we must remain a people who live in hope rather than fear. A people not waiting for the barbarians to come crashing inside our lives.

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

and at a lower cost, for everyone. The good news is that none of these myths are going to become realities.

Senior citizens in Boston should know that we are here to help. One way of getting the facts is by calling the Elderly Commission at (617) 635-4366 to learn more about the legislation or to get answers to your personal health care questions.

Misinformation is a powerful tool that makes a complicated — yet crucial — reform effort even more difficult to understand. I will continue to fight for the needs of the elderly by working with the Massachusetts delegation to assure that seniors' voices are heard and their priorities are known. We need to take care of our seniors because they paved the way for us.

ST. JUDE AND ST. ANTHONY NOVENA
 May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Anthony, most loving protector and wonder worker, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. Favor received.
 E.M.V.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN:
 (never known to fail) O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here You are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none who can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer 3 consecutive days and then publish, and it will be granted to you.
 E.M.V.

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 Date: September 11, 2009
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EXTRA Innings
 by Sal Giarratani

Lester Looking Like Team's Ace

Last year, 15-game winner Jon Lester was the team's ace in the starting rotation. Lately with Josh Beckett gaining through hard times, Lester is looking like the ace again. If he had more run support, he'd already have 15 wins again. As of Labor Day, he is 12-7 with a 3.44 ERA. Most consistent starter on the team. If not for him, the wild card wouldn't even be in the deck for the Sox. In his last 18 starts up to his September 6 win, he is 9-2 with a 2.25 ERA.

Mike Lowell Just Amazing

Since coming off the D.L., Mike Lowe between July 17 and Labor Day, has gone 40 for 122 (.328) with 7 homers and 28 RBI. Overall, he is hitting 17-69, .296 for the

season. He's on his way back.

Penny, Bird Same Difference

All season long, it was difficult watching Brad Penny start a game. He just didn't seem to have it. He gave the Sox lots of innings, but that was about it. I was glad to see the Sox let him go. I often said, he reminded me of Paul Byrd last season. Then, the Sox sign Byrd to replace Penny. Didn't make sense to me, but then I'm no Theo. Byrd isn't it either and he doesn't throw as hard as Penny either.

Lowe Struggles with Lack of Support

When Derek Lowe's sinker is sinking, he becomes Sandy Koufax. However, his biggest problem is run support from his teams over his

career. You can usually get 15 wins a year out of him. This year he is 13-9 for the Atlanta Braves. His ERA is a bit higher than usual at 4.34, but in this day and age, not really outrageous. Recently, he lost a game to Bronson Arroyo (12-12, 4.27) and the Cincinnati Reds by a 3-1 score.

Pujolswatch

As of 09-09-09, St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols is looking like an MVP with stats, 45-121, .328. Second in average, first in home-runs and second in RBIs. Over his NL career, these are the kinds of numbers we have come to expect and he's the best thing that has happened in the post-steroids era. His numbers are real and they are real year after year after year.

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

and equipment possible and support funding more youth workers and police officers for high crime areas.

How would you address transportation issues in our neighborhoods?

As a former assistant general manager at one of the largest transit authorities in the country, I have the best insight into what works, what doesn't work

and what needs to be done. As your city councilor I pledge to fight to keep toll discounts for residents of East Boston, the North End, Charlestown and South Boston and would oppose any toll increase. I would work to make transportation planning a key part of all future major development projects as well as look at new and innovate ways to meet the

unique transportation needs of each neighborhood.

