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on better services to the

community," he says. "I felt

we needed to become more

customer-friendly. For ex-

ample, it used to take two

and a half minutes to speak

to someone on the phone.

Now when you call you are

speaking with a human be-

ing in 30 seconds. We have

also reduced the time it

takes to file documents and

forms. We've gone from 30

days to seven." This more

efficient Consulate is due in

part to how Pastorelli views

his New England appoint-

ment. "We are here to serve

the community. We need to

facilitate access to whatever

needs the community has

and we need to maintain a

connection with it, continu-

ing to participate in as many

Although the new year

won't be carrying the weight

of the 150^{th} anniversary of

Italy's Unification, Pastorelli

is determined to maintain a

high level of activity

throughout 2012. "Last year

we participated in more than

20 initiatives celebrating

Italy's 150th anniversary,"

he says. "We had many suc-

cesses and I am very satis-

fied with our accomplish-

ments. The challenge now is

to create the right format to

keep events sustainable

through the years. Some-

thing that is good one year

might not be as good the

next. Some events might be

smaller, some might need

different venues. In other

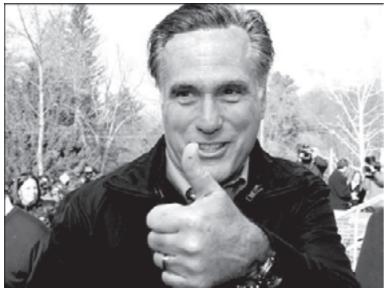
words, we need to renew our-

selves while maintaining

events as possible."

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Mitt Romney Victorious in New Hampshire Primary



(AP Photo)

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney won the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire Primary on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 — receiving 37 percent of the votes bringing him one step closer towards capturing the GOP presidential nomination as the contest heads to South Carolina where Romney is currently projected to win.

Approximately one-third of New Hampshire Republican voters interviewed said, "the most important factor in choosing a candidate was finding someone who could defeat President Barack Obama.'

Romney delivered an uplifting, inspirational victory speech, signifying what direction the country needs to move in and how he can be our leader and the one who can get us there.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Democrats Ready to Change

Hold the action cue. Could the Democrats be thinking of shaking up things as Obama readies for November 2012? Rumor has it top Democrats are actually thinking about changing some of the chairs on the deck. Replacing Joe Biden with Hillary Clinton and giving Biden Hillary's State Department job. Putting Clinton in as the new vice presidential candidate would certainly generate some action from the grassroots. Biden only subtracts from the ticket. He could very well be to vice president what Jimmy Carter was to the

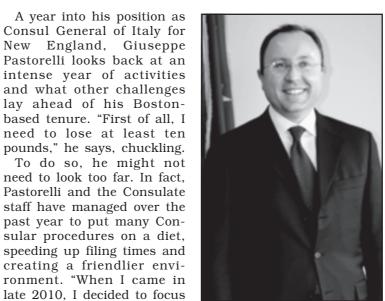
Secretary of State if you care about this country. Catcher General because he might be able to do that job. An Obama-Hillary ticket could only make the Democratic ticket stronger.

Once we get 2012 passed us, the future for the Republicans will improve. All the old faces will fade away as a new generation of leaders emerges from the rubble of '12. I can see a number of younger Republican prospects out ready to accept the mantle of leadership. One name is Marco Rubio, the US Senator from Florida. Conservative, Catho-

Hard Work and Collaboration Paying Off

Consul General Pastorelli's Many Accomplishments After One Year in Office

by Nicola Orichuia



In Pastorelli's view, collaborating with other local institutions is key to achieving his main goal for 2012: Promoting Italian language and culture. "We've established long-term collaborations with many institutions to get more people to appreciate all that Italian culture has to offer. With the Harvard Film Archive we want to present a film series every year. In 2012 we will present together a series celebrating the 100th anniversary since the birth of director Michelangelo Antonioni. We also want to present a yearly event with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, which will perform Verdi's Falstaff on January 22. We're also looking to organize a series of cooking classes with the help of the magazine Cucina Italiana. It will be an opportunity to learn how to cook an authentic Italian meal

while having fun." The promotion of Italian language is also one of Pastorelli's main objectives. "Thanks to the work of groups like CASIT we managed to keep up the number of students learning Italian, despite facing a 40 percent reduction in budget from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs over the past several years. We can do more. though, and I'd like to see the number of students learning Italian increase, as well as improve access to the language by getting more books and learning materials. We also need to make learning Italian more attractive, showing the potential of using the language for work. We asked the Professionisti Italian a Boston (Italian Professionals in Boston) to create a sort of "dream team" of professionals who can showcase what a difference some Italians are making. We're also partnering with Children's Museum March 9, when we will offer an Italian language event geared especially towards children.'

In the end, what Pastorelli seems to be aiming at is the creation of a sense of community that can continue to grow in the years ahead. By presenting a wide range of events and initiatives, the Consul is now finding a way to weave together individuals and groups who have been going their separate ways for a long time. Proof of this vision is Memory Traces, a project Pastorelli has championed all throughout his first year in office. "In a way I feel like it's my child," he says. The website developed by MIT's Media Lab — represents a collection of personal stories told by some of Boston's most successful Italians and Italian Americans. "Memory Traces is a virtual home," says Pastorelli. "It's part of a path that hopefully will lead to the creation of a common place where the entire community can feel at home and where Italian heritage can be nurtured."

Whatever the result, the Consul has laid the foundation for creating a larger community of people passionate about their Italian heritage. Pastorelli has made it clear that the Consulate wants to play an active role in the community's continued efforts to promote Italian heritage, language and culture, by meeting regularly with the heads of local organizations and institutions. Through the collaborative effort, he says, the work will be much easier. As for losing those ten pounds, though, Pastorelli is pretty much on his own.

Campaign Script

My personal opinion, don't make good old Joe I wish they had a cabinet position called Dog

GOP's Best Hope 2016?

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



LUCIUS VERUS THE SQUANDERER

Marcus Aurelius ascended the throne upon the death of Antoninus Pius, and at that time bestowed all honors upon his adopted brother Lucius, even to the point of making him an equal partner in the empire. This was done even though the sovereignty was presented to Marcus alone. Marcus also bestowed his own name upon his brother so that he now became officially known as Lucius Ceionius Aelius Commodus Verus Antoninus. Verus, in return, transferred his loyalty to Marcus, catered to his every wish or directive, and conducted himself with dignity for a short period of time.

Caligula, Nero and Vitellius, were known for their vices but given a little time, Lucius Verus took second place to none of them. He roamed around the city after dark, visiting taverns and brothels, engaging in merrymaking and brawling, but always concealing his identity. He often returned to the Also given away were the imperial palace with his face beaten and bleeding. One of his favorite tricks of vandalism was to throw large coins into the cook-shops, smashing glasses, cups, and the like. He also favored gladatorial bouts, and these were often performed for his pleasure at his banquets. His meals often continued so far into the night that he would fall asleep on the banqueting-couch and had to be carried to his bedroom. Marcus Aurelius knew what was going on but looked the other wav.

Many notorious banquets have been served in ancient Rome, but nothing is said to have compared with the most notorious feast of Lucius Verus, who immediately flaunted conventions by placing dining couches for twelve instead of the usual nine. The handsome young boys who did the serving were presented as presents, one to each guest.

carvers and the platters upon which they performed their handiwork. There was a supply of live animals and birds of a variety that matched the food that was served. These five species were also given to the guests, along with the jeweled goblets and cups that each used for his drinks ... one for each drink. In addition to all of this, the guests were presented, with golden Vases filled with ointments, and even the carriages, along with their mules and drivers that were used for their journey home from the banquet. The estimated cost for this entire affair was six million sesterces (\$300,000). When news of the affair was brought to the attention of Marcus he lamented and expressed deep concern for the fate of the empire.

NEXT WEEK: The "Joy Boy" of the Roman Empire

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Heads, I Win; Tails, You Lose

"How can I compete against that?" That was the question a representative of an American company put to a U.S. Department of Commerce official. The occasion was the Exporters Textile Advisory Committee meeting I attended in Washington, and the speaker was addressing the two radically different systems under which he and his foreign competitors operate.

To understand why we have lost three million U.S. manufacturing jobs since January 2001 you must understand how the international trading rules favor U.S. imports of foreign goods and penalize U.S. exporters. Take the yarn spinner I heard from at the Washington meeting. He cannot sell his product in China because even if he can meet the price of locally produced Chinese yarn (which benefits from the low wages and environmental standards in China and the government subsidies such as free electricity) he is faced with paying the 17% Chinese valued-added tax (VAT) on top of the 10% import duty. He has already paid the full cost of U.S. federal, state, and local taxes, and will have to pay Chinese tax as well.

On the other hand, a Chinese company can ship yarn to the U.S. and pay just the import duty (also about 10%). The U.S. has no VAT or other taxes imposed on imports comparable to the income tax, property tax, and other taxes paid by domestic manufacturers. Furthermore, that Chinese company can get a Chinese government refund of the VAT when the company exports to the U.S.

Simply put, we tax our own industry at a higher rate than we do imports. The Chinese — and every one of our trading partners — do the opposite. Their tax system favors their own industries over imports. Our manufacturers exporting to VAT countries pay the tax in both countries. Their manufacturers exporting to us pay little tax in either country. Heads they win; tails, we lose.

STATE EXTENDS VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) Division today issued a two-year contract extension for its enhanced vehicle emissions testing and safety inspection program, the Massachusetts Vehicle Check Program. The extension will begin October 1, 2013.

Parsons Commercial Technology Group Inc. will continue to manage the day-today operations of Massachusetts Vehicle Check for MassDEP and MassDOT/ RMV, supporting a statewide network of more than 1,900 inspection stations and 300 registered emissions repair shops. Parsons will also continue operating 12 conveniently located Motorist Assistance Centers (MACs) to provide advice to motorists, technical assistance emissions testing. All motorto repair technicians, help ized vehicles — including paswith getting vehicles "ready" for testing after emissions cial vehicles and trailers, repairs, vehicle evaluations for repair waivers and eco-tinue to undergo annual

nomic hardship extensions, and vehicle testing quality assurance.

"Customer service is number one at the Registry," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Rachel Kaprielian. "In this case, customers will benefit from the extension of the Massachusetts Vehicle Check Program because it allows vehicle owners the continued convenience of taking their vehicles to familiar neighborhood inspection stations."

Passenger cars, trucks and SUVs 15 years old and newer, as well as model year 2008 and newer mediumduty vehicles, will continue to undergo annual on-board diagnostic (OBD) emissions testing. Diesel-powered vehicles over 10,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight Rating not equipped with OBD systems will continue to undergo annual opacity senger vehicles, commerand motorcycles — will consafety inspections.

"Parsons Commercial Technology Group has managed the Massachusetts Vehicle Check Program well and we are pleased to award Parsons with a contract extension," said MassDEP Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmell. "As a result of this extension, the program will continue protecting both the air quality in the Commonwealth and motorist safety for an additional two years."

The Massachusetts Vehicle Check public web site is available at: www.mass vehiclecheck.state.ma.us/

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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

GUEST EDITORIAL

BLACK BOX WRECKS TINY TIM'S STORY

by Sal Giarratani

Our extinguished Lieutenant Governor Tim "Nascar" Murray had an auto accident, a dozie of a car wreck back at about 5:00 am on November 2nd while apparently racing around checking as he then said for damage from that Halloween Nor-easter we suffered over two months ago. Data from the Black Box was released 63 days after the crash but only after State Secretary Bill Galvin ordered state police to provide the data to the Boston Herald in response to the newspaper's Freedom of Information Request.

Now we learn black ice did not cause his accident. We also learn he wasn't wearing his seat belt as he originally said. Plus, he was speeding along I-90 at Indy 500 speeds. The state police have now charged him in the accident. He pays a huge speeding citation; charged a fine for no seat belt. He now says he will pay about \$9,000 for the crushed 2007 Crown Vic he was driving so badly too.

However, what is worse, he looks like a liar and the state police look like they were trying to cover everything up. Had the media not demanded data from the car's black box, this story might have vanished into thin air. We can also thank talk radio, especially Howie Carr for keeping the pressure on Hurry Murray. We may never know the whole or real story that happened early that morning back in November, but we can be pretty sure no one is buying his first story that he went out to buy a Boston Herald, a cup of coffee and to survey the storm's damage to the Worcester area. First, what could you really see at pre-dawn 5:00 am and how could you see it while racing on the highway?

There are stories and there are facts. You can change your story but facts remain. Remember back in the day when "I Love Lucy" was on TV? Every time Ricky got in trouble with Lucy, he'd say "Let me "splain!" and Lucy would respond, "Yeah, "splain it!"

It is time for poor Timmy who seems lost without Lassie to "splain" what happened one more time. Eventually, he might get it right, huh? Meanwhile, watch out when you're crossing the street, Tim Murray might be asleep at the wheel near you or maybe just drinking a hot cup of coffee while reading his Herald.

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The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor.

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Joseph Ferrino, Guest of Honor at **East Boston Adult Ed. Graduations**



Judge Joseph Ferrino, Ret.

The East Boston Adult Ed. Center celebrated its 39th Winter Graduations on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 and on Saturday, December 24, 2011. Over 250 adults and youths received diplomas and awards in: English as a Second Language, U.S. Citizenship Preparation, Computer I and II, GED Preparation in English and in Spanish, Ability to Benefit Vocational School Entrance Exams, tutoring in all five academic subjects, CDL Permit, field trips participation, job placement, and

Judge Joseph Ferrino (Ret.) officiated the first graduation while Ms. Jude Goldman and Mr. Michael Eckton from the Lenny Zakim Foundation officiated the second graduation. Many of the GED graduates like Eric Gonzalez will attend Bunker Hill Community College in January 2012. While many of the ATB (Vocational School Entrance Exams) graduates like David Donnelly will attend New England Hair Academy. Nunzio Mirisola, who passed his U.S Citizenship test, is looking forward to voting at age



Ms. Jude Goldman



Mr. Michael Eckton



Some of the graduates.

74 in the 2012 presidential election for the first time. Pedro Fortin and his wife, Ziomara Fortin, who completed Computer II are looking forward to attending the Center's Microsoft Office Certification Preparation classes in 2012.

Judge Joseph Ferrino (Ret.) reminded the students that learning English and obtaining a GED is a great way of becoming more Americanized, but it's also important to start a business like Perlera Realty or a restaurant like La Hacienda Restaurant whose owners both graduated from The East Boston Adult Ed. Center years ago.

Ms. Jude Goldman con-

gratulated the Center's graduates for a job well done and if they completed English I and on to English II, if they completed their GED go onto college or a vocational school and a better job.

Mr. Michael Eckton and his two lovely children reminded the students that "now is the time to improve your education. Everything is possible, but you must work for it. With a little interest and dedication, everything is possible in the United States."

Antonia Alen, the school nurse, GED teacher and U.S. Citizenship Prep teacher

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It. Col. Joseph J. Ciampa

Lt. Col. Joseph J. Ciampa Ret., born in the North End of Boston Massachusetts on October 24, 1932, died at home on Cape Cod surrounded by his family on January 7, 2012 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife Mary A. (Monteforte) Ciampa of 57 years; his tive children, John L. Ciampa & his wife Vikki of Buzzards Bay, Donna DeStefano & her husband David of Plymouth, Michelle Tourjee & her husband Eric of Mashpee, Joseph & Jill Ciampa of Pocasset, and Deena Mozeleski & her husband John of Forestdale. He also leaves his brother John Ciampa of FL and his sister Maria

(Pidg) Ciampa of North End, Boston; fifteen grandchildren: Jeffery, Michael & Joanna Ciampa, Jacob, Leigh & Samuel DeStefano, Eric & Daniel Tourjee, Kristie, Karlie, & Joseph J Ciampa III, and Maria, Sophia, John & Nicholas Mozeleski.

Colonel Ciampa attended Northeastern University where he was a finalist in the 1955 Olympic Javelin Trials. He then went on to serve 21 years in the United States Air Force as a Master Navigator with the Strategic Air Command. In 1957 Col. Ciampa was the lead navigator in a mission refueling a B-52 that



circumnavigated the globe nonstop, for the first time in history. He served several tours in Vietnam and, after retiring from the Air Force he received two Masters Degrees in Education. The Colonel taught Aerospace Science courses in the ROTC program at Quincy's two high schools for 20 years.

This "patriot" wore many hats as a teacher, mentor and coach to his children, grandchildren and many cadets that attended the Quincy and North Quincy ROTC programs.

He was always the life of the party and will be missed by everyone. Thank you for your service and dedication to country and family!

Visiting hours were held on January 11 at the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home in Bourne, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pocasset, MA. Burial followed in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

Gifts in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Disabled American Veterans Memorial Program, Attn: Gift Processing, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.



PIRANDELLO LYCEUM NOMINATIONS FOR "I Migliori in Mens et Gesta"

The President, Rosario Cascio and the Board of Governors of the Pirandello Lyceum, announce the annual recognition of achievement: the "I Migliori in Mens et Gesta" the Best in Mind and Deeds awards. It is time to call upon you for nominations. Boston Magazine called "I Migliori" the single most prestigious honor to be received by men and women of Italian descent.

Nominees must be of Italian ancestry and may serve in any area of business, education, science, the arts or public service. They should be men and women of the highest character whose contributions to society have been clearly demonstrated. Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of one or more of the following criteria:

- Achievement in his/her profession
- Contribution to the community (civic, social, cultural, charitable)
- Involvement in the Italian-American Community

Visit the Pirandello Lyceum website at www.pirandello.com for nomination forms, which should be completed and mailed by January 31, 2012 to the Pirandello Lyceum. P.O. Box 565, East Boston, MA 02128 or call 781-640-3637 for a form to be mailed to you. The awards ceremony takes place on Saturday, March 31, at the beautiful Hyatt Hotel, Logan Airport, overlooking Boston Harbor.

We are confident that you share the desire of the Pirandello Lyceum to publicly recognize and honor outstanding Americans of Italian descent.

Discounted Tickets Now Available for PARKS DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

Garden Show will kick off with the Boston Parks Department Preview Party fundraiser on Tuesday, March 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Seaport World Trade Center.

Maria Stephanos of FOX25 News will host the gala with Honorary Chairs Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Boston's First Lady Angela Menino. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help the Boston Parks and Recreation Department restore the greenhouses at Franklin Park, ensuring that the

The 2012 Boston Flower & horticulture team can continue to propagate flowers and plants year-round. These plantings are transplanted in the Public Garden, Boston Common, along city streets, and in neighborhood parks.

> Discounted tickets are now available for the Preview Party fundraiser taking place on the eve of the 2012 Boston Flower & Garden Show which opens to the public on Wednesday, March 14 and runs through Sunday, March 18. The discounted ticket price will be available for purchases

through February 14, 2012.

The show theme is "First Impressions: Adding WOW Factor to Outdoor Spaces" and is produced by Paragon Group. The Parks Depar-tment's Horticulture Unit will be showcased in "Entering Boston," part of the Flower Show's invitational vignette exhibit featuring replicas of points of entry to several Massachusetts cities.

Guests on March 13 will have an exclusive peek at 28 professional flower and garden exhibits prior to the

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Aging Gracefully Beats the Alternative Everytime

the start of a new year. Celebrating the New Year's holiday is always better than not being around for the party. I remember one year at the 4:00 pm Mass on New Year's Eve when Father Francis J. Gildav, S.J. in his sermon asked us all to look around because next year some of the congregation wouldn't be sitting there in another 365 days. This all sounded pretty depressing to me as a way of having a Happy New Year. Talk about taking the toot out of the horn, eh? My only consolation was that as a little kid, I only really cared about myself and my family in the pew with me. Everyone else could worry about themselves. Sounds selfish, doesn't it but remember I was only about 10 years old at the time.

Today, I am getting ever so close to that Paul McCartney song about attaining that certain age. And I'm looking forward to my birthday. I didn't say that years ago when I turned the Big Five-O. If you are happy where you are, your age matters very little. I am actually looking forward to retiring and doing some traveling. I have a niece getting married in June over in Wisconsin and I have a nephew enjoying life in Austin, Texas. I have to be honest, the Texas climate is more my style. I hate the cold and love Texas heat.

I have been aging quite well. I could use more money but who couldn't. My 1997 Mercury Marquis isn't what it used to be but it still goes. Airfares aren't what they used to be which is why I haven't been to Texas in a while. The economy #%*% for most of us, which doesn't really make me feel that much better. I liked it better when I still believed in Santa Claus but I also know the problem with America is our elected officials think we are their Santa Claus. They keep coming to us asking for more money as if it grows on trees.

Back when I was a kid I enjoyed watching candidates run for president but now I think all the wrong people are wrong for the wrong reasons to do wrong things. This country remains in big trouble because we are leaderless. If we can't get the MBTA to run right, how in God's name can we get out of our growing national debt? How can keep the price of gasoline down? How can we do anything right?

We live in a country where people still go hungry and homeless. On New Year's Eve walking in Downtown Boston, I noticed many homeless bundled up in their blankets in store door-Happy New Year. Our coun- nation or as individuals!

We all recently celebrated try could be better than all this. It was better than all this. As a member of the Baby Boomer generation, I am amazed at the turn of events for this country of ours. We waste billions in wars to no avail and do so little back home where we all live. Wars have become diversions for our political leaders who find it easier to waste monies on wars rather than dealing with housing, health care and gas prices.

> I used to think Democrats were better than Republicans, and then I thought Republicans were wiser than Democrats but now I think both are full of manure. Things won't get better until the rest of us get serious about getting things better. It is about using the political process to elect the right kinds of people. It is about not letting negative advertising rule our thinking. It is about demanding leadership or dumping those who can't or won't lead. Kudos goes out to anyone who gets politically active. While the liberals like bashing the Tea Party folks, at least they have taken on the cause.

> I was only 12 years old when Jack Kennedy got elected president; I was only 20 years old when Bobby Kennedy was gunned down. In those eight years, I went from being an optimist about change to wondering if change could ever really happen.

> Today, we have created a gimme mentality where people just want from government and where people are totally dependent on government for all needs. The takers are getting bigger while the makers have to pay. Eventually, when those on the wagon outnumber those pulling the wagon, the end will be nearer than we think.

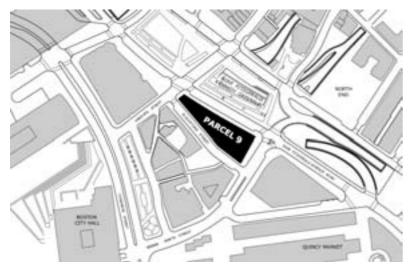
> I continue trying to age with grace but looking at all that is happening, grace is about the only thing I actually control in my life. I think I am watching the slow death of America with too few good New Year's to celebrate.

> I hate sounding like one of those televangelists announcing the end-times are near. Now I know how the prophet Jeremiah must have felt in his daily battles. America needs to get its act together and quickly because at the moment our national identity and culture is sliding downhill. Getting President Obama defeated this year is one tiny step. We have a mountain to climb here. Happy New Year! Let's hope it brings newness and let's hope it is happy. And let's hope America gets up on its feet again. We have been kneeling too long.

The alternative is never ways wishing passersby a ever an option for us as a



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Proposal Due Date:

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RICHARD DAVEY, SECRETARY & CEO

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

LaMATTINA NAMED CHAIR OF COUNCIL **CASINO COMMITTEE**

Stephen Murphy has named District 1 City Councilor Sal LaMattina as chair of the newly named City Council City of Boston under current legislation, only the affected East Boston ward would have a vote on a proposed Suffolk Downs casino unless the Boston City Council goes for a citywide vote. LaMattina reportedly favors a ward vote ready names are being politics. He had a great autowhile some other councilors named. Among them are Tim support a citywide vote. District 6 Councilor Matt O'Malley says, "A (casino) will impact, for good or ill, the entire city."

Menino both think only East Boston residents should have a say on this issue. House Speaker Bob DeLeo who backs a Suffolk Downs casino agrees with LaMattina and the Mayor on who should get to vote on a casino in East Boston.

DOUBLE WHAMMY FROM THE T

The T is in trouble and the MBTA Board of Directors are reportedly about to institute fare hikes and service cuts. REMEMBER BRIAN LEAHY Two things certain to make matters only worse for them of Dorchester braved the the waters of Tenean Beach and for commuters who may start to drive cars more and the MBTA less. In the old days, Charlie was stuck between Park Street and Copley ran a-rumbling through but not today. It is bad enough with all those predators riding the T with you without paying more for that nity and we thought this privilege.

MARIO'S IN DAY SQUARE EAST BOSTON

like Christopher Columbus discovering a tiny family resthing to Mamma's cooking."

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eating with family. I would also say this is a North End City Councilor President restaurant transplanted un-The Imbriano family hails from Endicott Street. Ursula went to St. Anthony's School to an Italian relative on a Sunday afternoon. You got to try the fusilli and meatballs!

I LIKE STEVE GROSSMAN

The next governor's race won't be until 2014 but al-"Crash" Murray, the current lieutenant governor but another name thrown about is and the lore of Curley. When our State Treasurer Steve I told him I actually met and Grossman. As a registered talked with Curley as a young LaMattina and Mayor Tom Democrat, I like Grossman and think he would fare well against any Republican opponent to be named at a later date. Grossman would also be the so-called Independent block who are looking for competency over party label. Murray was looking pretty good until he went out for a cup of coffee and a copy of the Boston Herald but after his crash, a love of politics and winning. he's crashed with voters too.

TENEAN "PLUNGE" TO

Folks in the Neponset area waters of Tenean Beach in for all the future New Year's the first annual Polar Bear Day. Plunge on New Year's Day sponsored by the Leahy-Holloran Community Center. with his wife handing him The plunge was dedicated to from the community center's executive board said the "idea was conceived because of Brian's love for his commuwould be a great way to bring us all together.'

I was a long time friend of On New Year's Eve I felt Brian's going back to our college days at Boston State College where we both graduated taurant right in Day Square from in the early '70s. Back called Mario's Restaurant. then we both were very po-The place was founded by litical. He was the president Mario and Ursula Imbriano of student government and I some 20 years ago. Today was an editor on the campus Ursula runs the place with newspapers. I even gave him for both children and adults. her son Anthony. This eat- a nickname I think he actuery has a motto, "Closest ally liked. I dubbed him "Boss Brian" after Chicago's Mayor were glad to see Johnny I have to say it is, even Richard Daley. Looking back "Shoes" Camaratta back at though in my case my father during that period on the col- his barber chair inside

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ran the kitchen. It was like lege campus with all those anti-war protests, I think our political battles were things legends are made of. Over the der the harbor to East Boston. years, we often talked about those crazy days and had a good laugh over it all. I remember when Brian was Gaming Committee. In the and Anthony went to St. John Mayor White's guy in School. I found it like a visit Dorchester and I remember when he went to work at the MWRA in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

> Whenever we caught up with each other, our conversations always turned to graphed photo of James Michael Curley hanging in his office. He loved the photo boy, I think I made him jealous. He always wanted to have met him. As a pair of grown up men, we found out we always had more in comnot. He was Dorchester Irish and I was Charlestown Irish on my mother's side. Politics didn't always have to be so brutal as most of the time those conflicts were based on In the end, he stood tall. He passed away too young three years ago. I'm glad they have dedicated this annual dip into

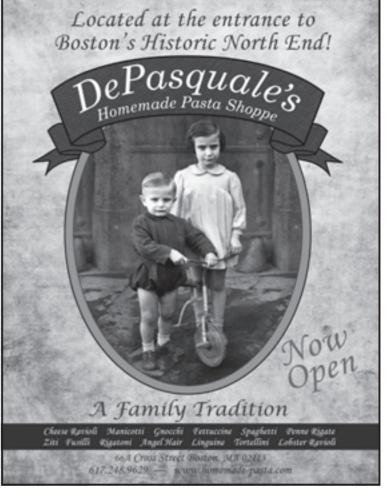
KROC CENTER **CONTINUES TO GROW** UP BY UPHAMS CORNER

Last year, the long-awaited a sandwich as the train Brian Leahy. Craig Galvin KROC Corps Community Center on Dudley Street a few blocks short of Uphams Corner opened its doors. This facility stands on what had been empty lots for a number of years. In a few months (April) the Center will celebrate its first anniversary. It is the largest facility of its kind in New England and privately run by the Salvation Army. It currently has about 2,000 members and hopes to double that number by next June. This Center is an oasis in a sprawling urban area

THE SHOE IS BACK ON!