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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 CASEY TOWING, 46 NEW MARKET SQUARE, ROXBURY, MA 02118 HAS HAD YOUR 1998 GMC YUKON UTIL VIN #1GKEK13R7WJ727272 SINCE FEBRUARY 21, 2009. LAST REGISTERED TO YOU. AFTER DUE NOTICE THIS VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN CLAIMED. THIS VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE AT CASEY TOWING, 46 NEW MARKET SQUARE, ROXBURY, MA 02118.
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KEVIN WALSH
 FOR
CASEY TOWING
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LEGAL NOTICE
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court Department
 MIDDLESEX Division
 Docket No. MI09D3360DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
MARGARET CARNEVALE,
 Plaintiff
 vs.
STEVEN CARNEVALE,
 Defendant
 To the above named Defendant:
 A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **MARGARET CARNEVALE**, 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 Margaret Carnevale - Plaintiff - whose address is 17 Sewall Street, Somerville, MA 02145 your answer on or before October 16, 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 8, day of September, 2009.
 Tara E. DeCristofaro
 Register of Probate
 Run date: 9/18/09

LEGAL NOTICE
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court Department
 MIDDLESEX Division
 Docket No. MI09D3423DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
SHARON G. WOODMAN,
 Plaintiff
 vs.
MICHAEL R. WOODMAN,
 Defendant
 To the above named Defendant:
 A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, **SHARON G. WOODMAN**, 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 Sharon G. Woodman - Plaintiff - whose address is 54 Orchard Street, Medford, MA 02155 your answer on or before October 16, 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 8, day of September, 2009.
 Tara E. DeCristofaro
 Register of Probate
 Run date: 9/18/09

LEGAL NOTICE
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court Department
 MIDDLESEX Division
 Docket No. MI09P4028EA
 In the Estate of
ROSE A. KAZAROSIAN
A/K/A ROSE ADRIAN KAZAROSIAN
A/K/A ROSE KAZAROSIAN
 Late of **WATERTOWN, MA 02472**
 Date of Death **August 31, 1992**
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 **KAREN R. KAZAROSIAN** of Watertown, 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 **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **October 9, 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. PETER C. DIGANGI**, Esquire, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: September 11, 2009
 Tara E. DeCristofaro
 Register of Probate
 Run date: 9/18/09



NEWS BRIEFS

(FROM ITALIAN
NEWSPAPERS AND
OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

VATICAN STATE AND ITALY: 1929. A correction has to be made to a recently reported brief news by the Boston Sunday Globe (6-7-09). The Sovereign State of Vatican City didn't come into existence in 1929, as reported. Furthermore, Vatican City had been, as now, the capital of the Vatican State long before 1860; at the time the Vatican controlled the entire central part of the Italian peninsula. As the "Risorgimento" (the movement for Italian unification) began, the insurgents took over, inter alia, of the Vatican territory, piece by piece, but not the city of Rome. In 1871, the Piedmontese troops, broke through the walls of 'Porta Pia', and took over Rome, which became the capital of the new Italian State. When the Pope found himself dispossessed of his 'temporal, domain, he went into self-imposed exile, never trying to start a dialogue with the new masters of Italy. This impasse continued until 1929 when Mussolini, looking for a new popularity under the blessing of the Pope, offered the Vatican a deal. The agreement that was reached, and signed, on February 11, 1929 made official the position of the new Vatican State, i.e. about a square mile of land well inside the city of Rome. Italy is still paying a stiff compensation to the Vatican every year for the land Italy forcibly took from the Pope in the 1860's. I felt it was essential to clarify the facts, with a little historical background.

• Editorial (Continued from Page 3)

The House Ways and Means Committee nixed the Heller amendment by a 26 to 15 vote along straight party lines. GOP representatives introduced the amendment to provide a way to weed out non-citizens from the program.

That coverage for illegals has become an explosive issue is not surprising, considering that a recent Rasmussen Reports poll found an overwhelming 80 percent of Americans oppose covering illegals in any pub-

lic healthcare bill.

Democrats have made it clear that amnesty is the next item on their ambitious legislative agenda anyway.

"I've got to do healthcare, I've got to do energy, and then I'm looking very closely at doing immigration," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, declared in June.

I do not usually toot my own horn but on this issue, I have been in the forefront since the inception of the Obama administration.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

sources are wasted outside the classrooms of our city. Learning starts in the classroom not the bus seat.