Folks along Hanover Street months at home. One of his first customers on his return to work was none other than Bucky Spartaro. The Shoe has been cutting his hair so long, Bucky doesn't remember how long. Of course, The Shoe doesn't always recognize him because Bucky likes to keep his hair long. It is difficult to see Bucky in the barber's chair. The two of

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these two guys. I wonder how Gino survived that haircut,

DEVELOPERS EYEING OLD NORTH END POLICE STATION

Developers will soon have a chance to bid on two pieces of city-owned property. Both old Police Station Number defunct City Printing Press man. building at the corner of Richmond and North Streets could soon be residential housing Christmas holiday. The North Bennet Street School, a nonprofit, which offers training in the trades has eyed this vacant city property for many years. Rumor has it the school would give up its present North End site which well as additional affordable housing for the community. Bids are due by January 20th and the city expects to finalize the sale by mid-March.

VANILLA LATTES TOPS AT THE 303 CAFÉ

the best coffee place in East married in 1969. Boston. The 303 Cafe is right 'Johnny & Gino's" the other $\,$ up the street from ZUMIX. $\,$ been a fighter and today he $\,$ day. He had been laid up for A big hello goes out to my is fighting an enemy by the vanilla latte ladies, Andrea name of pancreatitis. Ac-Teets, Janelle Vellante and cording to Fitzgerald's piece, Rosyln Arroyo. This place is Elio has been bouncing super and you should defi- between nitely try the place out. You'll rehabs. never regret finding this

ELIO IMBORNONE, TONY'S PLACE, PIZZA AND A GREAT SLICE OF LIFE

Back around Thanksgiving ricuperazione, mio amico!"

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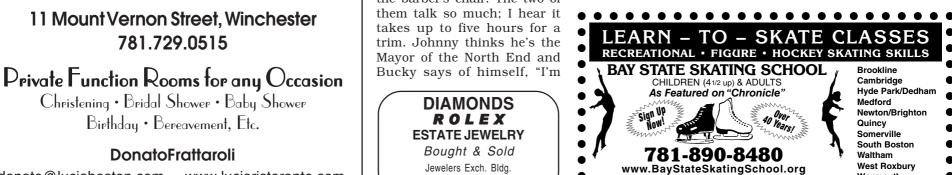
able to attract those voters in mon with each other than never wrong." You can't get Joe Fitzgerald did a great any more North End than story on Elio Imbornone, the owner these last 40 years of Tony's Place at the corner of Baker and Spring in West Roxbury. Fitzgerald calls him "the quintessential little guy who came to America in search of a break, armed only with ambition." I met Elio once about seven or so years ago after I read a story about One on North Street and the this West Roxbury business

He was born in Sciacca and ended up in the North End back in the '60s. I visited or a private school. The city him because of his last has issued a request for name. The Imbornone famproposals (RFP) right after the ily of my Aunt Kathie came to the North End from Sicily shortly after my aunt was born. Their home was on North Street around the corner from the Sacred Heart Church which was home to folks from Sciacca. I have no idea if Elio and his mother could then be re-used as part Antonia are related to my of the overcrowded Elliot aunt's family but the odds Public School. This site has say they come from one and been eyed as a hotel site as the same family back in Agrigento.

Elio and his mother moved to West Roxbury, he eventually bought a pizza parlor from a guy named Tony and the rest, as they say, is history. He met Pauline McLaughlin I love my vanilla lattes from at a dance and they were

Elio Imbornone has always hospitals

I hope he, his wife and family had a happy Christmas celebrating together. As Fitzgerald said and I repeat, "Auguri per una pronta



Saint Benedict Biscop

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Benedict was born in the year 628 of an Anglo Saxon noble family. He spent his early years at the court of the Northumbrian King Oswy, and was very much favored by the king who showed his favor by gifting Benedict with land. To the astonishment of the king. Benedict lightly regarded this gift and the worldly opportunities that were his for the taking and turned his attention to religious life

At the age of twenty-five, he made the first of five pilgrimages he would take to Rome during his lifetime. On his return he turned his attention to the study of scripture. Benedict then made a second pilgrimage to Rome, on his return he spent two years at the renowned monastery of Saint Honorat on the island of Lerins off the south coast of France, it was at Lerins that he received the monastic habit.

Benedict then set out for his third visit to Rome. It was while in Rome on this visit, that he came to the attention of Pope Vitalian, who at the request of two English kings, had asked Archbishop Theodore to leave for Britain. Because Theodore was Greek, he was in need of an interpreter and someone who knew the customs of the English. The Pope, observing



that Benedict was a man of wisdom and one who would persevere, asked him to accompany the great teacher, Theodore and his aide Saint Aidan and entrusted them to Benedict's care.

After Theodore was made Archbishop of Canterbury, he requested that Benedict head the monastery of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Saint Augustine's former monastery, where he spent the next two years. It was then that Benedict undertook his fourth visit to Rome this time to acquire books and religious artifacts. Benedict then returned to Nortumbria, the place of his birth, where he secured from the King Egfrith permission to build

the monastery of Saint Peter at Wearmouth. Benedict was determined to build a church of stone in the Romanesque style and for that he went to France and brought back to England with him stoneworkers workers in glazed windows, unknown in Northumbria. The church that he built for the monastery at Wearmouth, with its innovations, astonished the people of the region and led to a second monastery built at Jarrow, six miles away. Benedict was the first to introduce into England the building of stone churches and the art of making glass windows.

In AD 679 Benedict made his fifth visit to Rome where he obtained collections of books, relics of saints, knowledge of Gregorian Chant and a precentor in the person of John, to teach the Chant to the monks of his monasteries. He decorated his churches so that all who entered the church, even though illiterate, could better understand and contemplate their faith through representation in paintings and sculpture.

Shortly after his fifth visit to Rome, Benedict was seized and suffered from a paralysis that steadily progressed for three years; he passed away in January of

ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend



Ciao Bella,

Who would think that another one of Mother Nature's miracles is used esthetically; however not just to be counted in carats? It's Diamond Dust my dear ladies! Tiny particles left behind from the cutting of diamonds. The hardness of these tiny particles (similar as dust) makes it a popular material used for a variety of products. Just about half of all natural Diamonds are found in mines throughout central and southern Africa. Originally found and mined in India diamond dust proved valuable in cosmetics. Even Madonna during one of her many tours combined white eye shadow and diamond dust and applied it on her eyelids!

Diamonds as we all know look like transparent crystal and made of carbon, as its atoms are arranged in a diamond lattice. Diamond

dust may be found in different colors and can be course or fine. Valuable for their hardness and heat conductivity, industrial diamonds can be found in the use of surfacing products. Gemgrade diamonds are also valuable for their color and clarity. (The diamond coated pan in my kitchen has been a treasure in my culinary adventures!)

As a natural mineral diamonds are the hardest. Productively useful as an abrasive in cutting, drilling, grinding and polishing. You'll find nail files coated with diamond dust making the file stay sharp and lasting. Many nail products contain diamond dust to prevent chipping and also strengthen nails including a pretty shimmer effect. Check your labels for diamond dust which can also be found in creams, perfumes, shower gels and makeup. In my experience diamonds are a girl's best friend!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

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American Cancer Society Relay for Life of East Boston

to Hold Kickoff Rally on January 19, 2012

On Thursday, January 19th 2012, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life® of East Boston will officially get underway as cancer survivors, caregivers, families, schools, companies, faith-based and civic organizations gather at the Orient Height Yacht Club, 61 Bayswater Street, East Boston, MA, for a kickoff rally to launch their fundraising efforts for the year. The rally will feature speak-

ers from the community who have benefitted from the funds raised at Relay and will honor cancer survivors. This also will be an opportunity to register a team for the overnight event to be held on June 15th at East Boston Stadium.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives

of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. People from all walks of life come together with a shared mission of furthering the American Cancer Society's vision of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Relay For Life began in 1985, when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, took the first step of his 24-hour walk around a track in Tacoma, Wash., and raised \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. In 2011, more than 3.5 million people in 5,146 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 21 other countries, will gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

For more information about the Relay For Life of East Boston, to find out how to volunteer, or to RSVP for the Relay Kick-off, please contact Tiffany LaCascia at 617-224-8141 or Kristin Reed at 617-997-6529 or email eastbostonrelayfor life@gmail.com. More information can also be found at

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LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

Mangiare il pane meno salato aiuta a star meglio in salute. Circa 150 panificatori in Lombardia hanno iniziato un esperimento nel 2010, che ancora continua, di preparare il pane con molto meno sale, che e' risultato avere piu' gusto ed anche essere piu' salutare. Il programa e' stato gradualmente esteso a tutta l'Italia. In Lombardia produrranno un tipo di pane con meno sale, in quantita' relativa alla domanda. L'intento e' quello di contribuire a combattere una serie di varie malattie cardiovascolari, ma anche l'obesita' e le patologie renali. Tutto cio' perche' gli italiani consumano molto sale. Infatti si consumano in media 10-12 grammi di sale al giorno, in base a dati dell'ONU, che raccomanda un consumo massimo di 5 grammi al giorno. Nel mese di giugno (2011) si dovrebbero pubblicare i primi risultati sul consumo di sale degli italiani, in seguito ad esami, condotti anche su mambini, su adulti e su bambini volontari, pero' nelle precedenti 24 ore. Sulle confezioni ci sara' un bollino arancione con faccia sorridente. Il bollino viene usato non come un'indicazione di qualita' ma solo di adesione (anche di panificatori industriali) ad un programma con obiettivo SALUTE.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

To eat bread with less salt helps you stay healthy. About 150 bakers in Lombardy have begun an experiment, first started in 2010 and still on-going, to prepare bread with a lot less salt which has turned out to be tastier and healthier. The program/experiment has gradually been extended throughout Italy. In Lombardy they will produce a kind of bread in a quantity strictly related to the demand. The idea is to try to contribute to fighting a string of cardio-vascular afflictions as well as obesity and kidney pathologies. All this because Italians use a lot of salt. In fact, daily use averages 10-12 grams of salt, as by data provided by the U.N., which recommends a daily use of only 5 grams. In the month of June, 2011, the first results on the consumption of salt by Italians followed by tests are supposed to be published to see how much salt is also used by children and adults who the tests were conducted on during the preceding 24 hours. In the packaging there will be an orange stamp with a smiling face! The stamp is not to be taken as a guarantee of quality but only as being a "participant," also including industrial bakers, to the expanded program which has the sole objective of health!







Freeway Says ...

Due to his increasing popularity and several suggestions from readers (and after much negotiating on our part with his huge salary demands), our friend Freeway has consented to try to answer readers' questions concerning him or any of our little four-legged friends. You can email your questions to postgazette@aol.com to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

Preparing your pet for winter. Getting your cat or dog ready for winter is crucial as colder weather approaches. Is a leopard print parka the right choice for your dog this winter? Maybe not the most important decision you will have to make concerning your dog, but as the temperature drops, we do need to prepare our pets for the season. Keep these tips in mind when getting your pet ready to brave the elements. Dogs and cats rely on us for safety, health, and companionship. Providing these basic needs is always paramount for our pets, but even more so in winter. And although some dogs are better suited for the elements because of breed characteristics, extra precaution should be taken with all pets during the cold weather season. It's essential to think about temperature when it comes to our pets. Most pet owners use common sense, but some ignore important details when it comes to caring for their pets during the winter months.

The basics: keeping your pets indoor whenever possible is the easiest measure to take to ensure their safety in winter. Not only is an indoor environment safer for dogs and cats, but it can also enhance their mental state, as well. Dogs in particular are social animals. Having them indoors as part of the family is going to be better for their overall health. However, if your pet has to remain outside for any period of time, there are some simple measures that you can take to make their habitat more comfortable. Keeping your dog's outdoor shelter elevated and dry, as well as adding insulation such as hay or straw, will provide extra protection from the cold. Avoid blankets and towels, because they absorb moisture and can create a damp environment. If you really want to spoil your pet this winter, a heated pet bed can help a dog or cat stay toasty. (Hey, boss what do you think of a heated chair?) Throw in a high-tech heated water bowl, and transform your pet's winter shelter into a luxury hotel.

Precautions: Take caution when using space heaters, because curious



pets can get too close and risk getting burned. Toxic fluids in the garage, such as antifreeze, can be enticing to dogs because of their sweet scent, and are poisonous if ingested. Make sure they are kept out of reach. Cats are resourceful and good at finding warm places to snuggle. However, they have been known to crawl into warm car engines, so make sure to bang on your hood a few times before leaving for work on those chilly days.

Important to exercise: Just like people, animals need regular exercise and good nutrition, even during winter months. Lack of exercise can be a problem when it gets cold. It's not necessarily the dog's lack of motivation, but some people find it hard to get up and take their dog outside when it's cold. Walking or running with your dog can be fun, but as always, be careful for signs of exhaustion, such as heavy breathing and increased salivation. Although some dogs love to play in the snow, they can become disoriented so keep your eye on them at all times. If your dog is not blessed with a lot of protective fur, or is elderly, a dog coat or sweater is the answer for those chilly strolls. Whether you are running or walking with your dog, especially in urban areas, keep in mind that salt and chemical agents that are used for melting ice can irritate paws. A layer of petroleum jelly applied before a walk will provide protection, but make sure to check periodically for rock salt, gravel or anything else that can get lodged between the toes or paws. You can purchase booties made especially for dogs at most pet retailers. They'll keep your dog's paws warm and safe from the gravel and salt.

Human companions can also learn some indoor games that can not only fulfill their exercise requirement, but also provide some mental stimulation. Lastly, keep in mind that your own mood can affect your pets. Dogs and cats pick up cues from us, and if you are blue during the winter months, your pet may reflect your behavior. So do your best to stay warm, healthy, and happy as you maintain your pet's health this winter.

That's all for now!





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Hidden Gems from the Old Boston Garden on Display at the West End Museum

The West End Museum is and hosted everything from kicking off 2012 with an exhibit of photographs and other memorabilia from the neighborhood's most famous building. The exhibit, Hidden Gems from the Old Boston Garden, is a collaborative effort between the West End Museum and The Sports Museum. It opened on January 3 and runs through February 11, 2012.

"We are thrilled The Sports Museum agreed to loan us these photos and other items. Because the Garden has always been such an important part of the West End neighborhood, we think this exhibit will rekindle some wonderful memories for our visitors," said John Caron, a member of the West End Museum's Board of Directors.

The original Boston Garden stood from 1928 to 1995 hockey and basketball to boxing and rock concerts. Photographs on display in this exhibit show how the old Garden was even configured for ski jumping and tennis matches. Stools that were used in the corners of boxers like Welterweight Champion Tony DeMarco-who trained in the West Endwill also be displayed along with seats from the original building.

'Over the decades many West Enders either worked at the Garden as ushers or concessionaires or attended the many events. The building was a special part of the neighborhood then and still is today," said Richard Johnson, curator for The Sports Museum, which is housed on Levels 5 and 6 of the TD Garden.

Hidden Gems from the Old

Boston Garden is free and open to the public: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-5 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-7 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit www.theWestEndMuseum.org or call 617-723-2125.

About the West End Museum:

The West End Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation and interpretation of the history and culture of Boston's West End neighborhood. The Museum's permanent exhibit, "The Last Tenement," highlights the immigrant history of the neighborhood through its decimation under Urban Renewal in 1959; two additional galleries feature rotating exhibits. The Museum is located near North Station at 150 Staniford Street, Suite 7. Admission is

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES WINTER ADVISORY

Mayor Menino and the Boston Inspectional Services Department would like to remind all Boston residents to prepare for the frigid temperature by making your homes weather tight, make sure heating systems are running properly and adequately fueled. As residents brace themselves for the winter the ISD would like to encourage property owners and residents to prepare for the winter:

Service Your Plumbing and Heating Systems:

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- Make sure your heating systems are up to code and working properly -minimize the chances of them breaking down
- Do not run out of fuel, try to keep no less than a quarter tank of oil
- Keep a service plan handy in case of emergencies.

Heat Your Home, Not **Outdoors:**

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- Close and secure all storm windows and doors
- Install door guards on all exterior doorways
- Apply weather stripping to windows and doors

- Insulate/wrap pipes in unheated areas
- Cover all vents
- Disconnect water hose and wrap or cover exposed spigot
- Wrap water heater with insulated water heater blanket

According to the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code units must be provided with heat beginning September 15 to June 15. During this time the temperature of units must be maintained at 68 degrees during the day (7:00 am to 11:00 pm) and 64 degrees in the evening (11:01 pm to 6:59 am).

If you or someone you know is experiencing problems with heating systems, contact the landlord or property manager immediately. If they are unresponsive, tenants should then contact the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) at 617-635-5300 to file a complaint. Complaints made outside normal business hours should be called into the Mayor's 24-Hour Hotline at 617-635-4500. Or connect with us through Citizens Connect by sending a Text to (REPORT or REPORTAJE to 617-505-1898).

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- 9. Chap or fella
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- north section of this region 16. Independent African
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- 21. Skier's delight
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- 24. Hawaiian dance
- 25. Brown messenger 28. *Garth of "Wayne's World"
- 30. Mourner's song
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- 38. Swarms
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- 41. *Nirvana's "Nevermind," e.g.
- 43. It leads to flight?
- 44. "Three's Company" landlord
- 46. "Will be," according to Day
- 47. Evoke emotion
- 48. Cloak
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- 52. *He played John Spartan in "Demolition Man" 53. Another spelling for #50
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- _ in comparison," past tense 65. Followed third Super Bowl
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- Branch Davidians
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- Mama a ____?'
- 22. Days of 24. Like one who's washedup
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- , the house to pitch...
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NO SNOW? NO PROBLEM! Fruitlands Museum Has Outdoor Winter Fun, Flakes or Not!

Popular "Eyes On Owls", Harvard Conservation Trust's "Winter Trail Challenge" and Nashua River Watershed Association's "Signs of Animals" to highlight winter schedule

Winter might be off to an unseasonably un-snowy start, but Fruitlands Museum is prepared with an arsenal of family-friendly outdoor activities for a wide range of conditions.

Three upcoming highlights include "Eyes on Owls" on Sunday, January 22nd, the Harvard Conservation Trust's "Winter Trail Challenge" on Saturday, February 4th and the Nashua River Watershed Association's "Signs of Animals" on February 5th.

"In addition to our traditional "Winterfest" activities, we have some great nature-oriented, family focused events that allow parents to get the kids out of the house, and in the case of the trail challenge and signs of animals, outdoors," said Susan Davy, Fruitlands Museum's Interim Director. "We suggest bundling up — and being ready to have some fun!

Families can get up close and personal with six types of live owls on Sunday, January 22nd from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with naturalists Mark and Marcia Wilson, who will share how to attract and protect owls in one's own backyard. Space is limited and reservations are required for this event by calling 978-456-3924 ext. 292 or e-mailing mdelaney@fruitlands.org.

The Harvard Conservation Trust is partnering with Fruitlands to offer a "Winter Trail Challenge" on Saturday, February 4th, from 1 to 5 P.M. Participants can try out their map reading skills and collect items along the trials to win a mystery prize!

On February 5^{th} , families are invited to come explore the trails and fields at Fruitlands from 1 to 5 P.M. with a naturalist from the Nashua River Watershed Association in Groton. Visitors will learn about what animals are active in the winter, see a few examples of mounted specimens, make an animal print card, and go outside to look for signs of active animals.

"Should we get snow, we'll have sledding on our hills here, of course, and snowshoeing and cross country skiing opportunities made possible by our friends at Eastern Mountains Sports," said Davy. EMS is scheduled to be at Fruitlands on January 28^{th} and 29^{th} , and again on February 11th and 12th. "In the event of no snow or rain, EMS plans to do alternate clinics, such as winter hiking, layering, and outdoor preparedness," said Davy.

For more information on Fruitlands' Winterfest, which runs weekend afternoons starting January 14th, go to www.fruitlands.org/calendar.

Better Business Bureau's 10 Scams

Better Business Bureau investigates thousands of scams every year, from the latest gimmicks to schemes as old as the hills. Our new Scam Source (bbb.org/scam) is a comprehensive resource on scam investigations from BBBs around the country, with tips from BBB, law enforcement and others. You can sign up to receive our Scam Alerts by email, and you can also be a scam detective yourself by reporting scams you've discovered.

We've divided scams up into nine major categories and picked the top scam in each, plus our Scam of the Year.

Top Job Scam

BBB sees lots of secret shopper schemes, workfrom-home scams, and other phony job offers, but the worst job-related scam can dash your hopes and steal your identity. Emails, websites and online applications all look very professional, and the candidate is even interviewed for the job (usually over the phone) and then receives an offer. In order to start the job, however, the candidate has to fill out a "credit report" or provide bank information for direct deposit of their "paychecks." The online forms are nothing more than a way to capture sensitive personal data Social Security number, bank accounts, etc. — that can easily be used for identity theft. And, of course, there is no job, either.

Top Sweepstakes and Lottery Scam

Sweepstakes and lottery scams come in all shapes and sizes, but the bottom line is almost always this: You've won a whole lot of money, and in order to claim it you have to send us a smaller amount of money. Oh, and keep this confidential until we're ready to announce your big winnings. This year's top sweepstakes scam was undoubtedly the email claiming to be from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announcing that the recipient was the winner of \$1 million from the popular social networking site. These kinds of scams often use celebrities or other famous names to

mentioned. If they are really giving away \$1 million, there will be some kind of announcement on their website. But don't waste too much time looking.

Top Social Media/ Online Dating Scam

On the Internet, it's easy to pretend to be someone you are not. Are you really friends with all of your "Friends" on Facebook? Do you have a lot of personal information on a dating site? With so much information about us online, a scammer can sound like they know you. There are tons of ways to use social media for scams, but one this year really stands out because it appeals to our natural curiosity ... and it sounds like it's coming from a friend. Viral videos claiming to show everything from grisly footage of Osama bin Laden's death to the latest celebrity hijinks have shown up on social media sites, often looking as if they have been shared by a friend. When you click on the link, you are prompted to "upgrade your Flash player," but the file you end up downloading contains a worm that logs into your social media account, sends similar messages to your friends, and searches for your personal data. The next time you see a sensational headline for the latest viral video, resist the urge to peek.

Top Home Improvement Scam

Always near the top of BBB complaint data are home improvement contractors who often leave your home worse than they found it. They usually knock on your door with a story or a deal the roofer who can spot some missing shingles on your roof, the paver with some leftover asphalt who can give you a great deal on driveway resealing. Itinerant contractors move around, keeping a step ahead of the law...and angry consumers. The worst are those who move in after a natural disaster, taking advantage of desperate homeowners who need immediate help and may not be as suspicious as they would be under normal cirmake their offer seem more cumstances. A large pergenuine. If you aren't sure, centage of BBB's Accredited don't click on the link but Businesses are home coninstead go directly to the tractors who want to make homepage of the company sure you know they are le-

gitimate, trustworthy and dependable. Find one at bbb.org/search.

Top Check Cashing Scam

Two legitimate companies - Craig's List and Western Union — are used for an inordinate amount of scamming these days, and especially check cashing scams. Here's how it works: Someone contacts you via a Craig's List posting, maybe for a legitimate reason like buying your old couch or perhaps through a scam like hiring you as a secret shopper. Either way, they send you a check for more than the amount they owe you, and they ask you to deposit it into your bank account and then send them the difference via Western Union. A deposited check takes a couple of days to clear, whereas wired money is gone instantly. When the original check bounces, you are out whatever money you wired ... and you're still stuck with the old couch.

Top Phishing Scam

"Phishing" is when you receive a suspicious phone call asking for personal information or an email that puts a virus on your computer to hunt for your data. It's almost impossible to avoid them if you have a telephone or an email account. But the most pernicious phishing scam this year disguised itself as official communication from NACHA — the National Automated Clearing House Association — which facilitates the secure transfer of billions of electronic transactions every year. The email claims one of your transactions did not go through, and it hopes you react quickly and click on the link before thinking it through. It may take you to a fake banking site "verify' you account information, or it may download malware to infiltrate your computer.

Top Identity Theft Scam There are a million ways

to steal someone's identity. This one has gotten so prevalent that many hotels are posting warnings in their lobby. Here's how it works: You get a call in your hotel room in the middle of the night. It's the front desk clerk, very apologetic, saying their computer has crashed and they need to get your credit card number again, or they must have gotten the number wrong because the transaction won't go through, and could you please read the number back so they can fix the problem? Scammers are counting on you being too sleepy to catch on that the call isn't from the hotel at all, but from someone outside who knows the direct-dial numbers for the guest rooms. By the time morning rolls around and you are clearheaded, your credit card has been on a major shopping

Top Financial Scam

In challenging economic times, many people are looking for help getting out of debt or hanging on to their

home, and almost as many scammers appear to take advantage of desperate situations. Because the federal government announced or expanded several mortgage relief programs this year, all kinds of sound-alike websites have popped up to try to fool consumers into parting with their money. Some sound like a government agency, or even part of BBB or other nonprofit consumer organization. Most ask for an upfront fee to help you deal with your mortgage company or the government (services you could easily do yourself for free), and almost all leave you in more debt than when you started.

Top Sales Scam

Sales scams are as old as humanity, but the Internet has introduced a whole new way to rip people off. Penny auctions are very popular because it seems like you can get something useful cameras, computers, etc. for way below retail. But you pay a small fee for each bid (usually .50 to \$1.00) and if you aren't the winner, you lose that bid money. Winners often are not even the top bidder, just the last bidder when time runs out. Although not all penny auction sites are scams, some are being investigated as online gambling. BBB recommends you treat them the same way you would legal gambling in a casino - know exactly how the bidding works, set a limit

for yourself, and be prepared to walk away before you go over that limit.

Scam of the Year

Yep, it's us — the BBB phishing scam. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of people have gotten emails that very much look like an official notice from BBB. The subject line says something like "Complaint Against Your Business," and the instructions tell the recipient to either click on a link or open an attachment to get the details. If the recipient does either, a malicious virus is launched on their computer ... a virus that can steal banking information, passwords and other critical pieces of information needed for cyber-theft. BBB is working with security consultants and federal law enforcement to track down the source of these emails, and has already shut down dozens of hijacked websites. Anyone who has opened an attachment or clicked on a link should run a complete system scan using reputable anti-virus software. If your computer is networked with others, all machines on the network should be scanned, as well.

For further information, please go to Better Business Bureau Scam Source (www.bbb.org/scam). Sign up for our Scam Alerts and learn about new scams as soon as we do.

• **Hoops & Hockey** (Continued from Page 16)

IN MEMORIAM — Remembering retired Boston Globe sportswriter Fran Rosa, who died on January 4 at the age of 91. A former hockey player at Harvard, Fran covered the Bruins for many years and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame as a journalist. We had many a good conversation with Fran over the years as he continued to come to the Garden for numerous Bruins home games.

WHEELER RETURNS -When the Winnipeg Jets formerly the Atlanta Thrashers — came to the Garden on January 10 -Blake Wheeler, a Bruin who got dealt to Atlanta at the trade deadline last season, gotten him as he scored a Pavelec in the second.

goal against his former teammates to open the second period. It seems like it always happens in hockey: a player gets traded then scores a goal against his former team.

HISTORY IS MADE -When Winnipeg and the Bruins each had a penalty shot in their game at the Garden it marked the first time in Bruins team history that there was a penalty shot both for and against the B's in the same game.

Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask stopped Winnipeg's Chris Thorburn's attempt in the first period, while Bruin Shawn Thornton converted on the first penalty shot of his NHL career when he made sure the B's hadn't for- beat Jets goalie Ondrej

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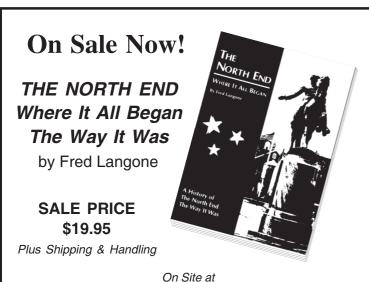
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5 LEGAL Interest

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If you book a passage for a cruise can you get a refund because the cruise line doesn't provide you with all details for a refund?

MARK CASAVANT & another vs. NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE LTD.

Tara Casavant.