Mt. Carmel One Month Removed from 5th Anniversary

It is difficult to believe that the Boston Archdiocese shuttered the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church back on October 12, 2004. The archdiocese may have closed the church on paper but in the real world, the place is still crowded and open to parishioners who refuse to give up hope. Every Sunday, you see the spirit of Mt. Carmel alive and well at their 10 am Sun-

day service and at the fellowship downstairs after the service. Plans are being made to honor the commitment made by the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Survivors. I even hear that Teddie the dog can't keep his tongue in his mouth talking up the survivor group of which he serves as official mascot.

Mt. Carmel has become more than a church, it is a resolve. There's an old song from my cd collection with lyrics that sum up what has happened since 2004 that goes, "For united we stand, divided we fall and if our backs should ever be against the wall we'll be together, together, you and I."

• Raging Debates (Continued from Page 1)

socialistic oblivion; therefore, I am considered a racist. I think the president is wrongheaded in his soft-on-terrorism approach when it comes to our current war efforts; therefore, you get the idea.

No one even tries to say, "All right wise guy — why do you oppose the president?"

It's high time that Congress, the media, and everyday Americans get back to issues-oriented debate. Let's work out the issues using the Constitution as our foundation. Anything less is meaningless babble.

But Don't Get Me Started.

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The North Star National

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

NORTH END NEEDS A GOOD DOG PARK

I have never seen so many dogs in the North End. Some of them are quite large, others are smaller than cats. They all seem to like stopping by Contrada's 'looking for Cheryl who gives out those doggie treats'. The other day I saw someone walking their dog in Puopolo Park and letting them off the leash. Of course, he didn't have a plastic bag to his name. This gives all dog owners a bad name. South Boston has a new dog park near Carson Beach and it seems well used. They've got to find a spot for a good dog park in the North End. It is

bad enough with all those geese fertilizing our ball-parks without dogs adding to the mess. I think the old days were better when North Enders were into cats or little birds.

HI TO MY COUSIN LENA

My cousin Lena Assenza from Commercial Street recently told me where my grandfather actually lived when he first came to the North End in 1906. It was the triangled playground at the entrance to North Square where I would have recess when I was in kindergarten at St. John's School. I never knew exactly where the North Square location was until I talked recently with

Lena. By the way, the Assenza family has been in the North End for almost 120 years now. My grandmother was an Assenza and Lena's grandfather I believe, were brother and sister. I am also related to the Indelicatos and Imbronnones too. All Sciaccatani, all the time.

CHRIS MAKING HIS WAY ROUND DISTRICT 1

Chris Kulikoski will be vying on Preliminary Day for the job of District 1 City Councilor. He's getting some good support in his own North End neighborhood and folks will be looking at his numbers after next week's election. Good luck, Chris.

Suffolk Downs Hosts a Superfecta Event to Benefit ConSoné Academy



Pictured from left to right is Anne Connolly, ConSoné Founder and Head of School; Sheela Hegde; Laura McCarthy; Lauren Digange; Michael Tassone, ConSoné Trustee; Neil and Priya Desai; and Helene Tassone, ConSoné Founder and Head of School.

(Photo by Chip Botts, CB Photography)

On the heels of its successful ConSoné Summer-Sing program held at the East Boston Harborside Community Center, ConSoné Founders returned to East Boston — this time to Suffolk Downs for **ConSoné Day at the Races**, a fundraising event for their new school, ConSoné Academy. ConSoné will be a brand new independent, tuition-free, urban, all girls' middle school, opening in 2010 in the Charlestown neighborhood of this great city, providing a comprehensive paradigm (extended day and school year, rigorous academic standards, high expectations, value formation, summer intensive study, and graduate support), empowers middle school girls to find their voice, music wise and otherwise.

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, ConSoné guests experienced the spectacle and excitement of live thoroughbred horse racing on the grandest racetrack in New England, rich with his-

tory and elegant surroundings. From "Post to Paddock," the festivities included a track tutorial, a presentation about ConSoné, a buffet luncheon, and lots of opportunities to *win, place and show* for the charitable fundraiser which was designed to stimulate awareness, visibility, and support for the school.