SJC-10717

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS 460 Mass. 500; 952 N. E. 2d 908;

December 6, 2010, Argued • September 1, 2011, Decided

In 2000, the Casavants booked a seven-day roundtrip cruise from Boston to Bermuda with Norwegian. The cruise was scheduled to depart Boston on September 16, 2001. The Casavants paid a deposit of \$628 at the time of booking and the remaining balance on July 10, 2001. The total cost of the trip was \$2,135.50. At the time of the purchase, the Casavants were informed that Norwegian imposed "cancellation fees," and that a cancellation zero to fourteen days prior to departure would result in a one hundred percent cancellation fee. The Casavants received their tickets, which included a "contract of passage," on or about September 1, 2001.

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Casavants, fearful of taking a cruise that was scheduled to depart from Boston on September 16, contacted Norwegian several times in an

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effort to reschedule it. Norwegian refused to reschedule their trip, deemed them to have cancelled their voyage, and refused to refund the price of the tickets. The Casavants subsequently retained counsel and sent Norwegian a demand letter pursuant to G.L. c. 93A, § 9 (3), dated August 22, 2002, claiming that they were entitled to a refund of the price of the tickets plus interest and attorney's fees based on a number of unfair and deceptive acts and practices on the part of Norwegian that violated G.L. c. 93A, §§ 2 and 9.

In its response to the demand letter, Norwegian informed the Casavants for the first time that it was Norwegian's policy "to provide passengers with a [one hundred percent refund] if they have an objection to a provision in the [contract of passage]," and, further, because the Casavants had not

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objected to a specific provision in the contract of passage at the time they sought to reschedule (or cancel) their trip, their claim for a refund was properly denied. This refund policy was not contained in any of the materials, including the contract of passage, that the Casavants received prior to the scheduled trip.

The Supreme Court said: In view of Norwegian's response that it had a refund policy with which the Casavants had not complied, but which Norwegian knew had not been disclosed, it is reasonable to conclude that Norwegian was or should have been aware of its obligation to provide the Casavants with a refund. This constituted fair notice of the claim. and enabled Norwegian to make a reasonable tender of settlement. The purposes of the demand provision were sufficiently fulfilled.

3. Conclusion. For the reasons stated, the judgment for Norwegian on the Casavants' claim of unfair or deceptive acts under G.L. c. 93A is reversed, and the case is remanded for the entry of judgment for the Casavants and for a determination of their c. 93A damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and costs.

So ordered.

This case says that a cruise line must clearly tell you about your rights to cancel or you are entitled to your money back.

• Parks Dept. Fundraiser (Continued from Page 4)

opening of New England's largest horticultural event. Ticket holders will also enjoy an open bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres reception with live music, a silent auction, and each guest will receive a ticket to revisit the exhibits and 200 vendors after the show opens to the general public.

John Hancock Financial Services has partnered with the Parks Department again this year as a Silver Sponsor of the fundraiser. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, purchase tickets, or for more information, please call the Parks Department at (617) 635-4032 or visit our website. For 2012 Boston Flower & Garden Show admission and information, please contact the Paragon Group at (781) 273-5533 or visit www.bostonflowershow.com.

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SHAME - ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK Sony Masterworks

London-based composer Harry Escott's brilliant score provide meaning and emotion for the psychological drama, Shame. The 15tracks include Escott's haunting "Brandon" and "Unravelling" along with the film's "End Credits." The potpourri of music also features piano virtuoso Glenn Gould's contribution of Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variations — "Aria" and "Variation 15 Canone Alla Quinta" - plus "Prelude No. 10 in E Minor" and "Prelude & Fugue No. 16 in G Minor." Tom Tom Club delivers the New Wave hit "Genius of Love," followed by Blondie's hit "Rapture," the dance floor gem "I Want Your Love" (Chic), and jazz legend John Coltrane does a fine job on the Rodgers/Hammerstein classic "My Favorite Things." Vocalist Carey Mulligan melts hearts with her emotional version of "New York, New York," and jazz trumpeter Chet Baker vocalizes beautifully on "Let's Get Lost." Blues giant Howlin' Wolf does his thing on "You Can't Be Beat," and Mark Louque's "The Problem" completes it all!

KNEW YOU WERE WAITING: THE BEST OF ARETHA FRANKLIN 1980-1998 Arista-Legacy

Aretha Franklin a/k/a ending with 'Queen of Soul' celebrates styled "Naugh her 70th birthday (March 25, Sort of like Sh 2012) and her fans will on this album!

receive the gift of her 16song collection of her first 18 years with Arista Records. It all begins with the 1980 beauty "United Together," trailed by three #1 R&B hits — "Jump To It," "Get It Right" and the Grammy Award-winning "Freeway of Love" featuring the late Clarence Clemons. The hits just keep coming with, "Who's Zoomin' Who," "Another Night," the Jagger/ Richards hit "Jumpin' Jack Flash," the swinging "Jimmy Lee," from her 'Greatest Hits' album, "Willing to Forgive," and the sweet scent of "A Rose Is Still a Rose." Duets were a major part of Aretha's early years and the half-dozen featured, "Love All the Hurt Away" (George Benson), "Sisters Are Doin' It For Themselves" (The Eurythmics), "I Knew You (George Were Waiting Michael), "Through the Storm" (Elton John), the Top 5 R&B hit "It Isn't, It Wasn't, It Ain't Never Gonna Be" (Whitney Houston), and the previously unreleased mix of "Ever Changing Times" duet with Michael McDonald.

SHERRIÉ AUSTIN -CIRCUS GIRL Circus Girl Records

Australian singer/songwriter Sherrié Austin has traveled the world much in the way a circus travels, but her 'act' is performed on a 'baker's dozen' of songs she wrote for her album Circus Girl. Very much her own person, Sherrié has always done things her own way, and for the last 7 years she's only written for country entertainers, including Tim McGraw, Blake Shelton, George Strait and Trace Adkins. Her solo act opens with the album's title track, trailed by the introspective "Tryin' To Be Me," the humor of "I Didn't," the ditty "If I Was a Man," the honesty of "Just Want to Love You Tonight," reflecting on relationships via "Get Your Leavin' Done," and the drama of "He's All Yours." Austin continues her musical tour with "Bad For Me," kissing off romance as "Friday Night Girls," the guilt of "Sleep With Me," and celebrates freedom with "That Kind of Happy." Austin re-cut "Streets of Heaven," for this CD, a song she penned and sang almost ten years ago which hit Top 15, ending with the holiday styled "Naughty or Nice." Sort of like Sherrié's songs

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www.WheelockFamilyTheatre.org THE WIZARD OF OZ - Friday, February 3; Friday, February 10; Friday, February 17; Friday, February 24. Based on the classic 1939 MGM movie. this magical production will sweep audiences off their feet, from the moment the tornado twists its way into Kansas. Young farm girl Dorothy and her little dog Toto are transported "Over the Rainbow," where they meet the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man and the Scarecrow on the Yellow Brick Road, and travel together in search of the great and powerful Wizard himself. Featuring such classic songs as "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and "If I Only Had a Brain," The Wizard of Oz is sure to cast its timeless spell over the entire family.

ARSENAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS - BLACK BOX THEATRE 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 617-923-8487

www.wellesleyplayers.org THE TALE OF THE ALLER-GIST'S WIFE - Friday, January 20; Friday, January 27, 2012. This adult social satire by Charles Busch focuses on the burgeoning midlife crisis of an upper-class, upper-crust, Upper-West-Side woman, the wife of a doctor, who strives to better herself through frequent nighttime visits to museums and theaters. Her neuroses about being mediocre come to a boiling point when she pitches a fit at a Disney Store, resulting in substantial damage to both the merchandise and her psyche. Running for nearly 800 performances on Broadway, this show received Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics nominations for Best Play, and Charles Busch won the Outer Critics Award for Outstanding

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Playwriting. This play is for mature

audiences due to adult content.

www.BostonChildrensTheatre.org REFELCTIONS OF A ROCK LOBSTER — March 3–11, 2012. After being bullied relentlessly, 17-year-old student Aaron Fricke from Cumberland, RI sued his high school in 1980 for the right to escort his boyfriend to his senior prom. In the tradition of The Diary of Anne Frank and To Kill a Mockingbird, this play deals with issues of bullying and prejudice. Boston Children's Theatre is proud to bring a story from local history to enlighten today's youth with positive messages of tolerance and acceptance.

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www.bostonOperaHouse.com AMERICAN IDIOT - Janu-

AMERICAN IDIOT – January 24–29, 2012. Based on Green Day's smash-hit album and featuring such songs as: "Wake Me Up When September Ends," "Holiday and the blockbuster title track, this Boston premiere tells the story of three lifelong friends forced to choose between their dreams and the safety of surburbia.

LES MISERABLES — March 13-April 1, 2012. Les Misérables has been seen by over 53 million people in 38countries and 21 languages since its first London performance in October 1985. The original Broadway production opened on March 12, 1987, at the Broadway Theatre, winning seven Tony Awards that season, including Best Musical. The show went on to play a total of 6,680 performances. Based on Victor Hugo's epic novel. Relentless policeman Javert pursues escaped convict Jean Valjean over decades through the tumult of revolutionary France. Valjean becomes a mayor, agrees to raise the daughter of a dying prostitute and joins the fight for freedom. None of this impresses the single-minded Javert, until the day Valjean saves his life. Score includes "Who Am I?," "A Little Fall of Rain," "One Day More," "Bring Him Home" and "I Dreamed a Dream."

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST -May 29-June 3, 2012. Tale as old as time, true as it can be. Disney's Beauty and the Beast, the smash hit Broadway musical, is coming to you! Based on the Academy Awardwinning animated feature film, this eye-popping spectacle has won the hearts of over 35 million people worldwide. This classic musical love story is filled with unforgettable characters, lavish sets and costumes, and dazzling production numbers including "Be Our Guest" and the beloved title song. Experience the romance and enchantment of Disney's Beauty and the Beast!

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THE ADDAMS FAMILY – February 7–19, 2012. They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky — c'mon, you know that tune! A dream cast takes on the quirky characters in a new and original Addams Family tale. As the musical begins, there are storm clouds gathering over the Addams Family home. Wednesday is falling in love, young Pugsley, jealous of his sister's attention, begs her to keep torturing him severely, while mother Morticia fears being upstaged and discarded by her daughter's lurch

into womanhood ... like yesterday's roadkill. But when outsiders come to dinner, the events of one night will change forever this famously macabre family — a family so very different from your own — or maybe not.

LOWELL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 978-454-2299

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COME FLY AWAY — Thursday, March 1, 2012. "Come Fly Away" is the new Broadway musical that brings together the legendary vocals of Frank Sinatra and the creative vision of Tony Award-winner Twyla Tharp (Movin' Out). This one-of-a-kind experience combines the seductive vocals of "Ol' Blue Eyes" with the sizzling sound of a live on-stage big band and the visceral thrill of Tharp's choreography. As 14 of the world's best dancers tell the story of four couples falling in and out of love, you will experience the exhilaration of a first kiss, the excitement of a first dance, and the bittersweet moments of a first good-bye in a world of sparkling romance and astonishing beauty. Come Fly Away features a host of beloved Sinatra classics, including "Fly Me to the Moon," "My Way," "New York, New York" and "Witchcraft."

MUSIC

WILBUR THEATRE 246 Tremont St., Boston, MA www.TheWilburTheatre.com

GLEN CAMPBELL GOODBYE TOUR - Thursday, February 23, 2012. The legendary singer/ songwriter released his final studio album, "Ghost on the Canvas." Despite the diagnosis of Alzheimers, Glen will hit the road for his "Goodbye Tour." "I still love making music," says Campbell. "And I still love performing for my fans. I'd like to thank them for sticking with me through thick and thin." Glen Campbell is best known for a series of hits in the 1960s and 1970s. Campbell's hits include: "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston," "Rhinestone Cowboy" and "Southern Nights." Campbell made history by winning four Grammys in both country and pop categories in 1967. For "Gentle on My Mind" he received two awards in country & western, "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" did the same in pop.

LOWELL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 978-454-2299

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REAL OLDIES LIVE — Friday. March 23, 2012. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the fun-loving, toetapping tunes of artists Gary "US" Bonds, The Cleftones, The Orlons, and Johnny Tillotson and the Tuttie Frutties. Gary "US" Bonds created the legendary party record, "Quarter to Three." He is also known for "School is Out," "School is In," "Dear Lady Twist," "Twist, Twist Senora," "Seven Day Weekend," and others. The Cleftones are known for hits "Little Girl of Mine," "Can't We Be Sweethearts," and "String Around My Heart." Also, appearing, The Orlons, who had some dance and novelty gems in the early '60s: "The Wah Watusi," "Don't Hang Up," and "South Street." You wouldn't want to miss Johnny Tillotson, who is famous for chart records "Poetry In Motion," "It Keeps Right On A Hurtin'," "Without You," "Send Me The Pillow That You Dream On," and many more.

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Sanborn is an artist whose music has inspired countless other musicians while creating a body of work that spans the genres of rock 'n' roll, R&B, pop and jazz. A naturally gifted performer, David has helped defined the saxophone's modern sound while influencing a generation.

COMEDY

WILBUR THEATRE 246 Tremont St., Boston, MA www.thewilbur.com Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000

GEORGE LOPEZ - Friday, January 20, 2012 and Saturday, January 21, 2012. George Lopez is a multitalented entertainer whose career encompasses television, film, standup comedy and now late-night television. "Lopez Tonight" represents Lopez's return to series television after cocreating, writing, producing and starring in Warner Bros. Television's groundbreaking hit sitcom George Lopez, which ran for six seasons on ABC. Lopez has risen to become one of the premier comedic talents in the entertainment industry. He has been praised by audiences and critics alike for his work in television, film and standup, as well as his extensive charity work with various foundations.

AMAZING JOHNATHAN — Saturday, January 28, 2012. The Amazing Johnathan is an eccentric comic magician whose bizarre humor and unscripted antics have earned him widespread recognition as one of the most original and unique performers today. His DVD, "Wrong on Every Level" is the latest example to prove this point. Despite making regular appearances on national television shows, his live shows are what Amazing Johnathan thrives on. He has literally destroyed audiences and stages with a style that has been described as a cross between Steve Martin and Alice Cooper. With his impulsive, raw humor and abrasive wit, he keeps audiences on the edge of their seats while exhibiting spontaneous magic and showcasing impressive special effects. The Amazing Johnathan Show has added new material but still showcases the same impulsive, bizarre humor and abrasive wit that has earned him widespread critical acclaim.

COLIN QUINN: LONG STORY SHORT – Sunday, January 29, 2012. In "Long Story Short," Colin Quinn focuses his "articulate brand of comedy" on the demise of empires, including our own. More than standup comedy, "Long Story Short" is a hilarious blend of incisive observation, sharp commentary and Colin's channeling of the personalities of the past. From Socrates to Snooki, Quinn is at his satirical best, taking on the attitudes, appetites and bad habits that toppled the world's most powerful nations.

"Long Story Short" proves that throughout human history, the joke has always been on us.

ETTA MAY'S WHITE TRASH DIARY - Tuesday, February 7, 2012. What's the best way to describe Etta May? "Minnie Pearl with a migraine." To put it simply, when Etta May takes the stage, she is the reigning Queen of Southern Sass. She reflects "You know you're getting fat when you sit in the bathtub and the water in the toilet rises!" Etta May grew up alongside nine older brothers, who referred to their baby sister as "the human sacrifice." In fact, Etta May's parents - did not realize Etta May was a girl until she required a training bra. Etta May met her husband, Delbert, an aspiring truck driver, at a friend's kegger. From across the yard their eyes locked in a love look. Nine months later, she was blessed with a boy, followed by a girl and two more boys. "That's where my comedy comes from. I just wait for my husband or kids to do something stupid, and then I write it down." Etta May, will take you on a redneck ride through the Deep South.

DAVID SPADE — Friday, February 10, 2012. Spade first made a name for himself as a standup comedian. He joined the cast of Lorne Michael's long-running television show Saturday Night Live in 1990 as a writer and a performer. On the show, he soon gained popularity for such recurring sketches such as "The Hollywood Minute" in which Spade would sarcastically shred some of Tinseltown's biggest stars with his nasty comments. Spade also proved an able impersonator of celebrities ranging from Jeff Foxworthy to Tom Petty.

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thrilling sensation as well.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Ouch! Friday the 13! So what's new? Well, we read that having her heart broken really can kill a woman. Researchers say women suffering from heartrending tragedies, like a romantic breakup or death of a loved one, are NINE times more likely to die from sudden cardiac failure. The danger is so obvious, it's called "broken heart syndrome." Doctors believe the danger is chemical. The sudden rush of grief from the death of a beloved mate triggers a flood of adrenaline and other stress hormones to pour into the system, which causes the heart's main pumping chamber to suddenly inflate and fail. Women younger than age 55 were 9.6 times more likely to suffer from "broken heart syndrome" than men. Some scientists believe men may be less likely to suffer from the condition because their bodies are more used to handling stress. The experts also note that a good shock-like winning a lottery — can also cause a health crisis. Enough said!

Chewing gum will soothe and quiet your soul just as well as yoga or a massage, say experts, and it costs a lot less! People who chew gum are far less likely to report that they are feeling stresses than those who go without, according to a new study. Scientists aren't sure if gum chewers are simply happier people by nature or if engaging in the tasty pastime somehow triggers those feelings. Some think a rosier outlook may result from stimulation of the vagus nerve, a key to inducing relaxation.

Pastor Greg Beutel of Fort Worth, whose Hyundai was badly damaged when a city streetlight fell on it. When he contacted Fort Worth officials for compensation for the \$2,000 in damage, he was told, "It's an act of

The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion found that "whatever" was the most annoying verbal filler in casual conversation for the third consecutive year. "Like" and "you know" were voted second and third most annoying, respectively.

One more time! The one word we use at least 400 to 500 times a day is the word "I." "I want you to remember what I said here!"

An upstate New York high school has canceled its winter ball to stop students "grinding" on the dance floor. Skaneateles High School officials tried banning lascivious dancing, teaching traditional dance steps, and giving students more room to dance, but the grinding continued. "We determined we couldn't hold another school-wide dance," said the principal.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill says, "With some of today's dance steps you don't know if the guy on the floor is a good dancer or a bad drunk."

Carlo Scostumato, says, "The difference between wrestling and dancing is that some holds are barred in wrestling."

Polls! Polls! Be aware, a recent poll revealed Hillary Clinton is now the most popular national political figure in the U.S., with 64% of Americans saying they have a "very favorable" or "mostly favorable" opinion of her. 34% say the country would be better off now if Hillary were president. 47% say it would be about the same. Only 29% say things would be better if John McCain were president. Do vou agree? Must admit, women are better managers than men! Hey! None of us would be alive if our mothers weren't good managers! They manage to bring us into this world. They managed to keep us fed and healthy. They managed to keep the home organized and clean. They managed to assist in our school homework. They managed to change the bed sheets, etc. Bless them!

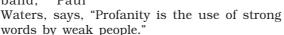
Trust in government, after a Gallup poll found that 64 percent of Americans rate the honesty and ethical standards of members of Congress as "low" or "very low," their worst rating on record. In fact, Congress now rates below telemarketers.

Scornato! Citrulo! Practicing what you preach, after Australian Communications Minister Stephen Conroy, who is in charge of broadcasting standards, said the F-word on live television. He quickly added, "Excuse me."

The astute Robyn Waters of Swampscott, says, "Profanity is an evidence of the lack of

vocabulary and brains."

Robyn's brilliant husband, Paul



Ah, money! Russian billionaire Dmitry Rybolovleva paid \$88 million for a 10-room New York City apartment that he's giving to his daughter, 22-year-old college student Ekaterina Rybolovleva, as a place to crash when she visits the city.

Cold! Hard cash! A week before Christmas 1777, George Washington and his Continental Army established camp at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for the winter, remaining there until June 1778. It's true that as many as 2,000 men died during those six months, but it wasn't because of the weather. The close quarters were a breeding ground for typhus, typhoid, dysentery, and pneumonia, but the main killer was mismanagement and indifference. Pennsylvania farmers elected to sell their produce to the British instead of the new United States because they trusted the English sterling over the recently minted American money.

Interesting! During the American Revolution, many brides did not wear white gowns during their wedding; as a sign of rebellion, they wore red.

Licking the bowl, after a new study found that a 2009 E. coli outbreak that sickened at least 80 people in 30 states was caused by eating raw cookie dough. Some people who buy cookie dough, researchers noted, "had no plans to actually bake cookies."

For you individuals who are know-it-all! What play was Abraham Lincoln watching when he was assassinated? He was watching a comedy called My American Cousin by Tom Taylor. What is the most common name in the world? Mohammed. Where was the earliest toilet seat found? In the city of Akhetatem, Egypt (from circa 1350 B.C.). Seats made of stone; pottery and wood were used on top of large bowls of sand. What legendary rock star was really a blond who dyed his hair black? Elvis Presley. Be aware, most burglaries occur in the winter.

Ready for some deadly stuff? In Victorian times there was an intense fear of being buried alive. So when someone died, a small hole was dug from the casket to the surface, and then a string was tied around the dead person's finger, which was then attached to a small loud bell, hung on the surface of the grave. If someone was buried alive, they could ring the bell and whoever was on duty would go and dig them up. Someone was on duty twenty-four hours a day — therefore the graveyard shift.

Show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Ethel Merman says four must be her unlucky number. "I married (fourth husband) Ernest Borgnine in 1964, and about four weeks was all I could stand with the fella!" Ava Gardner was frequently asked what she saw in Mickey Rooney. "In retrospect, I think one reason that I married him was what he saw in me ... Don't forget, he was one of the biggest movie stars at that time, and I was fresh from the cotton and tobacco fields of North Carolina. The great Ingrid Bergam once said: "Never marry a director. He'll want to direct you at home, too. It happened to me with Roberto Rossellini, and Paulette Goddard says the same of Charlie Chaplin." Lee Strasberg on Barbra Streisand: "The women have come a long way in Hollywood when the most powerful one in movies is also the least lovely." Ethel Merman says Eartha Kitt sounds like a cat in heat. And Don Ameche got an award for break-dancing in Cocoon, only all his dancing was done by a stunt double. Doesn't the dancer deserve his own junior Oscar? So said James Coco. John Wayne and his drinking buddy Ward Bond went around wrecking careers with their gung-ho willingness to blacklist anyone who politically disagreed with them during the 1950s. So stated Melvyn Douglas.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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BAKED SCALLOPS

1 pound scallops 25 Ritz- or Hi-Ho-type crackers crushed 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

2 tablespoons butter or margarine 2 tablespoons white wine Paprika Salt

Spread some butter or margarine at bottom of baking dish (10" x 12" x 2"). Wash scallops and drain excess water. Place scallops in baking dish. Blend melted butter into cracker crumbs. *Spread crumbs over scallops. Pour two tablespoons of white wine in a glass with two tablespoons of clam juice or water. Sprinkle gently over cracker crumbs and scallops. Sprinkle paprika over the cracker crumbs. Cover and bake at 400°F for fifteen or twenty minutes or until scallops are the right consistency to serve.

NOTE: *When preparing the above recipe for my husband and me, I sprinkle garlic powder over the scallops before adding the cracker crumbs and remaining ingredient. We enjoy the garlic flavoring.

I often bake this meal in my heated toaster oven set on broil. I cover scallops with aluminum foil before placing in toaster oven. Broil for about eight to ten minutes. Then set the toaster oven to bake for the remaining time needed.

I serve mashed potatoes or rice pilaf along with French-cut beans and/or carrot strips topped with butter or margarine.

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East Boston Adult Ed. Graduations

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stated, "Many of my students passed their GED Exams and/or passed their U.S. Citizenship Tests with the U.S. Immigration Department and are all looking forward to a better future and become more American."

Ren Avellani, the Computer and GED (English) teacher stated: "Many of my GED students were very happy to pass all of their exams and are now looking to a better job, better education, and are very proud to be a GED recipient because they are no longer stigmatized with being called a highschool drop-out.

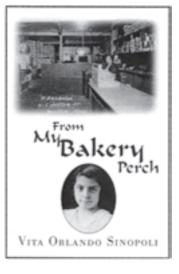
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A Nostalgic Remembrance



middle of a trip to Italy several years ago. My friends and I arrived in Rome, checked into a hotel where two rooms were reserved for us, settled in and were ready to begin investigating the wonders of the Eternal City. Before I left home, Babbononno told me to remember what to look for in the way of history in the different parts of Italy. He said that Sicily and the south of Italy were influenced by Greek, Albanian, Phoenician, North African and Spanish cultures and people. Rome was the center of the western world during the republic and the empire and northern Italy was led the way during the Renaissance. We were now in Rome and it was time to explore the remains of the civilization that led the world 2,000 years ago.

When our driver arrived, we gave him an outline of what we wanted to see and he complied, by not only taking us to different locations, but by adding in bits of historical information. We toured the Coliseum, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, the Circus Maximus and the rest of the ruins that pertained to Roman life around the time of the Caesars. I had a camera that I had bought at the request of my mother. Prior to this point in time, everywhere I traveled, I tried to avoid looking like a tourist with a camera around my neck. Mom said, "You're going to Italy. If you don't take pictures, don't come home." I took the hint and bought a Kodak 120, a small camera with a cartridge inside that allowed 20 pictures to be taken. This way, I wouldn't look like a tourist and Mom would be satisfied. With two dozen rolls of film in my possession, I figured I could take pictures of everything I saw. Actually, it was a good thing I brought the film from the states, as the camera was so new, they didn't have it or the film in Italy as of yet.

rant that was near the hotel, endowed young lady wearing the one we had eaten at the day before. He had told us to try different places and then return to his place as it was the best. That afternoon, we ate at the restaurant where Fetuccini Alfredo was invented. It was good, but it was expensive and the place was filled with tourists. As a result, we decided to return to The Italian looked and said,

Last week, I left off in the the place we discovered the day before. As a matter of fact, once we returned there, we would eat there each day until we were to leave Rome and head north.

After dinner, we headed out

again and continued our site seeing. This time, it was the Tivoli Gardens with all of the fountains that adorned it. When it was time to leave, we headed for the Via Veneto, the Newbury Street of Rome. At the head of the street where the Hotel Excelsior on one side and the American Embassy on the other. From there, the next several blocks are composed of sidewalk cafés and designer boutiques that cater to people with unlimited funds. Evening was approaching and it was time for a cup of espresso and a snack. We walked several blocks looking in the windows of Prada, Armani, Gucci, Pucci, Adolfo, Ferragamo, Cartier; you name it, and if it was high end, it was there. We found a sidewalk café that was to our liking and decided to watch the world go by over a cup of coffee. I'm a people watcher, and it was fascinating. Tourists from all over the world passed by looking in the store windows and at other tourists looking in store windows. A table near ours was composed of British tourists, one of whom asked us if we were American. I assumed that they heard us speaking English. When we told them were American, wound up in a two table conversation. One of the men from the other table mentioned that their wives were constantly being approached by Italian men who were making passes. Sal tried to explain the Italian male mentality to the Brits, but they really couldn't understand. I offered one of my favorite stories in an attempt to explain the situation: "To understand the Italian male mentality, I want you to picture the following ... a sidewalk café like this one with several gentlemen from vari-That afternoon, when it ous parts of the world sitting, was time for dinner, we de- sipping coffee and discussing cided to take the advice of the either business or world man who owned the restau- events. Just then, a very well a tight knitted dress happened to walk by. In admiration of her beauty, the men had comments to make. The Irishman looked and said, "By the Saints." The Englishman looked and said, "By Jove." The American looked and said, "By God." The Arab looked and said, "By Allah."

"By Tonight." I added, "That's the difference."

On the way back to the hotel, the driver told us that, on the following night, the traveling opera troupe from La Scala in Milan would be performing Aida in a Roman ruin that was located on the outskirts of Rome. The ruin had once been part of Emperor Hadrian's palace, and during the summer months, the government in Rome would host open air opera events. He suggested that if we wanted to see it, we would have to purchase tickets at the Rome Opera House on the next day. We agreed to go.