For ConSoné Academy, a tuition-free school that fundamentally is not "free," financial planning is a given, and it is understood that 100% of its budget will have to be raised — each year. ConSoné depends on time, talent, and treasure of individuals, foundations, and corporations in assisting us to achieve the goals and objectives for people, place, and program. Therefore, in addition to fulfilling its mission, ConSoné's activities will always cultivate organic community support.

Creating a funding stream is paramount to meet the pressing needs and all the

challenges that face a new school as it begins its mission to educate students. Concrete resources will catapult ConSoné forward in the areas of organization capacity, marketing, and brand development. In its start-up phase, ConSoné requests \$1,200,000.00 to offset its operational budget. Providing ConSoné Academy with financial support will impact real time and real people — those who are making it happen as well as those whose lives will be touched: students, faculty, staff, trustees, parents, volunteers, planners, and providers. It will be a partnership in the education process, right from the onset.

ConSoné Academy, Inc. is classified by the Internal Revenue Service of the U.S. Treasury Department as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

For further information about ConSoné, please visit www.consoneacademy.org.

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.



Our Officials in Massachusetts Boxing, (front) Dan Fitzgerald, Charlie Tartaglia. (rear) Marty Murphy, Bobby Bower, and John Biancheria.

Education this night, as "Schools In!" at Twin Rivers, in Lincoln Rhode Island. The College of Boxing, and Hard Knockouts, with Professor, Irish **Joey McCreedy** 11-3-1, 6 KO's. He earned an A+, as he schooled challenger **Eddie Caminero** 5-3, 5 KO's. **Joey McCreedy**, is the Eastern Boxing Association Super middleweight Champion, and New, New England Super middleweight Champion. Professor **Irish Joey McCreedy**, gave a "Crash Course," in Boxing Education to **Eddie Caminero** 5-3, 5 KO's, by a Technical Knockout in one. "POW!"

I want others to realize that when **Eddie Caminero** lost, in one round to **Joey McCreedy**. It was a good fighter, losing to another good fighter. This is in no way, an indication to **Eddie Caminero** not being tough. **Eddie "Thunder" Caminero**, is a very tough challenger. Just like **Irish Joey McCreedy** is a fighter. That is why he received a shot at the title. Fighters lose to other tough fighters by quick stoppage at times. **Max Schmeling** lost to **Joe Louis** on June 22, 1938, by a KO in one, **Floyd Patterson** lost to **Sonny Liston**, by KO in one September 25, 1962, **Emile Griffith** lost to **Ruben Carter** on December 20, by KO in one. Winners and non-winners of these fights are all great, and highly respected by **The Fans of Boxing**.

What's next? Is it **Elvin Ayala**? Professor **Irish Joey McCreedy** says! "Any day!" "Right now, or tomorrow!" As **Elvin Ayala** was in the ring, when **Joey McCreedy** said this. Promoter **Jimmy Burchfield**, and **CES** have many shows, for the future. Maybe these two, **Irish Joey McCreedy**, and **Elvin Ayala** will headline, one of these shows? Come on. "Declare War! And Battle it out."

In the Semifinal, 2008 US Olympian **Demetrius "The Cape Verdean Assassin" Andrade** 7-0, 6 KO's defeated **John Williams** now 3-1-1, 2 KO's. I was impressed with **Demetrius Andrade**. His opponent, **John Williams** was very tough. The Cape Verdean Assassin seems well trained. He uses purposely formulated moves. A



Eastern Boxing Association Super middleweight Champion, and new, New England Super middleweight Champion Irish Joey McCreedy.

testament to training, and talent.

Vladine Biosse 3-0, 3 KO's stopped **Sam Norwood** 0-5, in the second round. **Vladine Biosse** appears to have what I call, an abundance of talent. His opponent **Sam Norwood**, wasn't even in his class. This was, a very one sided terrible fight. The "Fans of Boxing," in this crowd were making some terrible comments, on opponent **Sam Norwood**.