After breakfast on the following day, Sal and I headed to the Rome Opera House to purchase tickets for that evening. We wound up in a short line. There was only one person in front of us who was yelling at the ticket seller in Japanese. The ticket seller was yelling back in Italian and neither understood each other. Finally, in exasperation, the Japanese man yelled out, "Oh s-t." I asked if I could help, seeing the man swore in English. I started out with, "You speak English?" The man said, "Yeah, I'm Japanese-American from Hawaii. I tried to explain to this guy that I need seven tickets in a row, but we don't seem to be communicating too well." I told him that we would help and Sal relayed the information to the ticket seller in Italian. The seller grumbled and then produced the seven tickets. The man thanked us and left. We bought the tickets for the four of us and headed out. That afternoon, we ate dinner at the first place we had discovered and told the proprietor that we took his advice and had now returned. He thanked us and the home made wine was complimentary throughout dinner. Later, our driver brought us to the location that had been Emperor Hadrian's Palace and the open air opera.

We entered and were brought to our seats by an usher. I looked at the isle behind ours and there was the man we had helped at the opera house that morning. We said hello and he spoke to the people with him in Japanese. I don't know what he said, but they all stood up, bowed and said thank you at the same time. They turned out to be his wife, his mother and his four kids. We bowed back and said, "You're welcome." Within a minute of sitting down, the lights dimmed and the Aida started with camels and horse drawn chariots crossing the stage.

The production was magnificent and we were enthralled with what we saw. In my mind, I envisioned Romans being entertained at that same spot some 2,000 years before, maybe some of them my ancestors ... wow! To be continued ...

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Others surely will emerge which includes the right to too. Possible candidate might assemble to support candieven be US Senator Scott Brown who hopefully will take on the Oklahoma transplant and Harvard elitist in '12 and beat her at the polls.

The Supreme Court and Super PAC Boomerang

There was a great January 3 editorial in the Wall Street Journal on the socalled super PACs that should be required reading for both liberal and conservative activists. These super PACs are a result of the US Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United ruling. Liberals say this ruling created a "loophole" to evade campaign financing restrictions from those big bad corporations. However, the "loophole" is actually the US Constitution itself. The High Court said the Journal editorial merely restored the right of corporations and unions to exercise their First Amendment

lic and Cuban-American. right to political speech, dates with money. The Supremes basically said that Congress had illegally restricted that right with McCain-Feingold.

> You can bet that super PACS will be out in full force this coming year with big unions getting just as dirty as big business. The real charade is that PACs must be formally independent of candidates even if we all know that candidates are backing them. Look at Restore Our Future, this super PAC has spent well north of a million bucks in Iowa pounding Newt Gingrich into dust for Romney while Romney gets to sound like poor Sgt. Schultz claiming he knows nothing about anything.

You can also bet the house that the Elizabeth Warren campaign will have its own super PAC trying to destroy Scott Brown with negative advertising and Brown may

well have to resort to the same strategy not to get "Newted." Unions and liberals decry the Citizens United ruling but they also use the same kind of super PACs too. If corporations aren't people, doesn't that mean unions aren't either? The slopes are getting slippery for all sides.

President Obama's supporters has already said it will have a billion dollars to spend in the 2012 campaign and you can bet lots of that money will be poured into negative campaigning.

Survivor of NY "Subway Vigilante" Shootings Dies at 45

On Christmas Day, as I read the newspaper obits, I noticed a large one written up on James Ramseur who was one of four teens shot by Bernhard H. Goetz, the so-called subway vigilante back on December 22, 1984. Ramseur's body was found in a motel room. It occurred on the 27th anniversary of the day he was shot by Goetz on a Lexington Avenue

gun control, a citizen's right to protect himself and of course, there was the race thing too. Ramseur admitted that he

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and the other three teens approached Goetz for the time, a cigarette and five bucks but Goetz who had been recently mugged twice told police he was only defending himself. He shot five times with an unregistered handgun and hit all his targets. In 1987, Goetz was acquitted of attempted murder but found guilty of illegal weapon possession and served 8½ months in jail.

Many in the liberal community as usual spent most of their time blaming Goetz and threw in the race card too. At the time of the shootings many of this crowd blamed Hollywood, especially the Charles Bronson charac-

subway train in Lower Man- ter in those three "Death Wish" flicks. Actually the brought all kinds of issues first "Death Wish" movie in 1975 seemed to mirror the Goetz shootings eight years later. There was many who blamed Charles Bronson for the actions of an alleged shooter in fear of his life riding a New York subway

However, many others saw Goetz protecting himself which is why he was acquitted of those attempted murder charges by a jury of his peers. Bronson character became a cult hero and movie audiences were cheering him out loud from their seats.

Ask me if I felt sorry for Goetz's victims and I tell you not. Bernhard Goetz walked out of that subway train unhurt, he could have been carried out by the medical examiner's office. For James Ramseur, ironically he survived December 22, 1984 but not December 22, 2011.

LEGAL NOTICE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting professional consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. A300-D1, FY12-14 MEP ENGINEERING SERVICES. The Authority is seeking a multi-disciplinary firm or team to provide professional services with an emphasis on Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineering. The Consultant shall demonstrate expertise in the following disciplines including but not limited to HVAC, fire protection, plumbing, electrical, lighting, energy engineering and modeling, and sustainable design. The Consultant shall demonstrate its abil ity to manage costs effectively and shall be experienced in providing similar services on an on-call as needed basis. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner. The projects may range from small and simple to relatively large and complex.

The scope of work may include new construction, alterations or additions to various facilities such as, airline terminals, maintenance facilities, garages, sheds, warehouses, electrical substations, pump houses, elevators, escalators, and security systems. Systems will include heating, chilled water and high temperature hot water and steam supply, air conditioning and ventilation, automatic temperature controls, lighting, fire protection and fire alarm systems, plumbing systems, high and low voltage electrical systems. The consultant may also provide assistance with the Authority's implementation of energy efficiency measures including energy assessment and modeling, high efficiency and LED lighting retrofits, Demand Control Ventilation, HVAC retro-commissioning, and monitoring and verification. Services may include but shall not be limited to existing conditions assessment, conceptual or schematic drawings and outline specifications, design development, or construction drawings and specifications, construction services, resident inspection services, cost estimates and analyses, investigations, retro-commissioning, reports, value engineering, and energy audits. Abatement of hazardous or contaminated materials is not included in the scope of work for this agreement.

The Authority expects to select two consultants. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. The consultants will be awarded a contract in an amount to be determined, however the total amount will not exceed \$1,000,000. The services shall be authorized on a work order basis.

Each submission shall include a Statement of Qualifications that provides detailed information in response to the evaluation criteria set forth below and include Architect/Engineer & Related Services questionnaires SF 330 with the appropriate number of Part IIs. W/M/DBE Certification of the prime and subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall provide a copy of the W/M/DBE certification letter from the Supplier Diversity Office, formerly known as State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. The Consultant shall also provide litigation and legal proceedings information, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, in a separate sealed envelope entitled "Litigation and Legal Proceedings". See www.massport.com doing-business/Pages/CapitalProgramsResourceCenter.aspx for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

In order to be eligible for selection, all aspects of Section 38A1/2. Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be satisfied including the majority of the firm's Board of Directors or ownership shall be registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the applicable provisions of the statute. Consultants shall furnish professional registration status of the firm's board of directors or ownership. All individuals responsible for technical disciplines shall. upon commencement of the project, be registered Architects or Engineers, in that discipline, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The submission shall be evaluated on basis of: (1) current relevant experience on projects of similar complexity, (2) experience and geographic location of the Project Manager and experience of other key personnel to be assigned to the project, (3) experience and expertise of sub consultants, (4) familiarity with MGL, including filed sub-bid experience, (5) cost management capabilities, (6) M/W/ DBE and affirmative action efforts, (7) familiarity with this type of assignment and a demonstrated ability to respond in a timely manner. (8) current level of work with the Authority. (9) past performance for the Authority, if any, (10) experience with sustainable design, and (11) litigation and legal proceed-

The selection shall involve a two-step process, including the shortlisting of a minimum of three firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection. The Authority reserves the right to interview the firms prior to final selection if deemed appropriate. By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of the Authority's standard agreement, which can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com. The exception to this standard agreement is the insurance requirement of \$1,000,000 of commercial general liability. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11"). Fifteen (15) copies of a bound document and one PDF version on a disc each limited to: 1) an SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs, 2) no more than 5 sheets (10 pages) of information contained under SF 330 Section H addressing the evaluation items (except for the litigation and legal proceedings history), and 3) no more than 3 sheets (5 pages) of other relevant material not including a 3 page (max.) cover letter, covers, and dividers shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, P.E., CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, Capital Programs Department One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Fast Boston, MA 02128, Any submission that exceeds the page limit set here or that is not received by the Capital Programs Department in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

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

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY DAVID S. MACKEY INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 01/13/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6042EA

In the Estate of ANNE L. JENKS Late of ARLINGTON, MA 02476 Date of Death September 16, 2011 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

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 Charles H. Riley Jr., Esq. of Nahant, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to

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 JANUARY 26, 2012.

of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in

WITNESS HON, PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court.

Run date: 1/13/12

PROBATE OF WILL

serve Without Surety.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit

cedent be proved and allowed and that

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO,

accordance with Probate Rule 16

Date: December 29, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6107EA

In the Estate of **CATHERINE T. STEARNS** a/k/a Catherine Stearns Late of MEDFORD, MA 02155 Date of Death November 15, 2011

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 Michael Stearns of Stoneham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO,

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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 (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 29, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/13/12

LEGAL NOTICE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY **NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. L1175-C1, ECONOMY PARKING GARAGE SNOW MELTERS, at LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT in EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S - Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub-bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS NOTE: DEPARTMENT Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts AT 9:00 a.m. LOCAL TIME ON Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

The work includes ADDITIONS TO THE EXISTING ECONOMY PARKING GARAGE THAT WILL HOUSE TWO 40-TON SNOW MELTERS AND THEIR RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS WILL CONSIST OF TWO, PRE-CAST CONCRETE, THREE-STORY ADDITIONS WHICH WILL ALLOW PLACEMENT OF ACCUMULATED SNOW FROM THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE GARAGE INTO THE TOP OF THE MELTERS AT FLOOR LEVEL.

Bid documents will be made available beginning WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract. General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of GENERAL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, The estimated contract cost is \$1,300,000.00.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract, filed Sub-bidders must submit with their bid a current Sub-bidder Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and a Sub-bidder Update Statement. The filed Sub-bidder must be certified in the sub-bid category of work for which the Sub-bidder is submitting a bid proposal.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and /or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

HEATING VENTUATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING WATERPROOFING, DAMP-PROOFING, AND CAULKING PLLIMBING

ELECTRICAL

The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than 10% of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

> MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY DAVID S. MACKEY INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

Docket No. MI11P5447EA

In the Estate of

FELICITA BERMINGHAM

a/k/a FELICITA G. BERMINGHAM

Late of NATICK, MA 01760

Date of Death August 2, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

PROBATE OF WILL

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

Francis D. Bermingham of Groton, MA be

appointed executor/trix, named in the will to

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COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM)

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of objections to the petition, stating specific

facts and grounds upon which the objection

is based, within (30) days after the return day

(or such other time as the court, on motion

with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in

To all persons interested in the above



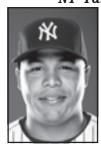
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Jones Stays with NY Yankees



Andruw Jones is staying put with the NY Yankees on a \$2 million oneyear deal. This past season,

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6051EA

In the Estate of MARY F. McMORROW a/k/a FLORENCE MARY McMORROW Late of BEDFORD, MA 01730 Date of Death November 30, 1977 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 George N. Tobia of Gardner, MA be appointed executor/ trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO.

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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 (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 29, 2011 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/13/12

LEGAL NOTICE

The Trial Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6171EA

ers and 33 RBIs. He is a 5time All-Star and a 10-time Golden Glove winner. Best known in his career as a member of the Atlanta Braves. He was an everyday guy and once a home run slugger but remains a righthand threat off the bench. The NY Yankees need him

Hanley Ramirez has decided to take over third base so Miami Marlins newcomer Jose Reyes can play shortstop in 2012. When Reyes

LEGAL NOTICE

AUTOMOTIVE SOLUTIONS 523 SPRAGUE STREET DEDHAM, MA 02026 617-347-9104 781-286-8402 FAX

TO: OWNER OR OWNERS. **AUTOMOTIVE SOLUTIONS** HAS HAD A 2003 CHEVY BOX TRUCK IN THEIR POSSESSION

REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES HAS NO RECORD

IF YOU CAN PROVE OWNERSHIP. CALL MIKE SORRENTINO AT

TRUCK WILL GO UP FOR SALE.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE SORRENTINO FOR

Run dates: 1/6, 1/13/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 617-768-5800 Docket No. MI09P5413EA2

In the Estate of MARY A. McDONOUGH a/k/a MARY ANN McDONOUGH Late of WATERTOWN, MA 02472 Date of Death July 18, 2011 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR 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 Robert J. McDonough, Jr. of Lexington, MA be appointed executor/trix named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 27, 2012.

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 (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.

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code Inventory and Accounts are not required to be filed with the Court. but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can Petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to Petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of the appointed Personal Representative.

Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 30, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/13/12 off the bench again this year. SS Ramirez Shifts to Third Base

VIN #1GBJG31U131116488.

SINCE 2009.

THE ABOVE NUMBER.

AUTOMOTIVE SOLUTIONS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex Probate and Family Court In the Estate of NICHOLAS S. CRESTA Late of WAKEFIELD, MA 01880 Date of Death May 24, 2009

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 Roberta M. Degurski-Cresta of Billerica, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 29, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/13/12

year deal, rumor had it Ramirez was upset with the switch but Marlins Manager Ozzie Guillen sold Ramirez on the idea to switch infield positions. Ramirez said he spoke with the manager and said, "What we want is to win with the Marlins. We will see what's going to happen with the position switch and everything else. If it's third base, OK. Wherever they put me to win, I will do so."

With Reyes at shortstop and Ramirez at third base, the Marlins become stronger defensively at both infield positions. Offensively, the team has improved now having Reyes who hit .337 to win the 2011 batting crown playing for the NY Mets and Ramirez who was the 2009 batting champ is a career .306 hitter.

Eastie Jets Lose Close One at Fenway Park

The East Boston Jets played the Latin Academy Dragons at Fenway Park

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6099EA

In the Estate of JOHN P. ARRIGO Late of WALTHAM, MA 02453 Date of Death November 1, 2011 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 Michael J. Loynd of Framingham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO

YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 24, 2012.