Now to **David Bauza** 1-0, he did well in his professional debut. He stopped **Antonio Fernandez** 0-3 in the fourth round. I spoke to **CES, fans, trainers, and fighters. CES** Team members; **Bob Trieger** of Full Court Press, was busy at work. He was doing a great job, and making sure, "The Show Goes On!", **Rich Cappiello** appeared very busy, in his new position as Director of Fighter Development, **Attorney Tony Cardinale** a great Lawyer out of Boston. He's the Attorney for **World Heavyweight Champion John Ruiz**, there's **Lenny Currente** of Providence, an ardent great fan of Boxing, **Jerry Maccarone** a fantastic trainer who says it's going to be a good tough fight, **Ben Rose** my cousin from New Bedford. A union member of Local 1329 — the Longshoreman's Union — Providence, **John Vena** fight announcer of great talent, there's **Lenny Curreri** of **Curreri Collision** in John-

ston, RI, who brought a group of his employees to the fights, **John Hearn** a great fan of boxing from Providence, as is **John Stravato** of Cranston, there's five time **World Champion Vinny Paz** of Cranston, **Jason Pires** the fighting Police Officer of New Bedford, he's here too.

In other bouts **Jay Holland** 3-0-1 2 KO's of Providence, and **Rodricka Ray** 2-3-1, 2 KO's fought to a four round 38-38 draw on all judges cards. **David Bauza** 1-0, 1 KO was successful in his professional debut with a TKO in four over **Antonio Fernandez** 0-3 of Brockton. **Israel Sanchez** defeated **Omar Pena** 2-1-1, 0 KO's by way of a four round unanimous decision.

I'm at the **Fratelia Family** Home of, RIP **Francesco "Kid" Fratelia**. He came to the United States from **Civitavecchia Italy**, in 1947. Some of his family, was at his home this day. I stopped by and visited **Ernie Fratelia**, one of the sons of RIP **Francesco Fratelia**. **Francesco's** brother and former boxer from **Civitavecchia Italy Angelo Fratelia** and wife **Anna Fratelia**, and Cousin **Angelo Fratelia** of Randolph, are here. Both **Angelo's**, are 76 years young. RIP **Francesco "Kid" Fratelia**, was the sparring partner of World Champion Great **Rocky Marciano**. **Ernie Fratelia** sends a special; "Hello to **Andy Rivera** and **Castulo Gonzalez** of Lynn." "Keep up the good work." This is a great family. We called and spoke with **World Middleweight Champion Vito Antuofermo**. **Vito** is a great person, and great World Champion and a friend. Our prayers are with you.

Shaq Vs. Shaquille O'Neal is on television this night. **Shaq** stands 7 foot 1 inch, and weighs in at 325 pounds. He is in the ring with 10 time world champion, in 6 different weight classes **Oscar De La Hoya**. The Golden Boy Stands 5' 10" and weighs 160 pounds. Guess who **Shaq** has for a trainer, in his corner? It's none other than, Hall of Fame Trainer "**Freddie Roach**." **Freddie** has trained 25 World Champions. **Oscar De La Hoya** has World Champion **Bernard Hopkins**, in his corner. **Shaq** says, "**Freddie** is the best, at what he does." **Oscar** says, "I didn't choose boxing!" "Boxing chose me!" The Ring is his Office. The referee this night, is **Richard Steele** (He's Refereed 167 title fights). They're at Planet Hollywood Resort, Las Vegas. They're fighting a **Five** round exhibition (4 two minute rounds), and the last round, one-minute. The winner, after this exhibition is, **Oscar De La Hoya**. He wins a five round unanimous decision, over **Shaq**. I like what **Oscar De La Hoya** said earlier. "I didn't choose Boxing!" "Boxing chose me!"

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



COACHING THE CLAWS — There was good news from Maine recently when it was announced that Revere native Mike Procopio had been named an assistant coach of the Maine Red Claws, a new franchise that will begin play in the NBA Development League this fall.