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 (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 27. 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/13/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6172EA

In the Estate of ANNALI DEMIRJIAN Late of WOBURN, MA 01801 Date of Death October 29, 2011 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 Ara Demirjian of Burlington, MA be appointed executor/trix named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 27, 2012.

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 (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 30, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/13/12

signed his \$106 million, six and lost the hockey matchup on January 2 by a 4-3 score. It is good seeing hockey played where it was meant to be played, outside in the cold on the ice. Hockey has found a secondary home in Boston with Fenway Park becoming a new popular venue now sharing ice time with TD Garden.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6114EA

In the Estate of ADA M. PACITTI a/k/a ADA PACITT Late of NEWTON, MA 02458 Date of Death October 10, 2011 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 Gianleo A. Duca of Clifton Park, NY be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 26, 2012.

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MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DIGANGI First Justice of this Court Date: December 29, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

Docket No. MI11P6060EA

In the Estate of

LILLIAN ROBERTS

Late of MELROSE, MA 02176

Date of Death November 19, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

PROBATE OF WILL

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

Margaret Hahn of North Andover, MA be

appointed executor/trix, named in the will to

serve Without Surety.

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Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/13/12

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,

accordance with Probate Rule 16

Date: December 29, 2011

ON JANUARY 26, 2012.

First Justice of this Court.

To all persons interested in the above

Run date: 1/13/12

accordance with Probate Rule 16 WITNESS, HON, PETER C. DIGANGI

serve Without Surety.

ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012.

First Justice of this Court Date: January 9, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/13/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MID5118DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY**

PUBLICATION AND MAILING MAGHAN RENEE FRANCOEUR-TIRADO

ALFONSO TIRADO

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the

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 eithe party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Roxanne C. Leary, Esq., 2409 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge MA 02140 your answer, if any, on or before February 21, 2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DIGANGI,

First Justice of this Court

Date: December 28, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro. Register of Probate

Run date: 1/13/12

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P6228EA

In the Estate of PATRICK P. PIZZUTO Late of LEXINGTON, MA 02421 Date of Death December 9, 2011

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 Josephine Pizzuto of Lexington, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to

serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 31, 2012.

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 (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,

First Justice of this Court. Date: January 3, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/13/12



CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

Historic Facts and Records that make Boxing.

The Past, Present and the Future. Keeping Boxing "Great!"

New England Fighters of Now, "In the Ring!"

Speaking with Fight Family Member: **J.P.** of the North End. He says, "To be a champion, fight one more round." "Any problem I have?" "I'm going the distance." "Nothing's going to stop me."

FROM OUR PAST LOOKING AT FIGHT FAMILY HISTORY

LOOKING AT FIGHT FAMILY HISTORY Gene Tunney fought Whitey Allen, New Year's January 1, 1920. Celebrating New Year's 1920 by Big **Bang** KO 2. George Foreman 6' 3" $2\frac{3}{4}$ " shorter than Primo **Carnera** 6' 5¾" weighing 267 lbs., Foreman 220 lbs. Who'd you pick? Gene Tunney vs. Jack Dempsey 1st bout Philadelphia receipts \$1,895,733. Attendance 120,757. Two Ring Magazine Fights of the Year: September 23, 1952. Rocky Marciano vs. Jersey Joe Walcott, November 30, 1955 Carmen Basilio vs. Tony DeMarco. Al Duarte New Bedford, "Boxing's Twenty-Year Men list." He fought 1951-1971. 21 years. Father, son boxing list: The McNeeley Family, Tom Sr., and Tom Jr., in 1974 Boxing "The Ring" Encyclopedia. The third generation: Peter McNeeley makes: father, son and grandson. First Famous Greek fighter; Theagenes of Thaos. Olympic Games 450 B.C Champion, won 1,406 battles with the Cestus, heavy iron glove. Most opponents killed. First World title fight in the U.S.: Jack McAuliffe vs. Jem Cerney. November 16, 1887, Revere, MA. The Ring February 1976: Dan Tratzinski 8-0, 3 KO's Prospect of the Month. Joey Houston wins at Portland Exhibition Building. Boxing Illustrated March 1968; Bill Connolly referees Joe Frazier vs. Marion Connors bout Boston Garden, 6,199 at his 19th straight win, 17th K.O. *The Ring* August 1969. Bob Benoit Oakham defeats Ike White. Al Romano wins ten rounder vs. Al Bashir. The Ring August 1952; Joe Micelli on furlough Army battles Bobby Dykes. The Ring August 1998; #3 Heavyweight in World is John Ruiz. William Dettloff article? "Ten boxing records, that will never be broken: 1. Most successful heavyweight title defenses: 25 Joe Louis. 2. Largest paid attendance: 136,274. Julio Cesar Chavez KO 5 Greg Haugan. 3. Oldest to contend for heavyweight title: 45 George Foreman. 4. Simultaneous reigns in different weight classes: 3 Henry Armstrong. **5.** Largest live gate: \$35,864,000 Beau Jack W 10 Bob Montgomery. 6. Youngest to win Olympic gold medal: 16 Jackie Fields. 7. Most appearances on the cover of The Ring: 78 Muhammad Ali. 8. Most K.O.'s: 141 Archie Moore. 9. Most Fights: 463 Len Wickwar. **10.** James J. Jeffries 55-second annihilation of challenger Jack Finnegan 1900. The Ring, February 1983; World Light-Middleweight challenger Sean Mannion. Worldwide Fight Results May 20, 1968: Heavyweight; Jack O'Halloran KO's Mike Bruce 7, Lightheavy; Pete Riccitelli outpoints Billy Marsh 10, Ed Owens beats Loyd Bozeman 6, Iron Mike Pusateri over Isadro Perez 10, Gabe LaMarca wins, Billy McCluskey KO's Kid Petitto 5; Renaldo Victoria draws with Jerry Graci. The Ring July 1977 Results; Heavyweight Ron "Bevelaqua" Drinkwater decisions John Warr 8, Future Middleweight Champion Marvin Hagler KO's Reggie Ford 3, Goody and Pat Petronelli in his corner. Other top fighter Tony Petronelli, future North American champion and World title challenger. Jimmy Corkum outpoints Carlos Garcia. Vinnie Curto wins vs. Henry "Hurricane" Walker. Jackie Smith stops Lorenzo Howard referee Herbie Weisblum calls halt in 4. Tiger Moore out-guns Cruz Ortiz. Fighters; Number of bouts, some fighters on record: Lou Bogash Bridgeport, CT 106 bouts = Johnny Dundee. Harry Greb, Eddie Casey New Bedford 10 bouts = John Tate, Dan O'Malley, Kevin Dorian, Boston 29 bouts = Don Sennett, Jose Carlos Garcia. Buddy Hayes Boston 134 bouts = Tommy Greb, Frankie Faye. Tiger Ted Lowry New Bedford 144 bouts = Roland LaStarza, Rocky Marciano. Charley Pappas Roxbury 29 bouts = Jackie Dwyer, Wilbur Wilson. Al "Red" Priest Cambridge 58 bouts = Kid Gavilan, Ralph Zannelli. Joe Rindone Roxbury 54 bouts = Sugar Ray Robinson, Paul Pender.

NEW ENGLAND FIGHTERS IN A BOSTON RING. FIGHTERS OF OUR FUTURE RING OF DREAMS "IF YOU BUILD IT. THEY WILL COME TO BOSTON"

New England Fighters: 1. Demetrius "Cape Verdean Assassin" Andrade Providence, RI. Would be welcome in Boston. He won all 15 bouts = Saul Duran, Grady Brewer, Derek Ennis. 2. Elvin Ayala New Haven, CT. 30 bouts = Sergio Mora, and Arthur Abraham, **3. Kate Aversa** in first 2 bouts Kali Reis and Aleksandra Magdziak Lopes. **4. Josh Beeman** Providence 18 bouts = Antonio Orozco, Derek Silveira, Henry Lundy and Marcus Broadnax at Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Antonio Orozco at the Fantasy Springs Casino in California, Jose Benavidez at the Alamodome in Texas. 5. Keith Bianchini Worcester Heavyweight. 3 bouts, = Randy Smith, Aneudy Rodriquez, Orion Sistrunk. 6. Vladine Biosse Providence, RI. 13 battles, 11 victories. = Santiago Samaniego, Ibahiem King, John Mackey. 7. **Eddie Caminera** Lawrence, MA won 7 bouts by Kayo in his 13 bouts. = Fighting Joe McCreedy, Elvin Ayala. 8. Carlos Candelario Lawrence, MA. Won first in Gloucester by TKO in 1 December 17, 2011. 9. Chad **Dawson** New Haven, CT. 33 bouts vs. the best. World title fights: Bernard Hopkins, Jean Pascal, Antonio Tarver, and Tomasz Adamek. Chad's Brother. 10. Ricky Dawson New Haven, CT fought 5 fights, 4 victories. Battled Odias Dumezil. battled at Foxwoods, Twin Rivers and Mohegan Sun. 11. Scott Domenech Worcester. A Light heavyweight, battled; Chris Traietti and Chuck Shearns at the Palladium Worcester. 12. Jason Estrada Providence, RI. 22 bouts: Tomasz Adamek, Lance Whitaker, Zuri Lawrence, Alexander Povetkin in Germany. 13. Tim Flamos Brockton, Hope you haven't retired. You're probably still one of the toughest fighters out there. "The Hammer!" has 28 battles in his great record. He's fought Warriors Hector Sanjurjo, Felix Cora, Jr., Eric Starr, amongst many other tough fighters. 14. Kevin McBride a Heavyweight via Clones, Ireland faced the best: Iron Mike Tyson, Mariusz Wach, Tomasz Adamek, Jimmy Harrison in Boston and Andrew Golota. His record reads 46 fights 29 kayo wins versus the best. A big heavyweight who can fight. Fighting in: New York, United Kingdom, New Jersey, Germany, Las Vegas, and Boston. 15. Peter Manfredo, Jr., Providence, RI. 44 bouts. He fought for the World Title vs. Julio Cesar Chavez, Jr., and gave a good account of himself. He's battled Tommy Attardo and Joe Calzaghe. 16. Danny O'Connor Framingham had 17 bouts versus tough opposition; Hunberto Tapia at Mohegan Sun, Gregorio Jimenez Canada and Franklin Gonzalez at Twin Rivers. Only loss once in 17 bouts. **17.** Luis "KO King" Rosa, Jr., New Haven, CT. 9-0-1, 5 KO's fought in Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun, Mechanics Hall, Worcester and New York. 18. World Champion John "The Quietman" Ruiz of Chelsea, MA. He's "Walking Quietly, and carrying a big fist." He's battled James Toney, Evander Holyfield, Roy Jones, Jr., Nikolay Valuev, Hasim Rahman, Fres Oquendo. John Ruiz is a World WBC, NABF and WBA Champion. He fought the best in his 55 bout record. 19. Derek Silveira Beverly, MA. A 6-0-0, 2 Kayo undefeated fighter, fighting Josh Beeman, Noel Garcia in his young career. 20. Jonathan Vasquez New Bedford. 4-1-1, 3 KO's. Andrew Jones at Foxwoods, Agustino Maura at Mohegan Sun and Bryan Abraham at Twin Rivers. 21. Chris Traietti Quincy 13 fights and talented. Fought Edwin Rodriguez and Israel Figueroa. 22. Darren Whitley. A double impact Cruiserweight Southampton. 44 fights versus Jose Hiram Torres, Hector Sanjuro and Peter Welch. A list of fighters who'll entertain you at upcoming fights. You

know "Local Fighters, "Ding!"

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss



Boston Bruins vs. Winnipeg Jets (Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

It wasn't Frozen Fenway. But it was Fantastic Fenway. And that was what made it memorable.

How could it be frozen when the temperature at the start of the first game of the doubleheader was an ultra mild 58 degrees while the second game brought a "cooling" to 50 as shown on the Jumbotron in center field?

Yes sir, Hockey East did what everyone hopes to do when they play at Fenway Park. The Conference hit a home run — not only with the weather but the fact that both games were decided in overtime as UMass-Amherst downed Vermont, 3-2 and Maine defeated New Hampshire, 5-4.

And it turned out to be a great timing for Hockey Day in New England as NESN chose to bill the occasion with its airing of a triple header that not only included the two contests at Fenway but also the afternoon "rematch game" between the Bruins and Vancouver — the two Stanley Cup finalists — at the Garden.

That one was a feisty affair with the B's going down by a 4-3 count. But they did it to themselves — taking a load of penalties and losing two players to game misconducts (Milan Lucic and Brad Marchand) in the process.

Thus, Vancouver was handed numerous power play opportunities and made the most of them — scoring all of its tallies on the man advantage. The Bruins experienced the consequences of their behavior: that when you take penalties like they did on January 7, negative results can follow. Players come off the ice and go to the penalty box (or are banished from the game), thus forcing their teammates to play at a disadvantage. The opponents take advantage of that scenario and score. If they score enough times, you lose the game.

Although all three games were regular season matchups and thus worth only two points in the standings, they had the feel of post season contests.

For Garden fans, it was the first time that Vancouver

had been in the Garden since mid June and the pregame buildup to the event cast it as more important than simply a regular season game. So too, the games at Fenway, which, although they were regular season games, assumed a special quality given "the-once-in-a-lifetime" setting that enveloped the players and coaches.

And it was grand. It even seemed better than the original Hockey East doubleheader back in January of 2010, a twin bill that was played a week after the NHL's Winter Classic. Maybe it was the weather, maybe it was because the teams were evenly matched, maybe it was the sellout crowd of more than 38,000. Whatever, there was a special quality to the games that could not have been achieved if they were played in arenas.

The mild weather meant there was a more festive atmosphere in the stands much more so than in 2010 when the temperature was 19 degrees. One of the vendors wore shorts and a person dressed as the Easter Bunny showed up. Well, Easter is April 8 and who knows, maybe it won't reach 58 degrees that day. Indeed, several writers thought there was a good chance that the Red Sox will play their home opener this year in conditions less favorable than those experienced at Fenway on that early January evening.

And the college games moved right along. The Bruins game became an extended affair because of all the penalties but the Fenway games had a quick pace. Even with a little more than an hour break between contests, the action was over by 10:55 p.m., a very reasonable time.

We have a feeling that Hockey East will be back at Fenway in the not too distant future, given the fact that it has sold out Fenway both times. We think an annual event would be a bit much but every couple of years or so fits just fine and makes it something special to look forward to.

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