The team is based in Portland and has hired Austin Ainge, the 27-year-old son of Celtics Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge, as its head coach. Last season Austin Ainge worked as a scout for the Celtics. In addition, Jon Jennings, a former assistant coach with the Celtics, is the team's president and general manager.

Procopio, who formerly worked for four years as a scout for the Boston Celtics overseeing international players, is the Director of Basketball Operations for Attack Athletics in Chicago. That program features a 65,000 square foot basketball facility that trains approximately 80 NBA players and 20 elite college players each summer. Also featured is a pre-draft program for potential draft picks that centers on skill training and how to showcase their talents during workouts and training camps. The facility is owned by Tim Grover, who was Michael Jordan's personal trainer for 15 years.

Procopio, a graduate of Suffolk University who formerly held coaching positions at Revere High School and Notre Dame Prep, began his current career as an assistant to Boston Amateur Basketball Club coach Leo Papile, enabling him to work with the talented BABC players — including Chris Herren. That grew into working out players from various local colleges. When Papile was hired by the Boston Celtics more than a decade ago, Procopio also joined the staff of the C's, devoting his time to scouting duties.

The 34-year-old mentor has been in his present position in Chicago for four years. While there he has worked with some of the most talented players in the game — including Paul Pierce, Kobe Bryant, Dwayne Wade, Devin Harris and Mike Finley. Procopio's drills focus on refining and further developing the talents of these elite players. His drills center on teaching players more explosive footwork, scoring off the dribble, how to take maximum advantage of a de-fender's weaknesses and how to eliminate wasted motion.

In addition, Procopio developed individual reports for Bryant — including statistical information on his upcoming opponents and how to best utilize his skills against them. Bryant was quoted by *Yahoo! Sports* as saying: "To have someone as dedicated to the game as Mike, it was great for me. He could see things from the outside looking in that sometimes get a

little cloudy when you're in the moment of battle. All the time he would send me things that I hadn't thought about."

Additional praise came from Claws head coach Ainge who stated via a press release: "Along with having four years of NBA front office experience, Mike regularly works out some of the best players in the NBA. His experience and ability to develop players should make our team a desirable place for every player looking to make a jump to the next level. As soon as I got this job, one of the first calls I made was to Mike because of his experience teaching the game."

The Red Claws will provide development opportunities for players through its affiliation with the Boston Celtics and the Charlotte Bobcats. The team will have a Northeast tryout at UMass-Boston on October 3 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

HOME OF THE BRAVES — Sports fans of a certain age may recall a sad milestone in New England sports history. For it was 57 years ago this week — September 21, 1952 — that the Boston Braves played their last home baseball game in the Hub — although no one knew it at the time.

It wouldn't be until a number of months later — during their 1953 spring training days in Florida — that the Braves would announce their move to Milwaukee, thus becoming the first major league baseball team to move in the second half of the 20th century.

Younger fans, of course, get a chance to see at least a portion of Braves Field quite frequently. It's now the Boston University athletic field, the one ringed by dorms that's easily viewed by commuters as they drive into town via the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Back on that final day only 8,892 faithful paid to see their favorite National League team suffer an 8-2 loss en route to finishing seventh in the eight-team circuit. Even worse, the total home attendance that year amounted to only 281,278 — the lowest in the league. That drop came four seasons after winning a pennant in 1948 and drawing 1.5 million paying customers in the process.

A number of years later, of course, the Braves would move once again — down south to Georgia where they became the Atlanta Braves that we know today.

THE BRUINS ARE BACK — The Bruins are now well into their pre-season schedule. After two days of practice at the Garden, the exhibition games began. The B's will host Washington October 1 in the season opener on Causeway Street.

IN MEMORIAM — Remembering veteran broadcaster Fred Cusick who provided play-by-play for Bruins games for more than 40 years. Fred died September 15 at his home on Cape Cod. He was 90.